

Help Shape our Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Consultation on our Long-Term Plan opens on 2 April. The Long-Term Plan (LTP) is the key planning tool for councils across New Zealand. It sets out the Council's plans for the next 10 years – what projects we're committing to complete and how they will be paid for. LTPs are shaped in consultation with the community and built around its priorities. It's about balancing growth and affordability.

This plan is about your future. In our preengagement you told us your priorities around building a sustainable Selwyn where people could access services in the district at all stages of life and growth was planned.

Based on that feedback we are proposing a series of projects. Now it's over to you to have your say on what is proposed as well as things you think we could do differently. We also welcome your views on other areas you think the Council should focus on, and other initiatives and projects you'd like us to support and how they should be funded.

From 2 April to 2 May you can have your say. Head to **selwyn.govt.nz/ltp** to read more and register ahead of consultation opening.

Have Your Say on how you are represented

The way our district is structured is changing. As Selwyn grows and changes, the numbers of our elected members and electoral ward boundaries (the areas each Councillor is elected from) need to keep up with our growing population.

We're undertaking a representation review and seeking your feedback on how you and your community are represented in Selwyn. This means, we're reviewing ward boundaries, the number of wards, and how many councillors represent a ward.

Since our last review in 2021, Selwyn's population has grown by around 13% and we now have an uneven number of people each councillor represents.

"One of the key principles of fair representation is that each elected member should represent around the same number of people," says Mayor Sam Broughton. "This review will help to ensure a more equal distribution of councillors, it will also look at our ward boundaries so our residents get fair and equal representation around the Council table."

We also want to hear your ideas for the names of our wards. The wards currently are Malvern, Ellesmere, Rolleston and Springs. These names have been around since 1989, when the Selwyn District was created, Representation Review Committee Chair Councillor Phil Dean says.

"We are a different district, with strong heritage, but also an exciting future. This is our chance to come up with names that reflect the district today and who we want to be into the future."

Between 2 April and 2 May, you can have your say on the proposed options.

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/repreview

Works Beginning on Waimakariri Gorge Bridge

We're replacing the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge Deck. For approximately 6 weeks, work will be undertaken during the day and night, with the bridge closed nightly from Tuesday 2 April between 7.30pm and 4.30am. Work will not take place on Friday and Saturday nights.

During the day, the bridge will be open to normal traffic flow, with temporary traffic lights in place. Please expect delays of up to 10 minutes.

During the night time closures, the alternative route is via the SH1 Waimakariri River Bridge near Kaiapoi, this route is approximately 115km in distance so please plan your trip accordingly. For updates please check our Facebook page and visit selwyn.govt.nz/waimakgorgebridge

Weed Spraying along Ararira/LII River

We are carrying out our annual weed spraying along the Ararira/L11 river from 25 March until the end of April.

A barrier will be placed on the river 200m downstream of Wolfes Road boat ramp. River users are asked to be careful during this time as machinery will be operating. Should you require further information please contact us on **0800 SELWYN** (735 996).

Easter Opening Hours

For a full list of the Council's services and Easter opening hours please visit selwyn.govt.nz/news

Council and Community Board Meetings

To be held at Rolleston Council Offices

Extraordinary Council Meeting Long Term Plan Consultation Document* Wednesday 27 March, 3pm

Community Services Committee Meeting* Wednesday 3 April, 1pm

Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting*

Wednesday 3 April, 1pm

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

* Livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Why Myth Thursday 28

Greek Mythology 101: Why Myth Matters

Thursday 28 March, 6.30pm-7.30pm, Te Ara Ātea

Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Community Planting Days

6 April - 4 May, 10am Colgate, Whitecliffs, Greendale Domains, Castle Hill Reserve. BBQ lunch provided.

Find out more and register at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Who will be the next Super Mayor?

Sunday 21 April, 1pm - 3pm Te Ara Ātea, Join us for the launch of this 2D platformer game Super Mayor. Stop by to have a go and experience all the fun!

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/events