

CouncilCall

Wednesday 20 March 2024



Safer Speeds for Selwyn Schools and Intersections are One Step Closer

Safer speeds around Selwyn schools and high-risk intersections are one step closer, after Selwyn District Councillors moved to approve an Interim Speed Management Plan last week.

The Plan is aimed at introducing a variable 30km/h speed limit around schools, during peak times, as well as reducing approaching speeds to dangerous intersections across the district.

Following community consultation in October 2023, the Council's Full Speed Management Plan on district-wide speed reductions was placed on hold pending further direction from the Minister.

However, the Council's Executive Director of Infrastructure and Property, Tim Mason said the Council has followed advice from the ministry around producing an interim plan as safety at these critical locations cannot wait.

"Our district continues to grow, there are more people

on our roads, and we want to ensure everyone gets to where they're going safely.

"While speed isn't the only cause of accidents, it does determine the severity of outcomes. There is an urgent need to lower speeds around our schools and high-risk intersections and we don't want to wait until someone is killed or injured before we take action".

The variable speed limits proposed around schools is in line with current indications from the Minister on the what the new rule will include and will be implemented using electronic and static speed signage.

The Plan will now be submitted to NZTA Waka Kotahi for approval with the aim to begin work rolling it out before the end of June 2024. For more information on these opportunities please visit selwyn.govt.nz/news or contact selwynsistercities@gmail.com

Teaching Opportunities with Selwyn's Sister Cities

The Council's Sister City Committee has been asked by two of our Sister City partners to help recruit teachers to work overseas.

Toraja, Indonesia

Toraja is Selwyn's Sister City in the highlands of Sulawesi, Indonesia. In 2019 three retired Selwyn teachers spent time working with Junior High School English teachers to assist their teaching practices. Last year one of the Toraja teachers spent three weeks in Selwyn mainly at Rolleston College, observing teaching and learning.

Barana Christian Senior High School now seeks three or four retired Selwyn teachers, or teachers on sabbatical, to spend three to four weeks in their school helping to further develop an English environment for their students.

Teachers would pay their own way for travel and insurance, but accommodation, transport and tourism activities would be paid for by Barana Christian community. September is the preferred month weatherwise.

Lanzhou City University, China

Lanzhou City University is seeking full time English teachers to join their staff. Lanzhou is in the Gansu Province in northwest China.

Lanzhou City University was originally the Bailie Oil School established by Rewi Alley and George Hogg. Rewi Alley was born in Springfield in Canterbury and educated in Amberley and Christchurch.

Teachers with more than one year's experience and a minimum of a Bachelor's degree are invited to apply for a year-long contract. A salary will be paid and a contribution towards return travel. Accommodation is provided in a fully furnished apartment with free internet access.

For more information on these opportunities please visit selwyn.govt.nz/news or contact selwynsistercities@gmail.com



Next Steps for Upper Selwyn Huts Confirmed

Upper Selwyn Huts residents will have clarity over their immediate future and an opportunity to shape the long-term future under a new Council proposal.

At its meeting on 13 March, the Council agreed a new draft Deed of Licence to be put to the Huts residents, ahead of the current licence expiring on 30 June this year.

The new licence offers residents up to 15 years at the site as they work with the Council on the process for the long-term future. Licences would not be renewed after 15 years, in line with the other hut communities of Lower Selwyn Huts and Greenpark Huts that border Te Waihora.

The Council also voted to reduce the cost to the Huts community for installing a new wastewater pipeline, with the proposal that the cost of the pipeline be 70% covered by the Council.

For more information, please visit selwyn.govt.nz/news

Temporary Road Closure for Leeston Fete

High Street, Leeston (between Cunningham Street and Leeston and Lake Road), Messines Street (between Station Street and High Street) and Gallipoli Street (between Station Street and High Street) will be temporarily closed between the hours of 7am to 5pm on Saturday 23 March 2024.

Dog Microchipping Clinics

Free Monthly Service. Friday 22 March

- Leeston Library & Service Centre: 9am to 9.30am
- Lincoln Library & Service Centre: 9am to 9.30am
- Council Offices Rolleston: 11am to 11.30am

Clinics will not take place if wet.

Any questions, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

Council and Community Board Meetings

To be held at Rolleston Council Offices

Finance & Performance Committee Meeting*
Wednesday 20 March, 9am

Planning & Climate Change Committee Meeting*
Wednesday 20 March, 1pm

Representation Review Councillor Briefing*
Wednesday 20 March, 4pm

To speak at a Council meeting please email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz five days prior.

* Livestreamed on the Selwyn District Council website and via our YouTube channel.

Events

Selwyn Libraries Big Book Sale

Friday 22 March, 9.30am-5pm
Te Ara Ātea

More information at
selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Drop-in

Easter Family Bingo

Saturday 23 March, 7-8.30pm
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

\$5

Baby Sensory

Wednesday 27 March, 9.30-10.30am
Doyleston Hall

Bookings required at
selwyn.govt.nz/events

\$10