



Springston South Reserve Community Newsletter



March 2018

FUTURE HUTS STRATEGY

Council have now engaged a project consultant to undertake the work required on the future strategy. The main tasks of this project will be to undertake engagement and consultation processes with members of the Huts community, Environment Canterbury, Ngai Tahu, Taumutu Runanga and Department of Conservation to understand the plans and strategies that each of those bodies has in place to manage their responsibilities around Lake Ellesmere. The key output being to develop a future plan that outlines what the future life expectancy is for licences being able to be granted on the Upper Selwyn Huts Reserve 3048.

It is expected that this project should be completed by 30 September 2018. It is important to note that the plan is NOT a 'statutory' plan as such but will guide the Council and the Upper Selwyn Huts Licensees on what the future terms of their licences will be.

Council are meeting with ECAN and the other bodies in late March and will call a community meeting in April to commence the report preparation process. Please note that whether you want to engage with the Council as individual hut licence holders or groups of hut licence holders is irrelevant for this process. All views will be considered.

UPDATING INFORMATION

As part of keeping the community informed as much as possible on issues affecting the huts, Council is updating it's records. Confirmation of the following details: (a) postal address (b) contact phone numbers e.g. day time, evening, mobile phone (c) email address. These can be forwarded to Tanya Maylam by phoning 03 3472829 or email tanya.maylam@selwyn.govt.nz.

SELWYN RIVER STOP BANK

Environment Canterbury have made Council aware that a walkway has been built by cutting into stopbank top and side slopes along the section of river between the Upper and Lower Selwyn Huts. Such walkway work has damaged the stopbank making it potentially vulnerable to breach during times of flooding. Please respect the importance of the stop bank and do not damage it.

REMOVAL AND RENEWAL OF TENNIS COURT FENCE

The above project has now been completed with a great result being achieved. See photos attached.

The next issue to be addressed is the removal of the moss and lichen on the courts. Council can provide the materials to undertake this job while the spraying will be undertaken by a group of hut volunteers. It has been noted that if the courts were utilised more then this problem would not occur to the same degree.

VEHICLES ON RESERVES

Any vehicles relocated from the reserve onto an allocated/owned lot **MUST BE** reasonably located on the lot otherwise alternative off site storage will have to be arranged at the hut owners expense. It is **NOT** acceptable to have these vehicles located outside the huts on the grass berms or in the grassed walkways throughout the huts which, because of the narrow nature of the roadways, causes unsafe vehicle manoeuvrability and visual problems to neighbouring hut owners. Council staff are still receiving complaints about the excessive number of vehicles parked around the community. Each complaint will be dealt with confidentiality and on a case by case basis, with the view that the terms and conditions of the Deed of Licence are not being complied with and the necessary action taken to rectify this issue.

DUMPING OF RUBBISH

It has been reported by the Department of Conservation that rubbish has been dumped on reserve land opposite the stop bank between the Upper and Lower Huts. This is a concern for general tidiness and weed invasion. Any person caught, or if evidence can be provided which could lead to a prosecution, then the necessary action will be taken by either DOC or the Council.

The dumping of rubbish on the reserve is prohibited. Hut owners need to take responsibility for disposing of their green waste and other rubbish. Any refuse you cannot put in your recycling/rubbish bins should be taken to the Pines Resource Recovery Park. Please note there is a charge for dumping at the Recovery Park. Charges are available on the Council's website.

UPGRADE OF WATER SUPPLY

The Upper Selwyn Huts water supply is programmed for upgrade. Works will include upgrade of the storage tanks and the water treatment systems. Works are expected to commence in the next couple of months and to be completed by the end of the year.

GENERAL

It is hoped that a representative from Fire and Emergency New Zealand will be in attendance at the next public meeting to discuss preventative measures in relation to potential fire risk taking into consideration the proximity of neighbouring huts and travel distances of fire crews.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

Please note below the following appropriate Council contacts:

- Repairs/maintenance - Council's Helpline (03) 3472 800
- Reserve mowing/maintenance – reserves@selwyn.govt.nz
- Deed of Licence/hut licence fees - tanya.maylam@selwyn.govt.nz
- Governance/compliance issues – douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz
- Mayor Sam Broughton – Sam.Broughton@selwyn.govt.nz
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