



## Further recognition for Foster Park

**A national light shone again on Foster Park, as the Council picked up another award in the 'Outstanding Recreation Facility' category at the Recreation Aotearoa Awards evening held on Thursday 14 November.**

This comes after the Council won the 'Active Park/Sportsground of the Year' award for Foster Park at Recreation Aotearoa Awards in May 2024.

Foster Park is home to 16 grass playing fields, hockey and football turfs, a softball/baseball diamond, cricket pitches, a destination playground and its latest addition, a youth zone under construction expected to be completed by June 2025.

Foster Park has earned its award-winning title by being Selwyn's largest sport and recreation park, stretching across 25 hectares. Its success is a result of involving the community and sports clubs throughout many stages of the project, which helped shape the development of the park.

The late John F. Reid, who led the Foster Park Project over five years while he was Major Projects Manager at Selwyn District Council had the vision

that Foster Park would be an excellent recreation park for community sport.

"With these last two awards that the park has won, we feel as though, as a Council and a community, we are fulfilling John's vision," says Tim Mason, Executive Director of Infrastructure and Property.



*Sports Centre Operations Manager Dave Tippett pictured at Foster Park holding the Outstanding Recreation Facility award.*

## Consultation on the Sheffield Memorial Pool is now open

The Selwyn District Council are consulting with the public about the potential divestment of the Sheffield Memorial Pool to a community-run legal entity. The Council requested feedback on a proposal to close the pool in the 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan consultation. After listening to submissions and public hearing presentations to the Council by Malvern residents, the Council agreed to keep the pool open for the 2024-2025 swim season and open a targeted consultation with the community.

If public consultation leads to the identification of a suitable community-run legal entity, along with support from the community for the transfer of the Sheffield Memorial Pool to take place, the Council will need to be satisfied the entity has sufficient funds and capability to operate the pool.

Consultation closes on 14 February 2025. If no arrangement for transfer can be agreed upon by 30 June 2025, the Council will proceed with the permanent closure/demolition of the pool.

Further information can be found at [selwyn.govt.nz/sheffieldpool](https://selwyn.govt.nz/sheffieldpool).

## Council and Community Board Meetings

### Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 27 November 1.30pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

### Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 4 December 9am  
Rolleston Council Offices

### Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 4 December 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

### Local Water Done Well Subcommittee

Wednesday 11 December 9am  
Rolleston Council Offices

### Council Meeting

Wednesday 11 December 1pm  
Rolleston Council Offices

All livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

## Make every drop count

As the weather warms up, Selwyn residents are being encouraged to be water wise and make every drop count this summer.

Water is not an unlimited resource and we need to use it wisely. The average household in Selwyn uses over 1,000 litres per day while typical consumption across New Zealand is around 675 litres per day.

Being water wise helps save money, helps your garden and helps keep water flowing for everyone without water restrictions. It also means more water will be available throughout the summer period at a steady pressure.

Tips for saving water are available at [selwyn.govt.nz/savewater](https://selwyn.govt.nz/savewater)

## Rolleston Christmas Parade

### Sunday 1 December

- 1.45pm-3pm:** Norman Kirk Drive (from the Council building to Kidman Street), Kidman Street (from Norman Kirk Drive to Tennyson Street) and Tennyson Street (from Kidman Street to Markham Way) will be temporarily closed.

## Lincoln Christmas Parade

### Saturday 14 December

- 8am-1pm:** Gerald Street (from Kildare Terrace to Vernon Drive including access from West Belt, Lyttelton Street, William Street, Kildare Terrace, Maurice Street and Robert Street) will be temporarily closed. There will be a shorter closure along Kildare Terrace, William Street, Lyttelton Street, West Belt and North Belt from 8am re-opening as the last float passes.

### Direct Career Service Monthly Drop-In

Wednesday 4 December, 9am-1pm, Te Ara Ātea

For adults and school leavers.

For more information, visit [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

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### Christmas Crafts

Monday 2 December, 3.30-4.30pm, Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

Wednesday 4 December, 3.30-4.30pm, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Koha of non-perishable items for the local Selwyn food banks is appreciated. 5+ years.

Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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### Tee Off at Foster Park

Friday 8 December, 12-3pm, Foster Park  
Aimed at 12-24 years, but all welcome.

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