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Share your ideas on Rolleston Railway Station

Selwyn residents are being invited to share their ideas on whether the Rolleston Railway Station should be beautified and how it could look in the future.

The Selwyn Central Community Board is hosting a community conversation café at the Rolleston Community Centre on Thursday 22 May at 7pm to talk about future plans for the station.

Board Chair Diane Chesmar says the Board has been looking at improving the appearance of the railway station.

"The railway station is very visible to people passing through Rolleston as it is one of the first things people see when they enter the town whether it's via road or rail."

"We think there is an opportunity to make the railway station a building that the community can be proud of but we want to hear whether the local community supports this concept," she adds.

Mrs Chesmar says the café evening will be a chance for people to tell the Board whether they think the railway station should be beautified and also share their ideas on what changes they would like to see.

The Board has been working on some initial ideas, but is inviting residents to put forward new ideas.

"If works were to be undertaken on the station they would be staged and we have been looking at the idea of undertaking planting work as part of stage one. This would create raised plant beds using railway sleepers to keep with the theme of the building," she says.

The Board's ideas for later work that could be completed at the station include creating panels which illustrate the story of Rolleston's history and display racks with information on Selwyn and the West Coast.

To enable works to happen in the future, the Board is also looking for volunteers to carry out work and for businesses to sponsor or make donations towards the work.

"We want this to be a community led project which involves the local community and local businesses. The kind of work volunteers may do could include planting or painting. We are sure there are many volunteers in the community with skills that may assist the project and we encourage people to let us know how they would like to help," says Mrs Chesmar.

Volunteers or businesses who want to help can contact Diane Chesmar on 021 0292 6588.

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Photos attached: Selwyn Central Community Board Chair and Committee Secretary Kate Anderson at Rolleston Railway Station.

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