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Foster Recreation Park Development Now Underway

Earthworks have begun at Foster Recreation Park in Rolleston, signalling the start of the construction of Selwyn's largest park.

The plan is based on four hub areas; a Facility Sports Hub, an Outdoor Sports Hub, a Recreation Hub and an Events Oval Hub.

Selwyn District Council's Open Space and Property Manager Mark Rykers says Stage One is initially focused on developing around 14 hectares of sports fields and a sports hub building opposite the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

"The first step is to get the earthworks started and to lay down the irrigation. Lighting installation, car parks and path developments will come after this, followed by the construction of changing facilities, all as part of the first stage," says Mr Rykers.

The Foster Recreation Park was adopted by Council last month. 96% of submissions supported the overall concept for the park.

Minor changes have been made to the timing of projects and some aspects of the plan as a result of submissions. The development of walking and cycling tracks around the edge of the park and the construction of the health and fitness centre were both brought forward to be part of the first stage of works.

"Constructing these sooner means residents will be able to start using the walking and cycling tracks as soon as they are put in rather than waiting another five years for the paths to be available," says Mr Rykers.

The park will ultimately provide around 716 car parks, and the extension of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre car park will now take place within the next five years to provide more parking.

Mr Rykers says the park will be designed to be used for a range of activities including sports training and games, community events and concerts as well as less formal activities like exercising dogs, picnics and walking and cycling.

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