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Foster Recreation Park hosts first game

Young football players have given Selwyn's newest park its first workout.

Eight and nine year old children from Selwyn United Football Club started using Foster Recreation Park for games at the weekend. The club will be using the park regularly in the future for matches and training.

Work to develop Foster Recreation Park began in mid 2014, and it will take around ten years for the park to be fully developed. It will become Selwyn's largest sports park and will provide sports playing fields, walking and cycling tracks, an indoor sports centre, shared clubrooms and outdoor events area.

The grass for five sports fields has been sown. Four more playing fields will be sown over the next two months.

"It's great to see the first of the playing fields starting to be used by Selwyn United Football. However, with many more playing fields having been recently sown or about to be sown we would request that people stay off these fields over the autumn and winter to allow the turf to establish," says Selwyn District Council's Manager Open Space and Property Mark Rykers.

Work to install a separate water supply tank and irrigation system for the park is nearing completion.

Work on landscaping and tree planting at the park is planned to start over autumn and winter this year. The park's design includes tree lined footpaths and plantings to provide shelter from the wind.

The first of the paths for walking and cycling will start to be developed soon, with the intention that some paths will be available to use next summer.

A temporary parking area has been developed near Dynes Road. Construction work to develop the main permanent parking area for the park along Broadlands Drive opposite the Selwyn Aquatic Centre is planned to start in the springtime.

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Photos attached: Selwyn United Football Club players take to the fields at Foster Recreation Park for the first time.

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