



Selwyn lights up to celebrate coronation

Selwyn sites turned purple and new trees are being added to the landscape as the district marked the coronation of King Charles III.

Significant landmarks around the country were lit up and commemoration trees planted as part of Aotearoa New Zealand’s celebration of the coronation.

In Selwyn, the war memorials at Darfield, Lincoln, Tai Tapu and Leeston had their lights set to purple over the weekend and a ceremonial oak tree is being planted today as part of a planting day at Kakaha Park.

Mayor Sam Broughton will be joining Prebbleton School pupils who will be planting over 400 native trees in the park — including one tree which will carry a plaque noting that it was planted to mark the coronation.

“This is a fantastic community asset and it’s really cool to have the community involved in literally growing the space. Particularly having the school children being here to plant these trees to feel part of the park and be able to watch them grow for a long time into the future and remember the history of it.”

Kakaha Park in Prebbleton is a staged development providing additional recreation space for the rapidly growing area, with changing rooms, car parking and more park space opening in the coming months.

Supporting community groups to gain new skills

Community groups are being supported to get new skills, and the chance to question and chat with leading experts in a series of workshops this month.

More than 70 people attended a sold-out session on finding funding for community projects to start the capacity building. Community organisations were able to spend time talking with major local and national funders about options for finding and securing funding for community events.

Other workshops in the series will include sessions on chairing a meeting, good governance, supporting groups to develop strategy and engage in long-term thinking– and Volunteering 101, for groups looking to attract or support volunteers with ideas and strategies on how to make the volunteer journey a rewarding experience for all.

This Friday, groups will also have the opportunity to go over the A to Z of running safe and successful events, with tips, tools and templates to put into practice, along with the chance to discuss event ideas at the Kia Rite Hōea Workshop.

Together, the series aims to support community groups in their work helping make Selwyn such a special place to live.

“Community groups make a huge difference here in Selwyn and we want to make sure they’re supported to keep doing what they do well. We’ve been really well supported by some really top professionals in their fields and it’s great to be able to give our groups the access to that expert advice and to network with other organisations to build on their skills,” Council Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says.

To find times and dates and sign up to any of the capacity building workshops visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.



District plan review reaches a key milestone

The District Plan Review project has hit an important milestone, with hearings of all submissions on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan finishing last month.

In total, the Council has covered 38 hearing topics since August 2021.

The Proposed Plan is a ‘rule book’ for what activities property owners can do as of right (permitted activities) and what activities need a resource consent for from the Council.

“It’s been a long journey to get here; the once-in-a-decade makeover of our district’s rule book has been underway since late 2020 when we first notified the Proposed District Plan for public consultation”, says Tim Harris, Group Manager Development and Growth.

“We would like to thank everyone who has at different stages of the review taken the time to have their say and helped shape the Proposed Plan, which prepares our district for the future.”

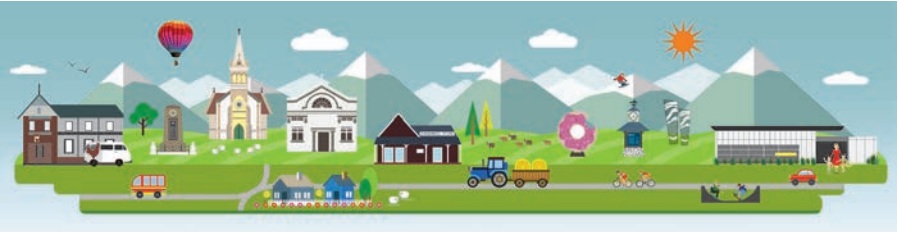
Being a digital plan, it’s now easier for people to find the relevant rules and information about their property. The Proposed Plan has also changed the focus from the effects of landowners’ actions on others, to what type of activities people can undertake.

Initially, the expectation was that the new district plan would be in full effect by the end of last year. However, the Council was required to make changes to the Proposed District Plan last year, following the introduction of the new national legislation by the Government to enable housing supply across the country. This resulted in the Council notifying a mandatory variation to the Proposed Plan in August 2022, which introduced new housing intensification rules, enabling more housing and at greater heights in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton.

“This week we’ve started hearings to hear submissions lodged on the Variation. This is a separate process from Proposed District Plan hearings. However, given the close timing of both we’ve decided to align the decision-making process and release decisions on both Proposed District Plan and Variation to it at the same time”, says Tim Harris.

The decisions will be notified prior to 20 August. The Council expects the Proposed Plan to become fully operative soon after that, subject to any appeals.

For more information on the Proposed District Plan visit selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.



Is your home ready for winter?

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.

Below are some simple tips from our building team for looking after your home.

Ventilation is key to preventing moisture building up inside our homes — during winter often homes are locked up all day and night, trapping moisture from cooking, showers, and occupants breathing.

The best way to ventilate your home to prevent the buildup of excess moisture and refresh the air is to open up all your windows and doors for about half an hour when you get home. Aim to have cross ventilation by opening doors and windows on the opposite sides of your home for maximum benefit.

While it may seem a bit cold while you do this, the benefits are priceless — your home will be drier and warmer and you will be surprised how any thermal gain stored throughout the day in concrete floors and the like is not lost by doing this.

As its getting colder, insects and rodents are looking for somewhere warm. Check the perimeter of your house to ensure any potential entry points are blocked.

Note for brick veneer claddings weepholes in the brick work are required for drainage of the cavity, do not block these — if they appear to be wide enough for a mouse to get in, wire mesh can be formed and secured in the weephole to prevent vermin entry while still allowing for ventilation and drainage.

While your checking this, also ensure that weepholes are not blocked and clear out any dirt or most.

Notices

FOSTER PARK PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

The Foster Park Playground will be closed from today (Wednesday 10 May) for maintenance and renewal work. The playground will be closed for two weeks weather depending. Thank you for your patience while we carry out this necessary work.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Dalethorpe Limited (Fat Beagle Café, Darfield) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 26 May. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 19 May at:

- Leeston Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11–11.30am
- Darfield Library and Service Centre — no clinic this time.

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes.
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996.

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

Community Services Committee*

Wednesday 10 May
9am Council Rolleston Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*

Wednesday 10 May
1pm Council Rolleston Offices

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 17 May 1pm
Council Rolleston Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

Springston Associated Sports Committee (Inc.)
— Special General Meeting

Wednesday 17 May 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

This meeting is to approve a modified constitution to allow a new body *Springston Community and Associated Sports Committee*, to replace the Springston Community Committee, which will be discharged on 30 June 2023. The new committee would represent the Springston community and continue to operate the Associated Sports' Bar.

Any member of the community or associated sports clubs may inspect the draft revised constitution and attend the meeting. The draft constitution can be obtained from the Chairman of the Committee, Dr Rupert Tipples by email to tipples49@outlook.com



On the roads

Traffic lights are in place for maintenance on Hoskyns Road between Knights Road and Hayes Road. Stop/Go controls are in place for maintenance on Two Chain Road near the Wards Road intersection. And a priority give way control is in place for culvert construction on Whitecliffs Road SH77 to Cass Street.

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.



Taste Selwyn

1-31 MAY 2023
Taste produce grown and
crafted in Selwyn at
participating eateries.

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Event Guide

Thursday 11 May

Selwyn Libraries at Glentunnel

Glentunnel Community Centre, 2.30–4pm

We are bringing the library to you! Choose some new reading material, get creative with LEGO®, make some music with Garage Band for NZ Music Month or share your ideas about physical activities, programmes and opportunities you would love to see in your community with our Recreation Programmes Coordinator. Free. Drop-in. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent.

Friday 12 May

NZ Music Month Quiz Night

Lincoln Event Centre, 6–8.30pm

Love quizzes? Love New Zealand music from the past and present? Gather a team of six family and friends and join us for a quiz on all things New Zealand music. \$3 per person. Bookings essential at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 12 May

Mother's Day Zumba

West Melton Community & Recreation Centre, 7–8pm

Get your friends together and celebrate Mother's Day early with a super fun high energy Zumba session with Maria! \$5 per person. Bookings essential at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 13 May

Unplugged with the Ministry of Mind

Selwyn Libraries, 11am–1pm

Celebrate music month with live tunes at each library every Saturday throughout May. Listen to some great music from local talents Ken Hunter, Veranda Cocktail, Lynette Diaz and Analise Tremlow. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events for a timetable of artists at each library.

Until Sunday 21 May

Youth Week Barbecues

Various locations and times from 10am–4pm

Various locations and times from 10am–4pm In celebration of Youth Week, Selwyn Youth Council will be hosting a series of BBQs to acknowledge the rangatahi youth of Wakirikiri Selwyn and talk about the mahi they do. Come on down, have a chat and grab a free sausage! Aimed at 12–24 years. Free. Drop-in. Find times and locations at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Applications closing soon!

The awards are free to enter and businesses, groups or individuals can enter themselves. Nominations are also welcome.

selwynawards.co.nz



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