



Media release

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## Foster Park switching on lights

The first major multi-field LED light system to be installed on a New Zealand sports ground has now been installed at Foster Park and Selwyn residents are invited to attend the official illumination of the new lights.

Foster Park is a large new recreation park being developed in Rolleston for Selwyn's growing population.

When fully developed, the park will have around 20 playing fields, and will be used by a range of sports codes for competition and training. The first 10 fields are nearly ready for use during the coming winter season. The park will also include a large children's play area, family picnic space, events space and extensive walking and cycling paths.

The new LED lights are more energy efficient than normal lights and have a longer lifetime. They provide concentrated lighting in the evenings at the sports fields, with little spill over into surrounding areas. The new lighting system can also be turned on and off remotely.

The new lights will be officially switched on by Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe on Monday 7 March. Selwyn residents are invited to visit the park at 8pm for a short guided walk around the sports field area and new paths. Visitors can also hear about the future vision for the park, after which the new lights will be illuminated.

"The event is a chance for local residents to have a look around the new park and celebrate a milestone in the park's development," says Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe.

In April, people will also have a chance to join in community planting days at the park and help create a daffodil display to bloom in the springtime. The planting days will take place from 9.30am to 12pm on Sunday 10 April and Saturday 16 April. The work is not heavy or taxing physically as holes have been drilled before planting.

Anyone who would like to be part of the planting can register their interest by visiting [www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay) or emailing [fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:fosterpark@selwyn.govt.nz).

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