

ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Same place – exciting new focus

What's happening at Rolleston Community Centre?

These are exciting times for Rolleston Community Centre as we shift our focus towards providing space for community arts and youth activities. You may be seeing some changes. Here's what's happening.

The centre is staying in the meantime

Before the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020 there were plans to redevelop the Rolleston Community Centre site, but these have been deferred. The Council is now looking to identify new opportunities for the use of the centre.

Some activities have relocated

Selwyn Sports Centre, which opened earlier this year, is rapidly developing as a hub for sport and recreation in Selwyn. Since it opened, most of the recreation and sports-related activities that used to occur here have moved to this new facility.

Further change is coming

Te Ara Ātea, Selwyn's exciting new library and community space, is scheduled to open in November 2021. Te Ara Ātea will play a major role, along with other libraries across district, in supporting culture, heritage, one-off arts exhibitions and events, as well as lifelong learning. Once it is open, some clubs and community groups that have used the centre in the past will be relocating their activities.

Local needs are changing

A recent needs analysis clearly identified a demand for more community arts space, so we are keen to see this space used to meet community needs that are not well served by the other spaces in the area at the moment.

There's growing demand for youth spaces

We recognise that the population of young people in Selwyn is growing, and catering for this group is an important part of the centre's evolution as a community arts space.

We're inviting the community to help shape the centre's future

In July 2021 we opened an Expression of Interest process to invite community groups and individuals to submit proposals for bookings for community activities such as music, dance, crafts, theatre, and art, for example painting and sculpture, using the various spaces at the community centre, from early 2022. See below for more details if you're interested.

More organisations may be able to use the centre

Many clubs or organisations have never had opportunity to book space since the centre was first opened. The Council will consider interest and demand for spaces before it confirms bookings for 2022. This process may result in some changes with current bookings, but this is just a possibility as we implement this process.

What about community and social events?

We expect that Rolleston Community Centre will still be available for bookings for community and social gatherings, and will still be popular as one of the few Rolleston facilities that can host larger events.

Will groups get exclusive use of the centre?

Exclusive use of a space by any one group is unlikely, as we are hoping to accommodate as many interested groups and activities as we are able.

When will the new activities start?

The Council expects to make decisions on the future use of the centre from early October 2021, and new activities will begin from early 2022. For the remainder of 2021, spaces will continue to operate as they have done over the past few years—although there are more booking spaces available. Anyone interested in using the centre between now and the end of the year, should get in touch with the centre to find out more.

What's happening with the library?

The current Rolleston Library services located within the community centre will transfer to Te Ara Ātea when it opens in November 2021. Plans for the future use of that space have not yet been considered.

About the Expressions of Interest process

Selwyn District Council invites Expressions of Interest from groups or individuals who would like to use the centre for community activities such as music, dance, crafts, theatre, art, painting, sculpture and other activities, from early 2022.

Expressions of Interest are open from Monday 12 July 2021 and close at 5pm, Sunday 15 August 2021.

Expression of Interest forms are available from Rolleston Community Centre, or online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/rcc

To find out more:

- Visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/rcc
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