

**MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

PRESENT

Mayor (S T Broughton), Councillors, M A Alexander, J B Bland, S Epiha, J A Gallagher, D Hasson, M P Lemon, M B Lyall, S G McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford and N C Reid

IN ATTENDANCE

Messrs. K Mason (Group Manager Organisational Performance), S Hill (Group Manager Communication and Customers), M Washington (Group Manager Infrastructure), T Harris (Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services), D Marshall (Group Manager Property), M Johnston (Chief Licensing Inspector), R Love (Team Leader Strategy and Policy Planner) B Rhodes (Planning Manager), B Baird (Policy Analyst), M England (Asset Manager Water Services), M Chamberlain (Team Leader Transportation), G Morgan (Service Delivery Manager, Infrastructure), A Mazey (Asset Manager Transportation), R Raymond (Communications Advisor) and S Tully (Mayor's Advisor); Mesdames D Kidd (Group Manager Community Services and Facilities), K Bisset (Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Manager), J Lewes (Strategy and Policy Planner), K Johnston, (Senior Communication Advisor), J Tuilaepa (Senior Strategy and Policy Planner), E McLaren (Water Services Delivery Manager), and N Smith; and Ms T Davel (Governance Coordinator)

Several members of the public attended in person and the meeting was also livestreamed.

Councillor Miller opened the meeting with the karakia and Councillor Affirmation.

APOLOGIES

None.

IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

None identified.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Standard conflicts were applied to this meeting.

The Mayor thanked Kelsey Waghorn and Jason Ffewellyn for arranging the recently held volunteer Christmas event.

PUBLIC FORUM

Grant Clausen, Selwyn Heritage Network

Mr Clausen and supporters thanked Council for the opportunity to present. Mr Clausen read his submission (attached for ease of reference).

After their presentation the Mayor asked how much money they would need to which Mr Clausen said around \$2m. It would equate to a District Wide Rating of \$10 per household. The group also noted a Council staff member should be appointed to assist the work to go forward as the previous staff member responsible for this had left Council. Since then not much has happened and the group is now getting themselves organised to move forward. They represent a mixture of registered charities and incorporated societies and would discuss in the wider group whether to look at amalgamating and becoming a charitable organisation.

Councillor Lemon congratulated the group and said it was only a couple of weeks prior that Councillors and staff met with the group. He added it was the first time Council has had a presentation with proposals put to it. He also said he commended the group for giving the District a chance to see the value in this side of the community. Councillor McInnes said it would be good if they could form a formal entity as that would enable them to apply to larger organisations for funding as well.

Councillor Epiha encourage the group to ensure that there was sufficient iwi and hapu engagement.

The Mayor thanked the group and said their presentation will be considered and form part of the Long Term Plan discussions.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1. **Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held in the Council Chambers on Wednesday 25 November 2020**

Moved – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Councillor Alexander

‘That the Council confirms the minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Selwyn District Council held on Wednesday 25 November 2020.’

CARRIED

CURRENT MATTERS REQUIRING ATTENTION

Item	Meeting referred from	Action required	Report Date / Action
None currently			

REPORTS

1. Mayor

Mayor's Report

Taken as read.

Moved – Mayor Broughton / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

'That Council receives the Mayor's report for November 2020, for information.'

CARRIED

2. Chairperson Sister Cities Committee

Chairperson's Report & Annual Report

Mrs Allison Rosanowski and Mr Kelvin Coe presented to Council on the activities of the Sister Cities Committee during 2020 (presentation attached for reference).

Mrs Rosanowski noted zoom worked very well during the year and thanked Mr Stephen Hill for setting up panels at CultureFest and in the libraries.

Mr Coe acknowledged Mrs Rosanowski's efforts in getting three NZ school teachers to Toraja in 2019. They also referred to a possible sister city relationship with Italy in collaboration with Burnham Army Camp. They will report more on that in the near future. Mrs Rosanowski thanked Stephen Hill, Craig Moody and in particular Bernadette Ryan for all of their help during the past year. She also thanked the Mayor for attending the many official functions and acknowledged Councillor Gallagher and Mugford as well.

The Mayor thanked them for their presentation.

Moved – Councillor Lemon / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

'That Council receives the Chairperson's update on the Sister Cities Committee.'

CARRIED

3. Chief Licensing Inspector

Joint District Licensing Committee and Chief Licensing Inspector Monthly Report October 2020

Councillor Hasson stepped away from the table due to a conflict of interest.

The Chief Licensing Inspector, Mr Malcolm Johnston said he attended a good presentation by Hospitality New Zealand recently. He said he had received an application from the Lincoln University Student's Association for a special licence to use during O-week. It seems it would be a smaller version of the recent University Garden Party.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

‘That the Council receives the report on the activities of the District Licensing Committee and the Chief Licensing Inspector for October 2020.’

CARRIED

Councillor Hasson returned to the table.

4. Policy Analyst

Housing and Business Capacity Update

Councillor Hasson noted that under the RMA process hearing commissioners may be in conflict during this item. Staff advice was that they would not be.

Councillor Hasson stepped away from the table as she perceived a conflict of interest.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

‘That the Council receives and accepts the Housing and Business Capacity update for the Selwyn District as its response to Action 6 of Our Space 2018-2048: Greater Christchurch Settlement Pattern Update - Whakahāngai O Te Hōrapa Nohoanga.’

CARRIED

Cr Hasson returned to the table.

5. Strategy and Policy Planner

National Policy Statement Urban Development 2020 – Removal of Minimum Car parking numbers

Staff noted there was initial discussions to apply the new rules to major metropolitan areas only but it is a district wide approach and will apply to both residential and commercial zones.

There were mixed reactions around the table with some Councillors raising concern about the car centric culture existing at the moment. There are some very narrow residential streets where it's difficult to get around in, and taking minimum car parking rules out will increase issues. Councillor Alexander expressed concern saying it was a perverse outcome and designed for higher density urban environments.

Councillor McInnes noted there was nothing in the policy saying that developers could not put car parks in – even if the policy said they did not have to, they might still wish to do so as it would be a selling point.

Moved – Councillor Reid / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

‘That in respect of this report, Council resolves to remove minimum parking requirements provisions from the Operative Selwyn District Plan without using Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, pursuant to the National Policy Statement for Urban Development (NPS-UD) 2020.’

CARRIED

6. Senior Strategy and Policy Planner

Plan Change 66 Rolleston – Decision on how to consider the Private Plan Change Request from Rolleston Industrial Developments Ltd

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor McInnes

‘That, in respect to Plan Change 66 to the Operative Selwyn District Plan lodged by Rolleston Industrial Developments Ltd, Council resolves to accept the request for notification pursuant to Clause 25(2)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991.’

CARRIED

7. Team Leader Strategy and Policy

Selwyn District Council’s Submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan

As hearings commissioners, Councillors Alexander, Hasson, Lyall, Epiha and Reid stepped away from the table due to their conflict of interest.

Moved – Councillor Mugford / **Seconded** – Councillor Lemon

‘That Council resolves to:

- a) Accept the draft Selwyn District Council submission on the Proposed Selwyn District Plan and endorses it for lodgement; and*
- b) Provide all necessary delegation authority to the Team Leader Strategy and Policy in order to give effect to the resolution in a) above.’*

CARRIED

Councillors Alexander, Hasson, Lyall, Epiha and Reid returned to the table.

8. Asset Manager Transportation

Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Business Case

Council's Asset Manager Transportation, Mr Andrew Mazey presented the report. He referred to the public transport joint committee which he attended with Councillor Reid. The business case had been adopted in the meeting where it was recommended that all partner Councils endorse it as well. Provision has been made for funding Council's responsibilities.

The Mayor suggested an amendment with a further recommendation reflecting a greater lift in terms of public transport for Selwyn District. Councillor Alexander said he would support recommendations (c) and the amended (d) but not endorsing the approach. He said a true future business case would be implementing public transport in new subdivisions now, not in 5 to 1- years' time. He added people would find it difficult to get out of their cars after being forced to use it due to a lack of public transport options. He said the approach was Christchurch centric and he saw nothing significant in it for the Selwyn District.

Councillor Reid said the District had a low bar of public transport use and there has been many efforts to increase the public transport service into town. She said public transport competed with cars and the only way to compete successfully was to do it through direct services. Any other way could take an hour or longer to get for example from Rolleston to Christchurch on the Yellow line.

Councillor Reid continued to say that admittedly it appears the options to Council around the district are quite limited and it would be hard to implement public transport networks within the District before there was success in getting it from the District and into town.

Councillor Lyall said Council should consider the bigger picture and this was an opportunity to work together and access funding for public transport. Several Councillors spoke in support of a public transport system noting Council couldn't continue the status quo. The entire country was looking to reduce carbon emissions and Council needed to start somewhere.

Staff responded to say having buses in subdivisions at the moment would not be cost effective as they would mostly be empty. They also spoke in support of more park-and-ride initiatives which seem to work well in other neighbouring Districts.

The Group Manager Organisational Performance said he supported staff as this was a big step with a lot of funding. Council should think of how it could be maximised for residents and ensure people will come to use the park and ride before widening internal networks.

The Mayor agreed saying it does provide a join approach as a first step and that there would be ongoing reviews and changes.

Each recommendation was voted on separately.

Greater Christchurch Public Transport Futures Business Case

Moved (as amended) – Councillor Epiha / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

'That Council:

a) *Receives the report*

CARRIED

b) *Endorses the strategic approach to Greater Christchurch public transport outlined in the combined Foundations and Rest of Network business case.*

CARRIED

Councillor Alexander voted against

c) *Makes provision for the recommended Selwyn public transport investment programme in Council's draft 2021 – 31 Long Term Plan.'* Carried

CARRIED

d) *Request that – through is draft Long Term Plan 2021-2031 – Environment Canterbury consult on a significant lift in public transport service to Selwyn District, and include a possible on-demand 'My Way' bus as trialled in Timaru.'*

CARRIED

The meeting took a short break between 14.55pm– 15.15pm

9. Asset Manager Water Services and Water Service Delivery Manager

Water Services Monthly Update

Council's Asset Manager Water Services, Mr Murray England and the Water Service Delivery Manager, Ms Elaine McLaren presented their monthly update to Council.

Some of the comments around the table include:

- The private plan change application relating to the adjoining land will not impact adversely with any irrigation spray on the property due to offsets required.
- No resource consent issues have been experience with regard to pivot irrigators.
- Nutrient loading figures have been taken into account.
- There is no obligation to provide water to people where a water race will be closing. In one case tankered water was offered but the landowners did not take staff up on the offer. Staff noted water supply from races have never been guaranteed and not having an alternative water source was not good practice on the part of land owners.
- Some of the headwaters will be in the foothills and the build would therefore potentially come at a significant cost.

Water Services Monthly Update

Moved (as amended) – Councillor Hasson / **Seconded** – Councillor Gallagher

‘That Council:

- a) *receives the report Water Services Monthly Update for information; and*
- b) *requests that Environment Canterbury include in its Draft 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan a broadening of the Selwyn / Waikirikiri rating area to the full catchment from the headwaters of the Hawkins and Hororata rivers*

CARRIED

10. Asset Manager Transportation and Team Leader Transportation Transportation Monthly Update

Staff presented the report and there was some discussions about cross boundaries, the fact that there was still only one arterial going to town, logging companies damaging roads, and the Doyleston cycle way. The latter was well received.

Moved – Councillor Alexander / **Seconded** – Councillor Lyall

‘That Council receives the report Transportation Monthly Update for information.’

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

Register of Documents Signed and Sealed

Moved – Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Epiha

Deeds of licence – new deeds or update

‘That the following transactions and the fixing of the Common Seal under authorised signatures have been approved.’

1	Name of other party	Michael James Ransome
	Transaction type	Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Reserve 1560 Hartleys Road 2.0234 hectares

2	Name of other party	Malvern Community Arts Council Incorporated
	Transaction type	Deed of Surrender of Licence & New Deed of Licence

		Due to change in location of the area licenced
	Transaction description	Mathias Street, Darfield
3	Name of other party	Gavin Robert & Trudy Sykes
	Transaction type	New Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Lot 21 Upper Selwyn Huts
4	Name of other party	Catherine L N Johnson
	Transaction type	New Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Lot 32 Upper Selwyn Huts
5	Name of other party	Pamela J Tyler
	Transaction type	New Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Lot 56 Upper Selwyn Huts
6	Name of other party	Andrew Cook
	Transaction type	New Deed of Licence
	Transaction description	Lot 69 Upper Selwyn Huts

CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM DISCUSSION

Council agreed that Group Manager Community Services and Facilities will report back to Council in 2021 on the matter.

RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Moved – Councillor Epiha / **Seconded** – Councillor Reid

‘That the public be excluded from the following proceedings of this meeting. The general subject matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason of passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reasons for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	Date information can be released
1.	Public Excluded Minutes			

2.	Award of Contract Prebbleton Intersection Upgrades	<i>Good reason to withhold exists under Section 7</i>	Section 48(1)(a)	9 December 2020
3.	Procurement for the three waters stimulus grant delivery plan			

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act or Section 6 or Section 7 or Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

1, 2, 3	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities; or	Section 7(2)(h)
1, 2, 3	Enable the local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); or	Section 7(2)(i)

2. *that appropriate officers remain to provide advice to the Committee.'*

CARRIED

The public meeting moved into Public Excluded at 3.57pm.

The meeting resumed in open meeting at 4.01pm.

RESOLUTION RELEASED IN THE PUBLIC MEETING

2. Group Manager Infrastructure

Award of Contract C1423 for the Prebbleton Intersection Upgrades

Moved– Councillor Lyall / **Seconded** – Councillor Miller

'That Council:

- a) Accepts the tender of \$4,995,090.21 submitted by Isaac Construction Ltd for the upgrade of Springs Road / Marshs Road and Shands Road / Blakes Road intersection to multi lane roundabouts and for seal widening of Blakes Road.*

b) *That the resolution approved by Council moves to Public.'*

CARRIED

The Mayor closed the meeting with karakia and the meeting ended at 4.02pm.

DATED this 16 day of December 2020



MAYOR

Selwyn Heritage Network

Presentation to Selwyn District Councillors & Staff

Public Forum 9th December 2020

Thank you for giving us the opportunity of speaking to you today.

Recently, a meeting of all Selwyn District Heritage and Historical organisations was called to gauge the overall feeling towards current Council funding towards the Sector, there were representatives of a number of likeminded groups in attendance, we are now going to formalise this group to become The Selwyn Heritage Network representing Heritage and Historic organisations from throughout the Selwyn District.

Not all of the organisations could be here today, and we have put today's presentation together within a very short timeframe.

However, if representatives of the organisations are here today I'll ask them to Voice their presence:

- Selwyn Heritage Centre,
- Prebbleton Heritage,
- Darfield Genealogy and Local History Group,
- Arthurs Pass Historic Group,
- Ellesmere Historical Society,
- Glentunnel Museum,
- Hororata Historical Society,
- Lincoln Districts Historical Society,
- Dunsandel Historical Society,
- Homebush Stables Museum,
- Terrace Station Charitable Trust,
- Springston South Hall,
- Selwyn Central Historical and Genealogical Society
- Are there any others?

The organisations working to collect and preserve the districts history are run by groups of aging volunteers who are passionate about being able to tell the stories of our past to the Children and general population of the whole District. It is vitally important that the stories, articles, items and history of Selwyn are preserved now for future generations.

We cannot do justice to this vital work without the support of Council. While Council has been proactive in offering some annual Grants and contestable funding streams to assist in the day to day costs of some of our sector, with the current level of commitment there will never be enough fiscal resources available to do the important large projects that have been discussed in these chambers in the past. Fundraising sausage sizzles and raffles will not raise the money required to fulfil this task. Some of our sector have needed to make applications to outside organisations for funding to cover running costs.

In this short presentation we can't possibly list what each organisation is trying to do, and the struggles they are having through lack of funding; so we have provided a supporting document containing more information by way of feedback from these organisations.

The council have clearly identified that preserving the heritage of the District is important, and we applaud you for that. However, history isn't just old buildings. It's the stories about the area and the people who lived here, and the tools and devices they used in their everyday lives.

As a group we would like to see significant funding towards, among other things:

1. The Buildings and Display areas made fit for purpose to properly house the history of our District in Museums and Historical Buildings.
2. Story boards at specific sites throughout the district, in Townships and Rural areas – Local committees will know where those places are.

3. The development and promotion (perhaps with an app and brochures) of a Heritage Trail that leads visitors from one place to the next, from one end of the District to the other.

This will bring money into the district (e.g. service stations, dairies, restaurants, local craft shops) and make Selwyn a destination

4. Monetary support of all the Heritage and Historical societies in the area, and an on-going contestable fund.
5. An appointed Staff member at Council to whom all enquiries can be made and who can promote the Sector with the assistance of these organisations.

The current Individuals who are Voluntarily Collecting, Collating, Cataloguing and Displaying the important Items, Articles, Buildings, Machinery etc. are the ones who have the knowledge to tell and record the correct story behind every item, in a few years these people will not be here and other younger people may struggle to be accurate. The current passionate people deserve the ability to see this work to complete, or as near to, now.

While we as a group do not presume to advise what options are open to the council, thoughts from the meeting were suggestions such as, borrowing a significant sum of money to assist with some of the 'big ticket' items needing to be completed now rather than later, and then use a District Wide Rate to support that loan and leave a reasonable contestable amount to fund the annual costs for the organisations of the Sector. No doubt there will be other options the council have available to them.

However it is achieved, if these Heritage Groups and Historical societies could get the funding now that they need to get their museums and societies up and running properly, the benefits to the district would start to flow more quickly:

- Visitors would come to the area to 'follow the trail' and spend while they are here, supporting many local businesses
- Schools and educational facilities would have valuable places to take students to extend their learning in a more hands-on way
- The vast pool of knowledge, items, and history would be saved for the future generations before it is lost for ever

We ask that your early considerations would see significant funding for our Sector included on the Long Term Plan for consultation sent to all Ratepayers, so that considered submissions from ratepayers can be made to it.

It is also our hope that the time has come for Council to trust the Districts Heritage and Historical organisations to deliver the proud display's they can do, and have the strength and commitment to allow them to fulfil their wishes.

We thank you for your time today, and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Selwyn Heritage Centre – Leeston – run by the Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust Board

The Selwyn Heritage Centre at the ex Ellesmere County Council and Sicon Yard on Leeston Road, is being developed as funds have allowed for the past 8 years.

In this period, an enthusiastic and passionate group of volunteers, have spent a recorded 7500 hours on the property, buildings, items and articles in preparation to open a museum, and an estimated 4300 hours on meetings and information gathering trips on the development of a rural and residential museum for the District.

To date we have collected by Offered Donation and Catalogued approximately 8,500 articles and items ready to be displayed in their correct setting, from all walks of life and business as it was from our earliest European settlement; there will be many more articles when the public are asked for them.

The Ellesmere Historical Society have built an Archival Storage facility within the Heritage Centre building which is Temperature and Humidity controlled, to store some of their precious Documents, Records and Photographs, also Local committees and societies books and records, and Local Newspapers.

The local Nagti Moki Runanga of Taumutu have a representative on the Trust Board, and it is envisaged there would be a significant area of display of Maori History at the beginning of the chronological display hall, and authentic buildings such as Whare, Pataka, Waka, etc. as the beginning of the outside display.

Whilst the Council has been generous with fiscal assistance, the funds are mostly taken up with Insurance, Power, Rates, Phone (Internet) costs etc. Leaving little to achieve the major displays required.

The volunteers and friends of the project have been very committed in raising funds through a Major Car Raffle, Running catering etc. at the annual Albie Anderson day in Southbridge, numerous other catering and sausage sizzle occasions, other Raffles large and small, Donations from Businesses and Individuals both Money and Materials, and also work in kind.

However the main building, which will make a very professional museum, is not 'Fit for Purpose'. It is not up to code, it's either too hot or cold, and too damp or dry in humidity to display the precious articles collected. Engineered plans costing \$20,000 to resolve the strengthening and encompassing the building with the correct cladding to create the atmosphere for a museum are ready for consent, but sufficient funds to complete the project, (\$500,000 - \$800,000) is a very difficult task to generate, so submitting for consent gives us a forced timeline to complete the project, which the Trust board cannot guarantee without assurance of funding.

A professional Museum in the Selwyn District, no matter where, would be a jewel for the council and public of Selwyn, that other districts would be the envious of. It would be part of a Heritage Trail throughout the district.

The Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust has gathered most things that are required to tell the children of the District's Schools, and the general public the stories of our past, from the earliest domestic history – furnished cottages of different eras, working exhibits of the businesses that supplied the goods such as saddlers, butchers, printers, etc. Rural exhibits of shearing, hay making, ploughing, etc. An excellent display of Fire Brigade history of the Selwyn District, early school exhibit, a few historical vehicles and implements; the list goes on

We could knock up some shelves and put some labels on everything and people could come and have a look and be excited, however we would not be doing the articles or the public of the district justice to have a slightly ramshackle looking collection in another old shed!

Combined with the Ellesmere Historical Society, and Ngai Tahu tangata whenua, we have the enthusiasm, passion, commitment, and the drive to see this completed, professional project to fruition; we just don't have sufficient funds.

As the Group has suggested, we would hope that the time has come for the Council to trust the District's Heritage and Historical organisations to deliver the proud display's they can do, and to have the strength and commitment to allow them to fulfil their wishes.

Prebbleton Heritage – Prebbleton

Prebbleton Heritage has no immediate need of funds as we don't intend to undertake any major projects in the near future.

However, we certainly support the application for funds which can be used county-wide for the large number of projects being undertaken by volunteers. These volunteers should not have to raise money to cover everything when what they are doing is for the benefit of the whole of Selwyn.

The need for funds is immediate because the longer the gathering of items is left, the more we lose. Once it is lost we will never get it back.

People pay lip-service to the preservation of the history of an area and now is the time for the SDC to find some funds to support the preservation of history for future generations.

Daphne McAven, Prebbleton Heritage

Darfield Genealogy and Local History Group

The Darfield Genealogy and Local History Group would like extra funding to:-

- Create a cataloguing system (eHive)
- Digitizing all local history books in our library
- Handouts
- Pay for insurance
- District Trail within the Malvern area to include early Maori history in the area
- To support public meetings that could include, a bus trip for interested persons of the whole of the Malvern area (a day trip with lunch included)

Trisha Waters, Secretary, Darfield Genealogy and Local History Group

Arthur's Pass Historic Group – Arthurs Pass – sub group of Arthur's Pass Association

The Arthur's Pass National Park Visitor Centre

Members of the Arthur's Pass community are becoming increasingly concerned about the future of the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre building.

The building, designed by the noted architect Paul Pascoe and built in 1959, has considerable architectural and cultural significance. It was built originally as a community centre and museum but was later taken over, and extended, as the National Park's headquarters and visitor centre. The building also has landmark status because of its position on State Highway 73 and its proximity to the Arthur's Pass Chapel.

Long-standing plans, drawn up the Department of Conservation, over decades rather than just years, to strengthen and upgrade the building have faltered for a variety of reasons. We understand that the Department has some funding for the building but that the funds have not been sufficient for both strengthening and upgrading work. The building has been closed as an earthquake risk since April 2019. The risk of deterioration while the building remains unused is real.

Recently, the future of the building has again become uncertain because of the suggestion in the current State Highway 73 Project Report that a National Park Visitor Centre be located in a proposed new building. Our concern is that securing the future of this building may be put aside until decisions are made by a number of agencies about the recommendations in the State Highway 73 report.

The local community is planning to urge the Department of Conservation not to leave the building in limbo but to use the available funds to strengthen it immediately and to engage in discussions with the community, the Selwyn District Council and other interested parties about its future use. Should the Department of Conservation decide not to continue to use the building as the National Park Visitor Centre, it is the ideal location for a local museum and archives and for services and facilities that will ensure visitors to Arthur's Pass have a place to go and activities to engage in on our (not infrequent) wet days.

We would welcome the opportunity to engage in discussions with members of the staff of Selwyn District Council and with Councillors about the future of this important building.

2023 is the Otira Tunnel Centenary and 2029 Arthur's Pass National Park Centenary.

Co convenors Renée Habluetzel and John Wilson

APHG is a subcommittee of the Arthur's Pass Association (APA)

Ellesmere Historical Society – Leeston

Heritage of the wider Selwyn Region has been collected over many years by dedicated local members of the various historic society's and museums.

The committees of these societies are all volunteers who work with a shoestring budget, and some assistance from the Selwyn District Council, which has been very much appreciated.

The Ellesmere Historical Society, based in Leeston, is currently in the process of completing the building of an archival storage room and work room within the main building at the Selwyn Heritage Centre.

- The cost has been in the vicinity of **\$30,000.00** so far. Funding has come from generous donations and insurance from the earthquake damaged Doyleston library (our previous home).

Each year volunteers give 1600 - 1700 hours (valued at approximately \$20/hour) to collect, preserve and tell the stories of the history of Selwyn District. This is made up of approximately:

- 400 - 500 committee hours,
- 250 hrs for our Archivist,
- 250 hrs scanning photos,
- 200hrs improving images,
- 200 hrs secretary,
- 250hrs setting up displays for the Selwyn Spring Show (Ellesmere A&P Assn.) and various 150th township and school jubilees,
- 50 hrs researching various enquiries and arranging local tours.

As you can see we are just one of many small societies doing this work, and would appreciate the Council looking at including a dedicated Heritage Fund in the next Long Term Plan, which would help us retain, inform, and tell the stories of the history and heritage of the people of Selwyn.

Stuart Brannigan, President Ellesmere Historical Society

Dunsandel Historic Society

While the DHS was founded in 1978 and initially had a large membership of what might be described as young people, this is not the situation in 2020. The organisation now has 10 members and most could be described as elderly. Initially the establishment of a craft shop in the old Methodist church on SH1 at Dunsandel was a means of making money for the society, but as the church aged and became an icon of Dunsandel, the aim became more to preserve the church rather than to use it as a source of revenue. A small museum was established in a backroom of the church but with the reduced number of helpers it became impossible to control thefts and the items were passed on to the Heritage Park. The church was deteriorating and had to be sold and it seems that the church is being preserved. The paper and film archives were retained by the society and are now housed in a secure room in the new community centre.

The money the society holds is sufficient for the needs of the DHS in the foreseeable future.

The DHS however recognises that other societies have more active memberships and a desire to establish museums in their districts. For this reason the DHS supports the efforts of the other societies to obtain additional funds from the Selwyn District Council (SDC).

The DHS also suggests that the SDC could provide more central resources for activities such as rapid scanning of documents and the digitising of maps and the preservation and dissemination of those digital files that are generated. Expertise has not always been available and for example some 20,000 negatives were scanned at a resolution which hardly permits printing at A4 size. Expertise and a machine that scanned at a higher resolution may have meant that the time spent scanning could have been spent more profitably.

Mike Noonan

Acknowledge current support from SDC:

1. Heritage Buildings fund
2. SDC heritage buildings maintenance team for their active support and work on Liffey Cottage and Pioneer Hall
3. Community Fund – application/grant for operating costs for 2019, 2020 events
4. Insurance (+ contents) for Liffey Cottage and Pioneer Hall
5. Research support
 - Selwyn Libraries, collections and databases, Kete Selwyn and successor,
 - Selwyn Records and archives, including Cemetery database, Property/rates database, Canterbury maps
6. Heritage buildings research completed by heritage consultants for the LTP.
7. Library support for newsletter printing

Recommendations for District wide heritage infrastructure funding

1. Software e.g. ehive for cataloguing and making museum collections accessible
2. Develop the SDC Archive – staff, services, collection
3. Heritage trails signage – from earliest travelers across Selwyn & settlement (Note Brown's Lane, Lincoln; Rotary current plans for a waterwheel on the Liffey to mark Moffat's Lincoln mill.)
4. Space for accessible community archival collections in the local community, or central?
5. Continue to develop Library history/heritage collections
6. Support Library redevelopment of Kete Selwyn
7. Consider 'Shovel ready positions' Local history librarian, Heritage services coordinator, District Oral historian

Lincoln and Districts Historical Society projects – we have begun work on 1 and 2

1. Oral History interviews & transcription (\$350-\$500 per interview)
2. Liffey Cottage attic development
3. Hall exhibition renewal – designer, photographs, imagery, content
4. Update / extend Lincoln Township Trails app content plus local signs
5. Additional Collections storage space

Lincoln and Districts Historical Society Annual running costs

Estimate: \$2200

Including: Power \$800, Public Liability Insurance \$250, Venue hire \$250, Admin \$200, as well as Research costs, preservation (acid free storage, re-framing) and printing/display costs

LDHS statistics 2020 (61 members)

2 FTE positions	estimate across all our activities below
220 hours committee	(10 committee members)
60+ hours Open Days	(14-16 Open Days, closed for lockdown, extra during the school holidays for CU participants) (est. 171 visitors)
Untold hours on	2 annual newsletters, research and writing for articles and displays; Field Trip; Speakers; Liffey Cottage refurbishing, cleaning, gardening; Children's University materials; Pioneer Hall displays; Local and family history inquiry research; managing collections; Oral history transcription, Promotion, Facebook page.

Notes: A. de Groot, 6/12/20

Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall Heritage Group

We intend to undertake a major project in the following year to be ready for ANZAC day 2022.

We support the application for funds which can be used within the Selwyn District for the large number of projects being undertaken by volunteers.

We as a Local History Group would like extra funding to:-

- Create a cataloguing system (eHive)
- District Trail within the Springston South area which includes Selwyn Huts, Blandville, Yarrs Flat and Lagoon, Coes Ford and bounding on Lake Ellesmere. Which has a rich early Maori history in the area of Wakaipa
- Hosting visiting groups at the Springston South Memorial Hall
- ANZAC day function
- Volunteer hours – 960hrs predicted yearly
- Researching Soldiers names from The honours boards for bios on Soldiers
- Organising an ANZAC day to honour soldiers from district
- Framing of soldiers photos - \$500.00
- Photocopying and Printing - \$200.00
- Maintain Springston South Hall Facebook page and Web site
- Processing information on Buildings in area
- Family history enquiries
- Fireproof cabinets for historical documents, memorabilia and donated materials
- Springston South School history – enquiries

Hororata Historical Society – Hororata

Hororata Historical Society Wish List

In no order

- **Storage** - museum quality boxes, acid free tissue paper, envelopes, and folders in a variety of sizes for collection items and photographs, shelving for art works, photographs. Approx. cost from Conservation Supplies \$5000 - \$10,000
- **E Hive** – ability to pay someone to list collection on E Hive.
- **Ability to pay someone to photograph and catalogue** the collection on a digital platform. Approx. cost at \$25per hour for a student plus travel \$1500 - \$5000
- **Oral histories** – have the money to pay a specialist oral historian to conduct oral histories on prominent local people who are an important part of the area's histories. Cost is \$35per hour (includes pre interview information gathering, interview, transcript writing).
- **Building maintenance** – we have rotten floorboards, leaking windows, woodwork needs painting, doors need replacing, painting and maintenance of the workmen's trailer "the stinky".
- **Improved heating and humidity control.** Our current electricity bill is approx. \$50 per month. We have had a data logger working in the museum recording temperature and humidity.

Data for June to November 2020

The average temperature was 10 degrees centigrade. Max 20 - Min 2

The average humidity was 78%. Max 87% - Min 54

- **Assistance with the running costs** of the museum e.g. insurance (currently \$50 per month), electricity.
- **Concrete steps rebuilt** into the museum to meet health and safety standards approx. cost \$200 - \$400
- **Signage** around the Hororata Village giving information about the historic buildings.

- **Funding for display boards** for the museum so that stories and illustrations can complement collection items on display. Approx. cost \$1500 for 20 A3 boards.
- **Improved signage for the museum.** It is out of the way and people do not know where we are.
- **Promotion and development of the local walking trails.** We have our own Hororata Heritage Trail developed by the museum but need support to continue to print the brochures and develop a user-friendly APP.
- **Purchase of a wireless modem** as we have no internet access at the museum. Approx. \$260 then the cost of running at \$20 per month.
- **Restoration of the Judges Box** (recently rescued from demolition and currently awaiting restoration). Approx. cost to restore \$5000 - \$10,000
- **A dedicated Heritage person at the Selwyn District Council** who can assist heritage groups to promote their organisations and co-ordinate resources, give fund raising advice, assist with professional development and facilitate the meeting together of these culture and heritage groups to work as one larger body for the purpose of the preservation of culture and heritage in the Selwyn area.

Our Big Project

Lastly our big project has been to raise money to conduct a feasibility study to examine the possibility of moving the Hororata Museum into the historic Hurst Seager Hall.

This project is viewed favourably by the community and would preserve a heritage building while repurposing it.

The project can only go-ahead if the proposed new community centre is built.

We would have to presume that this project could cost over \$1,000,000 to convert a heritage building to a small museum meeting museum standard for display, climate control, lighting, storage, research, and education facilities etc.

Volunteer Hours

Probably between 20 and 30 hours a week. \$400 - \$600 at \$20 per hour.

This is largely spread between six committee members with some members assisting to open the museum on Sundays to the public for 3 hours over 8 months of the year.

<u>HORORATA HISTORICAL Society & Museum.</u>			
Daily running costs	Annual FIXED COSTS		\$5,890
Article	By Day	By month	By year
Health & Safty Provisions			\$500
Electricity		\$30 to \$50	\$600
Insurance			\$1,000
Communications - Pre-pay		\$19	\$240
Communications - Equipment			\$300
Security - Equipment			\$500
Security - Monitoring			\$300
Toilet Cleaning			\$300
Grass Mowing		\$50	\$600
OnLine Catalogue - eHIVE	200 Records = Free / 2000 Records per year == (\$us99)		\$150
Administration - In-House Equipment (Printers, Computer, Paper, Ink)			\$200
Administration - In-House process (Member forms, Donation forms, Rec			\$200
Publicity - In-house provisions		\$40	\$500
Publicity - News paper , outsource provisions		\$40	\$500
	Annual FIXED COSTS		\$5,890
Income:			
Member Subs	62	\$20	\$1,240
Donation - General			
Donation - Event			
	Annual anticipated income.		\$1,240
Volunteer Hours	Quantity	Hours	Hours
Committee - Meeting	5 member	20	400
Committee - Meeting - Travel	5 member	6	75
Open days - Cottage & Museum	1 member	6	10
Special Events	4 member / 5 hours / 4 events		100
Society members - Financial	32		
Working bees	5 members	20 hours, 4 times	100
Cataloguing	1 -2 members	40 plus	\$800
	Volunteer Hours =		\$1,485
<u>Population of Hororata district</u> About 250 Urban, 250 Rural area.			
<i>Rough, Speculative Guessilmate by Barry PYCROFT. 3 Dec 2020.</i>			

Pricing - eHive		https://info.ehive.com/pricing/			
ACCOUNT LE STORAGE SPACE		NO. OF IMAGES (APPROX.)	ONE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	FIVE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION	
Free	50 Mb, 200 object re	200	Free	Free	
Level 1	500 Mb	2,000	US\$99	US\$450	
		NZ Dollar	\$140	\$636	
Level 2	1GB	4,000	US\$200	US\$900	
Level 3	5GB	20,000	US\$400	US\$1,800	
Level 4	25GB	100,000	US\$800	US\$3,500	

Terrace Station at Hororata

This one of New Zealand's most important historic properties. A charitable trust is responsible for nearly 9 ha of land on which are sited the 19th century homestead, manager's house, woolshed, stables and many associated farm buildings. The purpose and vision of the trust is to preserve, maintain and share with all people this property. Also it is to tell the story of the early pastoral industry in Canterbury and its importance in the development of New Zealand. We will do this by developing the woolshed as a space to educate visitors and display artefacts relating to this goal. Already \$50,000 has been spent on this project and we intend to start the second stage next year.

Group visits are available by prior arrangement throughout the year. Visitors hear some of the history of this important heritage property and learn of the contribution to Canterbury and New Zealand by its founder, Sir John Hall who was the parliamentary advocate for the 'votes for women' campaign. Visitors are able to view family possessions, including horse-drawn vehicles, veteran and vintage cars, and enjoy the well-established, informal garden where magnificent trees are under planted with woodland perennials and bulbs.

Many volunteers assist the trustees in hosting events. The trustees are also grateful for some financial assistance from the SDC in the past. Ongoing financial help with e.g. fire protection expenses and insurance would be much appreciated.

Kate Foster, trustee.

Glentunnel Museum – Glentunnel

The Glentunnel museum supports this presentation requesting that SDC works towards having regular ongoing financial support for the heritage of the Selwyn district. With each generation our initial history gets a bit dimmer and the new generations are making histories of their own.

For our past history and the historical contents of our museums to be documented through EHive is an expensive and time consuming task. The correct storage of museum contents, display units for large items like maps and other printed material. This documentation benefits the whole Selwyn district. Our early history can come alive with historical heritage trails and appropriate interpretive signage and phone Apps. Getting enough locals to volunteer to run museums and run inventories in each township is difficult. Thus having interpretive signage in organized trails means that visitors can self-drive and follow a history story trail.

There is always ongoing building maintenance and insurances etc. to be funded.

Karen Meares

Neither office bearers are able to attend owing to previous commitments but may be contacted for further information.

Whilst each group will have its own needs and priorities, local history is a district concern that surely requires these groups to work together for the good of the district as a whole. Funding individual projects without first seeing where they fit into a considered and balanced programme could lead to a scatter gun approach to our heritage. This may mean that topics or areas are ignored to the detriment of future generations.

We would like to see;

- That Council develop, adopt and undertake to regularly fund an overarching programme for the recording, storing and dissemination of information, and also care of artefacts, relating to both local and family history.
- That there should be a council staff member tasked with co-ordination between groups and central purchasing of materials and skills. This same person should run regular meetings to allow groups to discuss problems and ensure that skills and efforts are shared when feasible. Effort should be made that there is consistency across groups in the way projects are carried out.
- That policy, administration and resources should have a district wide focus to ensure that work is not duplicated. This would also enable a more effective use of resources and a consistent outcome.
- That existing resources should be built on, rather than new systems set up. For instance KeteSelwyn already contains a great amount of material. As KeteSelwyn was selected to be part of Digital New Zealand, it is searchable from all around the world and is maintained by the Government. It is free to use and New Zealand based. It is also readily customizable, able to accept records of both photographs and documents as well as allow people to record memories and information. Important buildings and artefacts can be photographed to ensure they are recorded. Christchurch City Libraries is a clear example of how broad a span of material Kete can handle. It also has the benefit of allowing people to connect with their history by commenting or adding material.
- That care should under-taken to ensure that where possible established archival practice is followed so that this precious material is cared for to pass to future generations. Ideally access to the material should also follow standard practice. Perhaps Archives New Zealand could be approached to suggest some guidelines.

Judith Wenborn - Chairperson & Lynda Seaton – Secretary / Treasurer

Selwyn District Council

Sister Cities Annual Report 2020



Sister Cities Philosophy - People to people
Covid-19 made our social media contact very
important.



Display Panels – outreach into Selwyn community

Cultural Fest 2019 and 2020

Displays in District libraries in 2020



Akitakata – August 2019

Visit cancelled after mosque attack.
Kagura group visit on hold.



Yubetsu

20th Anniversary celebration this year was held via zoom meeting.

Student visits on hold.

Selwyn visits generated interest especially from Malvern Community Board – on hold.



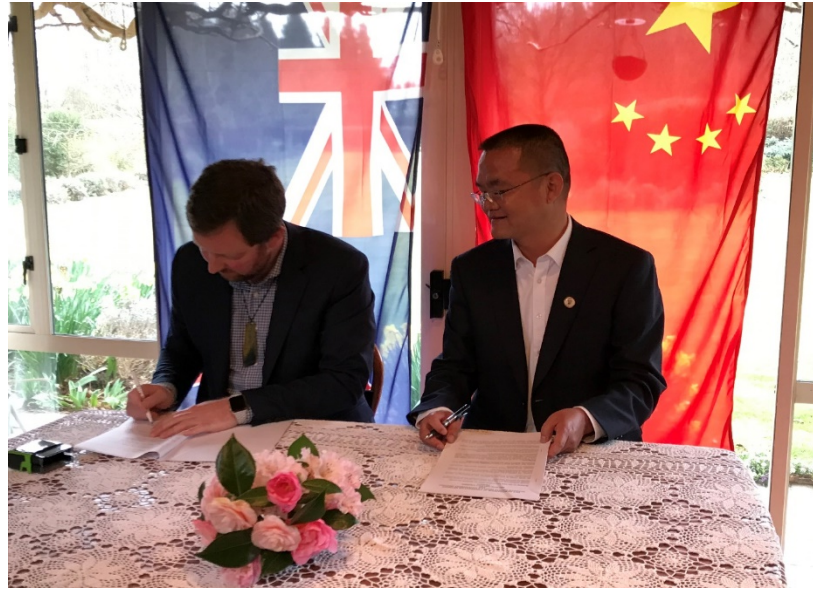
Shandan & Christchurch China Committee

Gansu visit September 2019

Shandan Bailie New Vocational College opened in October 2020 – request for links with local experts.

Gansu visit September 2019 Signing of MOU

The Mayor of Selwyn, Sam Broughton, and the Mayor of Shandan, Mr Lu Sidong signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding to focus future relationships on mutual sharing of information in the areas of education, agriculture and water, tourism and exchanges.



Sidey Farm from where
Rewi Alley imported his
first sheep



Visit to Darfield High
School

Angela Chen
Chen Angela – attended
Ara Institute for 6 months
in 2018



Zhou Fei – attended Ara
Institute for 3 months in
2019



New Shandan Bailie Vocational College opened in 2020



Shandan Bailie Vocational College

Shandan Bailie Vocational College are seeking links centred on ecological environment protection -

- Improved utilisation of agricultural resources
- reduction in agricultural protection
- improving agricultural ecological environment
- promoting sustainable development

HELP please with ideas of who we can approach.

Shandan Bailie requested help to recruit English teachers











ALLEY Rewi	
BIRTH PLACE Springfield New Zealand	
BIRTH DATE 2 December 1897	SEX Male
HEIGHT 5' 6 1/2"	EYES Blue
DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS	

DETAILS OF CHILDREN APPEAR ON PAGE 4

THIS PASSPORT, VALID FOR ALL COUNTRIES
EXPIRES ON 6 October 1980 UNLESS RENEWED



OFFICE AND DATE OF ISSUE

NEW ZEALAND
EMBASSY
PEKING
- 6 OCT 1975

Website

Large project underway.

Joint bilingual website with Christchurch China Committee and Hurunui District Council based on our Rewi Alley connections.

Will give access to over 100 Sister Cities that our Chinese partners have around the world. Huge opportunity economically and for student recruitment.

Wuhan

Contact was maintained through covid times.

Covid medical material was sent from Shandan.

Gansu Fellows

Robert Love attended Gansu Fellowship Programme in 2019



Toraja

3 Retired Selwyn Teachers went to Toraja in 2019.

Plan for 2020 was for 4 Toraja teachers to come to Selwyn.

Three Rolleston schools were ready.

Toraja had requested us to send school teachers again in 2020.



Coventry

James Morris, Darfield High School visited in 2018.
Photo of James and Craig Levis the Coventry Superintendent of Education



Co operation

Christchurch China Committee

Website – Christchurch, Hurunui and Selwyn bilingual.

ARA Institute

NZ Sister Cities Conference and Newsletter



Christchurch City Council decided to abandon Lantern Festival in 2020 and celebrate October Moon festival instead. Decision made prior to Covid.

Levi Park and Sister City Garden

- waiting for development

Osagna, Italy

Approached by Selwyn residents because of Second World War connection for local families and NZ Defence Force.
On hold at moment.



Thanks to the vibrant Sister Cities Committee and Council staff especially
Bernadette Ryan, Stephen Hill and Craig Moody.

Special thanks to Mayor Broughton for attending many official functions.

Thanks also to Councillor Bob Mugford, Councillor Jenny Gallagher
and Deputy Chairperson Kevin Coe.