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New library for Lincoln coming soon

The construction of a new library and service centre for Lincoln will begin in April following a decision by Selwyn District Council today to approve the project and award the tender to Image Construction.

Mayor Kelvin Coe says the decision is exciting news for Selwyn residents. "Lincoln is one of our fastest growing towns and the new library will be able to provide an increased range of services and activities for the community."

The existing Lincoln library on the corner of Gerald and Lyttelton Streets services the Springs ward which has a population of 12,000. The library is already too small to meet the needs of the community. Lincoln and the surrounding areas are expected to grow rapidly in the future – with the town's population forecast to grow from 3,300 now to reach 5,600 by 2031.

The \$3.3 million new library and service centre building will be located on Gerald Street, beside the current library's location. The design for the new library draws inspiration from Lincoln's rural heritage and local civic architecture. The 700m² building will be constructed from metal with stone cladding at the base, a feature commonly seen on Council buildings in the district. The new library will also display photos from Lincoln's past.

The Lincoln community have been involved in the design of the new library. At the request of the community a large green space will surround the library and will be able to be used for community activities. Public toilets have also been added to the complex and will be open all hours.

James Woods, from Image Construction, says that they are very pleased to have been awarded the contract. "We're looking forward to working with Selwyn District Council to deliver a great facility for the community."

The building will meet all seismic design standards. The design includes space for library services to expand as the population grows in the future.

Selwyn District has been one of the fastest growing districts in New Zealand in recent years. As part of the Council's strategy to cater for rapid population growth, library facilities in two of its four wards have already been improved with the Leeston and Darfield libraries expanding in former Council office sites. Improved library facilities in Rolleston are also being considered by the Council.

Demolition of the old Lincoln community centre will begin next week to make way for the new library.

The new Lincoln library is expected to open to the public in early 2014.

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