

Selwyn District Play, Active Recreation and Sport

# Spaces and Places Plan



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# 1. Introduction



## 1.1. Background

The Waikirikir Selwyn District has experienced rapid population growth. In 2022 the District was the fastest-growing area in New Zealand. Since 2000 it has grown from 27,600 residents to 79,300 in 2022, almost tripling its population within two decades. It is estimated that this trend will continue, with current projections estimating the population will more than double within 30 years to 153,360 by 2054.

Waikirikir Selwyn's population is, on average, younger than other areas in Aotearoa New Zealand, and residents are looking for modern, accessible and affordable play, active recreation and sporting facilities. The Waikirikir Selwyn District ("the District") is also becoming more urban, with townships accounting for nearly 90% of growth.

The District is also part of a wider region known as Greater Christchurch, which includes Christchurch City and the Waimakariri District and is the country's second largest urban centre. When understanding the local network, it is important to consider the provision of facilities

in neighbouring districts as well as facilities within Waikirikir Selwyn that are provided by others, such as schools, clubs, community groups, central government, and private providers.

Selwyn District Council ("Council") has commissioned RSL Consultancy to develop this Spaces and Places Plan.

## 1.2. Purpose

This plan aims to provide a framework for identifying and prioritising the facilities and spaces needed over a ten year horizon to meet the needs and demands of this ever-growing district for play, active recreation and sport ("PARS").

The plan's outcome will be the identification of current issues, options, and key projects and priorities for the future development of the district's network of PARS assets over the next ten years.

Once adopted by Council, the recommendations in this plan will guide council staff on day-to-day operational decisions while significant policy or

investment priorities will be considered against other Council projects and priorities through the 3-yearly review of Council's Long Term Plan process.

It is recommended that this plan be updated or reviewed every 3 years to reflect the 3-year LTP cycle and the fast-changing nature of issues and opportunities in such a fast-growing district.

*The Waikirikiri Selwyn Play, Active Recreation and Sport, Spaces and Places Plan is guided by Council's overall vision and key community outcomes for the District.*

### 1.3. Scope

This plan focusses on the provision of PARS facilities. It does not cover programmes, pricing or services except where these are directly related to or affect facility provision. A companion document, the Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategic Action Plan 2024 - 2027 for Waikirikiri Selwyn, addresses these aspects and is more focused towards strengthening Council's capability and capacity in PARS.

This plan is a document that will sit alongside other documents and plans that help contribute to delivery of Council's community outcomes. Community Outcomes are statements that describe what Council aims to achieve in order to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the district.

The Community Outcomes identified in the Councils 2021-2031 Long Term Plan are described in Figure 1 below.

#### The scope includes:

- The Selwyn District Council geographical area.
- Play, Active Recreation and Sport facilities.
- Council facilities and investment.
- A 10-year period.
- Acknowledgement of facility provision by others.
- Acknowledgement of facility provision in neighbouring districts.

#### The scope does not include:

- Programmes, pricing or services (except where these are directly related to or affect facility provision).
- Dance.
- Hobbies.

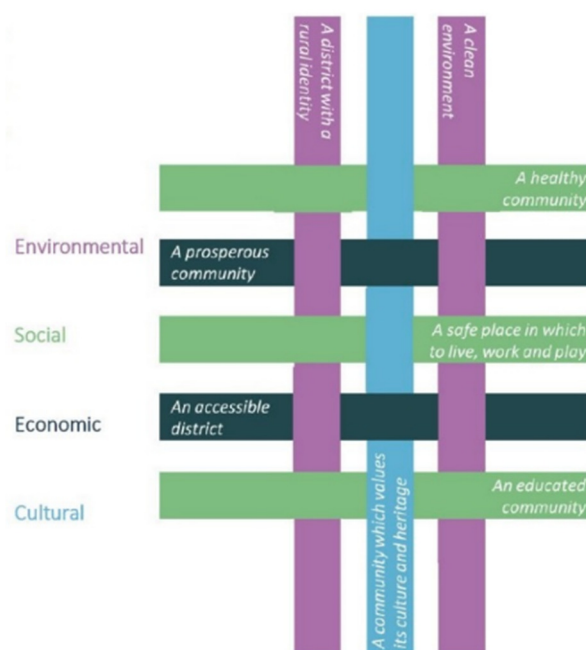


Figure 1: Selwyn District Community Outcomes

Figure 2 below gives an overview of the district and the location of the main towns.

## 1.4. Methodology

The process included the following key steps:

1. An initial meeting with Council staff was held to finalise the project brief, establish a Steering Group and discuss the broad issues facing the region.
2. Review of previous reports, data and other documents.
3. Three surveys were developed for district stakeholders: one for play organisations, one for schools and one for active recreation and sports groups. Recipients were primarily identified through contact lists and databases maintained by Council. The survey was sent by email to 292 individuals and organisations. Two further follow-up reminders were sent. Responses were received from:
  - 12 Play organisations.
  - 12 Schools.
  - 80 Sport and Active Recreation Organisations.
4. Requests for further information and clarification of responses to the survey from respondents were sent and followed up.
5. Three stakeholder workshops were planned for August 2021 but were cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. These were substituted with a number of one-on-one phone calls with survey respondents and other stakeholders.
6. Two staff workshops with the Steering Group were held to provide feedback on findings to date and to seek clarification and reaction.
7. A 'final draft' of the Plan was reviewed by the Steering Group and approved for consultation by Council.
8. The draft Plan was made available for public comment in November/December 2022. Appendix 7 contains a summary of the feedback received, which has been incorporated into the final Plan.



Figure 2: Waikirikir Selwyn District and main townships



## 2. Definitions



### 2.1. What is PARS?

This Plan uses the following definitions for Play Active Recreation and Sport:

#### *Play*

An activity undertaken purely for enjoyment that is intrinsically motivated, personally directed and freely chosen for no outcomes.

*Source: Sport New Zealand*

#### *Active Recreation*

Non-competitive physical activity for the purpose of wellbeing and enjoyment.

Active Recreation includes activities that:

- Occur in urban landscaped environments or natural environments.
- Are undertaken by individuals and by groups.
- Occur with and without the involvement of a 'provider' group or organisation (i.e., can be undertaken independently).

*Source: Sport New Zealand*

#### *Sport*

An activity involving physical exertion and skill where individuals or teams compete for entertainment.

*Source: Oxford English Dictionary*



### 3. Facility Hierarchy



A hierarchy system allows facilities to be developed to a standard that meets the need and expected use. It assists in ensuring resources are not invested where they are not needed.

A system of classification provides benchmarks as to; distribution, the appropriate level of provision, the degree of accessibility, quality and the type of support amenities.

The following facility hierarchy definitions have been used when describing the network of facilities in the Plan. A facility can fill more than one category (i.e., a facility could be categorised as an international, national and regional facility if it is used for all those functions).

Note: It is assumed that venues categorised at one level will meet the needs of all lower levels (e.g., an international standard facility can be used for national and below). The exception to this rule is where the cost of access to a higher-level facility is prohibitive.

#### 3.1. International

A facility with the ability to host international competitions / events (between nations).

*Example: Canterbury Multi-Use Arena.*



Figure 3: Facility hierarchy

### 3.2. National

A facility with the ability to host inter-regional competitions (including pro and semi pro franchise competitions involving teams from outside New Zealand) and / or to serve as a national high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes.

*Example: Burt Sutcliffe Oval (Lincoln University).*

### 3.3. Regional

A facility which has the ability to host inter and intra-regional competitions and /or serves as a regional high-performance training hub for one or more sports codes.

*Example: Selwyn Sports Centre.*

### 3.4. Sub Regional / District

A facility with a primary catchment of local users with extended catchment across the district and beyond.

A facility located centrally, with the ability to provide for a broad range of PARS activities and programs, drawing significant numbers of teams / competitors from across territorial authority areas to a central venue for either competition or training purposes.

A large premier play space of district significance, offering a diversity of play opportunities and experiences that are inclusive and accessible to all. Destination play spaces are well developed, attracting larger numbers of people who may plan to visit in advance and stay for a longer period of time.

*Example: Foster Park.*

### 3.5. Community

A primary catchment area of local townships. Generally, services the needs of local communities e.g. sporting clubs for home and away fixtures, training activities and for participation programs.

Medium sized play spaces that provide diverse play opportunities and that are inclusive and accessible, catering to a wide range of age groups in both the local neighbourhood and wider community. Provision may be appropriate to the needs of communities in which they are located, e.g., rural townships.

*Example: Prebbleton Reserve*

### 3.6. Local

A facility with the ability to service a local catchment's basic play and active recreation needs.

The primary catchment area is usually within easy walking distance of most users (500m).

Small sites with basic facilities that provide respite, recreation opportunity and daily amenity for residential areas. They are not considered suitable for larger facilities, activities and events as they are generally provided in residential settings. In some cases they might provide sufficient space for junior level sport activities.

Smaller play spaces with a basic level of provision that are easily accessible from home and designed to meet the everyday play needs of the local neighbourhood. Play activities will be largely equipment based and will primarily cater to toddler or junior aged children.

*Example: a local neighbourhood park.*

## 4. Principles

Having the right PARS facilities in the right places is critical to support participation. A major issue is the cost of providing new or upgraded facilities, with a tendency sometimes to design and construct facilities without due consideration to first establishing their need, demand or sustainability. It is, therefore, important to get better value from our PARS facilities by applying a sound framework to guide decision-making.

Principles are statements that guide how we plan to do things. The key principles underpinning this Plan have been adapted from other regional and national plans and strategies and the Canterbury Regional Spaces and Places Plan; 'Our Places'. These principles are used when considering the current state and proposed future network of facilities, spaces and places in Waikirikiri Selwyn.

For the purposes of this Plan, in describing the key principles, the term 'facility' includes all man-made places and spaces where PARS occur.

The key principles are shown in the following figure and further described below.



Figure 4: Key principles underpinning this Plan

### 4.1. Meeting an Identified Need

A clear evidence base should be developed that outlines the need for any change to the network of facilities. Evidence-informed decision making shall include community opinion, a deep understanding of the range of needs, and be aligned with relevant strategies and plans (e.g., a national sporting facility plan).

### 4.2. Sustainability

The network of facilities and the individual facilities themselves need to be sustainable to maximise community and economic benefits. To ensure sustainability, facility use needs to be optimised through applying a systematic approach to management and delivery of the network, and through proactive promotion and programming.

The aim is to achieve affordable outcomes for communities by ensuring the size and quality of the facility matches the needs and balances up-front capital costs with operational needs (the 'whole-of-life' cost).

All aspects of facility provision should include assessment and minimisation of the impact on and from the environment. We must strive to reduce our footprint on the planet through minimising pollution and waste, balancing the use and protection of natural resources, while also remaining mindful of the impact our actions have on climate change and other environmental factors when planning and designing play, active recreation and sport facilities.

### 4.3. Partnering and Collaboration

The collaboration with partners on shared outcomes, both within and outside the region, to develop and operate PARS facilities will become increasingly important to optimise the network, maintain its sustainability and make best use of available resources.

Councils must play to their strengths and not seek to duplicate facilities that are already or can be satisfactorily delivered in neighbouring areas. Planning and investment in international, national and regional level facilities should be considered from a regional perspective. This is reflective of the nature of how people participate with services often being accessed across boundaries.

Collaboration shall include engagement with the community, ensuring adequate opportunity for concerns, needs and aspirations to be articulated.

PARS activities may occur in areas of particular significance to Manawhenua (on land, water or on the coast). It is thus an inherent aspect of this Plan to ensure that the impacts of PARS on the natural environment and culturally significant sites are minimised. Through engagement and partnership, the Manawhenua role of kaitiaki (guardianship) will be acknowledged and supported in the implementation of this Plan.

#### 4.4. Integration

Many sports facilities are underutilised for large periods of time. Facilities should avoid unnecessary duplication by being cognisant of the wider network and by being designed to enable integration of uses where possible, both from within the sport sector and with other complementary sectors.

Co-location / 'hubbing' with other sport and recreation, community, education, retail or transport facilities and infrastructure is shown to create improved outcomes for communities and better utilisation of facilities.

#### 4.5. Futureproofing

We want facilities to be functional and adaptable to change as well as sustainable and resilient.

PARS trends and demographics are continuously changing. What is needed from a facility today is not necessarily what will be needed in the future. Given the lifespan of many facilities is at least fifty years it is important that they be as adaptable and functional as possible.

Facilities need to be designed for resilience and durability in recognising the impact of climate change on weather events and sea level rise.

#### 4.6. Accessibility

The desire is to provide an integrated network of PARS facilities that avoids duplication, and that encourages inclusive and equitable participation for all.

Although the district is large geographically, it is important that communities have the best possible access to a connected network of quality PARS facilities that provides a diversity of opportunities for all. At the same time, these facilities need to be developed and operated in a way that encourages inclusive and equitable participation for all.

A hub and spoke model may be used to ensure distribution of facilities and spaces is balanced and to support smaller population centres.



## 5. Prioritisation Criteria



Council does not have unlimited resources and PARS facility needs must be considered alongside other council commitments. With many competing requirements, Council must prioritise projects.

When considering the many needs identified in this plan, the following series of criteria has been considered. These criteria have been adapted from the Canterbury Regional Spaces and Places Plan; 'Our Places' and can also be applied to any new projects that come up in the future to determine a relative priority against projects already identified.

The evaluation criteria have been developed and aligned with the key principles. It is acknowledged that some criteria can be categorised under multiple principles.

In undertaking project prioritisation, from a practical perspective, a multi-criteria assessment tool to enable objective evaluation against the criteria may be utilised.

The prioritisation criteria are generally focused on district, community, and local level provision. International, national and regional level facilities/spaces may be considered and would need to demonstrate:

- Consistency with regional or national strategies.
- Evaluation of existing or planned provision of similar facilities in surrounding local authority areas (to avoid duplication).
- A sound feasibility and business case indicating strong economic benefits for the district.
- A funding model that does not create unreasonable costs for ratepayers.

Table 1: Prioritisation Criteria

Principle	Prioritisation Criteria
Meeting an identified need	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The degree to which any existing or proposed facility matches the projected needs of the community within its core catchment area. In the case of facilities with wide utilisation (such as aquatics facilities) this involves consideration of all potential users from general recreational users through to organised sports codes.</li> <li>The degree of alignment a facility or proposed facility has with national, regional and district facility strategies.</li> <li>The degree to which demand exceeds supply (once all existing facilities are being run at an optimal operational level) and the facility or proposed facility can meet the identified gap.</li> <li>The needs identified can only be met through additional provision.</li> </ul>
Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The degree to which the existing or proposed facility is operationally sustainable (taking a whole of lifecycle approach which looks at operational and maintenance costs throughout a facility's life).</li> <li>The capability of potential facility providers to develop and operate facilities.</li> <li>The return on investment (capital and operational) that the facility can generate (measured in terms of community benefit).</li> <li>The potential benefit of a proposed facility in directly or indirectly contributing to the local, district or regional economy.</li> <li>The degree to which the facility minimises its impact on the environment and considers the potential impact on climate change and other environmental factors.</li> </ul>
Partnering and collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential for operational and/or capital partnerships between multiple stakeholders.</li> <li>The degree to which the process of developing a facility gives effect to the principles of partnership with manawhenua</li> <li>The community support for the facility is clearly demonstrated.</li> </ul>
Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The degree to which a facility or proposed facility compliments / optimises the existing or proposed facility network and builds on the district or regional strengths.</li> <li>The degree to which the duplication of facilities (from an international to a local level) is avoided.</li> <li>The potential for the facility to be co-located with complimentary facilities and / or contribute to / strengthen a community hub (either existing or planned).</li> </ul>
Future proofing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The ability of the facility or proposed facility to reflect international and national best practice in its location, design and subsequent operation.</li> <li>The capability of facilities to be adapted for different uses over time.</li> <li>Facility design and planning utilise universal design principles or re-use proven design models.</li> <li>The ability of the facility or proposed facility to progress the competitive sporting objectives of the region and wider New Zealand society.</li> </ul>
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment with wider strategic documents and plans such as those concerned with urban planning, infrastructure development, events strategies and transport networks.</li> <li>The contribution of the facility to a balanced network in terms of proximity to main population centres while considering access by more dispersed communities.</li> <li>The degree to which the facility provides for inclusive and equitable participation.</li> </ul>

## 6. Strategic Context



A number of key strategic documents were viewed in the development of this plan.

A summary review of key Council and other documents can be found in Appendix 1. Where appropriate, this information has been considered in the development of this plan.

The facility hierarchy, principles and criteria used in this report were adapted from and align to the Canterbury Regional Facilities Plan - 'Our Spaces'.

Selwyn District Council has a play Policy and this Plan will provide a more definitive direction on the support of Play in the district. A number of key play principles have been developed to guide the recommendations in this plan.

Figure 5 below describes the planning framework from a regional and district perspective. The following plans and strategies are of particular relevance to PARS:

- The Canterbury Spaces and Places Plan provides a regional context.

- The Operative Selwyn District Plan establishes the policies, objectives and rules that guides how activities can occur (Reserve Designations provide site specific rules and conditions).
- The strategic plans provide direction on decision making and investment for facilities and spaces.
- The Community Facilities Activity Management Plan brings together the required information to develop and underpin financial programmes.
- Reserve Management Plans set out the requirements to effectively manage and control reserve sites.
- Bylaws and policies provide the basis for regulating use and activities at an operational level.
- The Long Term Plan, Annual Plan and Infrastructure Strategy set out the financial programmes needed to support services and community infrastructure.



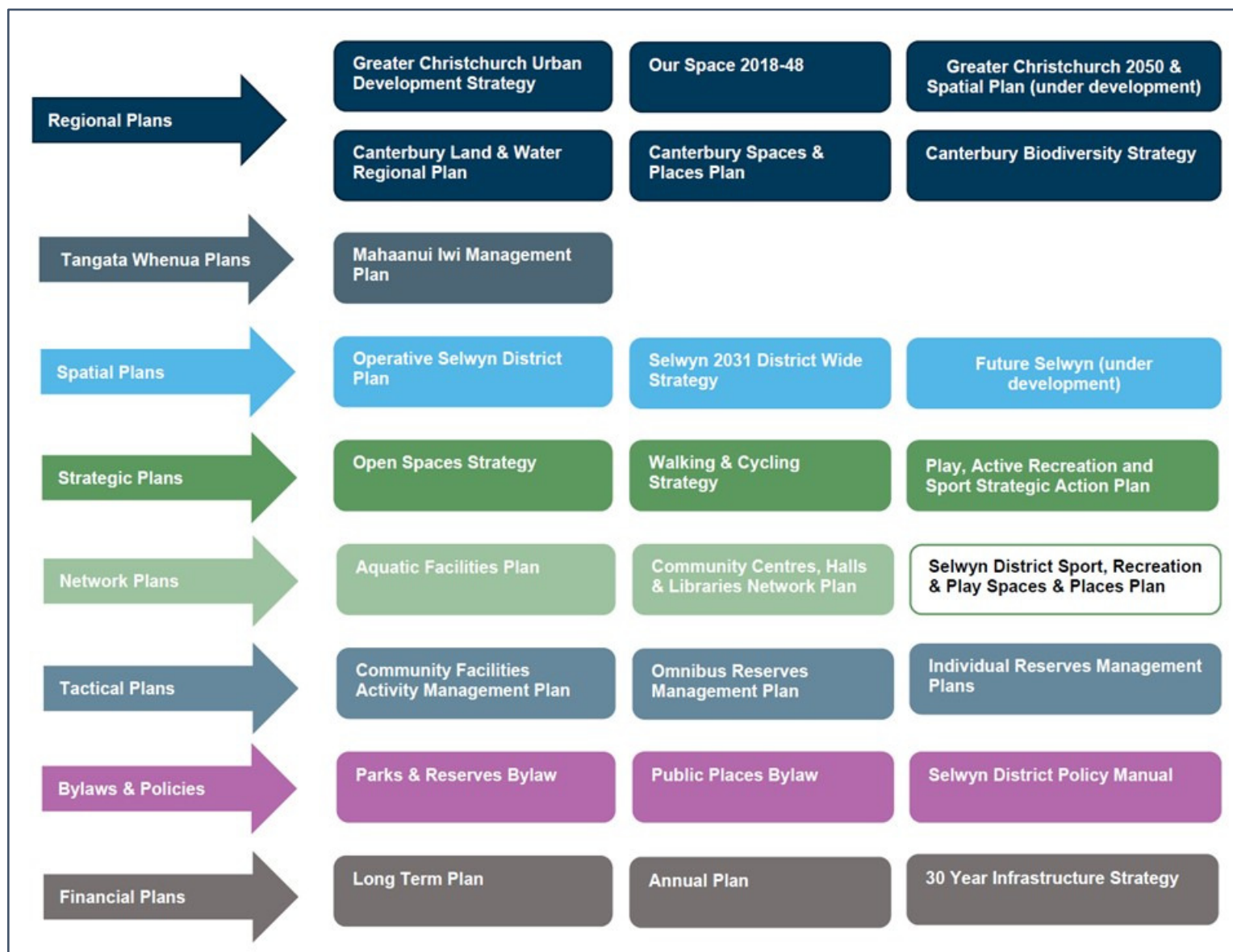


Figure 5: Planning Framework



## 7. Waikirikiri Selwyn District Demographics



This section provides a summary of the key population patterns of the District and an overview of any impacts these may have on the future provision of PARS facilities. Figures have been taken from data provided Council unless otherwise indicated.

### 7.1. Population Growth

The District has experienced significant growth in recent years. Between 2013 and 2018 the population grew by 35.8% or almost 16,000 people. This was the second largest percentage growth in the country during that period.

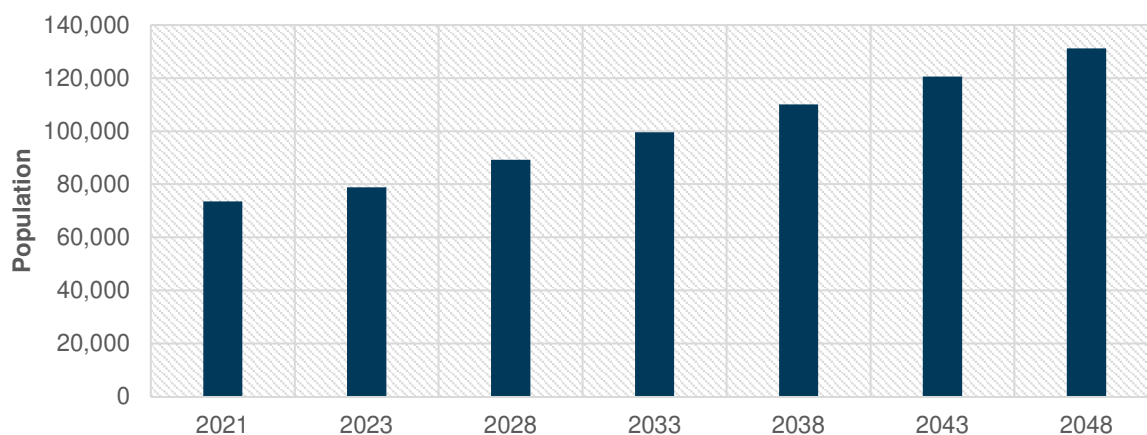


Figure 6: Waikirikiri Selwyn District Population Projections

Statistics New Zealand data shown in Figure 6 shows that the population will continue to grow with an expected increase from 73,600 in 2021 to 131,200 by 2048. This represents growth of 78% on the 2021 population.

It is expected that this growth in population will increase overall demand for PARS services and facilities throughout the District.

## 7.2. Population Distribution

Waikirikiriri Selwyn is a large (mainly rural) geographical district covering 6,381 km<sup>2</sup>. By comparison Napier City has a similar population but covers just 105 km<sup>2</sup>. Figure 2 shows a map of the District indicating the major towns and localities<sup>1</sup>.

Population projections for the rural population and townships indicate the following key points<sup>2</sup>:

1. Rolleston will continue to be the largest town in the District. Its population will reach nearly 35,000 by 2033.
2. Lincoln Township will surpass 13,000 residents by 2033.
3. Rolleston and Lincoln will account for nearly 50% of the District's population by 2033.

It is noted that there are currently 15 plan changes seeking re-zoning for residential development and a number have recently been approved. This additional supply of housing could potentially create a further 10,700 extra households above what is already provided for in the District Plan. It is unclear at this point if this will lead to a significant acceleration in population growth above projections in the short to medium term but, ultimately, it will create additional capacity demands from increased population especially in the eastern part of the District.

It should be noted that the District will continue to have a sizable rural population. The District's large geographical area and population distribution pattern present challenges for the provision of a network of facilities.

Careful consideration regarding the location and type of facilities throughout the District will be required to provide a sustainable network that is accessible to all and minimises the impact of travel as a barrier to participation.

## 7.3. Age Group Projections

Figure 7 shows the expected change in population age groups for the district through to 2030. The largest numbers will be in the 10 - 24 and 40 - 65 age groups but the biggest increases are expected in the 15 - 24 and 55+ age groups.

Particular emphasis should be made on the number, location and design of the types of facilities required to cater to these age groups.

As the number of school-age children increase, and schools are expanded or new ones built, there is likely to be opportunities to partner with schools in the provision of facilities that meet the needs of the school and wider community.

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Selwyn District Council

<sup>2</sup> Population projection graphs are included in Appendix 1 – Township Population Projections

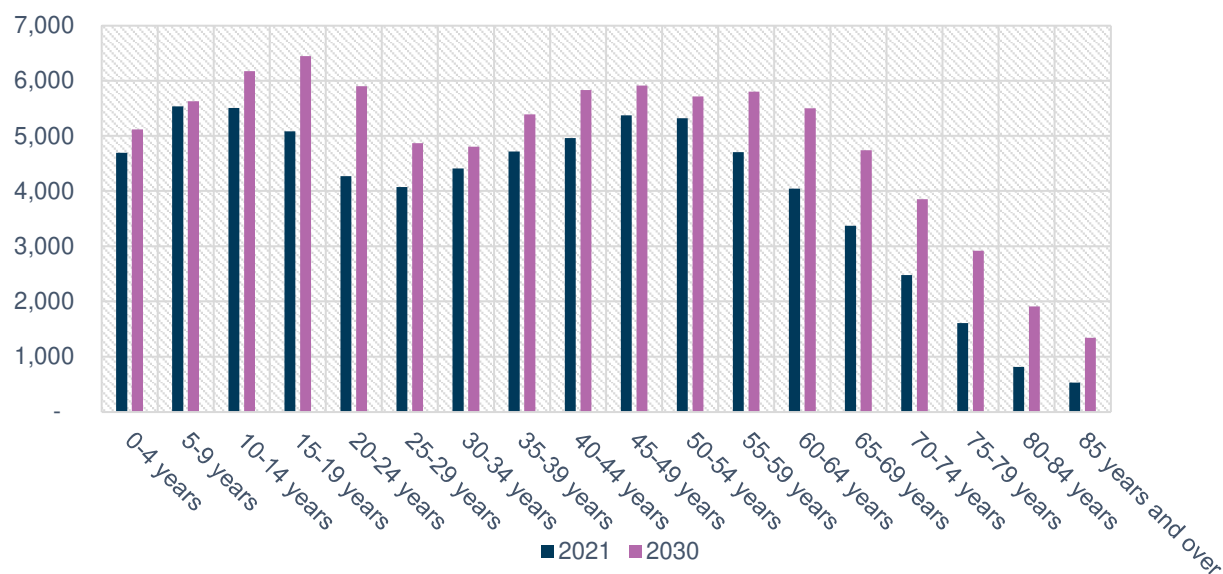
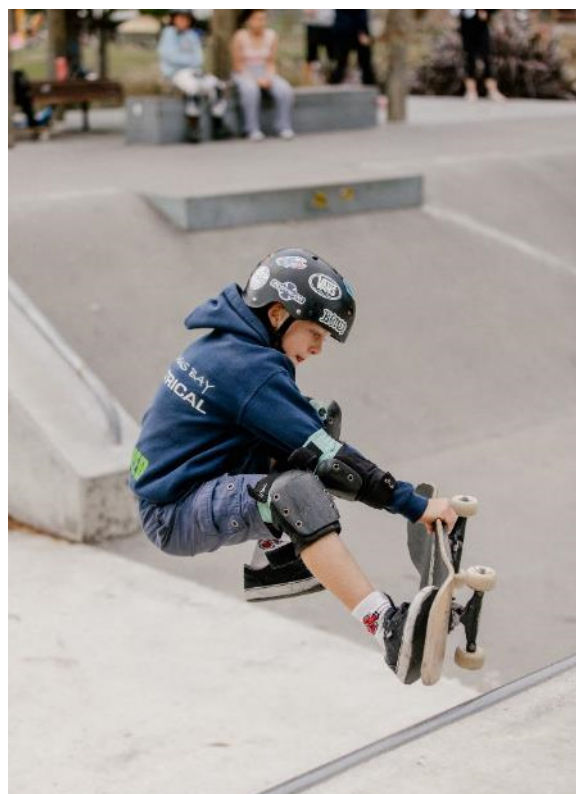


Figure 7: 2030 Selwyn District Age Group Projections

## 7.4. Ethnicity

The Selwyn District population is predominantly made up of those identifying as European and will continue to be through to 2038. Those identifying as European made up 91% of the population in 2018 and by 2038 the European proportion is expected to be 87%.



*When planning for the future use of PARS facilities, consideration should be given to the kinds of PARS activities that are sought after by the resident population of an area. An increasingly diverse population may expect a wider range of spaces and relevant activities.*

Between now and 2038, the proportion of people who identify as Māori and those who identify as Asian is expected to rise. In 2038, both ethnic groups are expected to account for 9% of the total population. As the ethnic make-up of the region changes, it is likely that the demand for activities preferred by these groups will change, and in some cases, this may necessitate the adaptation or re-purposing of existing facilities to meet these needs.

## 8. Participation

### 8.1. Regional Participation Trends

The Active New Zealand Survey (produced by Sport New Zealand in 2019) is a national survey that collects information on how people recreate. The survey is broken down into regions. Waikirikir Selwyn is included in the Canterbury region data, which also includes the West Coast.

#### *Young People (age 5-17)*

Table 2 shows the top 10 activities undertaken by young people in the Canterbury region in the seven days prior to the survey.

Activity	Percentage
Running, jogging or cross country	50%
Playing	39%
Swimming	35%
Playing on playground	35%
Cycling	35%
Games (e.g., four square, tag, bull rush)	32%
Scootering	27%
Trampoline	23%
Walking for fitness	21%
Football/ Soccer/ Futsal	17%

In the seven days prior to the survey:

- 80% participated in organised sport (PE Class, at school or training with a coach)
- 85% participated in an informal activity (e.g., playing on own or with family or friends)

Table 2: Canterbury Young People Top 10 Activities

Given the above, it is important to consider the provision of active informal recreation facilities in the same way that formal sports facilities are considered.

#### *Adults (age 18 +)*

Table 3 shows the top 10 activities undertaken by adults in the Canterbury region in the 12 months prior to the survey.

Activity	Percentage
Walking	85%
Gardening	51%
Running / Jogging	37%
Cycling	36%
Individual workout using equipment	35%
Swimming	34%
Playing games (e.g., with kids)	32%
Tramping	27%
Pilates/Yoga	19%
Fishing	15%

- 75% of adult Cantabrians are active (72% nationally)
- Cantabrians have higher rates than national averages in:
  - Cycling - 36% (30% nationally)
  - Snow sports - 12% (8% nationally)
  - Mountain biking - 10% (8% nationally)



Table 3: Canterbury Adults Top 10 Activities

Table 4 shows how respondents participated in the past 12 months. It shows that non-competitive sport or activities form a large part of the overall participation habits of Canterbury adult residents.

Method of Participation	Percentage
Competitive sport only	5%
Non-competitive sport or activities only	63%
Both competitive sport and non-competitive sport or activity	28%

Table 4: Participation by type for Canterbury Region

## 8.2. Participation Rates and Trends in District Clubs and Organisations

Table 5 and Table 6 show the level of district participation as well as recent growth in numbers for indoor and outdoor sports and recreation activities, as reported by sports in the survey responses received. In some cases, the numbers are for the local club that responded or where it is the only one in the district. In other cases, numbers are district-wide for multiple clubs.

Both tables are sorted from most to least numbers of participants and then by the percentage increase or decrease in numbers over the last three years.

Key:

Participation numbers	Size
250 + participants	Large
101 – 250 participants	Medium
0 -100 participants	Small

3 – year membership trend	Rating
11% + increase	Large increase
6-10% increase	Moderate increase
0-5 % increase	Small increase
No change	Stay the Same
Decrease	Decrease

Code/User	Participation (numbers)	3-year Trend (%)
Gymnastics	Large	Large increase
Basketball	Large	Large increase
Indoor Bowls	Medium	Stayed the same
Floorball	Small	Large increase
Roller sports	Small	Large increase
Selwyn Swimming Club	Small	Moderate increase
Malvern Squash Club	Small	Small increase
Badminton	Small	Stayed the same
Pickleball	No figures	Large increase
Table Tennis	No figures	Stayed the same
Water Polo Canterbury	No club	-

Table 5: Participation - Indoor Activities

Code/User	Participation (numbers)	3-year Trend (%)
Cricket	Large	Large increase
Football	Large	Large Increase
Touch	Large	Moderate increase
Golf	Large	Moderate increase
Rugby Union	Large	Small increase
Shooting	Large	Stayed the same
Tennis	Large	Stayed the same
Netball	Large	Stayed the same
Softball	Medium	Large increase
Hockey	Medium	Large increase
Ellesmere Motor Racing Club	Medium	Large increase
Lawn Bowls	Medium	Small increase
Selwyn Dog Training	Medium	Small increase
Athletics	Medium	Stayed the same
Archery	Small	Large increase
AFL	Small	Moderate increase
Rugby League	Small	Small increase
Waihora Pony Club	Small	Stayed the same
Ultimate	Small	-
Disc Golf	Small	-
Baseball	Small	Decrease
Canterbury Croquet	No local club	-

Table 6: Participation - Outdoor Activities

The activities that have large participation numbers that have experienced large increases in the past three years are:



Gymnastics



Cricket



Football



Basketball

Other sports that have large participation numbers are:

- Touch
- Shooting
- Golf
- Tennis
- Rugby Union
- Netball

Sports that have the largest participation numbers and the largest increases in recent years are more likely to require additional resources in coming years – particularly those that require specialised infrastructure such as indoor stadiums, pools, artificial turfs, courts and fields.

Membership data from a number of team and individual sports between 2012 and 2020 can be seen in **Error! Reference source not found..**

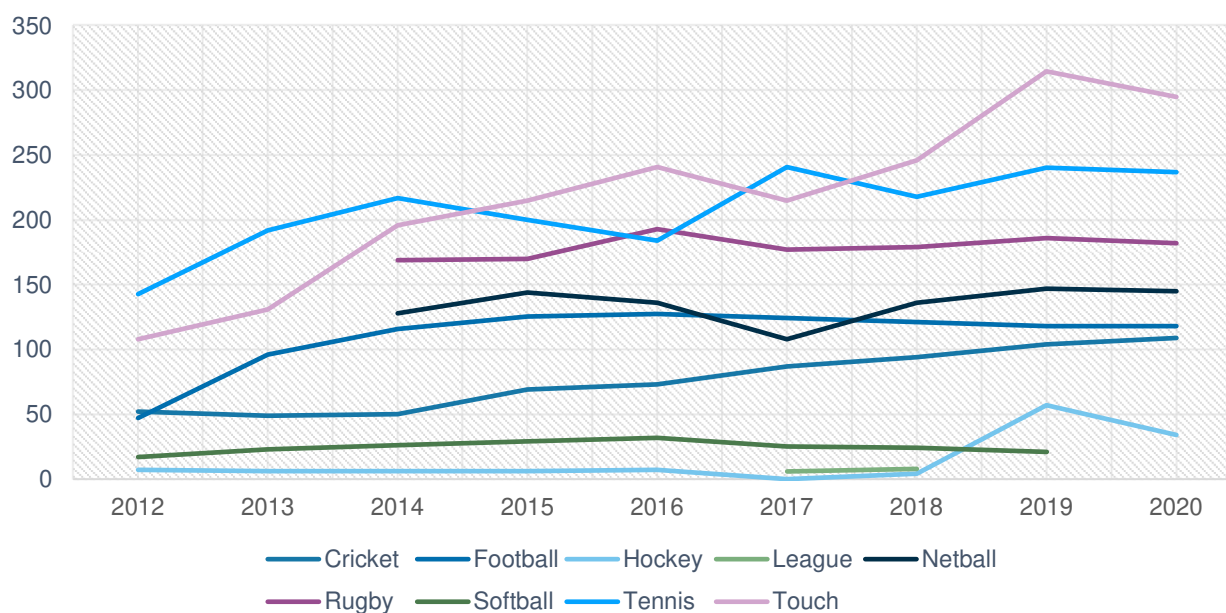


Figure 8: Selwyn District Team Sports Membership 2012 – 2020 (Teams)

Prior to the covid-affected 2020 season, the following can be seen that for the larger sports codes that drive the majority of need for sports grounds:

- Cricket team numbers more than doubled between the 2014/15 and 2020/2021 seasons.
- Rugby team numbers increased by 10% between 2014 and 2019 (169 to 186 teams).
- Football team numbers rose from 47 to 128 (270%) between 2012 and 2019.

It is expected that demand will continue to grow at similar rates in these codes post the Covid-19 pandemic as the population continues to grow.

Space and facilities to accommodate these (and other) sports will need to be planned for in key growth areas. However, a flexible approach in the use and allocation of grounds will ensure the ability to 'shift' supply to those sports that need it the most at the time.



## 9. Sector Challenges

The PARS sector also faces challenges that must be considered when delivering programmes or planning and operating facilities<sup>3</sup>.

- A change in preferences from organised traditional team sports to more individual and casual activities, as well as lower rates of participation in sports among women and girls.
- Membership retention - including a drop off in participation levels once younger participants reach secondary school age.
- Declining volunteerism - the availability of volunteers including referees, coaches, administrators.
- Accessibility to facilities: competition for space at peak times, or being 'bumped' by other users.
- Increase in popularity of 'minor' sports increasing demand for space to play e.g., the use of indoor sports courts by futsal, roller sports and pickleball.
- Striking a balance between the needs of rural populations and growing urban areas within the District.
- Centralisation of competitions and facilities can challenge the ability to deliver to local communities.
- Funding and operational sustainability - ability to fund maintenance of facilities and operations, including programmes, insurance and power costs.
- Affordability - Regional Sport Organisation (RSO) & National Sport Organisation (NSO) affiliation fees can affect affordability.
- Ongoing and reliable access to philanthropic and other grant funding and fundraising revenue – particularly class 4 gaming funding.
- Increasing facility compliance - Committees may no longer have the capacity or capability to manage community facilities or facilities may no longer be compliant.
- Ageing facilities: for example, halls that are too 'old and cold' to make play comfortable – particularly for older adults.
- Varied responsibility for management of public facilities (particularly community pools and sports surfaces) leading to inconsistent levels of service.
- Transition from community-managed to Council managed assets.
- Changing expectations and demands for enhanced services including paid staff, higher quality playing surfaces, indoor facilities, flood lighting for play and practice.
- Many active recreation and play activities do not have formalised representative organisations so do not have the same 'voice' in the sector to advocate for facility needs.
- In general, children have fewer opportunities for free play and are increasingly supervised, with many factors creating barriers or restricting access to the outdoors.

Existing facilities may no longer be fit for purpose to meet these challenges and some activities may not be currently catered for at all. A modern, flexible and adaptable network will ensure infrastructure is best placed to meet the future needs of residents. This may require new investment, redevelopment/re-purposing of existing facilities and possibly retirement of others that are at the end of their useful life. A clear evidence-based plan and prioritisation based on need will ensure investment in the right places to meet the future needs of the District.

<sup>3</sup> Identified via review of existing documents and stakeholder feedback.



## 10. Levels of Service and Benchmarking



Levels of Service and Benchmarks are indicators or measures of the level of provision of a service or facility. Benchmarks sometimes reflect existing national or international measures or can be defined through national strategies or plans. They are used to measure how well a service or asset is performing e.g., customer satisfaction or whether there are enough facilities for the given population e.g., hectares of land per 1000 people.

The benchmarks and levels of service identified in this section will be used in assessing demand and supply in later sections.

### 10.1. 2021-2031 LTP Levels of Service

Selwyn District Council uses several service level indicators relating to PARS. These are identified, reported and reviewed through the Long Term Plan process. A copy of relevant indicators can be found in Appendix 5: Council Levels of Service.

#### *Sports Clubs and User Group Annual Satisfaction Survey (2023)*

Council conducts an annual survey of Selwyn-based sports clubs and user groups as part of wider stakeholder engagement to gather feedback on the accessibility and quality of Council-owned sport and recreation facilities. While the focus of this survey is on the use and quality of outdoor facilities (e.g., sports fields, pitches, turfs, and courts), those surveyed were also asked to report their use of other types of facilities that are important to their operations (e.g., lighting, toilets, and changing rooms). In 2023, the survey was sent to 108 clubs and organisations from across the District. Overall, Council received 61 responses to this survey.

As part of this survey, participants were asked about the perceived availability of sports facilities to meet demand, the results of which are shown in Figure 9 below. It is evident that there is some concern that future demand will exceed current supply (facility provision), with nearly half

(47%) of all responses indicating some level of deficiency, either now or at some point in the foreseeable future.

There are, however, a number of potential options to help address many of the concerns raised regarding demand and supply, and this analysed further in the catchment demand and supply analysis in Section 13 below.

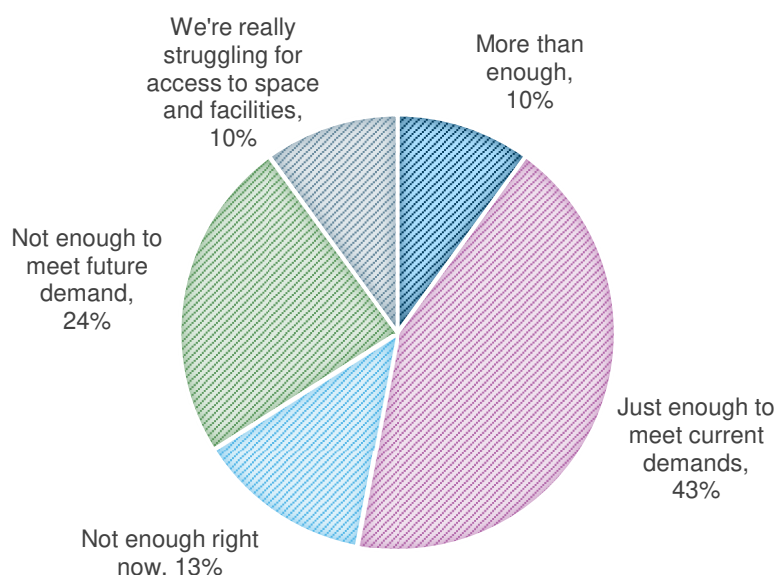


Figure 9: Results of 2023 Sports Clubs and User Group Annual Satisfaction Survey – "Do you believe that there are enough sports facilities available to your club to meet demand?"

Participants were also asked to indicate their level of satisfaction (on a 1-10 satisfaction scale) with the overall quality of facilities provided by Council. Results to this question are shown in Figure 10 below, with the majority (84%) of responses indicating they were 'satisfied' to 'very satisfied', with an average rating of 6/10.

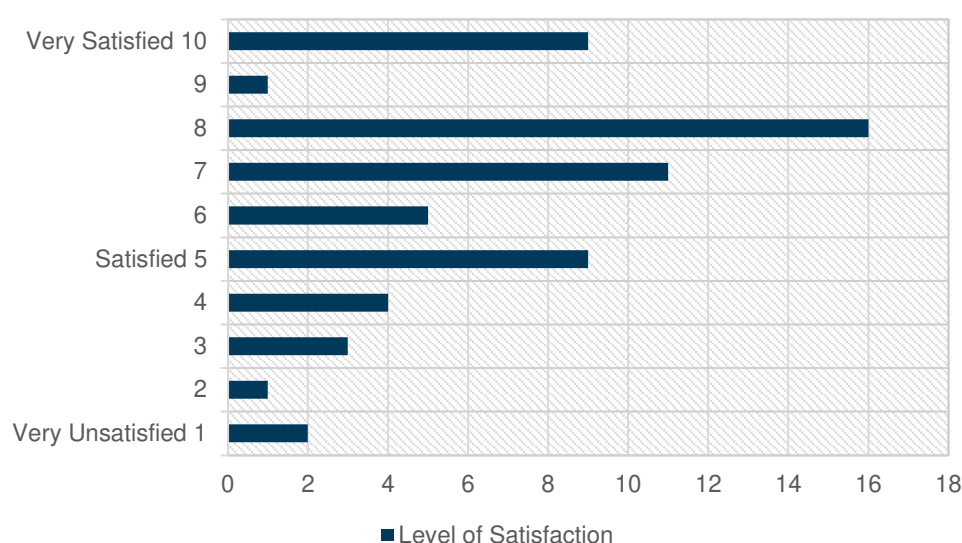


Figure 10: Results of 2023 Sports Clubs and User Group Annual Satisfaction Survey – "How satisfied are you with the overall quality of the sports field, facility or court that is provided by Council?"

## 10.2. National Parks and Open Space Benchmarking

Recreation Aotearoa developed the 'National New Zealand Park Categories and Levels of Service' document in 2011. It presented a set of categories for parks and target levels of service and provision at the national level.

Current provision by participating Councils across the country is collated on an annual basis and presented through a database called 'Yardstick'. Councils are then able to compare their own provision against national averages. The national benchmark for the provision of sports parks, parklands and neighbourhood parks are shown in Table 7.

Park Category	National Benchmark (Ha/1000 residents)
Neighbourhood	1.0 - 1.75
Parkland	5.0 - 15.0
Sports Parks	1.5 - 3.0

Table 7: National Benchmarking for Open Space

## 10.3. Aquatic Facility and Indoor Court National Benchmarking

Benchmarking provision figures for aquatic facilities and indoor courts were established at a national level during the development of the National Aquatic Facilities Plan and the National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports in 2013.<sup>4</sup>

The national benchmarks for facility provision for indoor courts and aquatic facilities from the two strategies are shown in Table 8 below.

Facility	National Benchmark
Aquatic Facilities	60 people / m <sup>2</sup> of pool space <sup>5</sup>
	Percentage of indoor vs outdoor pool space
Indoor Courts	One court per 9,000 residents (Council and accessible community courts – excludes school courts)

Table 8: National Benchmarking for Aquatic Space and Indoor Courts

<sup>4</sup> These strategies are due to be reviewed in 2022, which may impact on future standards.

<sup>5</sup> Considers pool 'tanks' only – not leisure or other aquatic space



# 11. The Existing Facility Network



This section describes the existing facility network across Waikirikiri Selwyn as at the time of preparing this plan.

The data for this plan has been compiled from the Sport New Zealand Inventory Tool, survey data, Council documents and staff input. A detailed inventory of Council facilities is provided in Appendix 4.

It is acknowledged that there will be other PARS facilities across the district that have not been captured in the current data. The Sport New Zealand online inventory tool data for the District is incomplete and should be updated with current information from this plan.

At the time of preparing this plan, Council was in the process of re-integrating a number of Council-owned facilities that had previously been managed by community groups into Council management (for example, Management Committees or Domain Boards). Data collection on those facilities was in progress. That work and other data capture will improve the accuracy

of the data on existing facilities in the District.

## 11.1. Waikirikiri Selwyn Network

### *Overview*

The Council manages a number of key PARS assets. These are summarised in Figure 11 below. For a full list of assets refer to Appendix 2.

### *Regional Facilities*

Foster Park, the Selwyn Sports Centre, Lincoln Events Centre and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre are key facilities in the network. They are a sign of the significant investment in sport, recreation and play assets that Council has made in recent years, and they perform a significant role at a local, district and regional level.

The Council also leases land and works with other organisations such as Environment Canterbury (Ecan) and sports clubs to provide PARS facilities for the community.



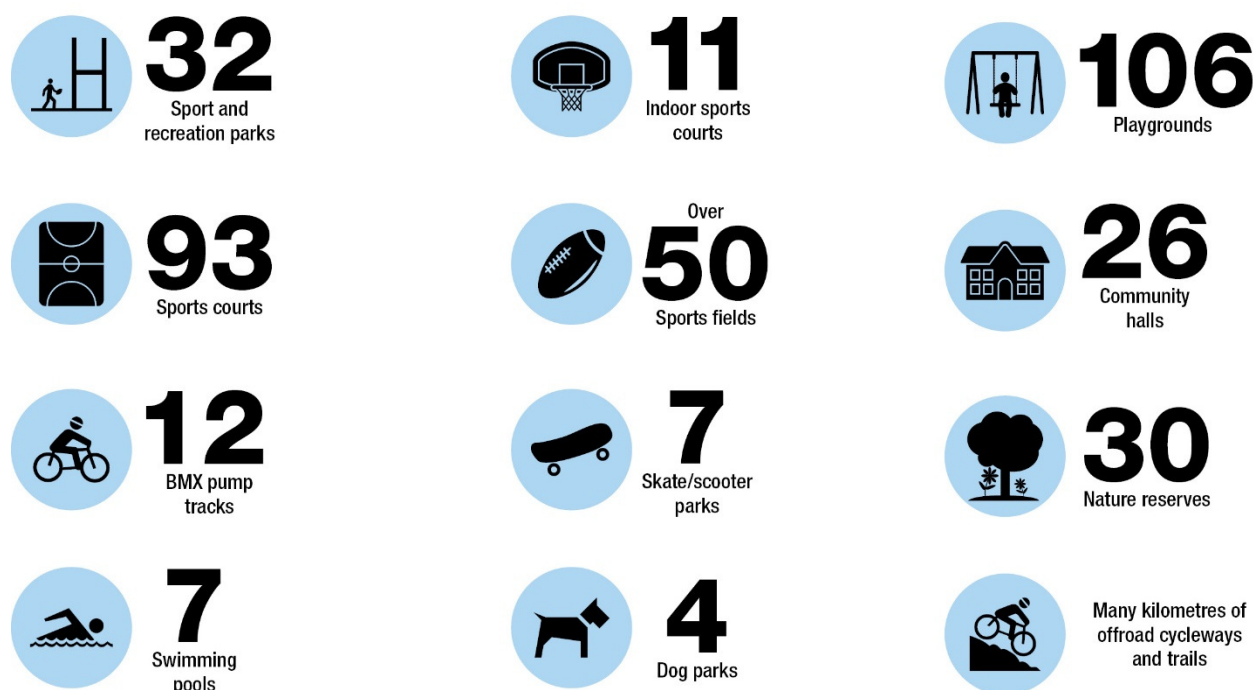


Figure 11: Key PARS facilities and spaces managed by Council

### Network Condition

As the population has grown, the Council has invested in new facilities and upgraded existing facilities to meet the increased demand.

Condition assessment reports for most asset types have been completed as part of preparing the 2021-31 LTP. The condition of assets varies across the region and between facilities of similar type. Condition reports are used to develop plans for prioritising and programming the repair, renewal and upgrading of assets as needed to continue to meet the agreed levels of service.

Condition assessment reports and asset renewal programme information will be used throughout this report to identify need and future investment priorities.

Condition report summaries for Council facilities can be found in Appendix 3 - Condition Assessments.

### 11.2. Provision in Neighbouring Districts

Provision in neighbouring districts is an important consideration when looking at the network of facilities in Selwyn. This is particularly true for:

- Specialised facilities, such as hockey turfs and the Christchurch Adventure Park.
- Regional and higher-level facilities, such as the Ngā Puna Wai Athletics track, the Parakiore (Metro Sports Facility), and the Christchurch Multi-use Arena.
- Facilities near the Selwyn boundary, such as the Hornby Recreation and Sport Centre and the EA Network Centre in Ashburton.

### 11.3. Education

#### *Schools*

A number of school facilities (such as pools and halls) are shared between schools and the community providing a further resource for community access. However, there are unique issues and challenges to overcome when securing public access to school facilities, and as a result, many schools do not have access arrangements in place for the wider community. Access may not be guaranteed as more schools are built in partnership with private developers.

With the growing population in Waikirikir Selwyn, there may be opportunities to partner more effectively with current and future schools to provide local communities with access to facilities.

#### *Lincoln University*

Lincoln University is located in Lincoln township, with an enrolment of around 2,700 – 3,000 students. The university provides recreation and sport grounds, facilities and services to students and staff including:

- 3 full-size rugby grounds
- Sports hall
- 3 cricket fields
- 1 training field
- Change / meeting room facility
- Indoor cricket training facility

An upgrade of the Sport and Recreation Centre (Whare Hākinakina) was undertaken in 2020/21 and the centre now includes:

- RPM room
- Yoga room
- Squash courts
- Nutrition-focused retail outlet
- All-weather multi-code artificial turf
- Massage and physiotherapy services
- Indoor training track
- Cycling studio
- Bouldering wall
- Sport science living lab
- Multi-purpose training spaces

The University also has the capacity to accommodate sports training camps and events utilising University facilities and student accommodation on site (outside term use). The Bert Sutcliffe cricket oval is also located on University grounds and New Zealand Cricket have their high performance training facilities adjacent to the oval.

The recent development of a campus Master Plan includes a goal to open up the campus for improved connectivity with the wider community through access and use. This may become increasingly important as Lincoln Township continues to grow.

Discussions with Lincoln University staff indicate a willingness to work with Council to increase general public access to existing University facilities and to investigate development of new facilities in partnership, such as the development of an aquatic facility.

### 11.4. Private Providers

There are numerous private providers throughout the District that play an important role in meeting demand and providing opportunities for people to participate including:

- YMCA
- Churches
- Cycle and horse touring and trekking
- Swim schools
- Martial arts
- Fitness centres and gyms
- Gymnastics facilities
- Ski fields
- Lakes for water sports

### 11.5. Natural Spaces and Places

The district also includes many natural areas such as lakes and rivers, native and exotic forests and the Arthurs Pass National Park, which provide excellent opportunities for skiing, water sports, fishing, mountain biking, tramping and many other outdoor physical activities for residents and visitors.

### 11.6. Code-specific Regional Facility Plans

A number of regional sport and recreation bodies in the Canterbury Region have developed regional facilities plans that consider provision on a regional level. These can be useful in understanding aspirations and determining demand for specific codes.

To prevent duplication or oversupply, a regional approach should be used when considering the development of code-specific facilities in the District.





# 12. Current Planned Investment



Table 9 shows Selwyn District Council’s planned investment in PARS infrastructure as signalled in its 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

This shows a significant upcoming investment in new facilities and park land as well as improvements, renewals and upgrades to existing facilities. Further work is required to determine the exact scope and scale of some investments, such as the new gymnastics facility.

## Selwyn District Park

Of particular note is the development of a new ‘District Park’ in the eastern outskirts of Rolleston Township. Council has purchased approximately 100ha of land with the intention of developing it to accommodate the needs of the District’s growing population. The park is still in the early planning stages, but it will be a significant open space asset for the region, with the potential to provide space for both recreation and formal sport.

Project	Description	Date	Indicative Cost
District Park Development	100ha reserve on eastern side of Rolleston will accommodate a range of sports, recreation and community activities.	Planning 2023/24 Development from 2024/25	\$18.1m
Kakaha Park Development (Stage 2)	Further sports fields, walking trails and natural areas.	From 2023/24	\$2.7m
Prebbleton Community Centre	Community centre to cater for a variety of community, leisure and recreation uses.	2025/26	\$6.3m
New Neighbourhood Reserves	Includes playgrounds and space for recreation.	2021-30	\$6m



Project	Description	Date	Indicative Cost
Malvern Aquatic Facility	Provision for an aquatic facility in Malvern pending further needs and feasibility assessment.	2030-31	\$5m
Lincoln Sports Park Extension	Includes development of additional playing fields.	Planning 2023/24 Development from 2024/25	\$4.7m
Leeston Library and Community Centre	900m <sup>2</sup> community facility that may include recreation space subject to completion of planning and demand analysis.	2023-25	\$4.56m
Rolleston Reserve Development	Approx.4ha for recreation and community use, including youth park and sensory garden	from 2023-24	\$4.2m
Township Reserves and Streetscape Maintenance and Renewal Programmes	Playground renewals.	from 2023/30	\$2.3m
	Playground safety surface replacement.	from 2023/30	\$2.4m
	Other assets renewal (park furniture, courts and paths).	from 2023/30	\$0.1m
Recreation Reserves Development	West Melton Reserve development and courts relocation.	from 2023-24	\$1.36m
	Leeston Park development including sports lighting and new change rooms.	from 2023/24	\$1.63m
	Southbridge Park development.	from 2024-27	\$0.68m
Foster Park	Development of a youth park.	2023/24	\$0.89m
Sports Ground Upgrades	Various lighting, irrigation, and sports field upgrades.	2023-30	\$1.25m
Improving Public Toilet Facilities	Many toilet facilities at parks and reserves used by sports players and spectators. Mixture of upgrades, renewing and new toilet facilities.	from 2023-30	\$1.84m

Table 9: 2021-2031 LTP PARS Infrastructure Investment



## 13. Demand and Supply overview

A picture of current and future demand and supply can be provided using the available benchmarks, current provision, expected growth in population and participation, and planned investment identified in the previous sections. Data gathered through sports club and user group surveys also provide greater detail on the growth and demand for specific sports codes or activities (see section 10.1 above).

### 13.1. Open Space

#### *Benchmarking*

Table 10 shows the National Benchmark target (where identified), national median, and current Council provision for the level of provision of sports parks, overall parkland, neighbourhood parks and playgrounds.

Open Space	National Benchmark	National Median	Target provision	Current Council Provision
Sports Parks (ha/1000 residents)	1.5 - 3.0	2.7	3.0	3.34
Parkland (ha/1000 residents)	5.0 - 15.0	18.1	-	10.3
Neighbourhood parks (ha/1000 residents)	1.0 - 1.75	-	1.2	2.02
Playgrounds (number per 1,000 children)	-	4.2	≥4	6.3

*Table 10: Open Space Benchmarks and current Council provision*

#### *Sports Parks*

On first inspection, Table 10 indicates that the District's sports park provision is above the national benchmark, national median and its own target for hectares per 1000 population. However, more detail is revealed when provision is broken down into catchment areas.

It is acknowledged that, in some catchments which are close to neighbouring TLA boundaries, there will be a degree of cross-boundary utilisation of sports space in both directions. This is certainly known to be the case, particularly in Prebbleton, where some clubs, such as Prebbleton Football, have around 30% membership from outside the District. However, Prebbleton residents do also join Halswell Football Club, which is located in Christchurch City. Overall, it is considered that when this does occur, the cross-boundary movement will have a neutral effect on capacity requirements unless some specific factors are identified.

#### Lincoln/Prebbleton/Broadfield/ Springston Catchment

The dark blue line in Figure 12 below shows that this catchment is currently under supplied for sports parks and will continue to be so based on projected population growth and current park investment timing through to 2027/28.

Should Council wish to reach its target ratio earlier, it could:

- Bring forward the development of Kakaha Park (stage 2) to 2024/25; and,
- Bring forward the completion of the Lincoln Reserve extension for completion by 2026/27.

The blue dotted line shows the impact on the target ratio if this scenario is adopted.

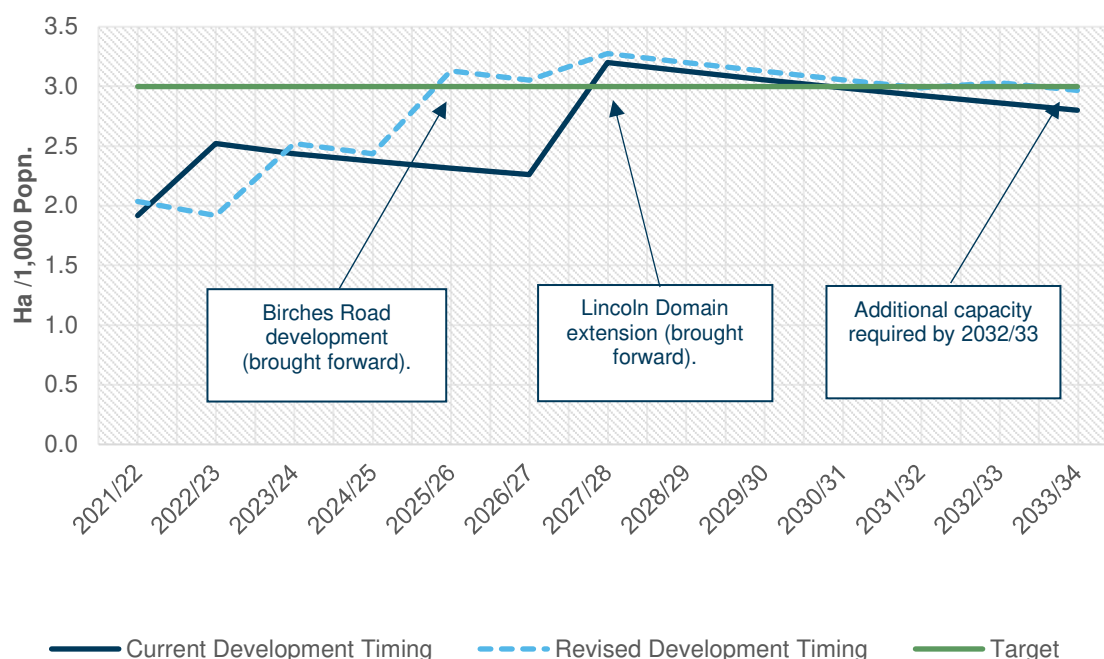


Figure 12: Lincoln/Prebbleton/Broadfield/Springston Catchment Sports Park Provision - Ha/1000 population

Additional sports park provision in this catchment may also be required by 2032/33 to meet projected demand as the population grows. Capacity could be met by developing the additional land acquired adjacent to Broadfield Reserve or acquiring additional land.

### Rolleston/West Melton/Weedons Catchment

The purple line in Figure 13 below shows that this catchment is also currently under supplied and will continue to be so based on projected population growth and current park investment timing through to at least 2033/34.

The levels in this catchment are current low but this situation is expected to be relieved somewhat by the completion of the hockey and football artificial turfs, as well as additional planned facilities for cricket (such as planned utilisation of Highgate Park).

To bring the ratio closer to the target of 3.0 Ha/1000 population as soon as possible, Council could:

- Bring forward the development of the District Park (Large Scale Park) Stage 1 development to commence from 2024/25.
- Increase the area of the District Park to be developed in Stage 1 from 20 to 30 Ha.
- Realign existing budget set aside for development of a Master Plan for the District Park to reflect the revised development timing above.

The blue dotted line shows the impact on the target ratio if this scenario is adopted. Further sports parks provision in this catchment will also be needed by 2032/33 to meet need as the population continues to grow. Capacity could be met by bringing forward development already planned or acquiring additional land.

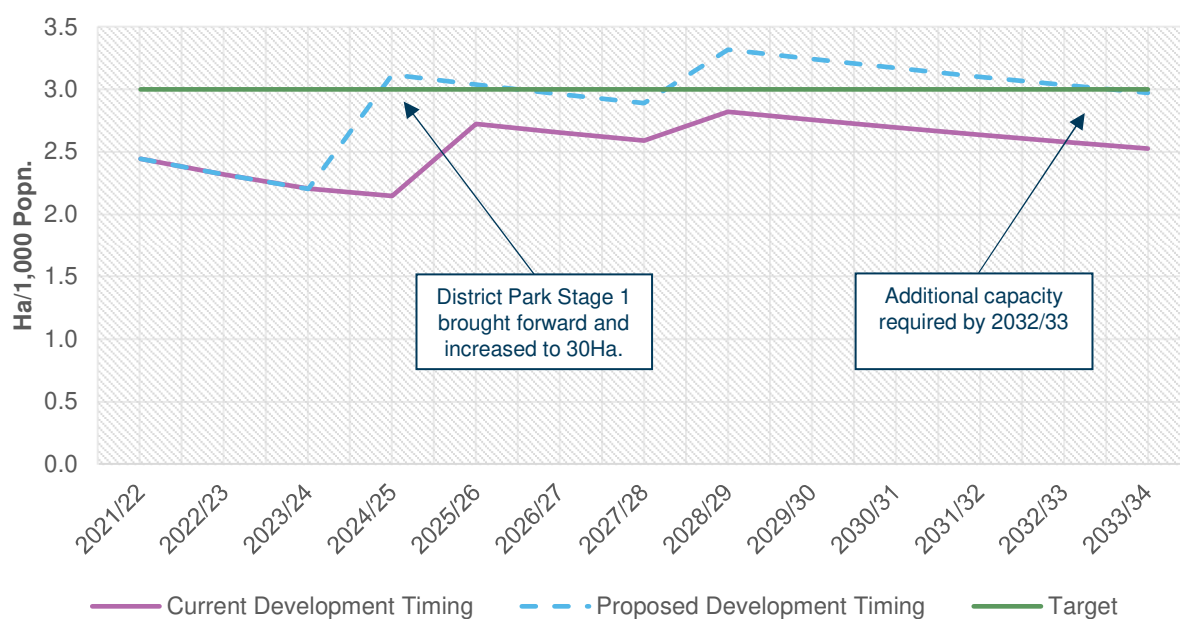


Figure 13: Rolleston/West Melton/Weedons Catchment Sports Park Provision - Ha/1000 population

#### Darfield/Kirwee & Leeston/Southbridge/Doyleston Catchments.

Figure 14 indicates that overall provision in these catchments is currently sufficient to meet demand through to at least 2033/34, noting that there is already spare capacity at both Darfield and Kirwee Reserve.

Provision levels in the Leeston/Southbridge/Doyleston catchment should be monitored as the growth in this area occurs.

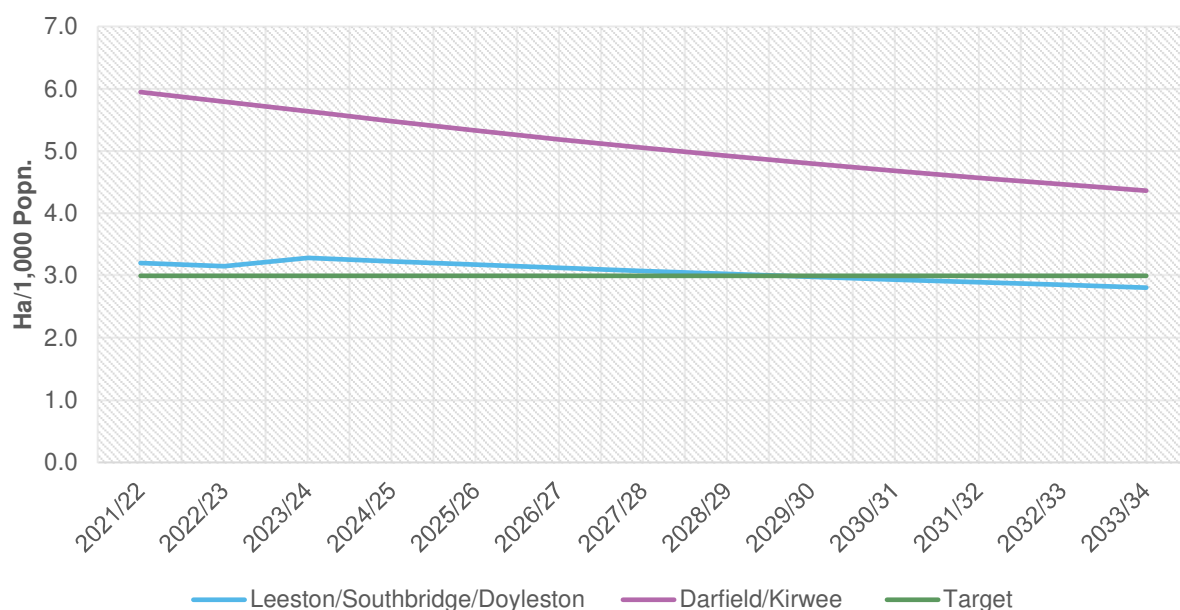


Figure 14: Darfield/Kirwee & Leeston/Southbridge/Doyleston Catchments



### Revised Development Timing for Sports Parks Required to Meet Growth Projections

The initial development programme for sports parks included in the 2021-31 LTP was based on the Growth Model and demand information available at that time. Growth has occurred above these projections over the last two years and therefore revised population forecasts (Stats NZ Population Projections 2021) have been used to model sports park development requirements. This is shown in Figure 15 below for the eastern area of Selwyn.

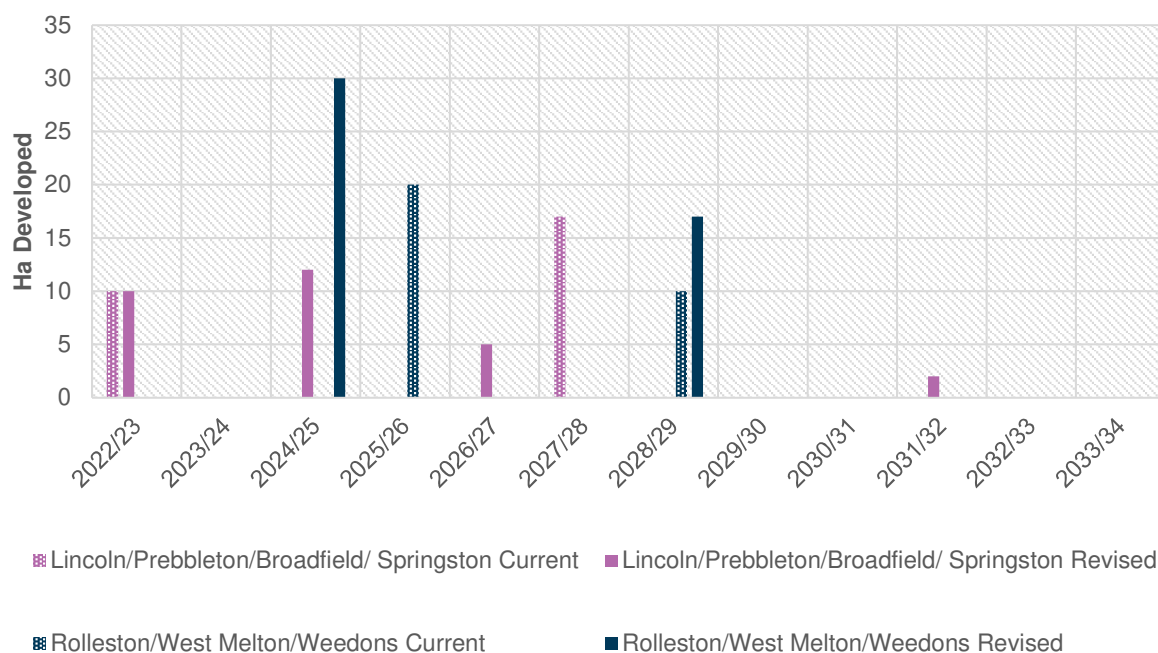


Figure 15: Eastern Selwyn sports park development requirements

### *Parkland*

Parkland covers all public open space areas provided by the Council (overall open space provision available for recreation). Table 10 above shows Council currently provides 10.3 hectares of parkland per 1000 population. This is within the National benchmark of 5-15 Ha/1000 population, but is well below the national benchmark median level of 18.1 hectares per 1000.

This is reflective of the lack of larger tracts of open space wilderness or natural landscape areas in Waikirikiri Selwyn that are prevalent in many other Council areas. However, overall provision of parkland in Waikirkiri Selwyn is supplemented by other providers, notably:

- Department of Conservation (Arthurs Pass National Park, Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park, Craigieburn Forest Park).
- Environment Canterbury (Waimakariri Regional Park).
- Christchurch City Council (Port Hills Reserves).

Because these organisations help to service the District's residents' sport and recreational needs, it is critical that close working relationships are maintained and that the Council works co-operatively to provide opportunities for participation in activities that cannot be provided on Council-owned land.

The opportunity to provide natural areas within the new District Park should be considered through the development of the master plan.

### *Neighbourhood Parks and Playgrounds*

Table 10 above shows that there is currently just over 2 hectares of neighbourhood parks per 1000 residents when measured across the District. This is above the national benchmark range of 1.00-1.75 ha per 1000 population and is above the target level of 1.2 ha per 1,000 population. At the township level however, there are differences in provision level with some indicating a deficit in neighbourhood reserve space, although most of these townships tend to be smaller population centres (Doyleston, Kirwee, Springston, Southbridge and Tai tapu) and are also serviced by a large Park or Reserve that helps to meet this function.

Council also uses a distribution target for neighbourhood parks to ensure that residents have close access to these spaces (easy walking distance). The current target level of service is 500 metres, which is adequate for the current level of density. However, the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021 allows for greater urban intensification. As a result, the current distribution target may need to be revised in response to higher density developments.

The District has a high level of playground provision compared with the median provision level extracted from Yardstick benchmarking. This is reflective of the recent significant expansion in residential development and need to provide play opportunities for the many families moving into the District.

The benchmark figure, however, does not account for the size, type, quality or location of the parks and playgrounds, which are important when considering overall provision. For example, some 'local' or 'neighbourhood' level playgrounds in rural areas are the only playgrounds servicing a large rural catchment and previous reports have recommended some to be upgraded to 'community' level facilities.

## 13.2. Aquatic Facilities

### *Benchmarking*

Table 11 below shows the national benchmark for aquatic facility provision, the current provision in Waikirikiri Selwyn, and the anticipated need in 2030 against the predicted population growth.

Benchmark	Current Requirement	Current Selwyn Provision	Anticipated need
60 people / m2 of pool space <sup>6</sup>	1,226m2 of pool space (current population of 73,600 / 60)  <b>= 2.5 standard pools.</b>	<u>SAC:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 2.25 standard pools<sup>7</sup></li> </ul> <u>Darfield:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 0.25 standard pools</li> </ul> <u>Leeston</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 0.1 standard pool</li> </ul> <u>Sheffield Pool</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 0.1 standard pools</li> </ul> <u>Southbridge</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approx. 0.2 standard pools</li> </ul>	2033 projected population of 98,900 / 60 = 1,648 m2 or ~ <b>3 standard pools.</b>  2048 projected population of 129,200 / 60 = 2153 m2 or ~ <b>4 standard pools.</b>

<sup>6</sup> Considers pool 'tanks' (lane pools) only – not leisure or other aquatic space

<sup>7</sup> Includes new (2021) 25m 10-lane pool.

Benchmark	Current Requirement	Current Selwyn Provision	Anticipated need
		<b>Total current provision of approximately 2.9 standard pools.</b>	
Percentage of indoor vs outdoor pool space	Canterbury average: 19% outdoor	Selwyn: 43% outdoor	

Table 11: National Benchmarking for Aquatic Facility Space

The table shows that according to national benchmarking:

- Approximately 2.9 ‘standard pools’ are currently provided by Council. Slightly above the national benchmark of 2.5 ‘standard pools’<sup>8</sup> required to meet current demand.
- By 2033, three ‘standard pools’ will be required to meet demand, and by 2048, four standard pools.
- Selwyn has a high percentage of outdoor pool space (43%) when compared to the Canterbury average (19%).

#### *Aquatic Facilities Plan (2017) and Demand Analysis Study for Aquatic Facilities (2021)*

The application of national benchmarks is only a broad comparison on a national basis and are to be used as a guide only. Council has an existing Aquatic Facilities Plan (2017) and has also completed a Demand Analysis Study for Aquatic Facilities in 2021.

Key facility recommendations from the two reports were:

- The expansion of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre (completed 2021)
- To undertake a feasibility study (including site and options analysis) to improve aquatic facility provision in Darfield and for the wider Malvern area.
- Developing an enhanced ‘core network’ of ‘sub district’ community pools to include Southbridge, Darfield, and SAC.
- Planning for the closure of community pools where the local community is unwilling or evidently unable to operate these facilities
- Completing improvements to pool facilities to achieve ‘PoolSafe’ accreditation.

National benchmarking indicates that the District has a higher-than-average percentage of outdoor pool space than the national average and the rest of the Canterbury district. This indicates that additional indoor pool space is required. This should be considered in the long-term development of a facility in the Malvern area as currently planned for in 2030/31. An opportunity also exists to consider a combined aquatic and community centre facility.

#### *Selwyn Aquatic Centre Usage.*

Figure 16 shows the attendance figures for the Selwyn Aquatic Centre for the last 3 years. Attendances pre Covid-19 averaged around 35,000 per month. Post the August 2021 lockdown, attendances have been climbing but are still variable. The ongoing effects of the pandemic make it difficult to make inferences on the impact of the opening of the new 25m pool in June 2021 or general trends in attendance.

<sup>8</sup> A ‘standard’ pool is one 8-lane 25m pool (500m2) open year-round.

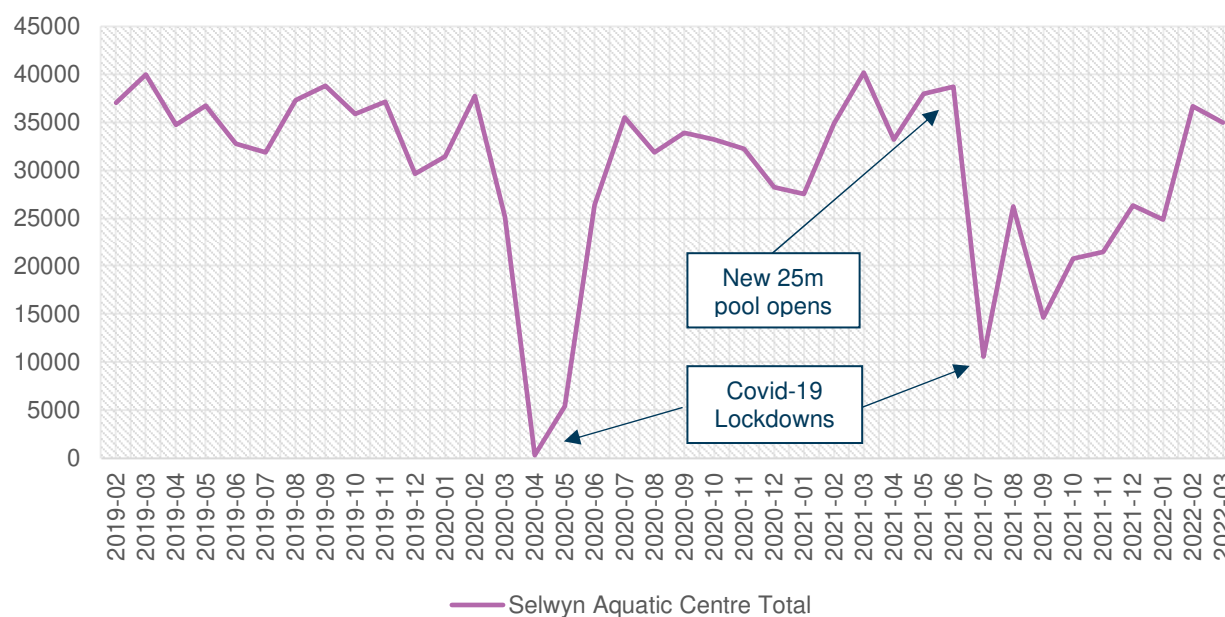


Figure 16: Selwyn Aquatic Centre Attendances 2019-2022

### 13.3. Indoor Courts

#### Benchmarking

Benchmarking provision figures for indoor court facilities at a national level were established during the development of the National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports in 2013.<sup>9</sup>

Table 12 shows the national benchmark for indoor court provision, the current provision in Waikirikiri Selwyn, and the anticipated need in 2033 against the predicted population growth.

Benchmark	Current Requirement	Current Selwyn Provision	Anticipated need
One court per 9,000 people <sup>10</sup> .	Current population of 73,600 / 9000 = 8 indoor courts.	SSC, LEC, West Melton <sup>11</sup> Total: 10 courts.	2033 projected population of 98,900 / 9,000 = 10-12 courts.

Table 12: National Benchmarking for Indoor Courts

The table shows that according to national benchmarking:

- Approximately eight indoor courts are needed to meet current demand, with ten courts currently available.
- Access to between one and two additional indoor courts may be required by 2033 to meet anticipated demand (noting that the current review of the National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports may alter indoor court requirements).

<sup>9</sup> The National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports is due to be reviewed in 2022.

<sup>10</sup> Council and 'full-size' accessible community courts only.

<sup>11</sup> The indoor court at Rolleston has not been included as this is likely to be repurposed for other community use.



### Facility Usage and Capacity.

Figure 17 shows 'door count' (attendance) numbers for the 4 main indoor community sport and recreation facilities over the past 3 years.

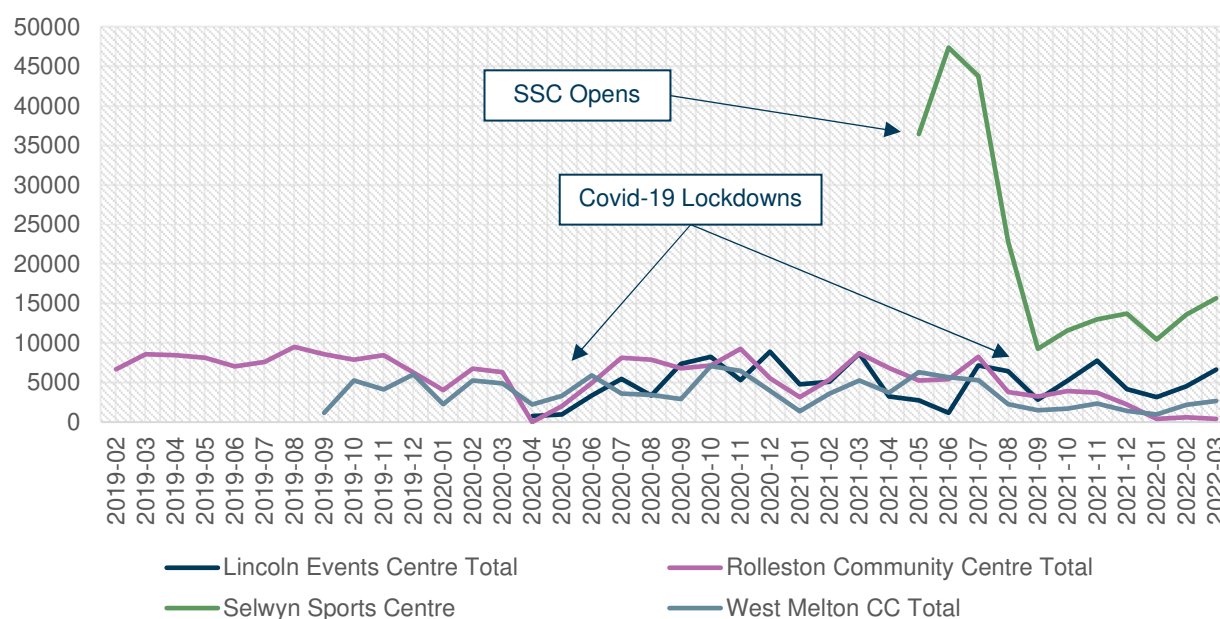


Figure 17: Indoor Court Facility Attendance Figures

Of particular note:

- Covid-19 lockdowns negatively affected attendances – particularly in April 2020.
- Attendances at the Lincoln Events Centre, Rolleston Community Centre and West Melton Community Centre average around 5,000 per month.
- Attendance figures for the Selwyn Sports Centre peaked at around 47,000 visits per month<sup>12</sup> immediately following opening in June 2021. However, the August lockdown occurred shortly after, and numbers fell significantly. The effect of ongoing Covid-19 restrictions accounts for the lower numbers post lockdown with summer usage generally being lower than winter overall. Netball and Basketball usage will see numbers rise sharply during term 2 and 3.
- Attendance numbers at the Rolleston and West Melton Community Centres since the opening of the Selwyn Sports Centre (SSC) do appear to be lower than in the same period in previous years. This may suggest that some activity moved to the Selwyn Sports Centre when it opened and there may now be spare capacity at these centres.

Analysis of typical bookings for the Selwyn Sports Centre<sup>13</sup> shows:

- Higher bookings in winter (Term 2) than in summer (Term 1).
- Spare capacity for additional use during peak times (3-10pm during the week and 9-5pm weekends) in summer but limited capacity for additional use during peak times in winter.
- Selwyn Netball use all 8 courts from 8am – 4pm on Saturdays.

<sup>12</sup> This does not include attendance at the open day (4,000) but may also include general visitors to the new facility.

<sup>13</sup> See Appendix 6

### *General Comments*

When interpreting these figures, the following should be considered:

- The extraordinary population growth in the district
- The overall younger age profile of the district and the potential for additional demand for indoor court space.
- The strong trend of moving traditionally 'outdoor' sports such as netball indoors.
- Netball's preferred centralisation model for matches.
- The growth of basketball nationally and locally and the potential latent demand for senior teams in Selwyn (Selwyn Hawks Basketball Club currently only offer junior play).
- The rise of minor indoor sports such as pickleball and roller sports.
- The Selwyn Sports Centre (SSC) is still relatively new, and processes and efficiencies in space allocation are still being worked through (in light of feedback received from some sports that they cannot access the SSC at their preferred times).

A number of actions (see section 15) should be undertaken to ensure an efficient and effective indoor court network, including to develop a district-wide indoor court strategy (preferably following finalisation of the updated National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports).



## 14. Issues and Opportunities

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During the development of this plan, sporting codes, schools, play organisations and other stakeholders were invited to complete an online survey outlining the current status of their activity, their facility issues and needs and any future plans they have for their activity.

The following tables brings together the results of the stakeholder survey and other consultation as well as the information outlined in previous sections in this document.

Activities are grouped by:

- Indoor Sport Activities
- Outdoor Sport Activities
- Active Recreation
- Play

### *Non-asset support*

As the population continues to grow, the capacity and capability of the clubs and other organisations that own or deliver facilities, programmes, and services will also need to grow to keep up. These organisations will require direct and indirect support from Council in various forms.

Council investment in this type of support is crucial to ensuring a strong and capable sector. Similarly, Council should ensure it has sufficient resources, capability, and capacity within its' own organisation to deliver the projects and services it has committed to the community.

### 14.1. Indoor Sport Activities

The following points of consideration apply to a number of sports activities throughout Table 13 (below):

- The Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension has recently been completed and will add to the District's aquatic facility capacity.
- Because the Selwyn Sports Centre is still relatively new, it will take some time to determine the most efficient and effective use of available space. Some of the issues raised by users may be resolved by minor operational changes.
- The Selwyn Sports Centre was designed to allow for the construction of additional courts in the future (via an extension to the building) if there was sufficient demand.
- When completed, additional planned indoor courts and pool space across the Parakiore Metro Sports Facility, Hornby Sport and Recreation Centre and the Netsal facility will add significant indoor court capacity and aquatic space across the Region. However, because many local competitions are played entirely within the District, this may not have an impact on local supply. The effect of this additional regional supply should be understood as part of planning for indoor court and aquatic space requirements in Waikirikiri Selwyn.
- There are plans for a new secondary school to be built in south Rolleston which presents an opportunity to partner/work with MoE to enable community access to facilities.

Table 13: Indoor Sports Activities Summary

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Aquatic Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selwyn Swim Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to secure desired level of access for squad training at preferred times.</li> <li>Spectator capacity too small for competitions.</li> <li>No 50m pool.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Outdoor community pools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changing compliance requirements means many community-managed pools are no longer meeting standards.</li> <li>Summer pools are all un-covered and seasonal only. 'Cold and old' and costly to run. Unlikely to be fit for purpose as towns grow.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covid restrictions in the last two years may have artificially/ temporarily increased pressure on available space at SAC.</li> <li>Council must consider balance of access for all users.</li> <li>Recreational users make up the majority of attendees and a large percentage of income at aquatic centres across Australia and New Zealand.</li> <li>The pool extension is now complete at Selwyn Aquatic Centre and will improve overall aquatic space capacity.</li> <li>Darfield pool upgrade is currently being completed to keep this facility operational, to improve the quality for users and extend the life of this facility.</li> <li>Completion of Hornby Pool will provide an option for Waikirkiri Selwyn residents who are closer to Hornby than Rolleston.</li> <li>Planning for aquatics in Malvern in current LTP including provision for aquatic investment of \$5M (pending feasibility).</li> <li>Renewal programme for Selwyn Aquatic Centre – 2023-30. \$1.8m.</li> <li>Renewal programme and heating improvement recently completed at Southbridge Pool.</li> <li>Longer term, Council may consider a new facility in the Ellesmere area when Southbridge Pool is at end of life and dependent on population growth and demand.</li> <li>Lincoln University have, previously and in developing this plan, raised the idea of partnering with Council on the provision of a shared indoor pool facility at the University with community access. This opportunity should be considered in the next Aquatic Facilities Plan review.</li> <li>A 50m pool was considered during planning for the SAC but discounted.</li> </ul>



Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Badminton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Melton Badminton Club based at West Melton Recreation Centre.</li> <li>Court colours at SSC are not good for badminton.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are 2 dedicated regional-level badminton facilities in Christchurch City.</li> <li>Consider review of SSC court colouring at next scheduled floor sand/repaint.</li> </ul>
Basketball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selwyn Hawks Basketball Club is experiencing rapid growth, with Basketball continuing to see significant growth nationally.</li> <li>Unable to secure weekend court space at SSC due to bookings by other users.</li> <li>No courts available west of West Melton. Identified need for courts in the Malvern area (Darfield).</li> <li>Currently use other Council and School facilities in the District for their Hoops Programme to reduce travel for users.</li> <li>Access to school courts is not always guaranteed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selwyn Hawks will likely require additional indoor court space as the club grows and new grades are added.</li> <li>SSC has been designed to accommodate additional courts (building extension) in the long term.</li> <li>Rolleston College is proposing to cover its existing outdoor courts.</li> <li>Feasibility study is looking at indoor court space needs in Darfield as part of a broader assessment of community facilities for this locality.</li> </ul>
Floorball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers have increased recently – partly attributable to the SSC opening.</li> <li>Car parking around SSC is an issue.</li> <li>Securing time and space at SSC can be difficult due to demand.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking improvements have been implemented at SSC/Foster Park.</li> <li>Land has been acquired next to Foster Park for additional parking and as a park and ride facility.</li> </ul>
Gymnastics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gymnastics has high levels of participation and demand is increasing.</li> <li>The 0-15 year age group is expected to experience strong growth within the District.</li> <li>Requires a purpose built facility.</li> <li>Existing club facilities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leased at commercial rates</li> <li>Too small</li> <li>Located in an industrial area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Limited trampoline and rhythmic capacity due to restrictions of existing sites (size and height).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new Gymnastics Facility in Rolleston was signalled in the LTP (based on a submission from Affinity Gymnastics). This proposal needs further feasibility assessment and to consider wider gymnastics needs.</li> <li>West Melton Gymnastics Club would like to be involved in planning of the new facility.</li> <li>West Melton Gymnastics Club has previously proposed a dedicated facility at the back of West Melton Community Centre.</li> <li>Both clubs are affiliated under Gymnastics NZ and are registered charities, but with some differences in the</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
		<p>operational delivery models, which may present issues with a combined facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In assessing other potential complementary users of a facility built for gymnastics it is important to ensure this does not impact on other existing spaces (Council, schools and other providers).</li> <li>There is private interest in the development of a climbing wall in the district (possible inclusion with gymnastics facility).</li> </ul>
Ice Skating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests have been received to consider an ice-skating arena in the District as other options in Christchurch are not up to standard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The most efficient way of providing this type of facility is to co-locate with an aquatic centre where spare energy from the refrigeration units can be used to heat water.</li> <li>Options for co-location are currently limited.</li> <li>This would be a high-cost project and would require investigation and a business case to warrant further action.</li> <li>The Alpine Ice Sports Centre in Christchurch is currently considered to be the regional facility that covers Selwyn's needs.</li> </ul>
Indoor Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed venue hire increases will present a financial challenge for clubs.</li> <li>Some halls are ageing and cold in winter months.</li> <li>Relies on subsidised use of Lincoln Events Centre over and above set pricing to make economic.</li> <li>Risk of being pushed out of LEC due to increased pressure on use from other priorities and general population growth.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A low impact, year-round sport is attractive for older demographic.</li> <li>Ageing population could increase need, although clubs report only steady membership.</li> <li>Low cost, light, warm facilities required.</li> <li>Clubs use Council (and private) halls to participate.</li> <li>Opportunity to upgrade comfort levels in some halls to improve user experiences</li> </ul>
Indoor Climbing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requests for space for this activity have been received.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bouldering room at Lincoln University.</li> <li>Opportunity to partner with a private provider for a commercial opportunity.</li> <li>Consider co-location with gymnastics facility (if built).</li> </ul>
Martial Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Services offered by clubs and private providers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community facilities strategy has a programme of upgrades.</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providers often access community halls, some of which are 'old and cold' and not a comfortable environment for users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many Martial Arts Clubs use school halls which provides income for the schools and helps to meet demand for these activities.</li> <li>Potential to provide dedicated space for this activity within the existing network of halls/community centres where there is low utilisation or as part of facility repurposing.</li> </ul>
Pickleball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of SSC has enabled growth in the sport but demand makes securing court time difficult during peak periods.</li> <li>Perception that minority sports are taking lower priority to major sports.</li> </ul>	
Roller sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to SSC has increased numbers.</li> <li>Changeover issues and being 'bumped' by casual hirers on weekends are an issue.</li> <li>No criterium circuit in Selwyn. A combined cycling and skating criterium circuit would be useful.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A roller sports track is located on Blenheim Road.</li> <li>The review of the Denton Park Cycling facility may provide opportunity for a cycle precinct including a criterium circuit relatively close to Selwyn.</li> </ul>
Squash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malvern Squash Club at Darfield Rec Centre:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only having 2 courts limits growth and financial sustainability of the club.</li> <li>Struggle to fund maintenance of existing courts.</li> <li>Council insurance levy for courts is costly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury have indicated a demand for additional squash facilities within the District but currently nothing is planned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Courts are part of Darfield Recreation Centre so Council levy the club a % of the insurance cost. Independent insurance cost could be higher.</li> <li>The building is EQ prone but safe to use, but ultimately will require strengthening.</li> <li>Club may require financial support in short term.</li> <li>A long term strategic plan for the club would provide direction and certainty.</li> <li>Squash Canterbury have previously advocated for squash facilities in the District, but no significant demand had been identified at that time.</li> <li>Squash NZ's draft national facility strategy identifies squash provision in Selwyn District as a national priority and the following action is listed: "planning is needed to investigate</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
		for new provision in the area recognising quality and accessible provision and long-term sustainability”.
Table Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access limitations at LEC limits membership numbers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Table tennis is played at a number of community halls and other halls may be an option to increase capacity.</li> <li>There is a Malvern and an Ellesmere Sub association operating in the District.</li> <li>Lincoln University Stadium has been used for interclub competitions.</li> </ul>
Water Polo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canterbury Water Polo is not currently actively delivering water polo in Selwyn but is looking for opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to water at favourable times can be difficult due to demand.</li> <li>Council is actively working with Water Polo on utilising the new 25m pool. It is anticipated they will be able to run training and local games in this pool based on facility assets and availability.</li> </ul>



Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the next ten years, it is anticipated that population growth will lead to an increase in participation in many activities.</li> <li>Because demographics indicate a high number of young families, demand for junior spaces will continue to rise.</li> <li>This will put additional pressure on indoor court space in the District.</li> <li>There are competing demands for space at SSC where the need to generate revenue from activities may mean clubs and codes are limited in terms of space allocation with consequential impacts on sport delivery.</li> <li>Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to indoor sports and recreation venues by people of all abilities.</li> <li>The notion of an indoor facility to service the Malvern area has been mooted (particularly to accommodate basketball). Some early discussions have been held with Darfield High School where demand has been identified. There may be a medium-long term project to look at the redevelopment of Darfield Recreation and Community Centre (requires updating) and the opportunity to develop a multi-purpose indoor facility including aquatic space. Would depend on demand assessment and business case and any outcomes from an Indoor Court strategy.</li> <li>Lincoln University has indoor recreational facilities, but community access has generally been limited.</li> <li>Need to be aware of existing use of facilities provided by other agencies (especially schools) and how this impacts on network provision overall.</li> <li>As the population grows, there will be gaps and opportunities for activities traditionally provided by the commercial sector, such as gyms, climbing walls, trampoline parks, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current metrics indicate the number of community indoor courts currently available should be sufficient to meet demand through to 2030 (but this could change if benchmark levels are amended as part of the National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports review).</li> <li>It is likely that space for new community indoor facilities will be required, and Council should consider identifying suitable sites.</li> <li>It is noted that SSC is in an evolving phase and that space allocation and priorities will be refined as demands are more fully understood.</li> <li>Consider outcomes from the Accessibility Audit undertaken by BarrierFree in 2022.</li> <li>It is planned to undertake an assessment of aquatic facilities for Malvern as part of the LTP and this will incorporate a broader evaluation of indoor recreation space.</li> <li>There is an opportunity for mutual sharing of spaces and facilities with schools. For example there is potential for schools to use some Council facilities during school hours while not being used by other groups.</li> <li>A new high school campus is being developed in Rolleston (South) which presents an opportunity to work collaboratively with the MoE and the BoT on the facilities to be provided, including the potential for an indoor recreation space, and the potential for community access.</li> <li>Rolleston College have covered their existing outdoor courts. An opportunity exists to partner with the College to access these for community use.</li> <li>There are two covered courts at Clearview School and the MoE may roll this initiative out at other schools.</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How do sustainability principles (viability, future proofing, and environmental impact) translate into discernible actions in planning and providing facilities for indoor activities?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellesmere College is planning a campus upgrade which provides opportunities for community access to facilities e.g., refurbished gymnasium.</li> <li>Lincoln University provides existing indoor recreation spaces and may consider expansion or additional facilities in the future.</li> <li>It is noted that school halls have many external users. As an example, various karate and martial arts are held at Clearview, West Rolleston and Lemonwood Grove and Rolleston School has provided for junior netball indoors.</li> <li>The Council should consider whether and how it is involved in facilitates or activities traditionally delivered by the commercial sector such as gyms, climbing walls and trampoline parks.</li> <li>In planning and operating indoor facilities, Council needs to consider environmental impacts over the whole of life of assets including initial carbon footprint and operating carbon emissions. Measures to reduce environmental impacts should be integrated into project processes and operating models.</li> </ul>

## 14.2. Outdoor Sport Activities

Table 14: Outdoor Sport Activities Summary

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
AFL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased participation in the past 3 years but currently have no space available in the District for training or play.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AFL requires large space (approximately the size of a cricket oval).</li> <li>Canterbury season runs mid Aug – mid Nov.</li> <li>4 teams currently – wish to expand to 6 eventually.</li> <li>Needs access to a change facility.</li> <li>Lights would be good but not essential.</li> </ul>
Archery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellesmere Archery Club               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is close to maximum capacity currently.</li> <li>Current site (Osborne Park) meets needs at the moment, but toilets are basic.</li> <li>Requesting flood lighting.</li> <li>Desire for an indoor range.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New toilet facility planned at Osborne Park in current LTP.</li> <li>Lamp replacements for field lighting planned for 2024.</li> <li>Depending on growth of this sport, improved facilities could be provided either by development at the current site or an alternative site.</li> <li>Existing covered space at the planned District Park could potentially be used for indoor archery and should be a consideration in planning.</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selwyn Athletics at Brookside Park.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue with grass residue on track when grass is cut.</li> <li>No all-weather track in Selwyn.</li> <li>Require better storage facilities onsite.</li> <li>Existing artificial surfaces are poor quality and deteriorating</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) accredited international Level track is located at Ngā Puna Wai.</li> <li>The Club would like an artificial 100m straight at Brookside Park.</li> <li>Consider renewal of existing track surfaces.</li> <li>The Club request the removal of grounds charges.</li> <li>Rugby league club on the park are looking to develop a club facility – possible partnership with athletics.</li> </ul>
Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball at Foster Park.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared facility with Softball (outfield size) compromises ability to hold older age group or senior games.</li> <li>Access to the shared diamond is getting harder due to increasing demand from both codes.</li> <li>Lack of shade is an issue at Foster Park (require dugouts).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Auckland Diamond Sports Strategy currently being developed which may give insight into effective shared site design.</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Bowls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln Bowling Club               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parking issues when there is high demand at LEC and adjacent sports fields.</li> <li>Artificial green will need resurfacing soon (\$200k).</li> <li>Request to install lighting over greens.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Darfield Bowling Club               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are considering a facility development but no detail provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dunsandel Bowling Club               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artificial green at end of life and needs replacement.</li> <li>Poor quality lighting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Kirwee Bowling Club               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lights need replacing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln Sports Park Extension includes development of additional playing fields and access which may help alleviate parking issues at peak times for Bowls, and the transfer of some netball games to SSC may further reduce car parking issues.</li> <li>Bowls Canterbury see potential for an additional club in Rolleston.</li> <li>Bowling Clubs have historically provided and met the cost of their own assets with, on occasion, some financial support from Council. Council needs to be clear about how it supports these clubs going forward noting that they either own the land or have exclusive use occupations.</li> </ul>
Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior cricket numbers have increased in the last 3 years and are expected to continue to increase.</li> <li>Players of the modified forms of cricket outnumber traditional players<sup>14</sup>.</li> <li>Quality of grounds is good overall.</li> <li>Quantity of grounds is perceived as an issue – particularly for junior cricket in Leeston/Southbridge, Rolleston, Lincoln, Darfield and Tai Tapu.</li> <li>Weedons Cricket Club (largest club in Selwyn) indicates there is a shortage of grounds.</li> <li>Long travel distances are required to play Country Clubs north of Waimakariri.</li> <li>Change room facilities are required at Greendale and Leeston.</li> <li>More artificial training nets are required.</li> <li>Pressure from winter sport wishing to access (and erect goal posts) parks before the end of the traditional summer season (end of March).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many clubs struggle to maintain grass blocks.</li> <li>CCA cricket plan suggested:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>combining resources to create efficiencies in costs.</li> <li>Some clubs are over-supplied for blocks and some are under-supplied.</li> <li>Centralisation of ground maintenance and preparation.</li> <li>Investigating the development of a sub-regional hub for the Selwyn District.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lincoln Sports Park Extension includes development of additional playing fields, which will assist in increased provision of cricket facilities in Lincoln.</li> <li>Kakaha Park in Prebbleton includes space for cricket with two artificial wickets installed.</li> <li>To meet urgent needs, Council has provided or planned: two additional artificial wickets at Foster Park; four extra practice lanes at Brookside Park; a new artificial wicket at Highgate Park, Rolleston; and a new artificial wicket at West Melton reserve.</li> </ul>

<sup>14</sup> Canterbury Cricket Facilities Plan for Greater Christchurch 2019-2029



Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overlap of summer/winter shared use of grounds can create issues for quality and use of grounds.</li> <li>• Concern from clubs regarding retention of existing playing surface quality following transition of management from Domain Boards, Committees and Clubs to Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New practice facilities installed or planned at Leeston; Dunsandel; West Melton and Lincoln.</li> <li>• Darfield Reserve block upgraded and re-oriented (2020) and artificial wicket for junior play was installed in 2022.</li> <li>• Kirwee Reserve development has provided additional dedicated space for cricket and further development includes irrigation that will improve the quality of grounds for cricket.</li> <li>• Planned redevelopment of Leeston Park.</li> <li>• Leeston Park new toilet block and change facility planned and potential for multi-purpose facility with planned new community centre that is likely to be located on the park.</li> <li>• Southbridge Park artificial cricket block installed recently.</li> <li>• Weedons Cricket Club: ground upgrade completed, and extra training nets planned for 2023/24.</li> <li>• Clubs are reliant on low-cost leases and field charges to keep subs low.</li> <li>• Clubs would welcome a more coordinated approach between Clubs, Associations and Council.</li> <li>• Canterbury Cricket Regional Facilities Plan proposed a hub network for the region including a hub in Selwyn.</li> <li>• Canterbury Cricket have indicated the desire to investigate provision of an indoor training facility in Selwyn.</li> </ul>
Croquet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experienced regional growth in last 3 years.</li> <li>• Currently no croquet facility in Selwyn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Selwyn club planned at Broadfields Reserve.</li> <li>• Broadfield Reserve development planned in LTP.</li> <li>• Consideration of optimum playing surface – natural or synthetic.</li> </ul>
Cycling (Track)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canterbury Track Cycling is based at Denton Park, an open air track.</li> <li>• This is the only cycling velodrome in Canterbury.</li> <li>• Canterbury Track Cycling are advocating for a track to be built in Selwyn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any proposals would need to fit with Cycling NZ and Canterbury Track Cycling strategic plans.</li> </ul>

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Equine Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in Horse Riding / Equestrian in Canterbury (4%) is higher than the national average (3%).<sup>15</sup></li> <li>• Recreational horse riding is popular in the District, and it is probable that Selwyn has even higher participation.</li> <li>• Identified lack of strategic vision around equestrian sport generally within the District.</li> <li>• Additional areas for casual riding locally would encourage more uptake of the activity.</li> <li>• Need for the provision of safe, off-road riding facilities.</li> <li>• Each of the following facilities is required: eventing arenas, general open spaces for jumping, and bridle paths for trekking.</li> <li>• Council does not currently have large tracts of land available that is suitable for recreational riding so must work with other agencies and landowners to develop facilities.</li> <li>• A cross-country course is provided at Hororātā Reserve and its safety and compliance status need to be confirmed.</li> <li>• Waihora Pony Club indicated a need for assistance with basic ground maintenance, toilets, rubbish collection etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are a number of other active equine clubs in the District including: West Melton Weedons Pony Club, Ellesmere Pony Club, and Springston Pony Club.</li> <li>• Waihora Pony Club plans for clubroom renovation, planting and arena surface upgrade.</li> <li>• Springston Pony Club are looking to upgrade their facilities including the arena.</li> <li>• Hororātā Reserve Master Plan includes support for equestrian activities but could also include further development of riding trails.</li> <li>• The trotting track at Hororātā Reserve continues to be used for training purposes.</li> <li>• A horse racing track is situated at Waihora Park which is run by Motukarara Sports Centre and is used for trotting and galloping meets.</li> <li>• It is noted that health and safety requirements with equestrian activities are critical and need to be recognised in planning and operations.</li> <li>• Consider equestrian opportunities as shared users of open space, such as to combine bridle paths with walking and cycling connections in rural areas, where possible.</li> <li>• West Melton Forest (Ecan) provides horse riding trails and other opportunities for shared provision should be investigated.</li> </ul>
Football	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prebbleton Football: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Large increase in members in last 3 years.</li> <li>○ Lack of fields, lights and change rooms.</li> <li>○ Sees need for all-weather surface (in Prebbleton).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Selwyn United: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No access to a grounds in Lincoln apart from the new primary school that is used.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Turf at Foster Park installed in 2022 alleviates under-supply of training space).</li> <li>• New reserve/sports field development at Kakaha Park in Prebbleton - stage 1 completed with 3 multi use fields and the second stage planned from 2026.</li> <li>• A need to consider best allocation of grounds between rugby and football across Prebbleton Reserve and Kakaha Park.</li> </ul>

<sup>15</sup> 'Participation in Horse Riding / Equestrian in the past 12 months' – 2019 Sport New Zealand Active New Zealand Survey.

Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Under-supply of space to train under lights – mostly in Rolleston.</li> <li>○ Submission to LTP for full-sized multi-sport turf.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lincoln Reserve extension planned in LTP and currently being designed.</li> <li>• Environmental impact of artificial turfs is facing increasing scrutiny.</li> <li>• Bringing ground operations under Council management will provide opportunity to improve the consistency of service levels for grounds and to enable re-allocation of grounds within and between codes for more effective use of existing fields.</li> <li>• Ararira Springs Primary in Lincoln is considering installation of an artificial playing surface that could be used for football (they have been seeking a partner for this project).</li> </ul>
Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership and use have increased in line with population growth.</li> <li>• Access to golf facilities in the Lincoln area is reportedly limited, with generally only 9 hole courses available, and with current courses often busy to the point where tee times are not available on weekends.</li> <li>• The idea of providing one 18 hole course in the vicinity of Lincoln has been suggested (there are currently two nine hole courses in close proximity at Lincoln and Tai Tapu). An area of approx. 60ha would be required.</li> <li>• Greendale Golf Club - access to the course is poor – gravel road.</li> <li>• Hororātā Golf Club - clubrooms may require upgrade.</li> <li>• Ellesmere Golf Club - looking to improve club house facilities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most clubs have ongoing course maintenance and improvement programmes.</li> <li>• Some course and clubhouse capacity are available during the week for additional use.</li> <li>• Clubs see an opportunity for promotional support from Council.</li> <li>• Seal extension to Coal Track Road included in LTP.</li> <li>• Land constraints mean the opportunity to extend Lincoln or Tai Tapu Golf Courses is limited.</li> <li>• 5 of the 8 golf courses in the District lease land from Council. Golf Club lease rentals have been reviewed as there were significant anomalies with previous charges.</li> </ul>
Hockey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hockey Regional Facilities Plan indicates need for a full-size turf in Selwyn.</li> <li>• Need to recover operating and turf renewal costs in part from user revenues while providing a balance in terms of access to participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Turf at Foster Park was constructed in 2021/22.</li> <li>• Recent hockey regional facility plan indicates one turf is sufficient until at least 2031.</li> <li>• Water use and environmental impact of turfs is facing increasing scrutiny.</li> <li>• Whole of life cost of artificial turfs can be expensive.</li> </ul>

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Motorsport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellesmere Motor Racing Club.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Parking at the venue is an issue on big event days.</li> <li>◦ Concern about protection of their venue under the Proposed District plan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noise impact will become an increasing issue as the District population expands.</li> <li>• The Waimakriri River Regional Park (managed by ECan) provides space for some motorsports.</li> </ul>
Netball (indoor and outdoor participation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A large existing player base but recent membership has stayed relatively stable. Netball expects future numbers to grow with population increases – especially at junior level.</li> <li>• Outdoor courts at Lincoln are in a poor condition with limited lighting.</li> <li>• No change facilities available at Lincoln (outdoor) courts.</li> <li>• No space to warm up at competition venues (SSC and Lincoln Courts) means gaps must be made between games for warm-up, which leads to longer times to get through rounds.</li> <li>• Current 'split' venue scenario (SSC and Lincoln Courts) creates issues for competition delivery.</li> <li>• Netball is increasingly being played indoors so pressure on indoor court facilities is likely to increase.</li> <li>• Indications are that indoor court space is already insufficient, and demand from other codes will put additional strain on Netball access to SSC during peak times.</li> <li>• Darfield netball may need additional training space, including potential for provision of two indoor courts.</li> <li>• No available court within South Malvern (Club is currently using a court at Glentunnel Primary school).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major upgrade works are planned for the courts at Lincoln including resurfacing and lighting improvements.</li> <li>• Netball's competition model is based around a centralised venue for competition.</li> <li>• Parakiore and Netsal facilities in Christchurch will increase overall indoor court capacity for Greater Christchurch but is not expected to be accessible by Selwyn Netball.</li> <li>• Existing courts at Rolleston Reserve are to be retained as the site is redeveloped but likely to require additional courts to meet growth.</li> <li>• The initial Master Plan for Foster Park indicated the potential for outdoor court space to be provided alongside the indoor facility to create a netball hub (this would mean the loss of a football field).</li> <li>• West Melton Reserve Master Plan allows provision for eight netball / tennis courts.</li> <li>• West Melton Tennis club are proposing a clubroom facility at West Melton Domain – open to discussions with netball club.</li> <li>• Southbridge Tennis club proposes a sports hub with netball and others.</li> <li>• Rolleston Netball (Rolleston Reserve) plan to upgrade their clubrooms.</li> <li>• Rolleston College has recently covered its four existing outdoor courts – could provide access for community netball outside school hours.</li> <li>• Lighting for the netball courts at Darfield Domain is being improved which will help with training space requirements.</li> </ul>



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Rugby Union	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellesmere Sub-Union expected to experience future growth – especially in age group competitions<sup>16</sup>.</li> <li>• Inconsistent playing surface condition and specification across the District.</li> <li>• Rugby competitions are transitioning from traditional Saturday play to more games held on weekday evenings.</li> <li>• Flood lighting upgrades are required at many grounds.</li> <li>• CRFU 'Grounds and Facilities Plan' identified the need for a high-quality, high-capacity (sand-based, hybrid or artificial), flood-lit playing and training ground of sufficient quality to host televised night matches.</li> <li>• Ellesmere Rugby Sub-Union expressed an interest in access to multi-use artificial surfaces.</li> <li>• Lincoln Rugby Club – outgrowing facilities (grounds) and clubrooms are not fit for purpose (building code requirements).</li> <li>• West Melton Rugby Club – experience car parking issues on game days and change facilities require upgrading.</li> <li>• Prebbleton Rugby Club – require more junior fields, with pressure on Prebbleton Reserve from rugby and football use.</li> <li>• Leeston Rugby Club – require an additional junior field and clubrooms are not fit for purpose (building code requirements).</li> <li>• Springston Rugby Club – experience issues with field drainage mid to late season.</li> <li>• The need to accommodate significant growth in Rolleston, especially in junior grades.</li> <li>• Leeston Rugby Club Rooms are tired, earthquake prone and the club is struggling to maintain the facility.</li> <li>• Dunsandel-Irwell RFC has main ground on own land and has proposed divesting this to Council as it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing ground operations under Council management will provide opportunity to improve the consistency of service levels for grounds and to enable re-allocation of grounds within and between codes for more effective use of existing fields.</li> <li>• Exploration of a 'rugby hub' concept – as part of the District Park needs analysis, including understanding the demand for artificial surfaces for rugby and the potential for shared use.</li> <li>• The following venues already have game level lighting (Average 200 lux+): Lincoln Reserve; Kirwee Reserve; Foster Park (main rugby ground); Prebbleton Reserve.</li> <li>• Lighting upgrades are in progress at: Darfield Reserve &amp; Southbridge Park, and requests have been received for upgrades at Leeston Park, Rhodes Park, Dunsandel RFC main ground, Sheffield Domain and West Melton Reserve.</li> <li>• Additional funding has been provided within the LTP for sports turf upgrades and renovation.</li> <li>• Kakaha Park in Prebbleton will help to meet demand for sport activities within the Prebbleton and Lincoln areas.</li> <li>• Lincoln Domain Extension includes development of additional playing fields.</li> <li>• West Melton Master Plan will provide additional junior playing capacity, plus clubroom development (by club) and additional car parking.</li> <li>• Recent irrigation upgrades at Kirwee Reserve will improve playing surfaces.</li> <li>• There is potential to develop a sports hub at Lincoln Domain to enable facilities to be shared and managed co-operatively. This could involve partnering with Council to develop new facilities.</li> <li>• Leeston Park is to be redeveloped as part of a broader project, including the provision of a new community facility.</li> </ul>

<sup>16</sup> Canterbury Rugby 2030 Grounds and Facilities Plan (2021)

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Rugby League	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rolleston club is looking for a club base/clubroom.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent field and lighting upgrades at Brookside Park.</li> </ul>
Shooting (includes indoor facilities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified need to update shooting facilities and ranges in the District.</li> <li>Darfield Shooting Centre: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New regulations relating to shot from shotguns onto private land and contamination issues could potentially shut down operation at the site.</li> <li>Insurance and rates costs affecting financial viability.</li> <li>Facility upgrade planned but needs to secure tenure for their activities long-term.</li> <li>Proximity of facility to residential housing is an issue that may be exacerbated as Darfield expands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Darfield smallbore rifle club (at Darfield Shooting Centre): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent range upgrade but building is dated and facilities don't meet current standards or forms of the sport.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Leeston Small-bore Rifle Club: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Located at Leeston Park in old community building and the future of this building is uncertain with the impending redevelopment of the park.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of new range regulations yet to be known – NZ Police conducting assessment of all ranges.</li> <li>Unknown outcome from police review delays investment in facility upgrades.</li> <li>Moving the (Darfield) Gun Club to a new site could affect the overall viability of the (combined) Darfield Shooting Centre.</li> <li>Leeston Park master planning work is to consider the future of existing rifle range.</li> <li>Other clubs operating in the District include: West Melton Mini Rifle Club (on Council land); Dunsandel Small-bore Rifle Club (Dunsandel Reserve); Southbridge Smallbore Rifle Club (own site); Hororātā Target Shooting Club (Hororātā Reserve).</li> <li>Further assessment is needed to better understand Council provision or support of shooting facilities on a network basis.</li> </ul>
Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increases in playing numbers in recent years have put pressure on the existing single, shared-use facility.</li> <li>Foster Park Facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compromises in dimensions of the shared facility and programming issues affects the effectiveness of the facility.</li> <li>Maintenance issues with facility noted.</li> <li>Covered dugout/shade needed.</li> <li>No available lighting for training.</li> <li>Business case has been received for a second diamond.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved maintenance regime for surfaces to be implemented and repairs undertaken to worn areas.</li> <li>Consider the provision of a second diamond and associated facilities as part of the LTP process.</li> <li>Lighting can be considered alongside other sports lighting requests to determine priority.</li> </ul>
Tennis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent data shows tennis participation is increasing in the District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West Melton Domain Master Plan includes relocation of existing courts, with the addition of two courts (eight total).</li> <li>Court upgrades and resurfacing work planned in the LTP at the following sites: Hororātā Reserve, Prebbleton Reserve,</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ellesmere Tennis indicate Rolleston is expected to require another club soon due to increased demand, while some clubs in smaller towns struggle to maintain membership.</li> <li>Access to flood-lit courts at each end of the season and in winter is limited.</li> <li>Reported poor condition of some facilities across the District.</li> <li>Some courts are owned by the clubs and they cannot afford to upgrade/re-surface them (especially in smaller communities).</li> <li>There is a support inequity between clubs who have courts provided by Council and those clubs who provide their own.</li> <li>Lincoln Tennis Club are only able to operate fully for six months of the year due to netball use of all courts. Request to extend the current Lincoln courts (x2), however space for any extension is currently limited.</li> <li>Volleyball removed and not replaced at Sheffield.</li> </ul>	<p>Lincoln Reserve, Greendale Reserve, Greenpark Memorial Park, Rolleston Reserve, Sheffield Reserve, and Springston Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following clubs own their courts either on land leased from Council or on their own sites: Darfield, Courtenay, Leeston, Southbridge, Motukarara, and Kirwee.</li> <li>West Melton Tennis Club (15 teams) is considering a small clubroom facility on West Melton Reserve.</li> <li>12 courts owned by Canterbury Tennis are available at Ngā Puna Wai, just 20-minute drive from Rolleston.</li> <li>Southbridge Tennis Club (10 teams) see opportunity for a combined sports centre (hub) with cricket, rugby, netball at Southbridge Park.</li> </ul>
Touch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lincoln Touch module is at capacity for the size of the Reserve.</li> <li>Prebbleton Touch needs space for storage and a base to operate from.</li> <li>Rolleston Touch module is growing and will need more space in the future.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kakaha Park in Prebbleton will help to meet demand for sport activities in the Prebbleton and Lincoln area.</li> <li>Planned extension to Lincoln Reserve <u>will provide additional field space</u>.</li> <li>Planned (staged) development of the District Park.</li> </ul>
Ultimate and Disc Golf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultimate are looking for a flood-lit site for training and play.</li> <li>Disc Golf are looking for a site(s) within the district to develop a disc golf course.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ultimate needs a flat open space around the size of a football or rugby field.</li> <li>Disc Golf prefers undulations and natural hazards (e.g., trees, waterways etc.).</li> </ul>
Gun Dog Trials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The District hosts three clubs (South Island Labrador Retriever Club, Canterbury Gundog Club, and Southern Golden Retriever Club).</li> <li>Clubs hold championship trials annually, requiring grounds that stimulate hunting terrain.</li> <li>Suitable grounds are becoming difficult find (due to increasing urbanisation).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider catering for this legitimate sporting activity alongside the planning and development of natural recreation areas that include a water body, such as the Coes Ford recreational area.</li> <li>Include 'dog trialling' within a wider strategic plan for purpose built dog exercise areas.</li> </ul>

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General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of storage facilities to accommodate outdoor sports equipment is a consistent issue with clubs. This has led to a proliferation of unsightly containers located on various parks.</li> <li>Requirements for the installation of signage/sponsorship in reserves is unclear.</li> <li>There is a communication gap between Council and sports clubs in terms of understanding needs and providing support that needs to be addressed.</li> <li>Volunteerism is a critical aspect of sport delivery and the removal of reserve committees leaves a gap in the support and coordination of sport activities.</li> <li>The current allocation model for sports fields and courts needs to be reviewed to provide more efficient utilisation of spaces and facilities.</li> <li>Users are becoming frustrated with increasing pressure on availability and access to sports grounds and courts to meet their needs.</li> <li>Uncertainty around Council's future role in the delivery of sports and recreation and required resources to manage sports on a network basis and ensure the sustainability, capacity needs and capabilities of clubs and users is met.</li> <li>The delivery model for some sports competitions is changing in terms of a shift from Saturday play to more games during the week.</li> <li>Council has available capacity in recreation reserve land in locations where it is never likely to be fully utilised for that purpose. This has created an imbalance in supply across the District whereby, overall there is adequate land, but some of it is in the wrong locality.</li> <li>In some cases, codes or sports are only located or are available in Rolleston, necessitating consideration of network distribution and ensuring equitable and sustainable access from rural areas, as well as ensuring transportation options are considered alongside facility planning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some guidelines for container provision were developed for Foster Park to ensure they are less obtrusive and managed/maintained appropriately.</li> <li>There are new buildings and reserve extensions planned that could provide extra storage.</li> <li>There are District Plan rules and Reserves Act requirements for sponsorship signage.</li> <li>Council has recently developed sponsorship guidance for Foster Park and, in 2024, intends to review these and expand coverage.</li> <li>Council is implementing a charging policy for sports grounds and courts.</li> <li>Council is transitioning from a 'splintered' delivery model to a network approach.</li> <li>A more efficient and effective allocation of outdoor sports space would alleviate some pressure.</li> <li>Lincoln University has significant playing field space and the potential for wider community use should be explored.</li> <li>A "hub and spoke" model can work well for space allocation and sport delivery, especially with the larger participation activities.</li> <li>Council needs to review its reserve holdings and look for opportunities to rationalise, exchange and acquire land to balance the network with areas of demand.</li> <li>Resources are needed within Council to coordinate sports space allocation and support sports and recreation delivery by codes and clubs.</li> <li>The PARS Action Plan (as a companion document to this plan) provides a framework to help address gaps in Council's capability and capacity to promote and support PARS within the District.</li> <li>There is an opportunity to consider other pathways for mobilising community and volunteer support for outdoor sport</li> </ul>



Sport / Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Translating the principles related to sustainability (viability, future proofing and environmental impact) into discernible actions in planning and providing spaces for outdoor activities.</li> <li>• The levels of service provided for sports grounds and associated facilities differ markedly across the District as a result of the individualised approach under the reserve committee delivery model.</li> <li>• There is increasing demand for more car parks to meet the needs of sports participants and spectators, yet this does not promote either the sustainable use of land or sustainable transport outcomes.</li> </ul>	<p>and recreation and to help engender a sense of community stewardship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In planning and operating outdoor activities Council needs to consider how it can reduce environmental impacts including carbon emissions, water conservation, energy use and waste minimisation. Measures to reduce environmental impacts should be integrated into development programmes and operating models.</li> <li>• There is an opportunity to review levels of service with a view to providing a greater level of standardisation and consistency. This would mean clubs and codes have greater clarity on what is expected to be provided by Council.</li> <li>• Although more car parks are needed in some areas, there needs to be a change in mind-set on car dependency to get to games and practices. This can be achieved by creating good connectivity to key sports spaces/facilities for alternative transport options and could involve ideas such as clubs developing travel plans (similar to schools).</li> </ul>

### 14.3. Active Recreation

Planning for active recreation presents three main issues<sup>17</sup>:

1. The number and variety of opportunities as well as the places where people participate in active recreation are extremely broad.
2. Participation in active recreation is very often undertaken on an informal and un-recorded basis.
3. Participation data is often hard to acquire and many activities have no formal representative body.

Table 15: Active Recreation Activities Summary

Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Aquatic Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased demand for recreation space at Aquatic Centres.</li> <li>Achieving a balance between recreational, sporting, learn to swim and other use can be challenging.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational users make up the majority of attendees and a large percentage of income at aquatic centres across Australia and New Zealand<sup>18</sup>.</li> </ul>
Basketball (3 on 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly a youth activity and population of those aged 10-24 expected to grow significantly to 2030.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current provision of ½ and full outdoor courts across District.</li> <li>Varying condition of courts.</li> <li>Programme of upgrades in place.</li> <li>New youth space planned for Rolleston, including a ½ court.</li> </ul>
BMX/ Bump tracks / learn to ride.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly a youth activity and the population of those aged 5-24 is expected to grow significantly to 2030.</li> <li>These types of facilities are becoming an increasingly popular request from various communities in the District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hororātā Reserve Master Plan proposes a new BMX track.</li> <li>The Lake Coleridge community would like to see a pump track installed.</li> <li>A Jump track using soil mounds has been built in Lincoln Reserve.</li> <li>A new bump style MTB track has been formed at Reids Pit.</li> <li>New Bump and Pump Tracks under construction or recently built at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kakaha Park</li> <li>Kirwee Domain</li> <li>Prebbleton Domain</li> <li>Rosemerryn (Lincoln)</li> <li>Springfield</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>17</sup> Our Spaces 2021 – A regional approach to spaces and places for sport, active recreation and play in Canterbury and South Canterbury.

<sup>18</sup> SGL Leisure (2013)

Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Faringdon (Rolleston)</li> <li>• Learn to ride under construction at Te Whariki, Lincoln.</li> <li>• Track installed at West Rolleston School, which includes a number of features – pump track, down-hill ramps, roller/jumps. The track is available for community use outside of school hours.</li> <li>• Review of Denton Park Cycling facility may provide opportunity for cycle precinct including bump track / learn to ride (which is in close proximity to some Selwyn residents).</li> </ul>
Cycling (Road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has become an increasingly popular recreation activity.</li> <li>• Traffic management for road events is becoming more expensive and difficult.</li> <li>• As the district has grown traffic volumes have increased creating safety issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other centres have built dedicated road circuits for cyclists (for example, Taranaki).</li> </ul>
Dog Training and Dog Exercising (see also 'Gun Dog Trials' under 'Outdoor Sport Activity' above).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selwyn Dog Training Club at Foster Dog Park:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recent membership growth in Selwyn Dog Training Club.</li> <li>○ Sharing the club grounds with the public dog park restricts the club activities.</li> <li>○ Setting up and putting down heavy agility equipment is difficult.</li> <li>○ Have to run club seminars off-site.</li> <li>○ No indoor training venue in Selwyn so winter training is difficult.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Half of all households in the district have at least one dog, with more than 13,500 dogs in total.<sup>19</sup></li> <li>• Under the animal control bylaw there is only a limited number of recreation reserves that are identified as allowable for effective control (off leash) exercise of a dog.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A dedicated ground for the Selwyn Dog Training Club would enable the club to deliver full club activities and improve access for public to Foster Park exercise area.</li> <li>• Provision of this activity needs greater strategic direction, with recognised need to provide additional dedicated and safe areas for exercising dogs.</li> <li>• Dog exercise parks are currently provided in Rolleston (Foster Park); Leeston; Prebbleton (Kakaha Park) Kirwee and Darfield (McHughs Forest Park) and an additional park is planned for Lincoln (subject to finding a suitable site).</li> </ul>

<sup>19</sup> Selwyn District Council website data.

Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People are looking for dedicated, safe spaces to exercise their dogs that are free from chemical residual sprays, pest poison and still water (contaminated with algae).</li> </ul>	
Mountain biking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More advanced tracks have been requested by some users.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very popular recreation activity and is growing.</li> <li>New entry level/family track developed in Reids Pit near Rolleston.</li> <li>Existing Walking and Cycling strategy focuses on reducing short trips made in vehicles.</li> <li>Currently no strategic plan within Council specific to Mountain biking.</li> <li>Council doesn't own a lot of large open natural spaces suitable for mountain biking so partners with others to provide facilities.</li> <li>Council provides various beginner/ family-orientated tracks generally in the eastern (flatter) part of the district.</li> <li>A family level track has been developed at the Willows Reserve in the Waimakariri River Regional Park (ECan).</li> <li>The Canterbury Adventure Park, the Port Hills, and natural areas in the District's west, such as Craigieburn, offer more technical or advanced tracks.</li> </ul>
Skateboarding, scootering, skating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predominantly a youth activity and the population of those aged 5-24 is expected to grow significantly by 2030.</li> <li>Request for an outdoor roller-skating rink/area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New youth parks are being built at Foster Park and Rolleston Reserve which will include skate boarding, scootering and skating activities.</li> <li>Leeston Park redevelopment provides an opportunity to review skate, scootering and skate activities.</li> <li>Other centres have built dedicated road circuits for cyclists that can also accommodate skaters (for example, Taranaki).</li> <li>Review of Denton Park Cycle Track may provide scootering or skating opportunity in or near the District.</li> </ul>
Skiing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact of global warming on ski fields.</li> <li>Craigieburn club numbers decreased recently. Looking to undertake lodge upgrade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most provision is by commercial entity or club on DoC land.</li> <li>Council has very little role in ski field provision.</li> </ul>



Activity	Issue	Opportunity/Consideration
Walking / Exercise areas/fitness trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified need for better walking connections and trails, particularly within natural environments that are nearby/convenient to urban centres.</li> <li>Walking links from Tai Tapu to the Port Hills Reserves network have been requested but are not easy to achieve in some cases.</li> <li>Ad hoc installation of “fitness equipment” has been installed often with low quality products that have needed to be replaced.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing Walking and Cycling strategy focuses on reducing vehicles trips.</li> <li>Utilise available space to provide formed walking/exercise tracks around the perimeter of larger reserves, i.e., this is planned under the current LTP at Dunsandel Reserve, West Melton Reserve, and Springston Reserve.</li> <li>Where possible, make use of available natural reserve areas and waterways to provide walkways, such as Lakeside Reserve walkway, Tai Tapu Walkway (Rhodes Park and Halswell River) that are planned in current LTP.</li> <li>Work with Ecan and other landowners on the provision of walking trails, for example the Waimakariri River Regional Park development (the Willows).</li> <li>Explore opportunities for walking connections to Summit Rd and Port Hills tracks utilising unformed legal road e.g., Gherkins Rd, Burkes Bush Rd.</li> <li>International research shows that trail-based fitness equipment is not well used.</li> <li>Fitness equipment is not generally suitable for installation in neighbourhood reserves but may be appropriate in larger recreation spaces.</li> </ul>
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council concentrates a large amount of budget expenditure supporting organised sporting activities, despite evidence that people, particularly our young people, are seeking alternative opportunities, and many active recreation pursuits (e.g. walking, running, cycling) have much higher participation rates but do not receive the same level of budget support from Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many of these activities occur on an informal basis on Council owned land.</li> <li>Other landholders in the District (e.g., DoC, CCC, ECan) provide spaces and facilities to also support many of these activities.</li> <li>Council may wish to consider what mechanisms are available to provide additional support.</li> <li>Walking and cycling connection and movement networks are a key part of creating quality urban environments beyond transport outcomes and Council is already developing these networks in many towns.</li> </ul>

#### 14.4. Play

The scope of how play is considered in this plan has been largely limited to designated play spaces only, although it is acknowledged that play is not restricted to just designated space, but that the places where people naturally participate in active play are extremely broad and may occur across a variety of public settings.

Table 16 identifies some current issues facing the provision of play spaces in the district. Many of these are related to the existing provision of playgrounds.

Table 16: Play Facilities Summary

Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
<b>Network Provision</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waikirikiri Selwyn currently exceeds the national benchmark median for playground provision per head of population (although play is not restricted to just designated space but occurs naturally across a variety of settings).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledge the contribution that play makes to the health and wellbeing of residents.</li> <li>Opportunities to encourage incidental play throughout the District are always considered in the planning, design, construction, upgrade and management of all community assets.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are other providers of play (schools, early childhood centres etc.) which contribute to the overall range of play opportunities provided for the District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is important that other play providers are acknowledged in the planning of play spaces.</li> <li>There are many new schools and early childhood centres recently developed in the District and this will continue with population growth.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current prioritisation of play facility development can be ad-hoc, Developer driven and not always meeting greatest need.</li> <li>No co-ordinated or consistent direction (including to others e.g. Developers), leading to the potential for a duplication of provision, an inefficient network to manage and maintain, and inconsistent levels of service across the district.</li> <li>Current estimate based on growth projections is for 20+ additional play spaces to be vested in Council over the next 10 years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Community Facilities Activity Management Plan and Open Space Strategy identify the need for most township residents to be within reasonable walking distance (approximately 500m) from a neighbourhood reserve. This criterion is also used as a guide for the provision of designated play space, meaning at least a local level play space will be readily accessible to most residents within townships.</li> <li>To provide a cohesive network of play spaces at a local, township and regional level that meets the needs of the community, a system of hierarchy will be maintained across the network, according to play space size and importance. All designated play spaces will fit into one of three defined categories – local, community and destination (see section 3 - Facility Hierarchy).</li> </ul>

Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully consider the existing play space network and prioritise the upgrading and/or renewal of existing play facilities before developing new sites.</li> <li>In responding to a specific need, new play facilities will only be considered in response to an identified gap in provision, i.e., to address a gap in geographical distribution, or the needs of a target age group.</li> <li>Ensure that there is sufficient variation in play space provision between sites within a general locality (e.g. avoid duplication of manufactured play equipment), to best cater to a range of ages and abilities, and best meet the needs of any changes in demand or a changing demographic.</li> <li>This shall include a relatively even mix and spread of other designated play facilities such as skate/scooter parks, bmx/pump tracks, outdoor half courts and bike skills areas.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Needs of smaller rural populations are not currently being met. There is a notable difference in quality between the newer township play spaces and the rural community play spaces.</li> <li>Misconception that play opportunities are somehow better in rural areas. Rather, smaller, dispersed populations in rural areas can leave children very isolated with many barriers to public play opportunities.</li> <li>Rural townships typically have a very linear layout, built around a main transport link or through road and are less likely to be serviced by public transport systems, placing restrictions on one's freedom of movement.</li> <li>Playgrounds in rural areas are typically located within the main recreation domain/reserve, and these tend to be located towards the outer edge of townships.</li> <li>Existing playground provision in rural townships tends to be very limited in terms of size/quantity and quality.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some 'local' level playgrounds in rural areas are the only playgrounds servicing a large rural catchment and should be upgraded to 'community' level facilities.</li> <li>Consider providing destination-level playgrounds in Leeston and Darfield to serve the wider Ellesmere and Malvern areas, respectively, in response to population growth and increases in population density. By creating more integrated and holistic community hub environments, this will help to ensure that the needs of these communities are met in the future.</li> <li>Consider the level of dependence upon only one play space (e.g. rural communities) when making decisions on levels of provision.</li> <li>The level of service measure of 'number playgrounds per head of population' should not always apply to rural areas, to compensate for the number of smaller rural townships and the need for each to be serviced by at least one designated play space.</li> <li>Be aware of distinct boundaries or physical barriers (e.g. main roads, railway lines or water courses), which may interfere with network provision in a geographic sense.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Difficulty recognising demand drivers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are a number of youth organisations, play experts and trusts that can represent the views and needs of users.</li> </ul>

Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participation in play data is often hard to acquire and many activities have no formal representative body.</li> <li>• Community expectations may exceed Council means.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sport New Zealand/Sport Canterbury is collecting data on play at a regional and national level.</li> <li>• Give consideration to the following demand factors when making decisions on levels of provision:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Proximity to population centres;</li> <li>○ The level of dependency;</li> <li>○ The context of existing provision (incl. other providers) to identify gaps / avoid duplication;</li> <li>○ Other demand factors such as housing density, current and future demographics.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Quality and Function	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Condition reporting shows that overall, playgrounds and safety surfacing are in a relatively good condition, although a number of playgrounds, particularly within rural areas, are due for replacement.</li> <li>• Increasing importance is being placed on environmental factors when considering the whole-of-life asset cost.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer satisfaction with playgrounds in recent years has been consistently around 85% which is above Council's target of 80%.</li> <li>• A programme of works has been put in place to address issues identified and to ensure renewals are undertaken before equipment reaches a point of failure.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although the condition and construction/durability of play equipment and facilities is usually very good, the quality of play value (the richness of the play experience) is sometimes lacking.</li> <li>• Playgrounds and equipment provided through subdivision do not always provide good outcomes in terms of play value and investment.</li> <li>• Quality play environments (or a quality network of local play environments) needs to ensure provision caters to each of the three fundamental play types (physical, social and cognitive play), including elements of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physical and spatial movement;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is preferable to provide fewer play spaces that are of high quality, or which have a high play value and that meet the needs of the community, rather than an oversupply of play spaces that are of low play value and poor quality. For example, 'play spaces' with only one or two pieces of equipment or activities.</li> <li>• The re/development of any existing or new play facilities should recognise the diversity of play by providing:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Varied and interesting play space environments (or network of local play environments) that cater to a diversity of physical, social and cognitive needs, and extend freedom of choice.</li> <li>○ A mix of natural and built elements to give balance to both physical and explorative/ experimental/creative types of play.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Challenge;</li> <li>○ Social participation and interaction with others;</li> <li>○ The manipulation of materials or objects;</li> <li>○ Being themed or interactive;</li> <li>○ Sensory stimulation;</li> <li>○ Access to and interaction with nature.</li> <li>• There is an over reliance on manufactured play equipment that can be perceived as formulaic and uninteresting, and that has an emphasis on providing for movement or physically play only, offering little opportunity for other forms of play (e.g. natural and creative play).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Links to adjoining open space to allow for further unstructured play and physical activity.</li> <li>• Ensure poor outcomes are averted by ensuring there is adherence to policies (Play Policy and Development Contributions Policy) and the Engineering Code of Practice, during the planning process.</li> <li>• The sensory garden and play space created as part of Rolleston Town Centre development as an example of providing to other form of play (besides just physical play).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of play opportunities appropriate to a child's age currently happens largely by default. E.g., provision of toddler and senior play facilities is currently under-represented.</li> <li>• Parks and public spaces are often built with younger children and adults in mind and are devoid of activity or amenities for young people.</li> <li>• Catering for all ages and abilities is the best way of ensuring that a community's fundamental needs are met.</li> <li>• The 10-14, 15-19 and 20-24 year-old age groups will be the three largest age groups in the district in 10 years.</li> <li>• More alternatives to traditional sports must be considered in order to meet the play (and recreation) needs of young people.</li> <li>• The need to provide more and diverse opportunities for youth play was one of the key messages from the consultation on the 2021-31 LTP.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Special emphasis should be given to ensuring these age groups have access to adequate and age appropriate opportunities for play (and recreation).</li> <li>• Cater to all ages and abilities by ensuring that play spaces are designed with a multi-functional focus, e.g. by selecting non-prescriptive play equipment and elements that are adaptable and may be used in a variety of ways. Particularly for local level play spaces.</li> <li>• Larger destination or community play spaces that allow for more of a focus on equipment will have more scope to contain different areas targeted towards different ages and level of ability.</li> <li>• As a priority, integrate experiences and activities for young people within central community hub developments such, as town centres, public spaces and major sporting hubs. New youth parks are planned for Foster Park and Rolleston Town Centre.</li> <li>• Activities and experiences for young people are considered as an essential part of designing for reserve developments, including those provided through subdivision.</li> <li>• Utilise ReVision: Youth Friendly Spaces Audit Tool in the planning of all new Council community space projects, (see Community Connectivity and Participation section below).</li> </ul>

Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planned investment in youth and play facilities includes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foster Park youth park – 2023/24. \$0.89m.</li> <li>Playground renewals from 2021/30. \$2.3m</li> <li>Playground safety surface replacement from 2021/30. \$2.4m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Development of new neighbourhood reserves including play and recreation space by developers will be vested in Council as townships grow from 2021-2030. \$6m.</li> </ul>
Accessibility and Equity	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring play spaces and equipment is accessible to people of any age or ability and offers equal opportunity for participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council has recently signed a Disability Access Charter.</li> <li>An Accessibility Audit undertaken in 2022 covered some play facilities.</li> <li>General practice is to ensure there is a fully accessible designated play space in each township (and multiple in larger townships).</li> <li>Accessibility is considered for all new or upgrade play space installations with an aim to reduce and eliminate social and physical barriers to access for children and their caregivers, considering people with disabilities as well as parents with children in prams and older people with an age-related decrease in mobility or sensory abilities (e.g., avoid raised borders or edges that create a barrier).</li> <li>Recognise the importance and potential value of local level play spaces, as easily accessible and that cater to everyday play needs.</li> <li>Consider the locality of a play space as well as the wider open space network, off street connections and the provision of safe transport routes to ensure the journey to and from a play space can be made as accessible and safe as possible.</li> <li>Ensure play spaces are easily locatable and identifiable.</li> </ul>
Location and Spatial Layout	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New or upgraded play spaces are often designed in isolation of the wider setting or park environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carefully consider the location of new play spaces, including aspects of co-location with other facilities, main thoroughfares or walkways, existing natural features, visibility and passive surveillance, existing shade and shelter, proximity to hazards and neighbouring residential dwellings (privacy issues).</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The creation of enhanced settings for play needs to consider the context within which it is placed as well as to encompass the whole park/reserve environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any existing or new play space should be re/developed with a holistic approach to the enhancement of the wider park/open space, in conjunction with play space development as a complete 'play environment', to provide a comfortable, safe, and accessible public setting.</li> <li>Access to adequate, fit for purpose support amenities and infrastructure is considered (e.g., toilets, seating, picnic facilities, shade / shelter, drinking fountains), as appropriate to its function as a local, community or destination play space.</li> <li>Locate play equipment within a park to maximise usable open space, to allow opportunity for other activities, e.g., ball games, picnicking or public gatherings.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The spatial layout of play equipment within a play space, although compliant with NZS 5828, may still inadvertently create a hazard.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When designing the spatial layout of play elements, consider:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspects of synergy and those that relate well together, and those that should be placed separately to avoid inadvertent hazards (e.g., swings).</li> <li>Likely patterns of usage by children of different ages and abilities, and where grouping equipment that segregates by age/ability is actually needed (i.e. toddler level equipment).</li> <li>To minimise edging and area where safety surfacing is required by grouping compatible equipment and sharing equipment fall zones, but only where this is permitted under NZS 5828.</li> <li>The needs of parents/caregivers as well as children, and how the location of seating might best aid supervision from one location, e.g. provide seating near equipment in an elevated position with good sightlines. Also consider how one might supervise multiple children, including children of more than one age group, e.g. avoid scattering play elements over a large area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Health, Safety and Wellbeing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The provision for play needs to adhere to specific standards of safety (NZS 5828:2015) and support psychological security.</li> <li>Meeting NZ Standards for playground equipment &amp; surfacing. The cost of meeting the standard especially in terms of under-surface requirements is increasing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council complies with New Zealand Standards – Playground Equipment and Surfacing (NZS 5828:2015), as per Council's Play Policy.</li> <li>Commit to upholding a high level of maintenance, and a programme of regular safety inspections by undertaking an annual audit by a qualified RoSPA Level 3 inspector. The play space network is currently assessed as having a very high level of overall compliance.</li> </ul>

Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Zealand Playground Standards NZS 5828 also applies to natural play areas.</li> <li>• The requirement to replace soft-fall material is a significant cyclical cost and alternative products/sources need to be investigated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocate sufficient funding and resources to support maintenance, renewals and new upgrades of the play space network, as per Councils expenditure programme.</li> <li>• Consider future maintenance issues and ways of minimising maintenance inputs to ensure any new play space developments are sustainable and able to be appropriately maintained.</li> <li>• The design, materials and location of play facilities are considered to minimise the potential for hazards, deterioration and vandalism.</li> <li>• Good urban design standards and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are employed in the planning and design of all new or upgraded play spaces and wider park environs.</li> <li>• Support welfare by considering the need for shade and shelter and fencing or natural barriers (to adequately protect direct access to hazards).</li> <li>• Structures and equipment within a play space that are deemed unsafe, or a potential hazard, are either made safe or removed.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To protect children from avoidable serious harm while recognising the value of risk in providing beneficial (stimulating and adventurous) play opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively manage risk (risk benefit analysis) and ensure adherence to specific standards of safety.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased use of informal open spaces for play presents increased risk to Council as landowner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Even if these spaces are not formalised recreation spaces, Council as landowner has obligations to make safe.</li> </ul>
Community Connectivity and Participation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being cognisant of the wider benefits of play, in addition to the healthy development of the individual, in terms of family and community development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with individuals, communities, schools and specialist sport and recreation groups on the delivery of programmes that promote and advocate for the value of play and the play spaces across Waikirikiri Selwyn.</li> </ul>



Issue / Challenge	Opportunity/Consideration
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information and actively promote the play space network to maximise community access and utilisation, e.g., to make this information readily available through Council's website.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The success of a play space is largely dependent on how well it meets the needs of all those who are affected or have an interest, and to foster a sense of ownership or pride.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage opportunities for community participation in the planning and design of play space and associated amenities.</li> <li>• Allow opportunity for concerns, needs and aspirations to be articulated through a community engagement process.</li> <li>• Engagement with youth is essential in assessing needs and developing proposals for play, including in the design and creation of community hubs and public space to create youth-friendly spaces.</li> <li>• Utilise ReVision: Youth Friendly Spaces Audit Tool in the planning of all new Council community space projects, allowing young people to have a say on the places and space in their community and ensuring spaces are safe, appealing, accessible, well resourced, and youth friendly.</li> <li>• Council is in the process of developing a Rangatahi Youth Plan for Waikirikiri Selwyn.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve management responsibilities (including playgrounds) are being transitioned from local Committees to Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical levels of service may change for some communities as Council manages playground assets on a whole-of-district approach.</li> <li>• Community expectations may not be able to be met.</li> <li>• Clear lines of communication with the community will be important during transition.</li> </ul>

## 15. Projects and Priorities

The following section provides an overview of the preliminary projects and priorities that should be considered with regards to future PARS facility investment.

Generally, projects and priorities are identified where they require operational or capital investment relating to PARS facility provision. A number of operational issues were identified during the process and indicated in the 'issues and opportunities' tables in Section **Error! Reference source not found.** These have not been included in the following projects and priorities under Table 17, but should be considered as ongoing work streams.

Similarly, projects or priorities related to PARS programmes or non-physical services provided by Council are not addressed here, but are included within the 'Play, Active Recreation and Sport Strategic

Action Plan 2024 – 2027', which is a companion document to this Plan.

The high-level recommendations in the table do not preclude the need for further detailed planning on each project.

Key to Cost Range Information	
	Budget/funding is already identified for this item
	Budget/funding is partially identified for this item
	Budget/funding is not currently identified for this item

Note that an additional section is included below (Table 17) that sets out the sustainability/climate change priorities and actions that are integral to delivering the projects identified in this plan and reflect the outcomes envisaged by the principles.

Table 17: Projects and Priorities

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
Indoor Sports Activities			
1	In collaboration with Gymnastics NZ and gymnastics providers in the District, undertake an investigative study into how Council may best support provision of facilities for gymnastics, taking account of wider strategic implications and network requirements. This shall consider both club and overall gymnastics need/gaps for the District, as well as partnership opportunities.	In Progress (2023-24)	\$10k
2	Undertake planning and needs assessment for the new community facility in Prebbleton to inform the 2024-34 LTP.	In Progress (2023-24)	<\$20k
3	Undertake a strategic review of community facilities in Darfield to understand demand requirements and identify opportunities and options for future development. This work will help to inform future planning and business case for aquatic and indoor sports and recreation facilities in Darfield including the future of Darfield Recreation and Community Centre and Sheffield Pool.	In Progress (2023)	<\$20k

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
4	Update the 2017 Aquatics strategy following completion of the update to the National Aquatic Facilities Plan to provide information for the 2027-37 LTP.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$50k
5	Undertake an assessment of indoor facilities to establish a programme of work to improve the quality and comfort for sport and recreation activities as a lead in to the 2027-37 LTP.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$50k
6	Engage with Rolleston College and the MoE on opportunities for community access to the facilities planned for the new campus in south Rolleston.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
7	Engage with Ellesmere College on the potential for community access to indoor sports space as part of the campus rebuild and refurbishment programme.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
8	Work with Water Polo with the aim of allocating times in the new 25 metre pool at SAC for training and local games.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
9	Develop a district-wide indoor court strategy (preferably following finalisation of the updated National Facilities Strategy for Indoor Sports).	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	<\$50k
10	Commence work on identifying the desired location for additional indoor community facilities (especially in eastern Selwyn) that will be needed to support sport and recreation. This would include identification of sites as part of ODPs or subdivision consents or early land purchase opportunities (land banking).	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	Internal staff cost
11	Review court markings and other specific requirements for sports at SSC to meet changing needs (where practical).	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	<\$50k
12	Actively engage with Lincoln University to investigate opportunities for partnership or negotiated community access to facilities (including outdoor facilities).	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
13	Work with Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury in investigating provision of further facilities in the District as noted in Squash NZ National Strategy recommendations.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
14	Subject to outcomes of the strategic review of community facilities in Darfield and alongside developing a strategy for Indoor Courts consider options to meet demand for indoor courts in Darfield including potential for co-location with a future indoor aquatic facility.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$6m+
15	Undertake business case and other planning for additional indoor courts pending results of indoor courts needs assessment.	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	<\$50k
16	As part of the Aquatic Strategy review consider the need and options for an indoor aquatic facility for the Malvern area as population grows and existing outdoor facilities are at the end of economic lives. This will be subject to a feasibility assessment and preparation of a business case.	Long Term (2030-33)	\$10m+

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
17	Subject to the outcome of the Aquatics Strategy review consider a business case for provision of facilities in the Ellesmere area and Lincoln area (with growth expected in these localities).	Long Term (2030-33)	<\$30k
18	Consider opportunities for location of regional facilities where these are supported by regional facility plans and where significant benefit to the District can be demonstrated.	Long Term (2030-33)	Unknown
<b>Outdoor Sports Activities</b>			
19	Master Plan extension of Lincoln Reserve and provisionally allocate field space for rugby, football, touch and cricket (based on current demand assessment).	In Progress (2023)	<\$50k
20	Review the cross-country horse-riding track at Hororātā Reserve from a safety perspective to ensure it meets required standards and undertake required remedial works.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$40k
21	Commence development of a staged Master Plan for the District Park to reflect the revised development timing.	In Progress (2023-24)	\$185k
22	Bring forward and complete development of the Birches Road stage 2 development (Kakaha Park) to 2024/25, and confirm allocation of stage 1 sports field space through liaison with regional sports bodies and clubs (i.e. subject to an update of needs information from clubs and code organisations as part of ground allocation process).	Short Term (2024-26)	\$4m
23	Undertake actions to acquire additional land to extend Kakaha Park (approx. 2.2 ha) subject to negotiation at a price that is acceptable to Council and within allocated budgets.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$2m
24	In consultation with clubs, Ellesmere Sub-Union and CRFU, investigate demand for a region-wide, high-quality rugby venue to host televised night matches.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$30k
25	Fund and replace the artificial surface for the Brookside Park athletics track and high jump pad to specifications set out in the condition and maintenance report.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$190k
26	Upgrade the existing outdoor sports courts at Lincoln Reserve including lighting.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$900k
27	In consultation with Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket investigate development of a sub-regional cricket hub and feasibility of indoor training facility.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$30k
28	Identify a suitable ground for Ultimate practise and play (obtain more details on times, numbers and assess space options).	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
29	Continue to work with Disc Golf to identify a suitable site for a course and assess options at West Melton & Kirwee Reserves, and Lake Coleridge.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$30k
30	Work with Canterbury Country Cricket and clubs to develop junior fields including artificial blocks in high need areas, including Leeston/Southbridge, Rolleston, Lincoln, Darfield and Tai Tapu, West Melton.	Short Term (2023-26)	\$120k



#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
31	Develop standard maintenance specifications and turf upgrade programmes for cricket grounds and support clubs with technical advice and in implementing maintenance activities.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$40k (annually)
32	Engage with Rolleston College (and potentially other schools) where outdoor courts are planned to be covered to ascertain the potential for community access for netball training.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
33	Investigate the opportunity for community access to a planned artificial turf at Ararira Springs Primary in Lincoln, especially in meeting space needs for football in this locality.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
34	Work with softball and baseball clubs to solve issues around shared facilities and consider provision of a second diamond and associated facilities at Foster Park to cater for increased demand as part of the 2024-34 LTP	Short Term (2024-26)	\$400k
35	Implement replacement of the softball diamond synthetic surface as set out in the condition report and periodically replace batter's box area.	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$160k
36	Develop a policy to guide Council decision making on investment support for club-owned assets on Council land that form part of the network of District sports facilities.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
37	Develop a sports lighting policy to guide the implementation of a lighting programme, as identified through the Sports Lighting Requirements Report (recently completed), which prioritises urgent work and projects (new, upgrades, and renewals) for consideration in the 2024-34 LTP.	Short Term (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
38	In reviewing the Open Space planning specifically consider the needs in the Lincoln / Prebbleton / Broadfield / Springston catchment where additional space will be required at around 10-15 years and look to identify a suitable site.	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	<\$40k
39	Review options for netball facilities in eastern Selwyn. This would incorporate potential use of school courts, training court needs for Rolleston Netball and the possibility of developing outdoor court space adjacent to SSC	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	\$800k
40	Implement the sports lighting programme after approval through the 2024-34 LTP process in accordance with identified priorities.	Short-Medium-Long Term 2024-33	\$5m
41	Develop a 100m artificial athletics straight at Brookside Park (subject to site assessment to accommodate this).	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$300k
42	Bring forward and complete the Lincoln Reserve extension development with completion to coincide with Meijer Drive extension.	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	\$5m
43	Investigate purchase of additional land to extend West Melton Reserve to provide more sports space (based on projected population growth and subject to Open Spaces Strategic Plan review).	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$1.5m

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
44	Develop an equestrian network plan to guide opportunities for integrating equestrian facilities within wider open space planning, such as combining walk and cycle paths with bridle ways and collaborating on facility provision with other agencies/landowners.	Medium Term (2027-29)	<\$50k
45	Monitor growth in tennis within eastern Selwyn and consider options for a tennis hub or additional club (could be shared with outdoor netball space adjacent to SSC).	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$1.2m
46	Identify a ground for training and play for AFL.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
47	Bring forward the development of the additional land adjacent to Broadfield Reserve to help meet demand requirements for outdoor sports space in the Lincoln / Prebbleton / Broadfield / Springston catchment.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$1.5m
48	Develop standard guidelines / specifications for sports turf provision and management.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
49	Develop a guidance framework for storage facilities located on Council reserve land.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
50	Define sports park grade categories and define levels of service (maintenance standards and asset provision standards) for each grade that can be progressively implemented through maintenance and capital programmes.	Medium Term (2027-29)	<\$30k
51	Review the need for additional artificial sports turf space based on demand and capacity assessments, including a review of demand for artificial surfaces for rugby and the potential for shared use.	Long Term (2030-33)	\$2.5m
52	Undertake a needs assessment for a bowling club in Rolleston and, subject to demand, identify and allocate a space for this facility	Medium Term (2027-29)	<\$20k
53	Redevelopment of Southbridge Park to create a sports hub (including the extension and relocation of tennis/netball courts).	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$1.2m
54	Monitor demand and consider options for providing additional outdoor sport space in Leeston/Southbridge/Doyleston catchment (includes Council owned leased land at Ellesmere Reserve and Beethams Road land).	Long Term (2030-33)	Internal staff cost
55	Undertake further assessment (shooting network plan) to guide Council provision or support of shooting facilities on a network basis.	Long Term (2030-33)	<\$30k

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
Active Recreation			
56	Apply a multi-use lens to all Council land development to also consider and incorporate opportunities for recreation (and play), alongside organised sport, with a particular focus on meeting the needs and priorities for youth, women and girls, and rural communities.	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
57	In recognition of promoting healthy, active communities and the high levels of participation, focus resources on establishing walking and cycling connections and the movement network that provides opportunities for informal walking and cycling activities within both urban and rural settings.	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
58	In recognition of the projected increase in residents aged 55 years and over, actively incorporate or plan for and provide the facilities that will meet the general recreation needs of this demographic.	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
59	Continue planned new facilities and upgrades / renewals of existing community basketball courts.	Ongoing	\$200k
60	Support projects for bump/pump tracks so that these facilities are available in most townships. This can be by way of reserve improvements in subdivisions, in partnership with another agency (e.g. school), development in existing reserves and with community input.	Ongoing	\$1.1m
61	Investigate opportunities for partnership with other providers (e.g. ECan, DoC, CCC) for to facilitate access to areas for active recreation (ongoing).	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
62	Actively explore what mechanisms are available to provide for or support the development of walking and cycling trails within and connections to Selwyn's natural areas, such as formalising links to the Port Hills Reserves from Tai Tapu, which would create a gateway for Selwyn residents to this network of open space.	In Progress/ ongoing	\$100k
63	Expand the scope of Council's Walking and Biking strategy at its next review to include walking and cycling for recreation.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
64	Update the 2017 Aquatics Strategy, considering Christchurch and Waimakariri District provision and with a specific focus on the Malvern area. As part of the review consider water play opportunities so long as these can be developed in a safe and sustainable way.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$50k
65	Consider opportunities for track cycling and other wheeled activities from recent Denton Park Cycle Track review.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
66	Continue to develop formed walking and cycling tracks around larger parks (e.g. Rhodes Park, West Melton Reserve) as indicated in the LTP (ongoing).	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$830k
67	Integrate active recreation opportunities (skateboard, scootering, skating, walking, cycling etc.) in to planned redevelopments or extensions to recreation reserves (Leeston Park, West Melton Reserve, Lincoln Reserve, Southbridge Park).	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$500k

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
68	Develop a specific plan for dog exercise areas, including areas suitable for dog trialling, in cooperation with the Animal Control Team to guide the development of additional purpose-built, off-leash dog areas on a network basis and to reflect levels of dog ownership for localities.	Medium Term (2027-29)	<\$30k
69	Consider relocation opportunities for the Selwyn Dog Training Club from Foster Dog Park to an alternative dedicated site (to increase space and reduce user conflict).	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$450k
70	In reviewing the Open Spaces Strategic Plan, identify opportunities for acquiring additional land with potential for active recreation pursuits alongside natural area conservation.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$4m
71	Prepare and implement a development plan for Cemetery Pit with a view to enabling use for active recreation (now that extraction is finished and rehabilitation is in progress).	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$790k
72	Work with stakeholders to develop a network plan of mountain bike facilities within the district, including a mapped inventory of existing and proposed trails.	Medium Term (2027-29)	<\$50k
73	Develop guidelines and standards for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment, including to review existing fitness equipment provision and to implement a non-renewal strategy where equipment has been installed in unsuitable sites.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
74	Include walking tracks and outdoor exercise areas as part of the District Park development.	Medium - Long Term (2027-33)	\$750k
75	Identify former gravel reserve sites for rehabilitation and future development and use for active recreation.	Medium-Long Term (2027-33)	\$500k
<b>Play</b>			
76	Input into the process to better understand community needs and priorities for play, beyond playgrounds and sports fields (as also identified as an action in the PARS Action Plan).	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
77	Implement Council's adopted service measure of providing at least one local level playground within reasonable walking distance (approximately 500m) to most residents within townships, and continue planned development of new neighbourhood reserves, including play and recreation space, to be vested in Council as townships grow.	Ongoing	\$6.9m
78	Consider access for play (including activities and experiences for young people) as an essential element in planning and design of community assets.	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
79	Implement renewal programmes to address issues identified and ensure asset renewals are undertaken before equipment reaches point of failure. Renewals will include play equipment, as well as other necessary improvements to the wider park environs (for example, supporting amenities), as appropriate to its function as a local, community, or destination play space.	Ongoing	\$2.5m

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
80	As part of undertaking ongoing renewal programmes, undertake a district wide assessment of existing play provision, against potential changes in demand drivers such as, demographics, community expectations/ preferences, changing technologies and affordability to ensure we are delivering appropriate opportunities, and a fit-for-purpose and efficient service, and not just replacing like-for-like.	Ongoing (periodic review)	<\$20k
81	Continue to engage with youth, diversity and inclusion groups, cultural groups, and the wider sector to identify and provide for play (and active recreation) needs.	Ongoing	Internal staff cost
82	Consider opportunities to improve/increase opportunities for play and facilities for young people across Ellesmere, including through provision of a destination-level playground as part of the wider Leeston Park redevelopment project.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$750k
83	Undertake development of a youth space in Foster Park in 2023/24.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$1.6m
84	In updating the Engineering Code of Practice for Subdivisions, make sure that it provides guidance on the acceptance criteria and quality of play spaces.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
85	Implement the “quick win” projects identified in the Accessibility Audit related to play spaces.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$250k
86	Incorporate accessibility and playability audit recommendations into all play renewal and development programmes in the 2024-34 LTP.	In Progress (2023-24)	Internal staff cost
87	Update the Council’s website to include information on the districts play space network to enable people to make an informed choice according to their needs. This shall include working with Council’s Accessibility Advisory Group to provide information regarding the accessibility of our network.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
88	Assess existing provision and establish a consistent framework for play provision across the network.	Medium Term (2027-29)	Internal staff cost
89	Prioritise playground upgrades to ‘community’ level facilities in smaller rural towns that have a dependence on only one play space, including to ensure at least one designated play space is provided in each town/locality (and multiple in large towns) that is accessible and inclusive for all children and their caregivers, as per accessibility audits.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$1.25m
90	Consider opportunities to improve/increase opportunities for play and facilities for young people across Malvern, including through provision of a destination-level playground within Darfield, i.e., as part of future upgrades/ redevelopment of either Darfield Reserve or Westview Park.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$750k
91	Establish a systematic approach (on a priority basis) to the provision of shade within designated play spaces and ensure this is given appropriate funding to achieve required outcomes.	Medium Term	Internal staff cost



#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
		(2027-29 / Ongoing)	
<b>District Park Development</b>			
92	Undertake master planning for Selwyn District Park, including, but not limited to, consideration of the priority development areas listed below. It is suggested that the park is developed as a sustainability demonstration site, which may include: on-site energy generation, zero waste practices, environmentally sustainable maintenance practices, low carbon count (embodied and emitted), regenerative farming, organic food growing, indigenous flora revegetation, recyclable/repurposed assets, water conservation, walking/cycling access and connections.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$185k
93	Undertake further needs assessment to determine development priorities to enable the park to be built on a staged basis. The following initial uses/activities have been identified: sports fields, formal and informal play spaces, AFL, Dog Training Club and dog park, BMX / pump track / learn-to-ride, family / entry level MTB tracks, equestrian facility, including eventing arena, general open space and trails, farm park, large-scale events and entertainment space, archery range (possible use of existing space for indoor range), community gardens, disc golf course, natural area restoration, sub-regional cricket hub, ultimate frisbee field, walking tracks and exercise areas, sports arena, community activity spaces. The needs assessment will be integrated into the master planning work.	Short Term (2024-26)	Included in above
94	Increase the size of the District Park - Stage 1 development to 30 Ha to meet current sport and recreation demand in eastern Selwyn and commence development from 2024/25. Develop on a staged basis with a further 10-20 hectares requiring development by 2033 (based on population growth and demand projections).	Short-Medium-Long Term (2024-33)	\$25m+
<b>General Actions</b>			
95	Consider if / how Council is involved in or facilitates activities traditionally delivered by the commercial sector such as gyms, climbing walls and trampoline parks.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
96	Take account of and incorporate the principles and values embodied in the <i>Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan</i> when planning for and delivering PARS work and programmes to protect and enhance mana whenua values, and achievement of outcomes for the natural resources.	On-going	Internal staff cost
97	Apply the principle of 'hub and spoke' models of facility provision to better accommodate the geographic spread across the District and growth and density of major centres e.g., Rolleston, Prebbleton, and Lincoln (ongoing).	Short Term (2024-26)	-
98	Implement the "quick win" projects identified in the Accessibility Audit of facilities and spaces and develop a programme for medium to longer term projects for consideration in the 2027-37 LTP.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$250k
99	Develop and adopt a policy on sponsorship in open space and facilities that provides clear guidance on what is permissible.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost

#	Action	Timeframe	Cost Range
100	Review the Open Spaces Strategic Plan and align with the Future Selwyn Strategy.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
101	As part of Open Space Strategic Plan review, actively identify opportunities for acquiring land for future community facilities to ensure sufficient open space is available in advance of demand. This can be achieved through reserve contribution from subdivision where practicable, using land already owned by Council or direct purchase.	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	\$1m+
102	In reviewing the Open Spaces Strategic Plan, consider the provision and distribution levels of service for neighbourhood parks in consideration of impacts on residential density from the Resource Management (Enabling Housing Supply and Other Matters) Amendment Act 2021.	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
103	In reviewing the Open Spaces Strategic Plan and in assessing land requirements for PARS, undertake a review of existing reserve holdings that are not being used for the intended purpose and never likely to be with the objective of identifying reserve exchange opportunities that could help to secure land in the places where it is needed.	Short Term (2024-26)	<\$50k
104	Establish clear decision-making criteria for the allocation of land for PARS activities and facilities (to ensure optimal use of land and protect space for critical purposes).	Short Term (2024-26)	Internal staff cost
105	Complete Reserve Management Plans incorporating site-specific information on PARS needs.	Short Term (2024-26)	\$50k
106	Provide better access (e.g., safe cycle and walking routes, public transport) to key facility hub areas such as Foster Park. Integrate this with spatial planning for residential developments (via ODPs).	On-going	\$500k (some in existing budgets or built by developers)
107	Works with clubs and codes on measures to reduce reliance on car use to venues and facilities e.g., travel plans.	Short-Medium Term (2024-29)	Internal staff cost
108	Establish a contestable fund and/or loan fund as part of the 2024-34 LTP process that is available for sports and recreation clubs and groups to make application to. The funding would be targeted to projects which would not normally be funded directly by Council.	Medium Term (2027-29)	\$100k annually
109	Establish pathways for community volunteer input for the guardianship of places and spaces which may include "Friends of" groups or volunteer wardens.	Medium Term (2027-29)	-

Table 18 below sets out actions to promote sustainable outcomes and to mitigate the impact of climate change. These actions will also contribute to Council's target to reduce carbon emissions by 30% by 2030.

*Table 18: Sustainability and climate change mitigation actions*

Sustainability & Climate Change Mitigation Actions	
Activity	Action
Indoor Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In planning or operating indoor facilities and activities Council should:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understand the potential environmental impacts of a building across the life cycle (use tools such as LCAQuick to assess options).</li> <li>- Understand the full lifecycle costs for options.</li> <li>- Look to reduce carbon inputs to builds by assessing carbon embodied in materials (use assessment tools such as CO<sub>2</sub>NSTRUCT).</li> <li>- Reduce carbon emissions with use of renewable energy solutions such as solar generation.</li> <li>- Design for thermal and energy efficiency (use modelling tools).</li> <li>- Consider use of materials that have lower environmental impacts such as those approved by Environmental Choice New Zealand.</li> <li>- Design for water use efficiency and incorporate water saving and re-use devices.</li> <li>- Build waste minimisation and recycling into operating systems.</li> <li>- Consider management models that deliver long term financial viability while sustaining a sense of community belonging and connection.</li> <li>- Ensure facilities are designed to be flexible and adaptable as needs change over time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Outdoor Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water is becoming an increasingly precious resource and Council needs to actively consider measures for water conservation and sustainable use in maintaining and operating its outdoor spaces. This could include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop a water conservation plan for outdoor spaces.</li> <li>- Implement best practice irrigation methods.</li> <li>- Avoid high water use installations.</li> <li>- Consider water harvesting where feasible.</li> <li>- Select drought tolerant plants and turf species.</li> <li>- Use water efficient fixtures and appliances in ancillary facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Sustainability & Climate Change Mitigation Actions	
Activity	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A waste minimisation strategy for outdoor spaces, including recycling and composting opportunities, is needed.</li> <li>• Council is continuing conversion to LED sports floodlighting and should consider other energy efficiency measures.</li> <li>• New designation conditions for recreation reserves will improve sports lighting impacts in terms of light pollution (as new or upgraded lighting schemes are installed).</li> <li>• Maintenance methodologies for outdoor space should be reviewed especially in regard to reducing carbon emissions, improving energy efficiency, reducing nitrate leaching from fertilisers, and reducing the reliance on agri-chemicals.</li> <li>• Consider a recycle/repurpose policy for assets (do not install assets that go to the waste stream at end of life).</li> <li>• Future installation of artificial surfaces will be based on new technologies that have minimal impact on the environment from release of compounds (into water and air) and that are able to be recycled at end of life.</li> </ul>
Active Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to provide walking and cycling facilities that provide alternative transport options, connect places and destinations and enable residents to participate in healthy recreation activities.</li> <li>• In considering asset provision look at whole-of-life costs and the potential to recycle or repurpose at end of life.</li> </ul>
Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review options for safety under-surface materials and maintenance practices to optimising safety performance, durability and cost.</li> <li>• Consider a recycle/repurpose policy for play structures and equipment (do not install assets that go to the waste stream at end of life).</li> <li>• Install alternative options to plastic play items that are fossil fuel based, difficult to re-use, and contribute to micro-plastics entering the environment.</li> </ul>
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In consideration of broad effects identified in the Aqualinc Report (2023) undertake further investigations to understand the impact of climate change on sports, recreation and play assets and develop more specific and costed programmes for mitigation and adaptation.</li> <li>• Ensure that new facilities and assets are not built in locations where climate change impacts will substantially reduce their serviceability or economic life.</li> </ul>

# 16. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council:

- 1. Adopt this Plan.
- 2. Supports in principle implementation of the actions and priorities indicated in Section 15, subject to approval of budgets and funding via Annual Plan and Long-Term Plan processes.
- 3. Update / review this plan according to the following table to align with Councils Long Term Plan reviews.

LTP Period	Plan Update/Review
2021-2031	Current
2024-2034	Update
2027-2037	Review
2030-2040	Review





# 17. Appendices



## Appendix 1: Township Population Projections

### *Selwyn Growth by Townships / Areas*

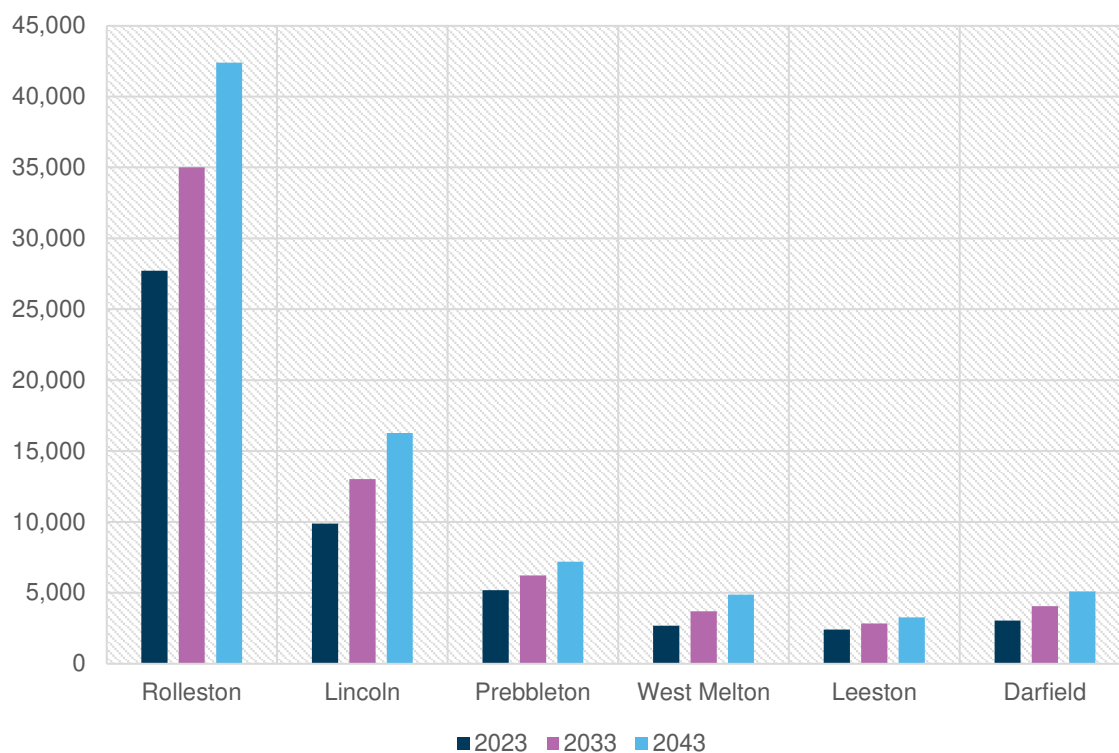


Figure 18: Population projections by township

## Appendix 2: Site and Facility Inventory

*Parks, Reserves and Domains*

Facility/site name	Owner	Use	Users
11 Hororātā Dunsandel Road	Council	Community	Dunsandel Plunket
Broadfield Reserve	Council	Netball Tennis	Broadfield Netball Club Broadfield Tennis Club
Brookside Park	Council	Athletics Cricket Football Rugby League	Selwyn Athletic Club Weedons Cricket Club Selwyn Football Club Rolleston Warriors Rugby League Club
Courtenay Reserve	Council	Tennis	Courtenay Tennis Club
Darfield Domain	Council	Cricket Netball Rugby Scouts Squash Tennis Touch Football	Darfield Cricket Club Darfield Netball Club Darfield Rugby Club Darfield Scout Group Malvern Squash Club Darfield Tennis Club Darfield Touch Selwyn Football Club
Dunsandel Domain	Council	Bowls Cricket Multi Netball Rugby Tennis	Dunsandel Bowling Club Dunsandel Cricket Club Dunsandel Sports Centre Dunsandel RFC Netball Club Burnham Dunsandel Irwell RFC Dunsandel Tennis Club
Ellesmere Reserve	Council	Golf Motor sports	Ellesmere Golf Club Ellesmere Motor Racing Club
Former Tai Tapu Hall site	Council	Community NFP	Tai Tapu Playcentre
Foster Park	Council	Community NFP Cricket Football Hockey Rugby Softball Touch	Rolleston Men's Shed Weedons Cricket Club Selwyn Football Club Waikirikiri Hockey/Canterbury Hockey Assn Rolleston Rugby Club Rolleston Softball Club Rolleston Touch
Glentunnel Domain	Council	Cricket Golf Multi Rugby	South Malvern Cricket Club Hororātā Golf Club South Malvern Combined Sports Bodies Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Greendale Reserve	Council	Cricket	Greendale Cricket Club

Facility/site name	Owner	Use	Users
		Tennis	Greendale Tennis Club (in recess)
Greenpark Memorial Park	Council	Netball Tennis	Greenpark Netball Club Greenpark Tennis Club
Hororātā Domain	Council	Equestrian Netball Shooting Tennis	Hororātā Trotting Club Hororātā Netball Club Hororātā Miniature Rifle Club Hororātā Tennis Club
Killinchy Community Centre	Council	Tennis	Killinchy Tennis Club
Kirwee Reserve	Council	Bowls Community NFP Cricket Netball Rugby Tennis	Kirwee Bowling Club Kirwee Players Kirwee Cricket Club Kirwee Netball Club Kirwee Rugby Football Club Kirwee Tennis Club
Leeston Park	Council	Cricket Netball Rugby Scouts Shooting Tennis	Leeston Southbridge Cricket Club Ellesmere Combined Netball Club Leeston Rugby Football Club Leeston Scout Group Leeston Smallbore Rifle Club Leeston Southbridge Junior Tennis Club
Lincoln Domain	Council	Bowls Community Cricket Netball Rugby Scouts Tennis	Lincoln Bowling Club Lincoln Plunket Lincoln Toy Library Lincoln Men's Shed Lincoln Playcentre Lincoln Cricket Club Lincoln Netball Club Selwyn Netball Centre Lincoln Rugby Football Club Lincoln Scout Group Lincoln Tennis Club
Lincoln Golf Club	Council	Golf	Lincoln Golf Club
Lot 1 DP 39214 - Halkett/ Calders Rd	Council	Shooting	West Melton Mini Rifle Club
Osborne Park	Council	Archery Tennis	Ellesmere Archery Club Ellesmere Tennis Sub-association
Part Reserve 372	Council	Equestrian	Springston Pony Club
Prebbleton Domain	Council	Community Cricket Football	Prebbleton Playcentre Prebbleton Cricket Club Prebbleton Soccer

Facility/site name	Owner	Use	Users
		Netball Rugby Tennis Touch	Prebbleton Netball Club Prebbleton Rugby Club Prebbleton Tennis Club Prebbleton Touch
Reserve 1039 - Newtons Road	Council	Equestrian	West Melton/Weedons Pony Club
Reserve 1511 - Creyke/ Telegraph Rd	Council	Shooting	Darfield Shooting Centre
Rhodes Park	Council	Bowls Cricket Golf Netball Rugby Tennis	Tai Tapu Bowling Club Tai Tapu Cricket Club Tai Tapu Golf Club Tai Tapu Netball Club Waihora Rugby Club Tai Tapu Tennis Club
Rolleston Reserve	Council	Community Netball Rugby Scouts Tennis	Rolleston Playcentre Rolleston Netball Club Rolleston Scout Group Rolleston Tennis Club
Sec 3-4 SO 50223 - Deans Rd	Council	Motocross	Canterbury Mini MX Club
Sheffield Reserve	Council	Community Cricket Rugby Tennis	Malvern A & P Association Sheffield Cricket Club Sheffield Rugby Club Sheffield Tennis Club
Southbridge Park	Council	Archery Cricket Rugby	Ellesmere Archery Club Leeston Southbridge Cricket Club Southbridge Rugby Football Club
Springston Recreation Reserve	Council	Cricket Multi Netball Rugby Tennis	Springston Cricket Club Springston Reserve and Associated Sports Committee Springston Netball Club Springston Rugby Football Club Springston Tennis Club
Weedons Domain	Council	Cricket Golf Tennis	Weedons Cricket Club Weedons Country Club Weedons Tennis Club
West Melton Domain	Council	Bowls Cricket Football Netball Rugby Scouts	West Melton Bowling Club Weedons Cricket Club Selwyn Football Club West Melton Netball Club West Melton Rugby Football Club West Melton Scouts Group

Facility/site name	Owner	Use	Users
		Tennis Touch	West Melton Tennis Club West Melton Touch

### *Aquatic Facilities & Water Based*

Facility/site name	Owner	Operator	Facility Type	Description
Darfield Swimming Pool	Council	Council	Sub District Seasonal	1 outdoor: 25m x 9m x 1.0-1.85m 2 indoor: learner's pool and paddling pool All three pools are heated
Halkett Hall Swimming Pool	Council	Management Committee	Community Seasonal	Outdoor lane pool approximately 12x 4m.
Killinchy Hall Swimming Pool	Council	Management Committee	Community Seasonal	Outdoor lane pool approximately 12 x 4m.
Leeston Learners Pool	Council	Management Committee	Community Seasonal	1 outdoor pool: 13m x 5m Depth 0.8m to 1.0m.
Selwyn Aquatic Centre	Council	Council	District Year-round	25m lane pool with ten lanes, 1.4m to 2m deep Programme pool 20m pool with ten lanes, 0.9m to 1.6m. Hydrotherapy pool - 1.2m to 1.8m deep, ramp access available with attached spa Learn to swim pool - 0.65m to 0.90m Leisure pool with a lazy river and toddlers area attached
Sheffield Memorial Pool	Council	Management Committee	Community Seasonal	Lane pool 21m x 9m, depth 1.0m – 2.3m. Paddling pool 6m x 2m Diving board and new change facilities on site.
Southbridge Pool	Council	Management Committee	Sub District Outdoor Seasonal	Lane pool 25m x 13m Depth 0.9-1.8m. Paddling pool 5m x 6.7m. Hydroslide. New change facility.

### *Sports Courts*

Facility/site name	Owner	Description
Acland Park	Council	Basketball Court (community)
Arlington Park	Council	Basketball court and Tennis Court (community)
Branthwaite Drive Reserve	Council	Tennis Court (community)
Broadfield Reserve	Council	Volley Wall Hard surface, 2 x tennis/netball courts (club)
Brookside Park	Council	Basketball Court Round (community)
Castle Hill Domain	Council	Tennis Court and Petanque Court (community)
Castleton Drive Playground	Council	Basketball Court Round (community)



Facility/site name	Owner	Description
Coalgate Reserve	Council	1 x Tennis Court (community)
Courtenay Domain	Club	4 x Tennis Courts (club)
Darfield Community Centre and Domain	Club/Council	6 x Tennis Courts, Volley Wall Hard surface, 5 x Netball Courts (club)
Dunsandel Domain	Council	4 x Tennis/Netball Courts, Volley Wall Hard surface (club)
Edendale Reserve	Council	Tennis Court and Basketball Court (community)
Fairmont Rise Park	Council	Basketball Half Court, Tennis Court (community)
Greendale Hall and Reserve	Council	2 x Tennis Courts (club)
Greenpark Memorial Hall and Reserve	Council	2 x Tennis Courts/Netball Court, Volley Wall Hard surface (club)
Halkett Hall and Pool	Council	Tennis Court, Volley Wall Hard surface (community)
Hororātā Domain	Council	2 x Tennis Courts (club)
Kajens Court Reserve	Council	Half Basketball Court, Tennis Court (community)
Killinchy Reserve	Council	2 x Tennis Courts (club)
Kirwee Domain	Club	2 x Tennis/Netball Court, 4 Tennis Courts, Volley Wall Hard surface (club)
Kowai Pass Recreation Reserve	Council	2 x Tennis/Netball Courts (club/community)
Lake Coleridge Reserve	Council	Tennis Court, Basketball Half Court (community)
Leeston Park	Council	4 x Tennis/Netball Courts (club)
Liffey Springs Reserve	Council	Tennis Court (community)
Lincoln Domain	Council	Basketball Court, 11 x Tennis/Netball Courts (club)
Maddison Gardens Tennis Reserve	Council	Basketball Court, Tennis Court (community)
Markham Way Reserve	Council	Basketball Court Round (community)
Moreton Green Reserve	Council	Tennis Court (community)
Osborne Park	Council	2 x Tennis/Netball Courts (club/community)
Prebbleton Domain	Council	4 x Tennis Courts, 4 x Tennis/Netball Courts, Volley Area (club)
Preston Downs Reserve	Council	1 x Tennis Court (community)
Rhodes Park	Council	2 x Multi-Use Sports Courts, 2 x Tennis Court
Rolleston Reserve	Council	Volley Wall, 5 x Tennis/Netball Court, 3 x tennis courts, half court (club)
Rossington Drive Reserve	Council	1 x Tennis Court (community)
Sheffield Recreation Reserve	Council	2 x Tennis Courts (club)
Springston Recreation Reserve	Council	4 x Tennis/Netball Courts, 2 x Tennis Courts (club)
Springston South Domain	Council	2 x Tennis Courts (community)
Stern Crescent Reserve	Council	Tennis Court (community)
Stonebrook Park	Council	Basketball Court (community)
Waihora Domain	Club	3 x Tennis Courts, Volley wall (club)
Weedons Domain	Council	3 x Tennis Courts, Basketball Court (club/community)
West Melton Domain	Council	2 x Tennis/Netball Courts, 4 x Tennis Courts, Volley Wall
Westview Reserve	Council	Basketball Court Round (community)

*Synthetic Cricket Turfs*

Facility/site name	Owner	Description
Brookside Park	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, 3 x Artificial Cricket Wickets
Darfield Recreation Reserve	Council	Cricket Practice Nets
Dunsandel Domain	Council	Artificial Cricket Wicket
Foster Park	Council	2 x Artificial Cricket Wickets
Glentunnel Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket Junior
Greendale Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket
Kirwee Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket
Leeston Park	Council	Cricket Practice Nets
Lincoln Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, 2 x Artificial Cricket Wickets
Rhodes Park	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket Senior, Artificial Cricket Wicket Junior
Sheffield Domain	Council	Artificial Cricket Wicket Junior
Southbridge Park	Council	Cricket Practice Nets
Springston Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket
Weedons Domain	Council	Cricket Practice Nets, Artificial Cricket Wicket

*Sports and Recreation Centres*

Facility/site name	Owner	Cluster
Lincoln Events Centre	Council	Lincoln
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre	Council	Malvern
Selwyn Sports Centre	Council	Rolleston
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre	Council	Rolleston

*Community Centres and Halls*

Facility/site name	Owner	Cluster
Arthurs Pass Community Centre	Council	Remote High Country
Broadfield District Hall	Council	Lincoln
Castle Hill Village Community Centre	Council	Remote High Country
Doyleston Hall	Council	Ellesmere
Dunsandel Hall	Council	Rolleston
Glenroy Hall	Council	Malvern
Glentunnel Community Centre	Council	Malvern
Greendale Community Centre	Council	Malvern
Greenpark Memorial Community Centre	Council	Lincoln
Halkett Community Centre	Council	Rolleston
Hororātā Hall	Council	Malvern

Killinchy Community Centre	Council	Ellesmere
Ladbrooks Hall	Council	Lincoln
Lake Coleridge Community Hall	Council	Remote High Country
Lakeside Community Memorial Hall	Council	Ellesmere
Mead Hall	Council	Rolleston
Prebbleton Public Hall	Community	Lincoln
Rolleston Community Centre	Council	Rolleston
Sheffield Hall	Council	Malvern
Southbridge Community Hall	Council	Ellesmere
Springston Hall	Council	Lincoln
Tai Tapu Community Centre	Council	Lincoln
Tawera Hall	Council	Malvern
Te Ara Ātea	Council	Rolleston

### *Other Specialised Surfaces, Areas or Facilities*

Facility/site name	Description
Softball / Diamond	Combined softball and baseball diamond on Foster Park
Foster Park ½ hockey turf	½-size artificial hockey turf for practise and junior level play
Foster Park Hockey Turf	Full-size water-based hockey turf for senior competition
Foster Park Football Turf	Full-sized synthetic football turf for practice and play
Brookside Park Athletics Facilities	Synthetic long jump and high jump surface, throwing circles
Lakeside Domain	Boating, water skiing, kayaking, fishing

### *Skate and Cycle Parks*

Facility/site name	Type	Description
Leeston State Park	Skate	Skate Park including bowl
Lincoln Domain Skate Park	Skate	Skate Park
Prebbleton Community Park	Skate	Skate and scooter area
Rolleston Skate Park	Skate	Skate Park including bowl. Caters for beginners through to more experienced skateboard riders
West Melton Skate Park	Skate	Skate Park including bowl
Westview Skate Park, Darfield	Skate	Skate Park
Birches Road	BMX / Pump	BMX / Pump track
Branthwaite Reserve (Falcon's Landing)	BMX / Pump	Informal Pump track
Coalgate	BMX / Pump	Unsealed BMX Track
Kirwee Domain	BMX / Pump	Unsealed BMX / Pump track
Osborne Park	BMX / Pump	Unsealed BMX Track
Prebbleton Domain	BMX / Pump	Pump track

Rosemerryn	BMX / Pump	Pump track
Selwyn Huts	BMX / Pump	Informal BMX area
Acland Park, Rolleston	BMX / Pump	Informal Pump track
Lincoln Domain	BMX / Pump	Temporary BMX track
Castle Hill	BMX / Pump	Unsealed pump track
Tawera Reserve	BMX / Pump	Unsealed track
Reid's Pit, Rolleston	General Cycling	Unsealed but formed general biking area
Blunden Road / Anaru Road Reserve	Learn to Ride	Learn to ride track
Rolleston Reserve	Learn to Ride	Learn to ride track
Te Whariki Lincoln	Learn to Ride	Learn to ride track

### *Dog Parks*

Facility/site name	Description
Darfield Dog Park	Dedicated dog walking and exercise area
Foster Dog Park	Dedicated dog walking and exercise area
Leeston Dog Park	Dedicated dog walking and exercise area
McHughs Forest Park	Dedicated dog walking and exercise area
Birches Road	Dedicated dog walking and exercise area

### *Playgrounds*

The playgrounds identified here are either owned or operated by the Selwyn District Council. Schools and other providers such as playcentres and kindergartens also provide playground facilities across the district.

Facility/site name	Type	Features
Almond Park	Local	
Anderson Square	Local	
Arlington Park Flemington	Local	PG, BB Hoop
Avoca Snowdon Reserve	Local	
Beaumont Drive / Spencer Close Park	Local	
Beaumont Drive Stormwater Reserve	Local	
Blunden Road / Anaru Road Reserve	Local	Learn to ride track
Branthwaite Reserve (Falcons Nest)	Local	Pump Track
Broadfield Reserve	Local	
Bronte Way Reserve	Local	
Brooker Reserve	Local	
Brookside Park	Local	

Facility/site name	Type	Features
Cairnbrae Reserve	Local	
Castle Hill Domain Slide	Local	
Castleton Drive Playground	Local	
Chicory Way Reserve	Local	
Clanfield Way Reserve	Local	
Coalgate Playground	Local	
Courtney Domain	Local	
Darfield Community Centre and Domain	Local	
Davinci Ave / Fibonacci Way	Local	
Dunsandel Domain	Local	
Edendale Reserve	Local	
Everest Way Reserve	Local	
Fairfield Way Reserve	Local	
Fairford Street	Local	
Fairford Street	Local	
Fairmont Rise Park	Community	PG, Flying Fox
Faringdon - Sherborne/Burford/Ridgeway	Local	
Foster Park	Destination	PG, Flying Fox
Franklin Crescent Reserve	Local	
Glentunnel Playground	Local	
Goulds Green Reserve	Local	
Greendale Hall and Reserve	Community	PG, Flying Fox
Guilder Drive / Farthing Drive Corner Park	Local	
Halkett Hall, Pool	Local	
Hamlet Reserve	Local	
Hardwell Way Reserve	Local	
Hartford Crescent Reserve	Local	
Hasendene Drive Reserve	Local	
High Street Reserve	Local	
Hinterland Drive Recreation/Drainage Reserve	Local	
Hororātā Domain	Local	
John Street Reserve	Local	
Kajens Court Reserve	Local	
Kate Shepphard Drive Reserve Acland Park	Community	Fitness Equipment, Pump track, Skate, BB hoop
Killinchy Community Centre and Hall	Local	



Facility/site name	Type	Features
Kirwee Domain	Local	currently being rebuilt
Kowai Pass Recreation Reserve	Local	
Laird Place Accessway	Local	
Lake Coleridge Reserve	Local	
Lawrence Drive / Park Lane Reserve	Local	
Leeston Park	Community	PG, Skate
Lemonwood Drive/ Wallingford Crescent Reserve	Local	
Liffey Domain North	Local	
Liffey Domain South	Local	
Lincoln Domain	Community	PG, Skate
Lincoln Domain	Local	
Loeb Place Recreation Reserve	Local	
Maltby Drive Reserve	Local	
Millstream Drive Reserve	Local	
Mulholland Memorial Reserve	Local	
Navy Loop Reserve	Local	
Osborne Park	Local	
Osborne Park	Local	
Othello Dr / Rolleston Dr Reserve	Local	
Parekura Reserve	Community	PG, Flying Fox
Park Grove / HighGate Reserve	Local	
Prebbleton Community Park	Community	PG, Skate
Prebbleton Domain	Local	
Prebbleton Domain	Local	
Preston Downs Reserve 1: Weedons Ross/Preston	Local	
Preston Downs Reserve 3: Preston/Shepherd	Local	
Preston Downs Reserve 5: Lynley Drive	Local	
Rakaia Huts Campground	Local	
Rhodes Park	Local	
Rolleston Domain	Local	
Rosemerryn	Community	
Rosemerryn	Community	PG, Flying Fox, (pump track under construction)
Rossington Drive Reserve	Local	

Facility/site name	Type	Features
Sheffield Domain	Local	
Southbridge Park	Local	
Southfield Drive Reserve	Local	
Springston Recreation Reserve	Local	
Springston South Domain	Local	
Stern Crescent Reserve	Local	
Stonebrook Park	Local	BB Hoop
Stonebrook Park	Local	
Tai Tapu Playcentre	Local	Shared use with Playcentre
Tarling Common Reserve	Local	
Te Whariki Goh St Reserve	Local	
Thornborough Drive The Borough Green	Local	
Trelissick Reserve	Local	
Tussock Square	Local	
Waihora Domain	Local	
Weedons Domain	Local	
West Coast Road Reserve	Local	
West Melton Domain	Community	PG (under construction), skate park
Westview Reserve	Community	PG, Skate, Flying Fox
William Street Reserve	Local	
Birchs Road	Local	
Farringdon	Local	
Fletcher development	Local	
Rolleston Town Centre	Community	Youth space, skate park, swing
Te Whariki Lincoln	Community	PG, learn to ride, fitness equipment, basketball court
Twyn Visions	Local	

*Sports Park Lighting*

This table includes council lighting on sports parks across the district. It does not include car parks, playgrounds, walkways or club-lighting. A highlighted (pink) cell indicates where a lighting (level or scheme) upgrade was recommended.

Site	Park Grade	Primary Use	Current Level				Recommended Level
			Below standard	Level 1 Basic Training	Level 2 Match Practice	Level 3 Competition	
Kakaha Park (No.1)	Community	Football/Rugby Training/Play				x 200 lux	L3
Kakaha Park (other fields)	Community	Football/Rugby Training			x 100 lux		L2
Broadfield Hall Netball Courts	Local	Netball Training		x			L1
Brookside Park Field No.1	Community	Rugby League Games & Training				x 195 lux	L2/L3
Brookside Park Field No.2	Community	Rugby League Training			x 136 lux		L2
Darfield Domain Rugby Field	Community	Rugby Games		x			L2/L3
Darfield Football Field	Community	Rugby Training	x				L1
Darfield Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training		x			L2
Dunsandel Domain Rugby Field (No.1)	Community	Rugby Games			x		L2
Dunsandel Domain Rugby Field (No.2)	Community	Rugby Training	x				L1
Dunsandel Domain Rugby Field (No.3)	Community	Rugby Training	x				L1
Dunsandel Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training		x			L2
Foster Park Football	Premier	Football Games & Training			x 100 lux		L2
Foster Park Football – Artificial Turf	Premier	Football Games & Training				x 500 lux	L3
Foster Park Hockey – Half Turf	Premier	Hockey Practice, Junior Games			x 250 lux		L2
Foster Park Hockey – Full Turf	Premier	Hockey Practice & Games				x 500 lux	L3
Foster Park Rugby Field No.1	Premier	Rugby Games & Training				x 200 lux	L3
Foster Park Rugby	Premier	Rugby Training			x 100 lux		L2
Glentunnel Domain	Local	Rugby Training	x				L1
Greenpark Hall Netball Courts	Local	Netball Training		x			L1
Kirwee Domain Rugby Field No.1	Community	Rugby Games & Training				x 246 lux	L3
Kirwee Domain Rugby Fields - Junior	Community	Rugby Training		x 79 lux			L1
Kirwee Domain Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training	x				L2
Kirwee Bowling Club	Community	Bowls play	x				L2
Kowai Pass Domain Courts	Local	Netball Training	x				L1
Leeston Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training				x 200 lux	L2
Leeston Rugby Field No.1	Community	Rugby Training	x				L3
Leeston Rugby Field No.2	Community	Rugby Training	x				L1
Lincoln Domain Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training	x				L3
Lincoln Domain Rugby No.1	Community	Rugby Games				x 242Lux	L3
Lincoln Domain Rugby No.2	Community	Rugby Training	x				L1
Lincoln Domain Rugby No.3	Community	Rugby Training		x 50 lux			L1

Site	Park Grade	Primary Use	Current Level				Recommended Level
			Below standard	Level 1 Basic Training	Level 2 Match Practice	Level 3 Competition	
Lincoln Domain Rugby No.4	Community	Rugby Training		x 50 lux			L1
Osborne Park	Local	Archery	x				L1
Osborne Park Courts	Local	Not used		x			L1
Prebbleton Domain Rugby No.1	Community	Rugby Games			x		L2/3
Prebbleton Domain Rugby No.2	Community	Rugby Training		x			L1
Prebbleton Domain Rugby No.3	Community	Rugby Training		x			L1
Prebbleton Domain - Tennis Courts (2)	Community	Tennis				x 384-418 lux	L3
Prebbleton Domain - Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training		x			L1
Rhodes Park Netball	Community	Netball Training		x			L1
Rhodes Park Rugby No. 1 Field	Community	Rugby Training/play	x				L2/3
Rhodes Park Rugby other fields	Community	Rugby Training	x				L2
Rolleston Reserve Netball Courts	Community	Netball Training			x	x 200 Lux	L2/L3
Sheffield Domain Fields	Local	Rugby Training	x				L1
Southbridge Domain Rugby Fields	Community	Rugby Training	x				L2/L3
Springston Domain Netball North Courts	Community	Netball Training		x			L2
Springston Domain Netball South Courts	Community	Netball Training/Tennis	x				L2
Springston Domain Rugby	Community	Rugby Training		x			L2
West Melton Domain Netball	Community	Netball Training	x				L2
West Melton Domain Rugby No.1	Community	Rugby Training		x			L2/3
West Melton Domain Rugby No.2	Community	Rugby Training		x			L1

### Appendix 3: Condition Assessments

A summary of recent assessments is given below.

#### *Sports Turf*

A grass turf analysis of 17 recreation reserves across the district was carried out in February 2020<sup>20</sup>.

The parks were rated in terms of significance as follows:

**NZRA Grade 1 (Premium) Sports Grounds:** Brookside Park, Foster Park, Lincoln Domain, Prebbleton Domain and West Melton

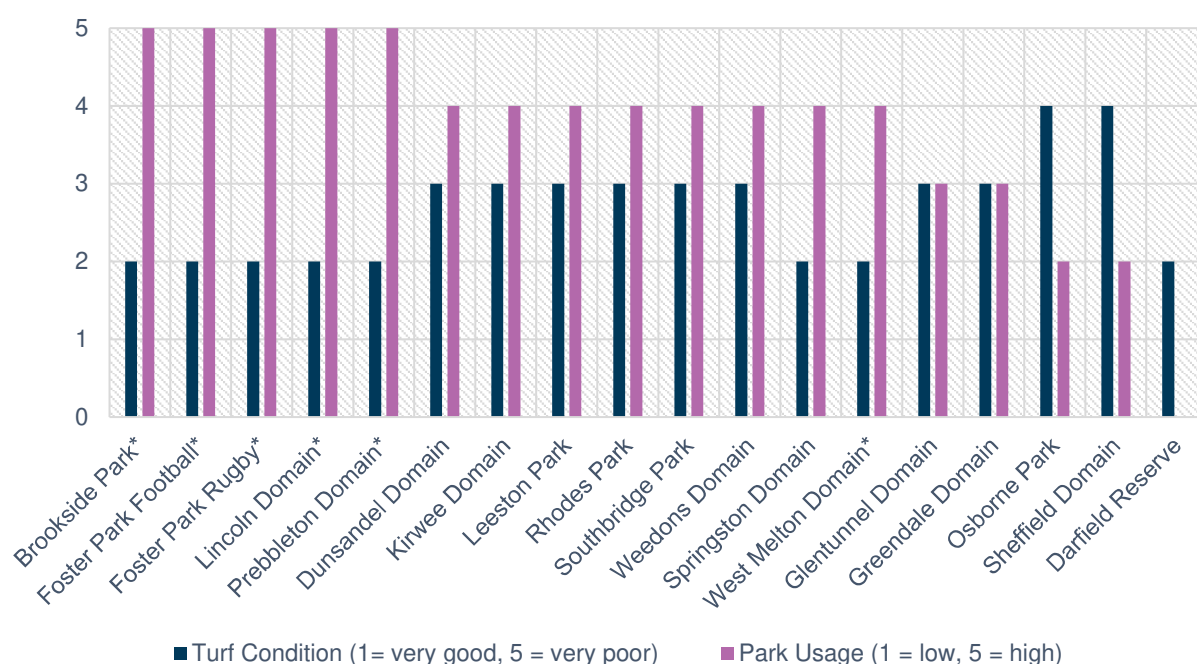
**NZRA Grade 2 (Standard) Sports Grounds:** Darfield Domain, Dunsandel Domain, Kirwee Domain, Leeston Park, Springston Recreation Reserve, Southbridge, Rhodes Park and Weedons Domain

**NZRA Grade 3 (Basic) Sports Grounds:** Courtenay Domain, Osborne Park, Glentunnel Domain, Greendale Reserve and Sheffield Reserve.

Each park was then assessed and given an overall grading for turf condition from 1 (very good) to 5 (very poor).

An analysis of park usage was also carried out as part of the Parks and Reserves Activity Management Plans with 1 being low use and 5 being high use.

Figure 19 shows ground condition grading against park use.



\* Premium Parks

Figure 19: 2020 District wide Sports Turf Assessment Grade and Usage

Of note is that five of the premium parks rated the highest in terms of use and relatively high in terms of turf quality. The quality of turf at these parks should be maintained or even improved to

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ensure they are capable of accommodating current and future use. The proposed artificial football turf at Foster Park will improve capacity and quality for football.

The next priority for investment should be those parks that have a use rating of 4 and quality rating of 3:

- Dunsandel Domain
- Kirwee Domain
- Leeston Park
- Rhodes Park
- Southbridge Park
- Weedons Domain

Investment in the surfaces of these parks will improve the quality of surface for existing users and potentially increase capacity for further use.

It is noted that many of these parks have also been recommended for flood lighting upgrades (see Appendix 2). However, improved flood lighting can increase use levels so it is important that the surface is able to accommodate the extra use – upgrade the surface before upgrading the lighting.

Other key findings in the condition assessment were:

- Having different entities maintaining surfaces e.g., clubs, domain boards, council is resulting in an inconsistent level of service across the district.
- Surface hardness is an issue across the district and would be improved by de-compaction.
- Certain nutrient levels were found to be low district wide.
- Sites with automatic irrigation are being overwatered which is not an efficient use of water, contributes to reduced turf health and impacts efficient mowing.
- There is evidence of use of herbicide and/or diesel being used in line marking which is not to industry standard. Line marking should be made with sports turf line marking paints only.
- District wide renovation programmes need to be developed and budgeted for.
- Maintenance and cleaning programmes need to be developed for synthetic turfs.

At the time of writing, Council was going through the process of bringing much of the management of sports fields back into council control. In the long term, this should help to address many of the inconsistencies in level of service identified in the report.

### *Sports Court and Synthetic Surfaces*

Figure 20 below summarises the condition of various recreation reserve courts and synthetic surfaces following assessment in 2019. It shows the majority of surfaces to be in average to good condition.

Figure 21 shows summarised the condition of various township courts and synthetic surfaces in 2019. It shows most surfaces to be in very good or average condition.

It is important to note that many of these surfaces provide access not just for sport but for active recreation and play as well and so form a very important part of the regional network. It is important that an ongoing programme of maintenance and upgrades is delivered with priority

given to those surfaces that are in the poorest condition, the most used and for those activities with the highest participation and growth.

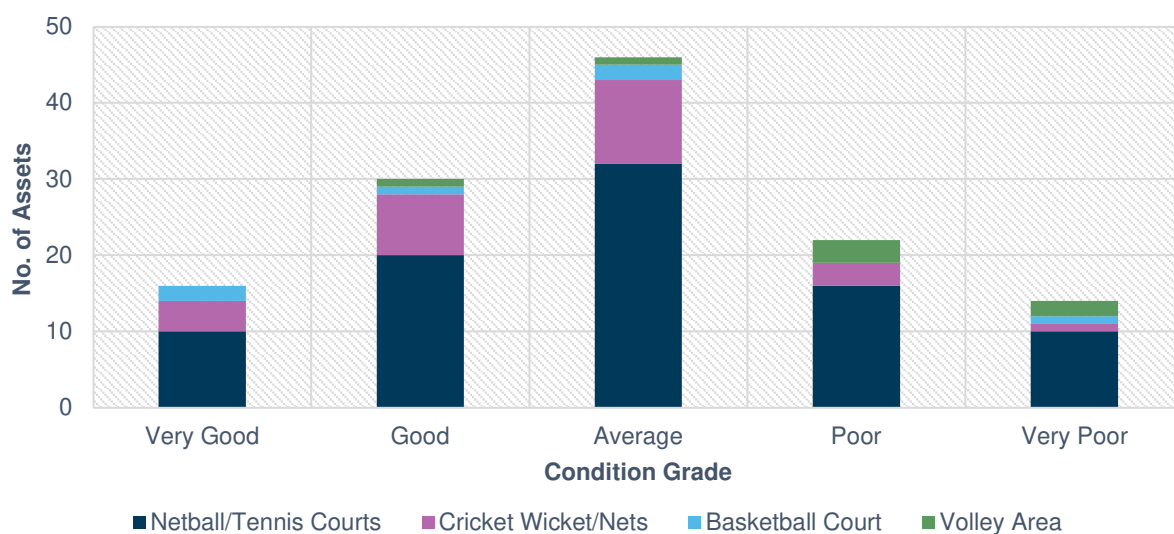


Figure 20: Recreation Reserve Sports Courts & Synthetic Surfaces Condition Summary

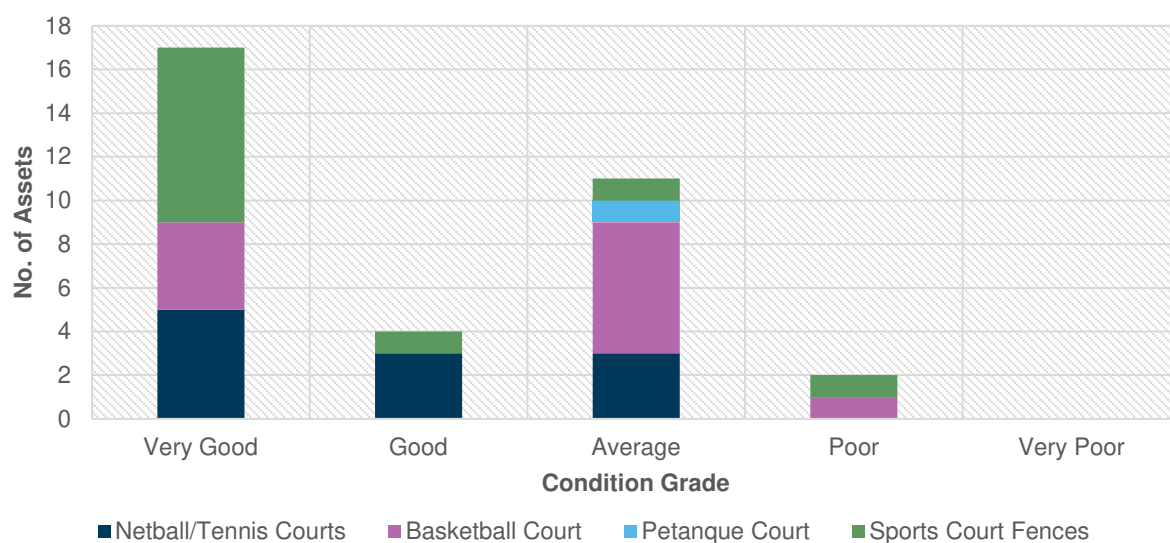


Figure 21: Township Reserves - Sports Court Condition Summary

### Sports Park Lighting

In August 2020, Council undertook a sports park lighting assessment. The assessment provided specifications and explanations under three levels of lighting (based on football codes/sports field lighting):

- Level 1: 'ball and physical training' - for small groups, warm up and exercises. Average luminance of 50 lux.
- Level 2: 'match practice' – suitable for all forms of training. Average luminance of 100 lux.
- Level 3: 'competition' – suitable for interclub competition play. Average luminance of 200 lux.

Key points from the report included:

- Only one field (Foster Park Football) had level 3 ‘competition’ – level lighting.
- Many fields were being used for training that had sub-standard lighting.
- Although the level of lighting was found to be high when compared to other Councils, 31 of the 46 existing sports field sites were recommended for lighting upgrades.

‘The level of sports lighting is very high by comparison with other Council’s with SDC taking a lead in the introduction of LED sports lighting.’

*2020 Lighting Assessment Report*

It is noted that there have been a number of lighting upgrades undertaken since the report was completed in 2020.

### *Ancillary Facilities*

The majority of reserve toilet facilities were assessed as either being in ‘very good’ or ‘good’ condition, despite a number of these facilities being of an older age (masonry block construction) and is reflective of recent refurbishment works to improve the quality of these amenities. The toilet block at the Courtenay Old School was identified as being in average condition, but due to current low utilisation, Council’s strategy for this facility will be to maintain in a serviceable condition only.

Improving Public Toilet Facilities will run from 2022/30. Many of these are at parks and domains and will be used by sports players and spectators. Mixture of upgrades, renewing and new toilet facilities.

### *Playgrounds*

An assessment of play equipment, which also covered Play and Fitness Equipment was undertaken in 2019. Results were split between playgrounds in Township reserves (neighbourhood reserves) and those in the larger recreation reserves.

Analysis of the results shows that the majority of playground components are in “very good” to “good” condition which reflects the overall age of playgrounds in the district (most are under 10 years). The “average and “poor” grades are primarily noted in the recreation reserves and many of these form part of renewal and upgrading programmes in the LTP.

## Appendix 4: List of Reference Documents

- 2021-2031 Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan
- Affinity Gymnastics Academy Development Proposal
- Archery Request for Range Submission
- Asset Management Plans:
  - Executive Summary
  - Community Facilities
  - Levels of Service
  - Recreation Reserves
  - Community Centres and Halls
  - Swimming Pools
  - Property
  - Financial Summary
- Canterbury AFL 2021 and Beyond Plan
- Canterbury Country Cricket LTP Submission
- Canterbury Cricket Facilities Plan for Greater Christchurch
- Canterbury Hockey Facilities Plan 2021
- Christchurch Archery Club Overview Document
- Darfield Feasibility Study
- Eastern Selwyn Community Spaces Plan
- Gymsports National Facility Strategy (Gymnastics New Zealand - 2017)
- Leeston Community Facility Needs Assessment
- Lincoln Master Plan
- Lincoln University Student Social Spaces Report
- Mainland Football Future Facilities Plan
- MoE Rolleston Catchment Plan
- Our Places 2021 – Canterbury Regional Sport, Active Recreation and Play Plan
- Prebbleton Outdoor Sport and Active Recreation Needs Analysis
- Reserves Charging Policy Report
- SDC 2017 Aquatics Plan
- SDC Infrastructure Strategy
- SDC Open Spaces Strategy
- SDC Play Policy
- SDC Sports Park Lighting Assessment
- SDC Sports Participation Figures Update
- SDC Sports Turf Assessment Summary
- SDC Walking and Cycling Strategy (June 2018)
- Selwyn Community Centres, Halls and Community Libraries Network Plan
- Selwyn District Aquatic Facilities Demand Analysis Study
- Selwyn United Football Club Submission to LTP
- Sport New Zealand Inventory Tool Selwyn District Data
- Squash New Zealand National Facility Strategy (2022)
- Waikirikiri Hockey Turf Needs Assessment and Business Case

## Appendix 5: Council Levels of Service

Area	Measure	Current Performance	LTP measure
Recreation Reserves	Sports park provision	3.34ha per 1000 population	≥ 3.34ha per 1000 population
	Sports park customer satisfaction	New measure	≥80%
Township Reserves and Streetscapes	% of townships where all residents are serviced by a reserve within 500m	84%	≥70%
	Number of playgrounds per 1000 children	New measure	≥4
	% of playgrounds that comply with NZ Safety Standards	New measure	≥90%
Aquatic and Fitness	Level of satisfaction with Selwyn Aquatic Centre (SAC)	97.8%	2021/22 – 90% 2022/30 - ≥90%
	SAC & Council operated pools in Ellesmere & Malvern achieve 100% compliance with PoolSafe Accreditation	100%	100%
	Number of swims per capita per annum at SAC, Darfield and Southbridge Pools	4.78	≥4.5
	No. of visits per annum at SAC	319,692	≥300,000
	No. of Learn to Swim participants per annum	New measure	≥8,000
	No. of fitness programme participants per annum	New measure	60,000
	% of council-owned swimming pools generating revenue ≥20% of operating costs	New measure	≥75%
Community Centres and Halls	Increase in bookings per annum	New measure	≥5%
	% of council-owned community centres and halls, generate revenue meeting or exceeding 20% of operating costs per annum	New measure	≥75%
	Customer satisfaction: a) Lincoln Event Centre b) Rolleston Community Centre c) West Melton Community Centre. d) Selwyn Sports Centre	a) 99.3% b) 95.6% c) 100% d) New Measure	a) ≥90% b) ≥90% c) ≥90% d) ≥90%
	Total number of visits per annum: • Lincoln Event Centre • Rolleston Community Centre • West Melton Community Centre • Selwyn Sports Centre • Total.	LEC - 167,682 RCC - 64,819 WMCC - 44,074 SSC - New Measure <b>Total - 276,575</b>	Total ≥350,000







## Appendix 7: Summary Report on Submissions to Draft Plan

### Introduction

The Play, Active Recreation and Sport, Spaces and Places Plan was developed to futureproof the growing needs of the Selwyn District and to ensure the district has the appropriate spaces and places and facilities for play, active recreation and sport. In November/December 2022 the Council consulted the public on the plan. This report provides an overview of the 67 submissions received via the consultation platform, as well as three submissions received via email.

A further submission was received via email from Darfield High School. The submission did not respond directly to the questions asked in the consultation document, so they are not included in the analysis below. However, the school supported proposed actions for Malvern/Darfield around aquatics and recreation facilities. They requested further engagement with the school and Ministry of Education to discuss collaborative solutions. The school's submission is attached as Appendix 4.

### Questions

The questions that the submitters were asked were as follows:

1. Do you think the key findings on pages 4, 5 and 6 of the consultation document capture the key issues facing play, active recreation and sport in Selwyn District?
2. Please explain.
3. Do the proposed actions and priorities on pages 10, 11 and 12 of the consultation document adequately address the key findings?
4. Please explain.
5. What are your general comments about the draft plan?

### Submissions

In total, there were 70 submissions to the consultation. Due to the small number of submissions, there was little distinctive variation in the responses.

#### ***Most submitters were from Rolleston (38%), Lincoln (12%) and Darfield (11%)***

63 of the submitters responded to the question asking them to identify where they lived. The table below shows the number of submissions by location.

24 submissions	8 submissions	7 submissions	5 submissions	3 submissions	2 submissions	1 submission
Rolleston	Lincoln	Darfield	Leeston Christchurch	Prebbleton	Hororātā Kirwee Springfield Springston West Melton	Lincoln/Tai Tapu Burnham Rangiora Kainga Oxford Oamaru

#### ***Most submissions were from individuals; 24 submitters named an organisation.***

There were 24 submitters who identified as being part of or representative of an organisation. In some cases it was unclear whether people who named an organisation were submitting on behalf of that organisation or making an individual submission.

The majority of responses associated with an organisation were from these communities: equine (24%, 5 submissions), rugby (19%, 4 submissions) and gymnastics (14%, 3 submissions). There were two submissions from netball, and one submission each from

basketball, cricket, football, squash, and swimming. ECAN and Sport Canterbury also made submissions as did Darfield Highschool, Kawaii Kiwi, Friday Walkers, and the South Island Labrador Retriever Club. A full list of identified organisations is included below.

## Responses Questions 1 and 3

### ***47% of respondents thought the key findings captured the key issues.***

*Question 1: Do you think the key findings on pages 4, 5 and 6 of the consultation document capture the key issues facing play, active recreation and sport in Selwyn District?*

All submitters responded to this question by selecting yes, no or unsure.

Yes: 33 respondents (47%)

No: 22 respondents (31.5%)

Unsure: 15 respondents (21.5%)

### ***Only 24% of respondents thought the proposed actions and priorities addressed the key findings.***

*Question 3: Do the proposed actions and priorities on pages 10, 11 and 12 of the consultation document adequately address the key findings?*

69 submitters responded to this question.

Yes: 19 respondents (28%)

No: 34 respondents (49%)

Unsure: 16 respondents (23%)

## Key themes

There were several key themes throughout the submissions. A large proportion of responses gave feedback about gymnastics and equine facilities. 22% of responses commented about gymnastics and 26.8% of responses commented about equine facilities.

### *Equine*

Most responses regarding equine facilities were about the following topics:

- The plan has not properly addressed or represented horse riding as a sport or recreation activity.
- The plan has not put enough provision for off-road horse-riding paths or shared access paths/roads.
- The park has not covered enough safe places to go and ride horses such as a riding arena or forest parks.

Within the equine responses there was a clear topic of safety was raised. The responses highlighted that they felt it was no longer safe to ride on public roads.

### *Gymnastics*

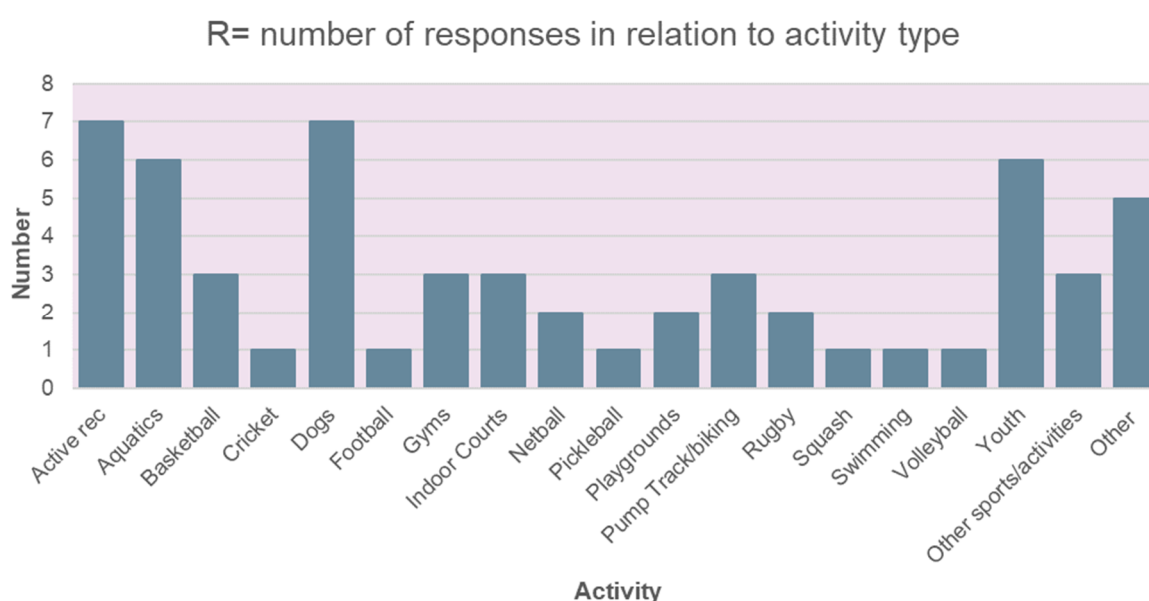
9 of the 16 respondents in the gymnastics category identified Affinity Gymnastics in their responses. Most comments from respondents within the “gymnastics” category were regarding the following topics:

- The plan has not properly provided for a purpose-built gymnastics facility.
- The plan has not been properly addressed or represented gymnastics as a sport or recreation activity.

### Remaining themes.

The remaining comments covered a variety of concerns about several topics. The most common responses which were raised within the remaining comments were:

- Need for generic active recreation provision (this covered a variety of types of active recreation including walking and cycling).
- Changes to the aquatics network including longer hours and pool seasons, and additional aquatics facilities in Lincoln and Rolleston.
- Requests for dog parks (including suitable reserve areas for gundog trials).
- More facilities for young people and youth.



### Submitters by Organisation

Submitters were invited to name an organisation. They were not asked if their submission was an individual or organisational submission so in some cases it is unclear whose view is being presented.

#### *Basketball*

- Canterbury Basketball

#### *Cricket*

- Springston Cricket Club

#### *Equine*

- Waihora Pony Club
- Canterbury Riding Club
- T & C Ltd
- Waitaki Horse Trails / NZ Horse Network
- Hamner Springs Horse Riders

#### *Football*

- Selwyn United Football Club

#### *Gymnastics*

- Affinity Gymnastics Academy Incorporated
- Gymnastics NZ

*Netball*

- Darfield Netball
- Selwyn Netball

*Rugby*

- Leeston RFC
- Leeston Rugby Committee
- Canterbury Rugby
- Leeston Rugby Club

*Squash*

- Squash NZ

*Swimming*

- Selwyn Swim Club

*Government Organisations*

- Ecan
- Sport Canterbury Submission

*Other*

- Friday Walkers
- Kawaii Kiwi
- Darfield High School (this submission came via email)
- South Island Labrador Retriever Club.