



Selwyn District Council Media release  
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## **Council decisions – Wednesday 8 December 2021**

### **Gambling policy to be released for consultation**

The Council will be consulting in the new year on a proposal to cap the number of gaming machines in the district.

The proposal is part of a draft Gambling Venue Policy 2022 which was adopted for consultation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 8 December.

The draft policy will be out for consultation in February.

All councils must review their gambling policies every three years.

The draft policy will include a proposal to cap the number of gaming machines at 124 machines – which matches the current number that are currently approved to operate in the district. It would mean the number of machines allowed would remain the same regardless of population growth.

### **Next steps agreed to support community groups and committees**

The Council will continue working with the remaining community committees over their future form as committees or standalone community or resident groups with support confirmed for residents' groups.

The Council agreed to set up a \$24,000 Selwyn Community Grants Fund, to support project requests from residents' groups replacing disestablished committees of Council.

It also agreed to continue working with the remaining 24 committees of Council over their future.

Allowing committees to reform as residents groups, should they choose to do so, will free them up to submit on Council long-term and annual plans, apply for funding from Council and non-Council sources and take on community projects as agreed with their community rather than being bound to Council rules and direction.

### **New camping policy adopted**

An updated Camping on Reserves Policy was adopted, to support management, control and enforcement of camping on Council reserves.

The Policy will help to provide guidance for Council Rangers in dealing with the variety of issues and challenges that they deal with on the reserves where camping is allowed.

The Policy clarifies the length of stay allowed by campers at Council sites, provides guidelines for closure of camping sites and more clearly sets out the rules and expectations for campers to encourage responsible camping behaviours.

### **New public art confirmed**

New public artworks will be coming to Lincoln, Leeston and Darfield.

The Council voted to support a proposal for allocation of funds from the Township Public Art Acquisition Fund to support art in all three townships.

In Lincoln, the funding will support the ongoing delivery of the successful 'Takeaway Sculpture' project on Gerald Street in Lincoln, which was been delivered in partnership with the Lincoln Community Committee and the Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden. It will also support a project by the Lincoln Community Committee to relocate and replace the 'Millstone' art work currently outside the Lincoln Library.

The Council also agreed to allocate \$25,000 each for new artworks in Leeston and Darfield, to be situated on prominent Council reserve land in each town. Plans for these artworks will now be drawn up with the Malvern public art project expected to be completed this financial year.

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