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## **Rolleston Development Plans Confirmed**

Future plans outlining how Rolleston will develop over the next twenty years have been confirmed with the adoption of two masterplans to guide the development of the town centre and develop a major sport and recreation park.

Selwyn District Council adopted Master Plans for the Rolleston Town Centre and Foster Recreation Park at a meeting yesterday.

Rolleston is one of the fastest growing towns in New Zealand. Its population grew from 5,000 in 2006 to over 10,000 in 2013. The population is expected to reach 20,000 in 2030.

The Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan focuses on developing a town centre and a main street as the heart of Rolleston, attracting people to shop and work in the town and to provide new facilities and public places for people to enjoy. 19 hectares of additional retail and commercial land is included in the draft plan. The plan includes the development of a new library, community and technology centre, a town square and road layout changes in the town centre.

The Foster Recreation Park Masterplan outlines the development of the Park as the largest sport and recreation park in Selwyn. The park will be able to be used for sports games and training, for walking and cycling, recreation and community events. The park will also include a children's play area.

Consultation on the plans took place in 2013, with 372 submissions received. Submissions showed a high level of support for both plans - with 73% of submitters indicating they supported the overall concept for the Rolleston Town Centre and 96% of submitters supporting the direction of the Foster Park Masterplan. The Council won a Best Practice Award from the New Zealand Planning Institute for its work on the plans earlier this month.

The plans are to be implemented over the next twenty years in stages. Some changes have been made to the plans and the timing of projects as a result of submissions.

In the Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan, houses along the north side of Tennyson Street will be rezoned to commercial land more quickly (within the next five years) to provide property owners with certainty about future zoning and what they will be able to do with their properties. Further consultation with landowners will occur during the implementation of this part of the Master Plan.

Traffic lights are also planned for Rolleston Drive and a proposal to extend Wilbur Close to Rolleston Drive has been removed from the plan, based on submissions. The Clocktower reserve on the junction of Tennyson Street and Rolleston Drive will also be kept in the future instead of being used for retail activities. Further discussions with the community will occur around the best use of this space including whether the clock tower should be retained and improved on the existing site.

The Council will investigate establishing a new emergency facility hub on Kidman Street. Council staff will also have discussions with property owners near the new Moore Street extension aimed at minimising noise for these properties.

Minor changes have been made to the Foster Recreation Park Masterplan as a result of submissions, including adding the option for a skate park to a youth play zone area and developing an alternative location for bowls facilities at the park. The development of walking and cycling tracks around the edge of the park and the construction of a health and fitness centre have both been brought forward and will now be part of the first stage of works. An area which can be used for off leash dog exercise has also been identified in the park.

A number of submissions raised issues with car park provision. 716 car parks will be provided at the park, and the extension of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre car park will now take place within the next five years to provide more parking.

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