



Media Release

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Ideas sought for new recreational reserve

Selwyn District Council is looking to develop an old quarry between Lincoln and Rolleston into a recreational reserve and is seeking input from local residents.

Reid's Pit is a former gravel extraction pit located near the junction of Selwyn Road and Weedons Road, about four kilometres south-east of Rolleston. The pit is four hectares in size and surrounded by rural farmland.

It is believed that quarrying activities at the site began in the early 1970s and ceased in the late 1980s.

Restoration programmes for disused gravel reserves is a focus of the Council's Long-Term Plan and Open Spaces Strategy, and Council is now investigating options for the future use of the pit.

One idea is to turn the pit into an area for mountain and BMX biking, with a range of beginner and more advanced tracks. Other suggestions include an open space with planting, walking trails or picnic areas.

Consultant for the Council, Michele Frey, says it would be great to hear residents' ideas for the development on the pit.

"We're keen for people to share their thoughts about the future of the pit and how it might be developed for recreational use," she says. "We also want to hear from anyone who has background information about the site, and can help fill in some of the history."

Anyone with ideas or information should contact Michele by Monday 12 October, by emailing Michele.Frey@opus.co.nz or phoning (03) 972 5000 or 027 208 1090.

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Photos attached – Reid's Pit.

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