



Smart fire sensors on the way for McHughs Forest Park

New sensor technology designed to detect fires in real-time will soon be available in McHughs Forest Park near Darfield, as the Council begins piloting the technology on its reserves. The Council and partner Spark New Zealand, with technology innovator Attentis, will begin installing the sensors this week from 13 February.

A total of three sensors will be installed at the reserve during February and March, using a combination of thermal imaging, 360° cameras, and air quality technology to monitor environmental conditions in the forest and notify emergency services if any sign of fire is detected. The project is a partnership between the Council and Spark New Zealand. Christchurch City Council has also been trialing the technology and the data between the two projects will be shared with a view to assessing further opportunities to use the technology to protect residents in high risk fire areas.

The sensors are self-powered and use a combination of artificial intelligence and Internet of Things (IoT) technology—a system of interrelated computers and machines that can transfer data across a network without needing people-to-people or people-to-computer interaction.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the sensors will play a key role protecting the reserve, including its walking and cycling tracks from potential fire.

“We’re really excited about what this technology will mean for McHughs Forest. Having real-time, 24-hour monitoring in place means we can keep an eye on conditions and ensure emergency services are alerted straight away if something catches alight. This is important because of how close the forest is to homes and local businesses.”

Council Enabling Services Group Manager Kelvin Mason says information from the sensors will be available to residents.

“The sensors not only provide early fire detection, but also monitor environmental conditions. Once the sensor poles have been installed, visitors will be able to check the weather as well as things such as pollen levels at the reserve, live from the Council website.”

New guide to help explore the best of Selwyn

Selwyn’s official visitor guide is out now.

It is filled with beautiful and interesting places to visit, exciting activities to try and peaceful places to stay—right here in your own backyard. Plus, the guide is great to share with your family and friends who are planning to visit.

There is so much to experience in Selwyn. Journey along the Great Alpine Highway by car or train into the Southern Alps where you will find stunning waterfalls and kea. The highway also passes six ski fields, where you can enjoy uncrowded skiing in winter and great trails to explore during the summer months. If you’re feeling adventurous, take a ride in New Zealand’s only airboat along the Waimakariri River, or float across the Canterbury Plains in a hot air balloon. For a weekend away, why not immerse yourself in a high-country station, relax at a Canopy Camping experience or unwind in a country lodge with mountain views.

Selwyn grows some of the highest quality produce in Canterbury, supplying tasty ingredients and delicious wine and beer to a wide range of local cafés and restaurants. If you’re feeling peckish, or just craving a caffeine hit, take some time out to sample some of the regions finest fare.

Plan your next adventure and pick up a copy of the guide from any Selwyn Library and Service Centre or download a free copy with this link selwyn.nz/explore-selwyn/brochures

You can also use the Selwyn.nz website to access free travel itineraries for more great ideas if you’re planning a day out or longer.



Fire education sessions heating up this summer

What should I do to protect myself, my family and property from fire? That’s the question emergency services, Civil Defence and other organisations will be answering at two free presentations in West Melton and Dunsandel on 25 February and 12 March.

The Fire Risk public education events will have something for all ages, with fire trucks and police cars on-site for people to sit in, plus practical resources available to take home. A fun evacuation challenge will be set up, Mr Whippy will be there and afternoon tea will be provided afterwards. Attendees will be welcome to talk to the presenters and explore the displays.

The events have been developed to help locals understand what they can do to prevent fires on their properties, as well as what to do if a fire starts.

Council Community Resilience Coordinator Sue Jenkins says whether you live on a farm, lifestyle block or in town, there will be something for everyone at the Fire Risk presentations.

“There are so many simple things you can do to make your home safer, but sadly many people don’t stop to consider these before it is too late.”

“We want to help people be informed so that we can protect our communities together. These presentations will be a fantastic opportunity to learn how to do that.”

Representatives from Fire and Emergency NZ, Civil Defence Emergency Management, NZ Police, Animal Control services, Orion and FMG will be at the presentations to share advice and answer questions.

Sue says useful things people will learn include safe landscaping tips, how and where to store flammable materials, and how to protect pets and stock.

“We’ll also discuss the importance of having at least 4-metres by 4-metres of clear space for fire trucks to enter your property and turn around. This is something many people overlook,” she adds.

The presentations will take place at West Melton Community Centre on Saturday 25 February, from 2–3pm, and Dunsandel Community Centre on Sunday 12 March from 2–3pm.

For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Businesses asked how they're doing

Selwyn businesses are being invited to share how they are faring and their outlook for the coming months, in the district’s Business Survey which is now open until 21 February.

The twice annual survey is designed to help the Council plan activities that support the business community, and inform advocacy efforts with agencies, central government and other funders.

The results will be presented by keynote speaker Benje Patterson at the Selwyn Business Breakfast on 21 March. Benje is an economist working with Selwyn District Council to support and inform how the Council can plan for the future and grow the Selwyn economy. A presentation on the upcoming Selwyn Awards will also be part of the breakfast. Tickets to the breakfast can be booked online at events.humanitix.com/legs-series-selwyn-business-breakfast

All businesses in Selwyn are encouraged to participate in the survey.

To complete the survey and view previous results, visit selwyn.govt.nz/BusinessSurvey.

For more information and to book tickets for the business breakfast see selwyn.govt.nz/LearnEarnGrow.

What happens to your recycling?

Find out at our open day

EcoSort

21 Parkhouse Road
Parking available on Michelle Road

Saturday 18 February,
9am–1pm

For more information visit

ccc.govt.nz/ecosort



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56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

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

Crowds turn out for Summer in Selwyn

Summer is still going strong in Selwyn and there are plenty of fun activities happening across the district for people of all ages to enjoy.

Recent events, as part of the Summer in Selwyn programme, have included the Family Kite Festival at Foster Park which attracted about 2000 people. The day featured a fun giant kite display from Peter Lynn Kites, activities at the Selwyn Sports Centre including bouncy castles and the Lü Uno Interactive Wall, and other treats and entertainment. An inaugural Chalk Art Competition at Lincoln Event Centre proved popular, with nearly all tickets sold.



Upcoming events to mark on your calendars include the final Month of Sundays events, with the next one being the Rolleston Brass Band performing at Te Ara Ātea on Sunday 19 February. There are also two more Chalk Art Competitions on Thursday 16 February at West Melton Community and Recreation Centre Car Park and Thursday 23 February at the Rolleston Community Centre Car Park respectively. The competitions are free for families to enter, but bookings are required.

Make the most of Summer in Selwyn and visit selwyn.govt.nz/summerinselwyn to register for events or find out what's on for the final weeks of fun.

Notices

ROAD STOPPING PROPOSAL

Notice is given that Selwyn District Council proposes to stop the unformed road being Section 7 on SO 561181 adjoining Lot 407 DP 81713, 58 Rolleston Road, Rolleston. It is proposed that the land will then be sold and transferred to the adjoining owners of Lot 407 DP 81713 and amalgamated with the land in their title. A copy of SO 561181 is available for inspection at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston offices, during normal office hours. Submissions to this proposal are open until 17 March 2023 and must be made in writing to: Head of Acquisitions Disposals and Leasing Selwyn District Council PO Box 90 Rolleston 7643 or via e-mail at roadstopping@selwyn.govt.nz

Alcohol notices

Leeston Bowling and Tennis Club has applied for the renewal of a club lease.
ADRWines Limited (Darfield) has applied for a club licence.
Objections to these applications are open until 27 February. For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee 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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Community Services Committee* Wednesday 15 February 9am Rolleston HQ Offices	Planning & Climate Change Committee* Wednesday 1 March 9am Rolleston HQ Offices
Transport & Infrastructure Committee* Wednesday 15 February 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices	Finance & Performance Committee* Wednesday 1 March 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee* Tuesday 21 February 9am Rolleston HQ Offices	Council Meeting* Wednesday 8 March 1pm Rolleston HQ Offices
Malvern Community Board Monday 27 February 4.30pm Darfield Library	

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel



On the Roads

Aylesbury Road is one-way northbound from SH1 to Godley Road weekdays 6am–7pm, and closed from 7pm–6am and during weekends. Burnham Road will be one way open southbound for the installation of a water pipe.



Stop Go controls are in place for repairs or soakhole construction on Cardale Street from Telegraph Road to Bray Street, Downs Road from Sleemans Road to Osbournes Road, Ellesmere Junction Road from Weedons Road to Shands Road, Gerald Street, Hamptons Road from the Birchs Road intersection, Old West Coast Road from Highfield Road to Halkett Road, Rakaia Terrace Road, Shands Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Weedons Road and from Tancreds Road to Robinsons Road, Snowdon Place, Tancreds Road, Wards Road from Sandy Knolls Road to Tresillian Drive and from Kerrs Road to Sandy Knolls Road, Waterholes Road from Main South Road to Devine Drive and Weedons Road from Shands Road to Ellesemere Junction 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

Thursday 16 February

Selwyn Libraries at Broadfield
Broadfield Community Centre, 562 Robinsons Road, Rolleston 2.30pm–4pm
We're bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, interact with our robots, create with LEGO® or design your own gift cards. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Friday 17 February

Aqua Zumba
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 7–7.45pm
Dance the night away with this fun and challenging water-based workout with Maria Teresa Stone. Aqua Zumba is loved for being cardio-conditioning, body-toning and exhilarating. Normal class admission applies. Drop-in to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre to book.

Saturday 18 February

Prebbleton Outdoor Movies
Prebbleton Domain Playground, 4.30pm and 7.30pm
Bring a picnic and your seat, bean bag or blanket and settle in to enjoy two movies. First up enjoy the capers of Ferdinand the misunderstood bull with a big heart. Then settle in for the latest reboot of the classic The Muppets as they work to save their beloved theatre. Free. Drop-in.

Sunday 19 February

Sheffield Picnic in the Park
Sheffield Domain, 11am–3pm
Join us for a picnic lunch and hilarious games for the whole family in conjunction with The Locals Club. Bring your picnic lunch and blanket and we will provide the entertainment. All ages welcome. Free. Drop-in.

Sunday 19 February

A Month of Sundays—Rolleston Brass
Te Ara Ātea, 56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston 1pm–2.30pm
Bring along your picnics and celebrate local talent at Te Ara Ātea. Join the award-winning, 30-piece Rolleston Brass Band. This talented group packs a punch with a wide variety of music and musical styles. People of all ages will enjoy this concert celebrating a range of genres. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 25 February

Homebrewing Demonstration
Leeston Library, 11am–12.30pm
Learn how to make your own great tasting beer with Brew Academy. Designed for those with little to no brewing experience, this session will cover fermentation control, yeast health, dry hopping, correct methods of adding ingredients during fermentation and avoiding exposure to oxygen. There will be no alcohol consumption during this demonstration. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required.

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