



Media Release

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### **Selwyn District Council decisions this week**

The Council has offered a package of funding assistance to relocate the Rolleston Rugby Club rooms from Rolleston Reserve to Foster Park.

The club is scheduled to vacate Rolleston Reserve from the 2019 season, to make way for the Rolleston Town Centre development. Under the terms of the existing lease, the Council is responsible for the cost of relocating the clubrooms. However as the club is looking at the option of building a new facility at Foster Park, the Council has agreed to provide a grant of \$250,000, which is approximately equivalent to relocation costs, as a contribution to the new rooms.

The club requested a loan to assist with construction costs, and the Council has offered to provide a loan of \$150,000 to support the new facility.

### **Public Places Bylaw and Policy on commercial activities and events in public places**

The Council has voted to implement a bylaw to control and regulate trading activities in public places.

This bylaw has been introduced after the Council observed an increasing number of mobile traders, particularly food carts and vans, who are operating or seeking to operate in the district. The proposed bylaw was consulted on late last year.

It will see vendors charged a nominal fee, to be allowed to operate over a set period of time in Selwyn. Vendors at events will be exempt from having to pay the fee.

The bylaw regulates where mobile vendors can trade, and sets out controls to meet health and safety requirements and to protect the public from nuisance.

### **Selwyn Community Fund Committee**

Councillors Murray Lemon, Nicole Reid, Malcolm Lyall and John Morten have been appointed to represent the Council on the Selwyn Community Fund Committee, which will also include a representative of the Selwyn Youth Council.

The Selwyn Community Fund was formed earlier this year after Long-Term Plan consultation, and brings together a number of separate funds previously run by Selwyn District Council. The budget for 2018/19 is \$145,000.

There are two funding rounds, in October and April, with applications open all year round.

The fund is open to community groups whose principle functions and activities are of a charitable nature.

**Water race closure**

The Council has approved the closure of 7.7 kilometres of water race running parallel to Coaltrack Road between Beattys Road and Bealey Road.

The race was closed as it is no longer required by the community it had previously serviced. The proposed closure was agreed to by all affected properties, and approved by the Council's water race committee.