



Media Release

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Selwyn District Council approves two landmark projects

At its meeting yesterday [Wednesday 8 August] the Council approved an updated extension to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, as well as the design concepts for the new Rolleston Library and Community Centre.

The two projects were proposed in the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, and have been planned to cater for Selwyn's growing population.

The approved budget of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre is \$14.8, while \$22.2 million is budgeted for the Rolleston Library and Community Centre.

Mayor Sam Broughton says he is excited about the two landmark projects.

"Giving these projects the green light is a watershed day for Selwyn," he says. "The Aquatic Centre development will help future-proof our district's leisure and sport needs, while the new Rolleston Library and Community Centre will help create an inspiring destination in Rolleston."

Selwyn Aquatic Centre:

The extension to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will see a 10-lane, 25m pool added to the current facility, as well as a reconfiguration of the existing pool.

The new pool would have a depth range of 1.4 to 2 metres, and the 10-lane layout provides the flexibility for deep water sports and other activities.

The depth of the existing pool will change, but will still be capable of providing lane swimming.

Mayor Broughton says the Council listened to those who submitted on the Long-Term Plan and that's why the pool was changed from the original proposal.

"We believe the 10-lane option works well for our growing population, as well as providing more room for learn to swim, and leisure users.

"Submitters were clear that more space was needed, and we took that feedback on board, but also wanted to do so in a financially prudent fashion."

The facility will also feature a café space, subject to a business case - that will service the surrounding area including Foster Park.

Council is also set to undertake a feasibility study into future swim capacity for the Darfield area.

Construction on the Aquatic Centre is set to be completed in mid-2020.

Rolleston Library and Community Centre:

Design concepts for the proposed Rolleston Library and Community Centre have also been approved by Council.

The facility is set to be the focal point of the new Rolleston Town Centre development at Rolleston Reserve.

The 2,256m² facility will be spread across two storeys, and the space will be flexible and adaptive allowing it to be used for a range of needs.

The building will have a uniquely Selwyn look to it, reflecting the backdrop of the Southern Alps, foothills and plains.

Mayor Sam Broughton says it was important to pay tribute to the landscape of the district, as well as the cultural heritage of Selwyn.

"The input of Te Taumutu Rānanga has also played a pivotal role in the development, and helped us bring strong cultural values to the design."

Mayor Broughton is confident the facility will be an asset for the people of Selwyn.

"It's the first step in developing an attractive town centre, and I know everyone is looking forward to being able to enjoy a range of activities in a vibrant community space."

Construction on the facility is set to be completed in July 2020.