



Media release

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New park to be developed near Prebbleton

Selwyn District Council has purchased a 22 hectare site near Prebbleton and plans to develop it into a park.

The new park could be developed to provide sportsfields, walking and cycling tracks, with plantings, a playground and other features.

The site on the corner of Hamptons and Birches Roads was purchased after an independent assessment of a number of potential locations around Prebbleton was completed and identified the new location as the best option for the new park.

The new park will be located 1 kilometre south of Prebbleton town centre and around 4 kilometres north of Lincoln and will be developed to provide open space for these growing towns. Prebbleton's current population is expected to grow from around 4,500 now to reach 5,200 in 2025. In the same timeframe, Lincoln's population is forecast to grow from around 6,500 to 9,400.

"The site has a number of advantages including its large size, its location on the Little River Rail Trail path and its situation between Prebbleton and Lincoln which will allow it to be used by people from both areas," says Selwyn District Council Manager Open Space and Property Mark Rykers.

"It also has a number of features which make it an attractive park site including suitable soil, a water race which could be developed into a water feature, mature trees providing shelter and an existing grassed all-weather track around the site."

The site will continue to be occupied by its present tenant for the next two years. During this time the Council plans to consult the community to help develop a plan identifying how the park could be developed in the future and what activities could occur there.

The development of the park is likely to occur in a series of stages over time.

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Photo attached: *the site of the new park Selwyn District Council has recently purchased outside of Prebbleton.*

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