



Council plans for the year out now

You can now have a look and give your feedback on what the Council is planning to do over the next 12 months.

The Draft Annual Plan 2023/24 is out now detailing the Council's work programme for the year and how much it's going to cost. It's the third year of the Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

The Council has worked hard to pull together a programme that keeps rates as low as possible while ensuring its services and facilities continue to meet the needs of Selwyn's ever-growing communities, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

"We are acutely aware of the rising living costs our residents are facing at the moment given the high inflation."

The proposed average rates increase is 5.9%, an average of an extra \$3.36 a week for a typical household and well below the current rate of inflation of 7.2%.

The plan has a focus on continuing planned projects agreed in the Long-Term Plan, with additional investment into services, facilities and infrastructure, particularly water and roads.

The increase in spending on capital projects is covered by funding from several new government initiatives.

In addition to several major projects, the Council is continuing to invest in services, facilities and infrastructure, and other community projects across the district such as:

- new water treatment plants in Leeston and Prebbleton
- new reserves in Dunsandel and Darfield
- a membrane water treatment plant and reservoir in Springfield
- new water reservoirs in Hororātā and Arthur's Pass
- and intersection upgrades in Lincoln town centre.

"While our work programme is pretty much on track with what's outlined in our Long-Term Plan it's still important that we hear from our Selwyn communities. I encourage everyone to have a look at our draft plan and let us know if we are on the right track, or if we have missed something."

Feedback period is open until 5pm Friday, 28 April.

People will also have a chance to talk to their local councillor at drop-in sessions held in each ward. More information on the drop-ins, how to give feedback or read the Draft Annual Plan is available at selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan2023.



Teaching cycle safety for life

A new programme helping Selwyn tamariki gain skills for life on a bike has officially launched in Selwyn.

The Selwyn Sports Trust and the Council launched iBike, a new Selwyn primary school cycle safety programme, working with year 6 and 7 aged tamariki teaching them cycle safety skills that will set them up for life.

The programme is led by New Zealand triathlete and Selwyn local Sarah McClure and is being rolled out across the entire Selwyn kura network over the coming years.

Councilor Grant Miller attended the launch at Southbridge Primary School last week and says the programme is an important part of the Council's focus on cycle safety.

"The introduction of the iBike Programme in our region is a significant achievement for the Council. Collaborating with the Selwyn Sports Trust on this programme has been fantastic and we are working towards expanding the programme in 2024 to include an on-road component (Grade 2)".

Sarah's knowledge of Selwyn roads and bike safety has been invaluable to the development of the iBike delivery.



"Every school and tamariki has a different biking environment to consider from a safety perspective, so it's very exciting to work with each group and build the confidence around safety for each child in their school environment to create a lifelong love of cycling," she says.

"We cover all the basics from fitting your helmet correctly, getting on and off safely, maneuvering, signaling, emergency stopping with control, all while using activities that are fun and challenging to build confidence. We also run safety checks on all bikes including their helmets, which is so critical to a safe bike experience."

Selwyn Sports Trust General Manager, Doug McSweeney, was excited by the opportunity the programme created for the broader community.

"Getting young people active is one of the Trust's key priorities, particularly when safety is a component of this activity. The broader opportunity for us is to build confidence and capability so that young people are bikers for life," he says.

Seasonal building maintenance advice

A home is usually one of the biggest investments a person makes, so it's good practice to protect that investment by carrying out regular maintenance. As the weather begins cooling down for winter, there are a number of extra checks you should consider too. Below are some simple tips for looking after your home.

1. It's a good idea to keep a record of the maintenance you do to help you plan what to do next, or assist the next owner, if you were to sell. It also ensures you have carried out regular maintenance required on parts of the building that are under product warranty. If you own a new home, all product warranties and guarantees should have been provided to you when the main contractor finished constructing the house.
2. Get to know every aspect of your building, and regularly do a walk around looking for changes, and address any issues at the earliest opportunity.
3. Make sure you have the right gear for the job. Always think about yours and others' safety, and plan what you need to complete the job successfully.
4. Use the autumn months to tidy up your yard by pruning trees and shrubs. Don't forget to clean your spouting, which can become clogged with fallen leaves at this time of year, and consider fitting leaf guards to your gutters.
5. Check that driveway sumps and drainage channels are clear of leaves and other blockages.
6. If you have a log burner, now is the time to get your chimney cleaned to ensure your fireplace is in top condition for winter. Regular cleans help prevent chimney fires. (Remember to only burn clean, dry firewood.)
7. Pellet, gas, boilers, and multi-fuel burners/fires also need maintenance. Ask the manufacturer about what ongoing maintenance is needed for your appliance.
8. If your pipes freeze in winter, consider adding additional insulation around and over your pipes, particularly in your ceiling. Make sure there is still a minimum 25mm gap between the top of the insulation and the roof to prevent moisture build-up on the underside of the roof.

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ReDiscover open day

A snip of an old electrical cable marked the opening of a new initiative to help Selwyn residents rethink waste.

The ReDiscover Hub at the Pines Resource Recovery Centre was officially opened by Mayor Sam Broughton cutting the 'ribbon' (cable) at an open day on Sunday. It marked the start of Selwyn's first waste minimisation educational facility, offering free waste minimisation and sustainability programmes for schools and community groups across the Selwyn district.

A crowd of 130 people enjoyed the open day, where they could explore the new hub — made of recycled materials — try out interactive games, make bees wax wraps and check out a recycling truck up close.

The hub will be the base for on-site and outreach programmes run by the Council's Waste and Sustainability Educator Elizabeth Lovell. The programmes are designed around the themes of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover,' incorporating the concept of a circular economy.

The aim of ReDiscover is to be a place of community, education and creativity. It's part of the wider ReConnect project at the Pines Resource Recovery Park, providing the Selwyn community with practical ways to think differently about waste.

The future wider project plan includes a community garden hub, reuse shop, a tool lendery and maker spaces, kitted out with tools to repair, refurbish, repurpose or upcycle items that would have otherwise be landfilled.



Notices

COUNCIL EASTER OPENING HOURS

All Council facilities except the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be closed Friday 7 and Monday 10 April. The closed facilities include Council's Rolleston offices, all Selwyn Libraries and the Selwyn Sports Centre.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open 8am–8pm Friday and Monday 10 April.

Opening hours are as normal for Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 April.

Rubbish collections

There will be some changes to refuse collections Collections scheduled for Easter Friday, 7 April, will move to Saturday 8 April and collections scheduled for Anzac Day, Tuesday 25 April, will move to the prior Saturday 22 April.

All other collections will be carried out as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be closed on Friday 7 April. All other days it is open normal hours: 9am–4.30pm.

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/LII RIVE

The LII drainage committee will commence weed cutting of the LII river from 6 March until the end of April. River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating in the river. A weir/barrier will be in place 200m downstream of the Wolfes Road boat ramp for this period. This work is in accordance with Environment Canterbury consents CRC000818.1 and CRC000819. If you require further information please contact the Council.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council and Malvern Community Board meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five days before the meeting, by emailing meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Planning & Climate change Committee*

Wednesday 5 April 9am
Council Rolleston offices

Finance & Performance Committee*

Wednesday 5 April 1pm
Council Rolleston offices

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Monday 17 April 4pm–6pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

Council Meeting *

Wednesday 19 April 1pm
Council Rolleston offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the roads

Repairs are taking place on Waimakariri Gorge Bridge, expect delays of up to one hour during work hours. The bridge will be fully open to traffic over easter weekend. Traffic lights are in place for repairs on Whitecliffs Road from SH77 to Cass St. Stop/go controls are in place for maintenance on Bealey Road from Substation Road to Cordys Road. Priority give way is in place for maintenance on Old South Road from Hororata Dunsandel Road to Wrights Road.

Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Event Guide

Wednesday 5 April

LEGO® Club

Lincoln Library, 3–4pm

Come and play with our new LEGO® collection and make a new creation. Recommended for primary school-aged children. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Bookings not required.

Thursday 6 April

Prebbleton Easter Crafts and Games

Prebbleton Community Cottage, 3.30–4.30pm

Join us for some crafting fun! We'll also have a themed food activity (note: contains dairy and gluten). All ages welcome. \$5 per person. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 6 April

Money Smart

Leeston Library, 10–10.30am

Develop your knowledge and build confidence to manage your money more effectively, or reduce/eliminate debt. Pop into this drop-in session and get expert advice from a chartered accountant. There are five sessions available throughout the morning, so come along to the time that suits you best. Suitable for 18+ years. Bookings not required. Register your interest to receive an email reminder at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 11 April – Friday 21 April

April Holiday Programmes

Selwyn Sports Centre, 9am–3pm

Join an action-packed week of sport, trips and fun. Get in quick to register so you don't miss out. 11-14 April: Girls on the Go Holiday Programme. 17-21 April: Active Holiday Programme. For 7-12 years. \$40-50 a day. Register online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Thursday 13 April

Walking Festival: Harts Creak Sneak Peak

23 Timber Yard Road (Hanz Honey), Leeston, 10am–12pm

Join us at one of the only places in New Zealand where you will see the muted swan. This walk, led by a member of the Biodiversity team, is rich in birdlife, so bring your binoculars and enjoy the swans, pukeko, Canada geese, ducks, white heron, pied stilts and more. A flat, easy 2.7km walk. Please wear good outdoor walking shoes. Bring a drink bottle and sunscreen. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 21 April

Term Break Disco

Sheffield Community Hall, 6–7.30pm

Let your children release their energy on the dancefloor! There will be disco lights, games and refreshments available. \$3 each. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

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