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Help plan for community spaces in Eastern Selwyn

Selwyn residents are being invited to take part in a survey to help identify Eastern Selwyn's current and future community space needs.

Selwyn has been growing rapidly over the past decade, and much of the district's population growth has occurred in Eastern Selwyn.

As a result of the area's population growth, the Council identified the need to gather information on how community spaces in Eastern Selwyn meet people's current needs, and what might be required to meet their needs in the future.

"The survey will be used to help develop a Community Spaces Plan for Eastern Selwyn which is expected to be released for consultation in the coming spring time," says Mark Rykers, the Council's Manager Open Space and Property.

"It asks people how they currently use community spaces in Eastern Selwyn and what activities they would like to do locally but don't currently."

Community spaces are areas available for community use and include libraries, community centres, halls, meeting rooms, parks and reserves, church grounds, and can include commercial spaces such as cafes and markets if they are used for community activities. Eastern Selwyn extends from Rolleston to West Melton in the north, Prebbleton and Lincoln to the east and Springston in the south. People living outside of Eastern Selwyn who use community spaces in Eastern Selwyn can also complete the survey.

The survey is open from 9-27 May and can be completed online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Everyone who completes the survey will go into the draw to win a \$100 petrol voucher.

Residents also have the opportunity to share their thoughts in person about community spaces at the following locations and times next week.

- On Wednesday 11 May at Rolleston Countdown from 11.30am-1pm and Prebbleton Dairy from 2.30-4pm
- On Friday 13 May from 10.30am – 12noon at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre
- On Saturday 14 May at the Lincoln Farmers Market from 11am – 12.30pm and the Warehouse Rolleston from 2-3.30pm

Mr Rykers says there has also been a significant increase in the number of new clubs and other organisations operating in Eastern Selwyn. The Council is also surveying community organisations and local facilities as part of the project.

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