

MAYOR SAM'S NEWS

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— KIA ORA —

The crisp mornings and bright days of winter are upon us, not long now until the shortest day later in June. Thank you all for the positive feedback about this newsletter, I trust it's useful to hear about the many things happening across Waikirikir Selwyn and what our Council is doing to improve our wellbeing. If you'd like to know more our Council website is a great place to start or you can follow me at facebook.com/samforselwyn for my very latest news. Over time you will see the name Waikirikir used more frequently to refer to our District. The name has recently been confirmed to us by mana whenua as the te reo name for the District as well as the river.

Sam



Sam Broughton, Mayor of Selwyn

Snow on our doorstep

The white capped peaks of our Southern Alps signal that the winter sport season is just around the corner. Here in Waikirikir Selwyn we have six awesome snow sports fields for skiers and boarders of every standard, from complete beginner to those who want to push the limits that our maunga have to offer.

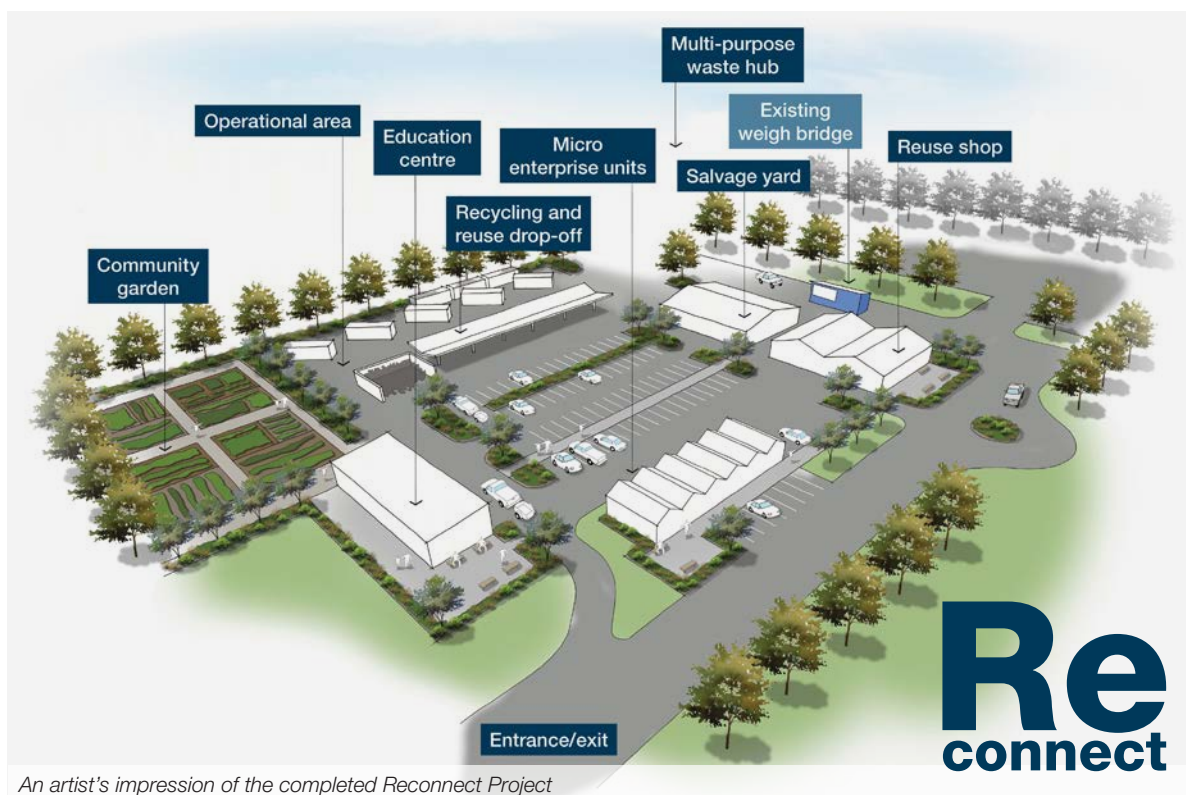
Our ski fields are only a short drive from your home no matter where you live in our District. You can be having a coffee in Kirwee and be carving at Cheeseman in just over an hour. But the ski fields are not just for skiers, there are plenty of opportunities for the whole family to have fun. All six of our fields have catering facilities so you can grab a coffee and a bite to eat while the kids sledge in the snow or build a snowman.

Each field has stunning scenery, friendly staff and great instructors. However if chilling out is your thing there are sun traps to simply enjoy the view, and if you're lucky you might even catch a glimpse of a cheeky kea who have taken to visiting the Porters sun deck.

All but one of our fields have on-mountain accommodation and for a truly unique overnight mountain experience 'The Top Hut' at Mount Olympus, at 1,600 metres, offers an opportunity to ski in and out of an awesome spot which boasts the nation's highest hot tub. If you don't fancy a night in the snow there are plenty of other places to stay in our many townships.

It's a fun road trip up the mountain and home again. Stop for one of Darfield's famous monster size ice-creams, a Sheffield pie or a donut in Springfield. Our maunga are ready so why not start planning your visit now, keep it local, the fun is right on our doorstep.





An artist's impression of the completed Reconnect Project

The Reconnect Project

Our Council has put climate change at the heart of its work and has adopted its first formal climate change policy. We want to go further and make it simple and convenient for us all to play a part in preserving our environment. One of the key areas where we can all make a difference is in thinking about our personal household and business waste. If you've been to the Pines Resource Recovery Park recently you will have noticed many changes. We are turning this facility into a centre of excellence that will increase our capacity to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste and work towards a minimum waste culture.

The Reconnect Project is about offering an alternative to living in a disposable society and making it convenient and fun at the same time. At the heart of the project will be our reuse shop where preloved and upcycled items can be sold to the public. There will also be an education centre with on-site staff who will offer tours and education sessions, bringing the subject to life with demonstrations of great waste management in action.

A later stage will include the development of micro enterprise units for upcycling items donated or recovered from the waste stream and we'll also create a new community garden. The units and garden will connect people with artisan skills or green fingers as we look at new and innovative ways of treating resources that are currently considered waste.

This year we are increasing the number of Malvern and Ellesmere waste days for community bulk waste drop off. These days have been well used and the extra days each year will now provide more convenience.

Thank you for what you are currently doing to reduce your own waste. Our recycling contamination is currently only at 3%, with no recycling loads having to be dumped in landfill last month. Let's keep learning and improving our recycling practice.

You can connect with the climate change conversation in Canterbury at www.itstimecanterbury.co.nz.

Cats and dogs

With over 15,000 dogs Waikirikiri has one of the highest rates of dog ownership in the country and our wee dog Lev enjoys adding my family to that statistic. Here at Council we've been working hard to make pet ownership simpler and safer for the families and their pets, and for the protection of our biodiversity.

Many of our native birds are under threat from wild cats which are found across most of Selwyn. Cat traps catch both feral and domestic cats. The last thing we want is for somebody's pet to be put to sleep if it's caught in a trap, but without a microchip it can be hard to determine which ones are feral. From July 2022 you'll need to have your cat microchipped, although you can do it now to avoid the rush. It's all part of being a responsible pet owner.

We know it can be a hassle replacing your dog's plastic registration tag each year, so we're introducing a New Zealand first – a metal tag designed to last your dog's lifetime, for as long as they're registered in Waikirikiri. They're light and durable and have space on the back for you to engrave your dog's name. You'll still need to jump online and pay your annual registration fee. We currently go through thousands of these plastic tags each year, so the new system is more sustainable. We know how much your pets mean to you so we want to make the whole process of owning them as easy as we can.

We've opened an off-leash dog park in Darfield and are keen to hear from you about where you'd like to see more of these well used parks. I want to say a huge thank you to all responsible owners who clean up after their pets; it makes a huge difference to the enjoyment of our public spaces for all.



Sample new dog tag

Selwyn Sports Centre

Eight years ago a visionary former New Zealand cricketer, John Reid, came to our Council with a proposal for a new sports centre to meet the needs of our growing population. Our community loved his idea and a dedicated team of people have worked with passion and ingenuity to deliver the magnificent new 8,000m² centre that opened its doors on Foster Park a few weeks ago. It was a privilege to have Sir Richard Hadlee to help cut the ribbon, especially as he personally knew John Reid who sadly passed away a short time before the centre opened. John's legacy lives on in the centre as the main woodensprung sports courts are named after him.

With eight indoor courts, a 240m indoor walking track, a spin suite, rooms for fitness classes and

a state of the art interactive sports wall, the centre has already established itself as another jewel in the crown of Selwyn's sporting facilities.

Classes are already booking up; there's a full range on offer from basic fitness classes to independent sessions such as mature and motivated, zumba, baby gym, box fit and yoga to name just a few. Selwyn netball, Selwyn united football, local schools and the Selwyn Sports Trust will be among the key users, and regional and South Island-wide tournaments are already booked.

If you want to find out more have a look at the Selwyn Sports Centre website or simply pop in and have a look around; it's an amazing place, and it's yours.



The John F Reid Courts



Opening day with Sir Richard Hadlee and future sports stars

SELWYN STATS



11,000 four-litre plastic containers recycled for local asphalt



240m indoor walking track in our new Selwyn Sports Centre



15 ANZAC services held in Waikirikiri



30 new citizens each month



Zero recycling trucks rejected due to contamination in April



Four national awards won by our Council last month



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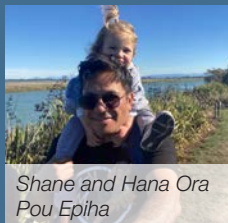
From Shane Epiha

Tena ra tatou katoa e Waikirikiri/Selwyn.

There was a resounding call from the people of Ellesmere for a new community centre and library in Leeston, and I'm proud that, with my fellow Councillor Murray Lemon, I have been part of including this facility in our 10-year plan. There are a number of other developments in the plan that will allow the ward to grow sustainably and to continue to protect our taonga Te Waihora.

Initiatives like free Te Reo lessons driven by Glen Cameron and Ara, the continued development of Kaupapa Kohanga reo in Rolleston and the multi-cultural community initiatives within our local parishes are some of the things that also make me honored to serve my community.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou
Shane Ngapou O
Te Hahi Epiha



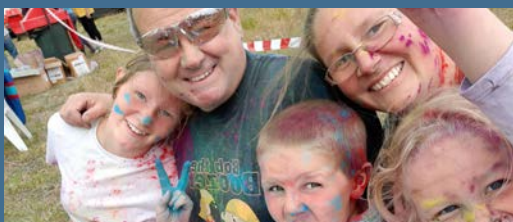
Shane and Hana Ora
Pou Epiha

From Sophie McInnes

Tēnā koutou katoa, ko Sophie McInnes
tōku ingoa.

I love getting involved with our young leaders, our rakatahi, on the Selwyn Youth Council. These fourteen young people from all around the district are learning on the job via projects like how to plan and run an event, finance and funding, mahi (work), and the Welcoming Communities initiative for newcomers to Selwyn. They even submitted their youth engagement findings around the proposed Leeston Community Centre to the Council's Long-Term Plan, and recently met a Kea group touring Council HQ. The kids are all right!

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L-R Katelyn, Robert, Jack, Sophie and Chloe McInnes

News in Brief



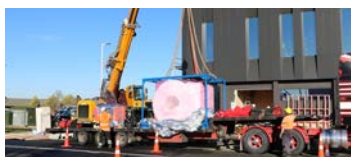
Horticulture opportunities highlighted

Southern Woods nursery hosted a Mayors Task Force for Jobs initiative to highlight opportunities in the horticulture sector. Keeping young people connected to the community.



New pool opens soon

The new 25 metre 10-lane pool extension at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre is now full of water and undergoing testing. It should open in mid-June, with the completion of the foyer and changing facilities to follow.



Great progress in Selwyn Health Hub

Bringing health services to your door step in the new Selwyn Health Hub which is opening in early 2022. Pacific Radiology lifts in their art \$2M MRI scanner – easy does it!



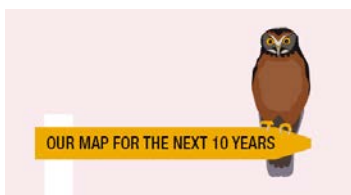
National award for customer services

Last month our Council won the Transforming Service Delivery category at a local Government award ceremony for changing our customer services area at our Rolleston main offices into the 'one stop shop' experience that you told us you wanted.



Innovation in Selwyn

I took a ride on the first hydrogen bus in New Zealand. It was built right here in Selwyn and has since been delivered to the Ports of Auckland. Outstanding technical achievement by Global bus in the iZone.



Selwyn's new Long-Term Plan

The Council's work programme for the next 10 years is expected to be confirmed and formally adopted by the end of June. Thank you to all those who had their say. We received 660 submission and nearly 90 individuals and groups spoke at public hearings.

If you have any questions or feedback please contact me at sam.broughton@selwyn.govt.nz or on Facebook at [facebook.com/selwynforselwyn](https://www.facebook.com/selwynforselwyn).
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