



ReDiscover: rethinking waste

A transformation of waste is beginning in Selwyn with the opening of a new centre to encourage people to think differently about how we live and what we leave behind.

ReDiscover — based at the Pines Resource Recovery Park near Rolleston — is Selwyn’s first waste minimisation educational facility, offering free waste minimisation and sustainability programmes for schools and community groups across the Selwyn district.

The on-site and outreach programmes are designed around the themes of 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover,' incorporating the concept of a circular economy.

The buildings themselves — old, relocated classroom blocks — are a practical example of what can be achieved by rethinking waste. Fit out elements have been selected carefully to minimise the environmental impact. From handrails made from discarded golf clubs to table frames from a demolished school, everything possible has been sourced second-hand, reused or made from recycled materials — with sustainable choices for any remaining materials that had to be sourced new. Even the car park was made incorporating the use of recycled asphalt and plastic oil containers and waste engine oil.

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, Council’s Waste & Sustainability Educator Elizabeth Lovell says.

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.

“As a Council we don’t have a lot of influence over manufacturers or the packaging that they use, but we can help people to become more aware of the products they purchase, the impacts those have and some of the alternatives,” says Resource Recovery and Waste Manager Andrew Boyd.

ReDiscover will officially open on Sunday 2 April, with an open day from 10am–2pm where you can take part in fun interactive activities that will make you think twice about what you put in the rubbish bin. You’ll also be able to have a look inside a kerbside recycling truck and learn more about the ReConnect project.

Still time for Selwyn residents to have their say

Where will we live and how will we get around in the future?

Selwyn residents still have a few days left to share how they think Greater Christchurch should grow and what transport might look like, several decades from now, as part of the Huihui Mai (let’s come together) public engagement.

So far, more than 5,500 people have filled in the survey, which is open until Sunday 26 March. Of those, at least 1,100 responses are from Selwyn residents, representing about 20 per cent of the total respondents.

Following rapid growth over the past 15 years, and with the population set to double in the next 60 years, people have been asked to help shape an ambitious growth and transport plan as residents of Greater Christchurch.

The survey asks if the Whakawhanake Kāinga Komiti (Urban Growth Partnership for Greater Christchurch) work on how to accommodate more people and businesses in Greater Christchurch in the future, while also providing a high quality of life for people, a thriving economy and protecting the environment, is in line with the community’s aspirations.

To date, Huihui Mai has engaged with 270 people through workshops, webinars and drop-ins, with more than 700 people aged 25 and under having their say.

Feedback will be used to inform plans about transport, infrastructure and urban planning, which will go out for public consultation later in the year.

To find out more about the Partnership’s work or complete the short online survey, visit greaterchristchurch.org.nz before 26 March.

A great opportunity at Selwyn Job Fair

A huge range of businesses including some of Selwyn’s biggest employers will be getting together next week to help people looking for work.

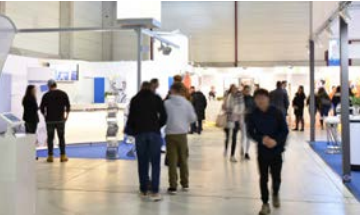
The Selwyn Job Fair will be taking place at the Rolleston Community Centre on Tuesday 28 March, bringing together 30 businesses in one place, providing opportunities for people of all ages and experience levels to meet with employers and job training organisations about what is on offer and pathways into employment.

The fair is being run in partnership with Connected — an all-of-government organisation that works nationally to help people into employment.

The job fair is a great opportunity for people to make connections, consider options, get advice and maybe even start a new career, says Council Community Services and Facilities Group Manager Denise Kidd.

“If you’re looking for work or exploring options for your career, this is the place to be next week cause there’s such a huge range of organisations. Connected have been fantastic in helping us get together people with a great range of skills and interests; if you want to know about working in the ski industry, construction and infrastructure, agriculture, right through to Te Ope Katua o Aotearoa – Defence Force, or speak to Selwyn recruitment agencies connecting local jobs with local people.”

This is the third job fair the Council has helped run. It has seen growing interest from businesses and job seekers, Connected Employment Liaison Advisor Denise Wiggins says. “We’re looking forward to seeing everyone at this event — from those who are starting out, looking for work or changing careers. We’re excited to have 30 partners over a wide range of industries across careers available showcased at the event. Everyone is welcome.”



For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/LearnEarnGrow.

A kai table to bring communities together

Bringing communities together over kai is now on the table for Selwyn, with the newly installed kai table in the sensory garden outside Te Ara Ātea.

In 2021, Council received funding from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) to go towards activities that support interactions and connections between newcomers and communities. This funding contributed to the kai table, as it continues the narrative around Te Ara Ātea and the sensory garden of bringing people together.

Community groups and families are encouraged to use the kai table for gatherings through the Waikirikiri Selwyn Welcoming Communities Network and it will also be used during festivals and celebrations during the year.

On Friday 17 March, about 24 people from Selwyn community gathered around for the blessing of the table, with a warm welcoming from Taumutu Rūnanga, led by their Kaumātua Denise Sheat. The ceremony acknowledged the many people who steered and led the waka for the kai table’s journey and invited those attending to share kai on the table after karakia. Rolleston College Art Department helped develop designs for the kai table initiative. The Waikirikiri Selwyn Communities Network then voted for their top three choices. The winning choice was a design by Rolleston College student Izzy Tinirau-Holt.

Izzy’s mum Rana Holt spoke on behalf of Izzy, telling the crowd about her inspiration for the piece and the significance of the tuna (eel) depicted swimming below the mountains and stars.

“Not only was it a fun artwork for Izzy, but it is a tribute to Izzy’s koroua. He came to live near Franz Josef from Whanganui and would often hunt for tuna by the stars at night, in nearby rivers and lakes.”

Other speakers included Taumutu Rūnanga kaumātua Denise Sheat, Councillor Shane Epiha, Razi Syed from the Canterbury Interfaith Council, and Tony McNeill from Immigration New Zealand.



Denise complimented the artwork for its beauty and said Izzy should be very proud of her mahi.

“It is a marvelous artwork. I hope everyone takes ownership of it and keeps it in a beautiful condition. People can truly see what a treasure it is.”

“It’s a Māori tradition to gather tuna for kai under the stars, no matter where your iwi is from. It is something which connects everyone, preparing and sharing kai. This kai table is for everyone.”

Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

K L Hospitality Limited (Black Door Bar & Eatery, Lincoln) has applied for an on licence. Objections to this application are open until 3 April.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 24 March 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.

RIVER WORKS ARARIRA/LII RIVER

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.

PRIVATE PLAN CHANGE 80 (ROLLESTON): NOTIFICATION OF THE DECISION

At its meeting on 8 March 2023, the Council resolved to accept the Commissioner’s recommendation to approve Two Chain Road Limited’s request to rezone approximately 98 hectares of Rural Inner Plains land in Rolleston to Business 2A. The location to which this request relates to is land located on the south side of Two Chain Road, between Walkers Road, Jones Road and Main South Road, in Rolleston. The full text of the decision and who can make an appeal and how can be read online at selwyn.govt.nz/pc80. Any appeals must be received by 5pm Monday 8 May 2023.

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR WESTVIEW SPECIAL FUND

The Westview Special Fund Committee, as a Committee of Selwyn District Council, has the responsibility to administer a fund established through the sale of land in Darfield.

The Committee is again pleased to call for ideas and applications for projects showing a demonstrable social, economic, cultural, or environmental benefit to the people of Darfield, the defined area being the Darfield Township water supply boundary.

Both individuals and organisations may apply. Applications will be accepted from people living outside the Darfield Township, as long as there is a benefit to the people of Darfield.

Applications will be assessed by the Committee, with the assistance of appropriate Council staff.

Guidelines, funding criteria and an application form are available on Council's website address or in hard copy format at the Darfield Library & Service Centre.

Applications should be emailed or hard copies posted for the attention of Therese Davel, by email to therese.davel@selwyn.govt.nz or post to Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston, 7643.

The due date for applications will be 30 April 2023. Successful projects will be announced by no later than 30 June 2023.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council and 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.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Malvern Community Board

Monday 27 March 4.30pm

Hororata Hall

Community Services Committee*

Wednesday 29 March 9am

Rolleston HQ Offices

Transport & Infrastructure Committee*

Wednesday 29 March 1pm

Rolleston HQ Offices

Planning & Climate change Committee*

Wednesday 5 April 9am

Rolleston HQ Offices

Finance & Performance Committee*

Wednesday 5 April 1pm

Rolleston HQ Offices

* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

ON THE ROADS

Give way or stop/go controls are in place for repairs and upgrades on Gerald Street; Hororata Dunsandel Road from Mitchells Road intersection; James Street from Edward Street to East Belt; North Belt from James Road to Liffey Place; Rakaia Terrace Road from Darrochs Road to Sharlands Road; Telegraph Road from Grange Road to Charing Cross; Whitecliffs 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

Sunday 26 March

West Melton Country Fete

West Melton School, 10am–3pm

A day of fun with plenty of food and activities, animals to see and stalls to shop from. Gold coin donation at the gate for entry. facebook.com/westmeltonfete

Sunday 26 March

Easter Crafts and Games

Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, 3–4pm

Pop down to your local community centre 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.

Monday 27 March

Selwyn Libraries at West Melton

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 12–2pm

A great place to get to know other locals and take part in a good game of scrabble. Everything is provided. Suitable for all ages. Free. Drop-in.

Tuesday 28 March

Connecting Selwyn: Job Fair

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am–12pm

Are you looking for work or training options in Selwyn? Come and talk with employers about local jobs. People of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Bring your CV or simply chat with employers about what is on offer or pathways into employment. Drop-in.

Tuesday 28 March

Selwyn Libraries at Hororata

Hororata Community Hall, 2.30–4pm

We are bringing the library to you! Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, interact with our robots, explore with LEGO® or create your own autumnal leaf rubbing wrapping paper. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

Tuesday 28 March

Selwyn Event Development Networking Event

Larcomb Vineyard, 6–7.30pm

A networking event for local community event organisers to discuss an upcoming Event Development Programme opportunity. Network with fellow event organisers, hear details of the new programme, and visit one of our local venues thanks to our sponsorship from G&T Catering. Bookings required events.humanitix.com/selwyn-event-development-programme-networking-event.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT

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