

# Committee Call

Information for community committees in Selwyn



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## Introduction from Mayor Sam Broughton

Welcome to the first issue of Committee Call – a new quarterly newsletter to keep you updated on Council matters which are of interest to committees across our district.

You will be aware that in this current financial year the way we rate for community centres, halls and reserves has changed, with the introduction of a district-wide rate which recognises that these facilities are part of a wider district network.

Although the rating system has changed, local involvement remains an important part of the way these services are provided. Committees play a central role in each community as a local voice, providing feedback on community needs and services, and making recommendations to the Council on local facilities.

I'm keen to see that local involvement continue and grow, with people encouraged to volunteer and be involved in the facilities that keep our local communities vibrant and active. At the same time, working in partnership with the Council will bring added benefits.

For example, by coordinating resources across the district we can support smaller communities which might otherwise struggle to fund upgrades and replacements; we can combine maintenance projects to get better value for money; we can provide standardised processes for things like recruitment and training. And a key initiative will be the development of a centralised booking system that will assist committees to better manage bookings and enquiries.

We have a team of councillors and staff that are working to develop these processes and projects, and to support your committee during this period of transition. You will find contact details for key people in this newsletter. The newsletter will also be a valuable way of keeping you informed of progress and new initiatives.

Thank you for your continuing support for our local community facilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Broughton'.

Sam Broughton, Mayor

## News from around the district

### New West Melton Community Centre ready to open



The new community centre at West Melton is set to open its doors this month – and an official opening is scheduled for early December.

The new \$8 million facility replaces the existing hall which was outdated and earthquake damaged. The community centre is a much larger and more modern facility designed to better meet the needs of a population that has grown rapidly in recent years. It includes community meeting spaces, indoor sport and recreation, Scout hall, Plunket room, Playcentre, and space for community group activities.

### Poppies in Leeston

Gallipoli Street and Messines Street in Leeston have been designated as 'Poppy Places' – part of a nationwide initiative to recognise streets and places with connections to New Zealand's wartime history.

A poppy has been added to the signs for Gallipoli Street and Messines Street, which border the township's landmark cenotaph. Both streets trace their origins to the Leeston war memorial, erected in 1924 to commemorate soldiers from Ellesmere County who lost their lives during the First World War.

### Lakeside hall focus for Armistice celebrations

The new Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall hosted one of the district's prominent Armistice Day celebrations earlier this month. The new hall is in its final stages of construction, and is expected to be available for public use from late November, with an official opening planned for January 2019.

## Information for local committees

### Online booking system

We are currently developing an online booking system which will provide potential users with improved information and access to all Council-owned facilities within the Selwyn district that are available for their next function or gathering.

Members of the public will be able to carry out a search based on their event requirements such as expected numbers and type of gathering, for example a meeting for 25 people. All Selwyn community centres and halls that have the appropriate facilities for that event will be displayed.

Users can then click into each of the centres for more detailed information such as photos, descriptions and key features of that facility. In time users will be able to book and pay online for many facilities, but this will be a staged process.

As well as providing users with a convenient and reliable way to find and book venues, the new system will also better support committees in managing enquiries about facility bookings – and we will work closely with committees to manage the transition from current systems.

We would like to acknowledge the work that is being done on online bookings by a number of committees, and extend an invitation to all committees to contact the Council for more information and details on how to get involved with making your facility bookable online.

Please contact Kelsey Waghorn on 03 3471866 or [committees@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:committees@selwyn.govt.nz).

### Survey on community centre and hall committee information

In the next two weeks we will be writing to all community centre and hall committees, asking for your help in completing a survey. The survey is to compile an up to date record of committee office holders, meeting dates, facility hire charges and related information.

This will give us a better picture of the variety of arrangements in place across the district, and help identify ways we can introduce more consistency and better support local committees.

A survey form and return envelope will be included with the letter. For more information contact [committees@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:committees@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone Kelsey on (03) 347 2800.

## Q&A

Maintenance and renewal funding – how does it work?

*Q: Will our local community hall get the amount of maintenance and renewal funding that is required to maintain the hall in the future?*

A: Maintenance and renewal budgets will be based on the Council's Activity Management Plan for the hall or community centre. These plans are based on an assessment of the condition and use of the building, and future maintenance and renewal needs. As the plan is needs-based, rather than a funding allocation, it means that work which is required will be carried out, rather than being determined by the availability of local funds. Local committees will have an input into the budget setting process, although the final approval rests with the Council.

### Charges for sports clubs on local reserves



Committees may have seen a story in the Selwyn Times in September that suggested the Council was planning to introduce a district-wide charge for clubs using recreation reserves. This story had a number of inaccuracies and misrepresentations. Below is part of the Council's response; committees may wish to pass this on to local sports clubs.

*Selwyn District Council is committed to providing sports clubs throughout the district with fair and equitable access to good quality sports grounds and reserves that are fit for purpose.*

*Unfortunately that's not the impression that Selwyn Times readers will have after reading the article (Sports groups surprised by new charging plan, 19 September) which contains a number of inaccuracies.*

*The article claimed the Council is considering bringing in a district-wide charge for all sporting clubs and organisations in Selwyn. This is not true.*

*It is correct that the Council is looking to review how sporting clubs and organisations are charged*

*for the use of reserves and grounds, but there are no plans to introduce a new fee or levy.*

*Currently, sports clubs and organisations pay fees and charges which have been set by individual reserve committees. These charges vary widely across the district at different reserves, depending on the local committee and the sporting club. For example, some clubs may pay no fees or receive discounted fees, while some sports may be paying different charges in different locations, charged by different committees.*

*The Council wants to create a fair and consistent approach to charging for reserves, and is proposing to review the current charging regime, beginning with identifying the anomalies and inconsistencies across the district.*

*The review will include careful consultation with clubs and committees, to ensure any potential changes don't have a negative impact on local communities and do not create a financial barrier to participation in sports and recreation activities. There has not been any discussion on what charges will be proposed in the future, nor on the notion of placing a levy on clubs.*

*Any potential changes to existing charges would be some way off, and it is likely that any recommended changes would need to go through a future Annual Plan process. The Council will be communicating with sports clubs in the coming weeks to begin the review.*

*- David Ward, Chief Executive.*

## Community funding – introducing the Selwyn Community Fund

One of the important ways that the Council helps to build strong communities in our district is by supporting groups and organisations that contribute to community wellbeing. A key funding stream is the newly established Selwyn Community Fund.

This fund is available for not-for-profit community groups based in Selwyn, who are looking to run a project, event or initiative in the Selwyn district.

The fund is open all year round, with two funding rounds per year. Applications close for the next round on 30 April 2019. Applications can be made online at

[www.selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/selwyncommunityfund).

If you have any queries about the fund, or about making an application, please contact us at [selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:selwyncommunityfund@selwyn.govt.nz).

## What we're consulting on

### Speed Limit Bylaw review

Public consultation is now open on the Selwyn District Council Draft Speed Limits Bylaw 2018.

The proposed Bylaw is an update to the existing 2006 Speed Limit Bylaw, and references the latest national Land Transport Setting of Speed Limits Rule which regulates how speed limits are set and managed.

The revised bylaw will ensure the Council meets its legal obligations for setting speed limits, and will bring the bylaw up to date with best practice, NZTA and legal requirements.

As part of the consultation, the Council is also proposing a range of speed limit changes. These are mainly around schools, and follow a prior round of speed limit changes in late 2017. Changes to some 70km/hr zones are also proposed, in line with NZTA guidelines.

Consultation on both the bylaw and the speed limit changes will be open until February 2019. The proposed speed limit changes include:

- Reducing speed limits around school frontages to 40 km/hr
- A variable 40km/hr school zone speed limit on Weedons Ross Road fronting Weedons School and Robinsons Road fronting Broadfield School
- Reducing all 70km/hr limit areas to either 60km/hr or 50km/hr
- Reducing a number of 100km/hr areas to either 80, 60 or 50km/hr

More information and copies of the Bylaw are available through the Council website.

Submissions on this proposal may be made until 4pm, 1 February 2019.

### Selwyn District Parking Strategy

The Council has endorsed a Draft Selwyn District Parking Strategy for public consultation which is now open. This is a new strategy, and has been developed to recognise the importance of managing car parking as a key method to provide for vibrant and viable town centres. It aims to contribute to the accessibility and vitality of town centres, and enable safe, efficient vehicle access to destinations for residents, staff and visitors.

Areas the strategy is looking at include:

- Restricting car parking in some areas of Lincoln and Rolleston town centres



- Providing off street car parking in Lincoln and Rolleston
- No parking requirements for other centres
- Development contributions to help fund off street car parking
- Parking restrictions and enforcement

Consultation on the strategy will close on Friday 7 December 2018. A subcommittee comprising Councillors Mark Alexander, Nicole Reid and Jeff Bland has been appointed to hear submissions on the draft strategy. More information and details are available through the Council website.



## Our Space 2018-48 – planning for growth across Greater Christchurch

The Greater Christchurch Partnership has approved a draft settlement pattern update outlining how the region will support future housing and business growth for an expected population increase of 150,000 people. Our Space 2018-48 will be open for public consultation throughout November.

The Partnership comprises Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri councils, Environment Canterbury, iwi, Canterbury District Health Board and other public agencies.

The public can comment on the draft via the Partnership's website  
[www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz).

## Selwyn District Plan Review - initial consultation phase now concluded

Initial public consultation on key draft changes to the current Selwyn District Plan closed last month.

Thank you to all those who let us know what they thought of the review so far. Following this initial public consultation on the District Plan Review, the Council will consider all feedback and start developing detailed provisions for the Proposed District Plan.

A summary report on the initial public consultation will be made available on Your Say Selwyn website at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview).

## Key contact details

Your quick reference guide to who to contact in the Council for your questions

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## Current and upcoming projects

Included for information with this newsletter is a schedule of current and upcoming maintenance and development projects at facilities and reserves across the district. This is extracted directly from the Council's project system and includes work scheduled as part of the Council's operational maintenance and development programme. The schedule shows projects starting between 1 July and 31 December 2018.

## Get in touch!

Do you have a local project or activity success story that you'd like to share with the district? We are planning to include stories about community-led initiatives in future editions of this newsletter, and invite committees to send in details and photos. Contact: [committees@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:committees@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 03 347 2800.