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## **Consultation opens on West Melton Sports and Leisure Centre**

Consultation is now open on a proposal to develop a new sports and leisure centre at West Melton.

The new multi – purpose facility would include an indoor sport court space, a public hall, a kitchen, meeting and office space, a play centre and plunket rooms, an indoor court, toilets, showers, a first aid and referee room, entrance, foyer and reception. The proposed site for the facility is the West Melton Domain, to the north of the tennis courts.

The existing West Melton community centre is 80 years old. The population of the West Melton area has been growing rapidly and the centre now serves a population of around 4,500. The existing centre is not big enough to meet the current demand for space. The building would also require earthquake strengthening in the future.

The estimated cost of the new facility is \$4 million. It is proposed that the building would be funded from a variety of sources, including development contributions, grants, fund raising, contributions from organisations that used the facility, existing community centre funds and a targeted rate on local properties.

Two drop in sessions are planned to be held at the Rugby Club Rooms at West Melton Reserve for people to look at the plans for a new facility, make comments and share ideas. These are being held on:

- Wednesday 30 October from 5.30 - 8pm
- Saturday 2 November from 2- 4.30 pm

The drop in sessions are part of the first stage of consultation with the community to gauge the level of support and to seek ideas and feedback.

Submission forms and information is available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/wmcentre](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/wmcentre) and from the West Melton BP station and the Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Consultation on the proposal closes on Monday 18 November.

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