



## New landmark announced for Rolleston Town Centre

A new permanent public artwork has been announced for the Rolleston Town Centre.

Arts laureate Dr Areta Wilkinson (Ngāi Tahu) was selected to create the artwork by a panel from the Rolleston Residents' Association, the Council, SCAPE Public Art and Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu.

The artwork, Toro Atua, will take the form of 20 light-reflecting stainless steel figures, mounted on tall, slender poles, shimmering slightly in the air. The figures will be arranged in groups throughout the reserve, leading people through the landscape and indicating areas of importance. It is due to be completed in April 2024.

Toro Atua is designed to reflect Selwyn's environmental history and unique cultural identity, and is inspired by ancestral rock art of Te Waipounamu, Dr Wilkinson says.

"The opportunity of creating a taonga work for Selwyn is immensely fulfilling. The process has been thoughtful and the new objects will land in a beautiful environment."

Speaking about Toro Atua, Ruahikihikitanga Portfolio Leader Puamiria Parata-Goodall said, "The sculpture Areta will create is based on the cultural narrative Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu gifted to the Council for Te Ara Ātea. The narrative speaks to the whakapapa, kōrero and mahinga kai traditional food and resource practices. It also speaks to the importance of the site as a pou whenua or marker in the network of traditional and now contemporary trails across the landscape of Tauwharekākaho Rolleston."

Mayor Sam Broughton says it's great to see the vision for art in Selwyn being realised.

"It's been a real community project working with the Residents' Association, SCAPE, mana whenua and other representatives, and it's exciting to have something that fits so well into the wider vision of the Town Centre and the stories it tells about what makes us Waikirikiri Selwyn."

The work will be funded through historic funds allocated to the Residents' Association for public art in Rolleston and fundraising by SCAPE.



## Council notifies decisions on Proposed District Plan

Selwyn's proposed new rulebook has taken a major step closer to being adopted with the notification of decisions from public submission hearings.

The decisions cover changes to reflect new legislation, national policy direction, and issues raised through submissions. It creates new urban zones, strengthens protection of highly productive land, protection of properties from natural hazards, protection of historic and culture heritage and important landscapes, as well as updating rules for what activities can occur where.

The decisions were notified on Saturday 19 August. Submitters can appeal decisions within the next 30 working days (until 5pm, 29 September 2023).

The Council also notified decisions on Variation 1 to the Proposed District Plan and various Private Plan Changes, as required by central government legislation. The legislation requires the Council to provide for medium density housing in Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton. These rules are now operative, with no right of appeal.

Notification of their decisions is a big moment, Council Acting Chief Executive Tim Harris says.

"A huge amount of work has gone into getting us to this point. The District Plan is an important document for helping keep Selwyn a great place to live. We're grateful to the hearings panel and the submitters for helping us with getting this right and we are looking forward to the final stage of getting the new plan into place."

Appeals will be considered by the Environment Court and parts of the Proposed Plan that are not subject to appeals will become operative.

The Proposed District Plan will be fully operative after all appeals have been resolved.

The decisions, summary key decisions and other information can be viewed at [selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview](https://selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview).



## Slower speeds save lives

Many factors cause road crashes, but the impact speed during a collision is the primary factor determining your survival. How fast you're going is the main decider if you live. It's that simple.

Over the last five years, 100% of all fatalities in Selwyn occurred on roads with speed limits over 70km per hour. This doesn't mean these crashes were caused by exceeding the speed limit, but in many cases the speed at point of impact was too great for the occupants to survive the crash.

We often hear that our roads are unsafe for our children to get themselves to and from schools, but what speed do you actually drive past children? Remember they are speed limits, not speed targets. Roads are easier to cross if traffic is slower.

The Council can build raised platforms, adjust speed limits, we can educate, the New Zealand Police can enforce, but ultimately for speeds to be reduced and made safe on our roads, you as the driver needs to lift the right foot a fraction.

Over the coming weeks you will see information around the role speed plays in the road toll in Selwyn, and how you can make a difference on our roads.

Please take the time to consider how driving a little slower can make a significant difference to everyone's chances of survival.

The Council's speed management plan will be out for public consultation in October, take the time to understand it and make submissions.

Treat other road users like family and we all might stand a better chance of survival. Plan Ahead, Stay Alert, Slow Down, Drop Back

## New events guide out now.

Pick up a copy from any Council facility or view it online: [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)



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56 Tennyson Street, Rolleston  
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1 South Terrace, Darfield  
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

**RR18 Limited** (The Kingfisher Restaurant, Bar & Takeaway, Lincoln) has applied for a renewal of its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 6 September. **A Thousand Gods Wines Limited** (Rolleston) has applied to renew its off licence. Objections to this application are open until 7 September. **Jacquesy Rocks Limited** (The Rock Rolleston) has applied to renew its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 8 September. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

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 by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz)

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

**Planning & Climate Change Committee\***  
Wednesday 23 August 9am  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Finance & Performance Committee\***  
Wednesday 23 August 1pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Malvern Community Board**  
Monday 28 August 4.30pm  
Tawera Hall, Springfield

**Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee**  
Monday 11 September 4pm–6pm  
Tai Tapu Community Centre

**Representation Review Committee\***  
Tuesday 12 September 4pm–6pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

**Emergency Management Bill Workshop\***  
Wednesday 13 September 11am  
Council Rolleston Office

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 13 September 1pm  
Council Rolleston Offices

*\*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel*

Computer game to give people taste of being mayor

An exciting new video game being developed with the Selwyn Youth Council is getting closer to completion after a successful test run.

The game, Super Mayor, is described as a feel-good, 2D game where people play a councillor character in a rural New Zealand farming district. The goal of the hilarious, story-rich adventure is to solve problems, meet the public, and become mayor.

Game Developer Ben Childs says that a lot of the work so far has focused on creating the system the game requires to operate and all the different features.

“The game deals with both realistic and larger-than-life Council projects, and gives players the opportunity to interact with residents, take their issues to Council meetings and make meaningful decisions with Council resources. The trade-offs involved are designed to demonstrate to players how Council works and how their vote matters. Players will gain experience points as they perform tasks in the game which will open more options and areas in the game for them,” he says.

Some of the scenarios the game features involve developing buildings, creating revenue streams to finance other activities and maintain public facilities, through to resolving issues caused by extreme weather and creating safe ways for people to get around the district. Earlier this month, the game was play tested at an event held by the Christchurch Game Developers where it received positive feedback.

“People enjoyed the direction of it, and we got some valuable feedback from other developers around making the movement mechanics more intuitive,” Ben says. “We hope the game ultimately gets people interested in local government and Council processes.”



The next step in the game’s development will involve input from the Youth Council in creating localised content, designing maps for different areas of the district, and establishing the different levels and characters people interact with.

Super Mayor is available for people to add to their wishlist on gaming platform Steam. The game will be free.



High Peak Road is closed from Snowdon Road; Malvern Hills Road is closed from Auchenflower Road to Waianiwaniwa Road and Zig Zag Road is closed from SH77 to Lake Coleridge Road for flood repairs.

Stop Go controls are in place for maintenance and repairs on Old Tai Tapu Road from Golf Links Road to Rhodes Road; Preston Avenue at Jacks Drive; Washpen Road from SH77 to Darts Road; Whitecliffs Road at SH77 and the Waimakaririr Gorge Bridge.



Priority give way controls are in place on Bealey ROad from Railway Road to SH73; Cordys Road at the Hororata Road roundabout; Hororata Road from Plantation Road to Bridge Street and Westview Crescent from Weedons Ross Road to Laird Place.

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](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).

Event Guide

Thursday 24 August

**Introduction to GST with IRD**  
Te Ara Ātea, 5.45–7.45pm

Are you registered for GST or thinking of registering? This free seminar covers what's involved with being GST registered. This workshop is ideal for sole traders, companies and other organisations. It's helpful if you attended the Introduction to Business workshop (17 August) before joining this one. Suitable for 18+ years. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Thursday 24 August

**Winter Wellness Evening**  
Lincoln Event Centre, 7–9pm

Join us for an inspirational evening with Two Raw Sisters and Bevan James Eyles. Two Raw Sisters provide plant-focused food education to create better lifestyles and Bevan James Eyles will inspire you to LOVE exercise. Tickets are limited! \$15 Group Fitness members, \$45 non-members. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Friday 25 August

**Children's Book and Board Games Club**  
Leeston Library, 3.30–4.30pm

Head along to Leeston Library every Friday afternoon to share your latest reading adventures, play board games and enjoy some fun crafts. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 August

**Waste Art Competition**  
Te Ara Ātea

Local high school students have created incredible pieces of art using recycled materials to meet the Waste Art challenge put forth by Lincoln Envirotown. This competition challenges the way that we look at waste. Be inspired by creativity and recycling at this exhibition or the awards presentation, which will be held Sunday 27 August, 2pm. All ages welcome. Free. Bookings not required.

Monday 28 August

**Selwyn Libraries at West Melton**  
West Melton Community Centre, 12–2pm

Can't make it to the library this week? Come along and choose some new reading material off the Edge Connector Vehicle, place your own holds and collect them on the day, or request a mystery selection through the libraries Click and Collect service. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. Free. Bookings not required.

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