



Media release

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## Selwyn District Council 23 March – key decisions

The Council met on Wednesday 23 March and made the following key decisions:

### **Consultation to start on draft Annual Plan**

The Council has adopted the Annual Plan 2016/17 Consultation Document for public consultation, which will open on 4 April. It outlines proposals in the 2016/17 Annual Plan which differ from what was proposed in last year's Long-Term Plan 2015-2025. Proposals for consultation include:

- a proposal to standardise charges for rural water schemes to be more consistent with the district-wide water rate introduced last year
- a proposal for how a new large-scale park for recreation and community use could be funded
- bringing forward work to widen part of Jones Road, and accelerating footpath extensions.

The Council is proposing to reduce the level of increase in the General Rate from 6% (as forecast in the Long-Term Plan) to 3%. Overall the average rate rise per ratepayer in the 2016/17 year is approximately 4%, which is within the forecast level of less than 5% per year proposed in the Long-Term Plan.

### **Trust provides grant to Dunsandel centre**

The Council, as a Trustee of the Selwyn District Charitable Trust, approved a grant of \$10,000 for the proposed Dunsandel Community Centre. This is additional to the \$37,000 in donations for the centre received during the July-December 2015 period.

### **Statements of Intent received**

The Council received the draft Statements of Intent for six Council-Controlled Organisations: Sicon Ltd, Orion NZ Ltd, Central Plains Water Trust, Selwyn District Charitable Trust, Tramway Reserve Trust and the Local Government Funding Agency. The draft Statement of Intent from Orion forecasts an increased dividend payment from the 2016/17 year.

### **Earthquake repairs update**

The Council received a report on repairs being undertaken as part of the recovery process from the earthquake on 4 September 2010. It was noted that headstone repairs have now been completed at South Malvern (Glentunnel) cemetery. Other repairs recently completed included the refurbishment of Glentunnel Library and landscaping of the former Doyleston Memorial Library site.

Details on these items can be found in the Council agenda at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/council](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/council)

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