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Council decisions – Wednesday 26 February

Building works on track

The Council received an update on major building works around the district including the Selwyn Aquatic Centre expansion, Te Ara Ātea and Foster Park Indoor Courts.

The report shows the Aquatic Centre expansion is on track with the new pool extension due to be completed in December 2020 and the remainder of the work to the main pool building and facilities in the second quarter of 2021.

Work is progressing on Te Ara Ātea and the Indoor Courts, with both on track to be completed in the second quarter of 2021.

Work has begun on an 80-park car park at Foster Park off Dynes Road, complementing the recently finished changing rooms and newly relocated Rolleston Rugby Football Club Clubrooms in the south-west corner of the park. The carpark will be completed in May.

The report also confirmed seismic strengthening of the Sheffield Hall has been completed and an opening celebration is being planned by the Sheffield Hall Committee. Work on the Prebbleton Domain Pump Track and West Melton Community Park are due to start in the next financial year. The Liffey walk and cycleway expansion is due to be completed by June.

Camping and Tourism infrastructure funding update

The Council also received an update on over \$900,000 worth of upgrades camping grounds and public toilets, which have been completed or scheduled.

Funding for the work was granted through the Responsible Camping Working Group Fund and Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

In the 2019/20 financial year the Council received \$223,600 from the Responsible Camping Working Group Fund to support camping costs. The funding covered the upgrade of waste water systems and signage, and the servicing of campervan dump stations, and toilets and bins at freedom camping sites. It also covered the hiring of a season camping ranger to support responsible camping during the 2019/20 camping season.

The report confirmed the Council has completed upgrades to the Coes Ford toilets waste water system as part of the \$363,400 of funding it received from round three of TIF funding for the year. This funding grant included funds for new public toilets at Springston and extra toilets at Lakeside Domain, which will be installed in March. It also confirmed the Council was successful in receiving a further \$332,600 from round four of TIF funding, to develop a new car park and picnic area and replace the public toilets at Lake Coleridge, and to install a new public toilet and waste water system at Hororata Domain.

Unused reserves prepared for sale

The Council continued its ongoing process of divesting unused reserves, by agreeing to revoke the reserve status of 14 crown reserves that are no longer being used by the community for reserve purposes. Revoking the reserve status of the lots, which are typically historic gravel pits or other unused sites, allows for their return to the Department of

Conservation (DOC) for sale, with funds from any sales being returned to the Council. The process began in 2017 and this week's process brings the total to 50 reserves that have been returned to DOC for sale.

Note: Full reports can be found in the Council meeting Agenda at:

https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/322713/PUBLIC-Agenda-Council-Meeting-26-February-2020.pdf

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