

Council confirms plan for the year



The Council has adopted its Annual Plan for the next 12 months, keeping the average rates increase across the district at 5.9%.

The Annual Plan confirms what services and projects the Council intends to deliver in the new financial year, what they will cost and how they will be funded.

A focus on savings without compromising services and facilities used by the community has helped the Council keep the rates rises well below the rate of inflation while still delivering for the community. Mayor Sam Broughton says that this plan covers the third year of our Long-Term Plan and delivers what we said we would.

The Council is planning to spend just over \$177 million, keeping the services we know communities need and want; with a focus on water, transport and community facilities. At the same time, the Council is committing to investing \$184.5 million in infrastructure to deliver on the needs for Selwyn’s growth, which is expected to continue. This investment includes \$27.9 million in water supply projects, \$55.8 million in wastewater projects and \$56.2 million in transportation projects across our district.

The work programme delivers on the community’s expectations, Mayor Sam Broughton says.

“We’ve checked in with our community and confirmed that we’re on the right track with the projects that matter most to them during this time when all of us are feeling the pressure of rising costs.”

A total of 113 submissions were received during the engagement period, and 17 submitters presented in public hearings. A few minor adjustments have been made following the feedback, including \$480,000 extra spending on pedestrian and road safety, and delivering important community infrastructure.

The average rate increase is 5.9% from 1 July 2023. Actual rate changes will vary for individual households depending on the mix of targeted rates households pay, and services provided.

For more information read the Annual Plan at selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan.

Single-use plastics banned in Aotearoa New Zealand

From **1 July 2023** it is illegal* to supply the following single-use products:

Plastic tableware
(plates, bowls and cutlery)

Plastic produce bags
used to pack fresh fruits and vegetables

Plastic drinking straws*

Plastic produce labels
(phase-out begins)

Alternatives

Reusable or paper tableware

Reusable or paper bag, or no bag

Reusable or paper straw, or no straw

Label-free produce, or home-compostable labels by mid-2025

- * Enforcement action may be taken for non-compliance
- Not including bags for pre-packed produce
- People who need plastic straws due to a disability or health condition can still access and use them

Ministry for the Environment
Manatū Mo Te Taiao

Reflections on a decade of leadership

A decade of leadership was farewelled last week as David Ward retired on Friday after 10 years as the Council’s Chief Executive.

Mr Ward reflected on the changes over his 50 years in the workforce and 32 years in various roles across local government. In his time at Selwyn, the population of the district doubled and legislative changes had significantly increased the workload on the Council.

He was proud though, he said, of the work the Council had done to build the community, noting achievements such as new facilities at Dunsandel, Tai Tapu, West Melton, Weedons, the Toka Hāpai Selwyn Health Hub, Selwyn Sports Centre, Te Ara Ātea, Foster Park, Kakaha Park and the expanded Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

He was also proud of the strengthened relationships with mana whenua especially the relationship agreement with Te Taumutu Rūnanga; and the Council’s AA+ credit rating for the last four years.

“People ask me about the highlights in the time I have been with Council. They are not about me — they are about all the people at the Council and the collaborative response that our incredible organisation has made to the demands of growth, acknowledging changing land use, technology, legislation, demographics and community expectations.

It has been a privilege to help lead this organisation to support my community. I leave it in good hands and I look forward to seeing its ongoing work as I continue to be a ratepayer and resident of Selwyn.”

Mayor Sam Broughton says David can look back with great satisfaction on a job, very well done for our community.

“We acknowledge David has left a strong legacy here at the Council as a leader and mentor. We wish him all the best.”

He will be replaced by incoming Chief Executive Sharon Mason; former Chief Executive for Buller District Council and CEO of Clutha Health First.



Matariki growing our kai and community

Each year, the Council focuses its Matariki or Māori new year celebrations on one of the nine stars in the Matariki star cluster.

This year we celebrate Tupuārangi who is connected with everything that grows up in our trees and forests such as birds, berries, and other fruits of the forest.

These celebrations of food and growth will include a Dinners of Selwyn community dinner at the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre on 17 July where everyone brings a dish to share with each other, to celebrate the diversity of our district while enjoying great food. Guests are invited to share their favourite recipe featuring fruit and/or berries.

Then from 20–23 July the community gardens in Lincoln, Rolleston and Kirwee will be holding open days to share what they do, how you can be involved and how to prepare your garden for the upcoming growing season.

For a full list of Selwyn Matariki events visit selwyn.govt.nz/matariki or pick up a copy of our What’s On in Selwyn guide from the Council offices or any of the Selwyn Libraries.

Dog registration month: Selwyn’s top dog breeds

Selwyn is home to a diverse range of dog breeds, but around 2,000 households share their home with the district’s most popular breed.

Selwyn’s top 20 breeds, as reported in Council’s dog registration records are:

1. Labrador (2,199), 2. Border Collie (1,391), 3. Huntaway (938), 4. Greyhound (853), 5. Jack Russell Terrier (712), 6. Staffordshire Bull Terrier (603), 7. Golden Retriever (595), 8. Bichon Frisé (576), 9. German Shepherd (507), 10. Miniature Schnauzer (485), 11. Heading (466), 12. Cocker Spaniel (417), 13. Shih Tzu (377), 14. Maltese (347), 15. Fox Terrier (329), 16. English Springer Spaniel (303), 17. Miniature Poodle (272), 18. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (259), 19. German Short Haired Pointer (239), 20. Bearded Collie (195).

More than 17,000 dogs are set to be re-registered with the Council by 31 July for the 2023/24 year. Learn more and register at selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.

Council Call

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

TE ARA ĀTEA
56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

DARFIELD LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

LINCOLN WATER METER RENEWALS

On behalf of the Council, CORDE is updating approximately 400 water meters in Lincoln over the next six weeks.

These are meters installed in 2007/8 that have reached the end of their useful life or in areas where we've had meter failures.

The water meter renewal at each property should only take a few minutes, but will require short interruptions to the supply to each property affected. CORDE will not need to enter your home as the meter and toby is located at the boundary with the road reserve. The team plan to start work in the Allendale Lane area before heading counter clockwise around the area with pre-2008 meters, including but not limited to: Millstream Drive, Heathridge Place, Liffeyfields Drive, Lyttelton Street, Foxford Close, Weston Way and Ashgrove Court.

For more information about this work, or any questions please contact CORDE on 03 318 8320, or contact the Council Water Services team at water.services@selwyn.govt.nz, or on 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

COUNCILLOR CATCH UPS – ROLLESTON

You can catch up with your Rolleston Ward Councillors face to face every Thursday at Te Ara Ātea. The Councillors will be hosting a drop-in session 6–8pm on Thursdays for residents to meet and have a chat about what's important to you about Selwyn and how the Council can help.

All Selwyn District Councillors can also be contacted directly by email and phone and you can find the contact details for your local Councillor at selwyn.govt.nz/your-council.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Aastha 21 NZ Limited (West Melton Tavern), has applied to renew its off and on licence. Objections to these application are open until 17 July. Steele's Hanmer Food Market Limited (New World Rolleston) has applied to renew its off licence. Objections to this application are open until 18 July. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

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

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Monday 10 July 4-6pm Tai Tapu Community Centre	Council Meeting* Wednesday 19 July 1pm Council Rolleston Offices
Representation Review Committee* Tuesday 11 July 10am–12pm Council Rolleston Offices	Malvern Community Board Monday 24 July 5pm Darfield Library
Planning & Climate Change Committee* Wednesday 12 July 11am Council Rolleston Offices	<i>*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel</i>
Finance and Performance Committee* Wednesday 12 July 1pm Council Rolleston Offices	


Selwyn Heritage Fund closing soon

People who own a heritage listed building or protected tree are being reminded to get their Selwyn Heritage Fund applications into Council by 17 July before it closes.

The fund is designed to encourage and assist owners with work required to maintain and/or enhance heritage buildings and protected trees in the district.

Applications are open from 1 June to 17 July.


Forms and criteria can be found on the Council website selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund.



ON THE ROADS

Unsealed road maintenance is being done on Barns Road, Grahams Road, Canal Road, Neils Road, Jarvis Road, Geddes Road, Matthews Road. Repairs and maintenance are also being done on Harper Road, Goulds Road from Leeston Road to Chamberlains Road and Ahuriri Road from SH75 to the top of the hill.

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



Dispose of hot ash safely

FIRST

Bucket and soak it



THEN

Spread on your garden



OR

Bag it and bin it



Hot ash can cause bin and truck fires

Event Guide

Thursday 6 July

Selwyn Libraries Holiday Fun
Broadfield Community Centre, 10am–1pm

We are bringing the libraries to you! Come play a board game, interact with our Dash Bots, construct a masterpiece from LEGO®, chill out and read a book, create an artwork, or have a go at playing some games from the past. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Thursday 6 July

Harry Potter Quiz
Te Ara Ātea, 2–3.30pm

Join us for this spellbinding quiz for Harry Potter fans and fanatics and test your knowledge of the wizarding world. Register your team with a maximum of six people and let the magic begin. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Friday 7 July

Wonderful Wall Art
Hororātā Community Hall, 7-8pm

Create a lovely animal artwork to hang on your wall at home. \$15 per person. Bookings required. Sessions will also be held in Darfield and Springfield over the coming week. Book or find more times and locations at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 8 July

The Shad Rutherford Show
Darfield Library, 1.30–2.30pm

Join us for an hour of magic, fun and laughs with Shad Rutherford, entertainer! This magic and juggling show is not to be missed. Free. Bookings not required.

Sunday 9 July

Movement and Mindfulness with Ella
Lincoln Library, 11.30am–12.30pm

Calling all tamariki aged 5 to 8 years! Bring your friends or whānau and join us for some family fun. We will be going on an Animals at the Zoo adventure with movement and mindfulness. This is one colourful, calm, sometimes silly and fun time! We will explore tools to self-regulate emotions and take care of our minds and bodies. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.



SELWYN AWARDS 23

Peoples Choice Award

Voting now open



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