



Media Release
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Council decisions – Wednesday 24 June

Expansion of Kirwee Reserve confirmed

Kirwee Reserve will be expanded by 6.5 hectares, starting a significant development of the park.

The Council confirmed a Notice of Requirement for the expansion of the reserve would be included in the district plan.

The decision begins the formal process to extend and redevelop the reserve in line with the Kirwee Reserve Master Plan, and follows public consultation on the Reserve development last year. The plan includes realigning and expanding the rugby fields, developing a new cricket oval and nest, installing play spaces, a basketball court, a skate park and pump track and a dog park.

The decision allows for a separate plan with a proposed time line for completing the work to be put forward.

Road projects progressing

The Council received an update on road projects showing progress following the Level 4 lockdown.

The Lowes Road and Tennyson Street intersection upgrade is due to be completed by late-July. The work was delayed by the Level 4 lockdown, but despite weather delays is due to be completed by the end of the month.

Around 2000 street lights around the district have been replaced with, cheaper, more efficient LED bulbs. The Council is on track to complete the replacement of all standard street lights by June 2021, though there may be some delays to replacing decorative lights due to the impact of the pandemic on supply chains.

A project to designate electronic vehicle charging sites is progressing. Sites will be designated at Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Springfield, Dunsandel, and Leeston, which will be installed and run by Orion and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority.

Covid impacts major project completion dates

The impacts of the COVID-19 global pandemic on the Council's properties and construction was outlined in an update to Council.

The report confirmed the dates that major projects are expected to be completed after these were revised due to the delays in work from the Level 4 lockdown and impacts on supply chains.

While there may be possible further delays from the pandemic the report indicated the Foster Park Indoor Courts were on track to open in the second quarter of 2021, Te Ara Ātea in August 2021 and completion of the new pool as part of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension is expected in March 2021, with the full extension completed in November 2021.

The opening of the Foster Park Dynes Road Carpark and Rolleston Rugby Football Club Clubrooms is due next month, though this project has faced some uncertainty due to Covid.

Work on the Liffey Walkway and Cycle track extension and on Reids Pit development is progressing well the report showed and contractor has been appointed to carry out work at the West Melton Community Park.

The report noted further Tourism Infrastructure Fund funding has been put on hold indefinitely by the government due to the pandemic. Camp ground visitor numbers were also down due to COVID-19 and work was underway to promote Selwyn camping to domestic tourists.

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

https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/336728/PUBLIC-Agenda-Council-24-June-2020.pdf

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