



Mahere ā-Tau 2025/26

# Annual Plan

2025/26

## Summary







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# He mihi nā te Koromatua Welcome from the Mayor



Ko tātou, e whakatinana tahi ana  
Together, we're delivering.

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## Kia ora,

This document is the Council's plan for the coming year. To do our job well we need to understand the wider environment and the factors that are making some things easier and other parts more difficult to deliver. Waikirikiri Selwyn continues to grow in contrast with the nationwide economic downturn. This year, our district has seen growth in employment, tourism, consumer spend, new businesses and new consents.

### Cost of growth, and advocating for what is important to you:

You will see in this plan that we buck the national trend in many categories, with employment rising 4.2% compared to a nationwide reduction of -0.9%. Consumer spend increased by 3.1% compared to -1.4% nationwide and Selwyn's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 0.8% compared to -1.1% nationally.\* These numbers are on the back of the continued population growth we are experiencing, without this growth our metrics, economy, job creation and outcomes for our community would not look as positive.

However, we know many residents are feeling the pressure of rising costs and just maintaining our current level of services has become more expensive. We must carefully balance affordability with being good stewards of the \$3billion in community infrastructure we care for and also factoring in being prepared for the years to come. We are committed to ensure Waikirikiri Selwyn remains a great place to live.

Inflation has significantly impacted our infrastructure costs, meaning we need to balance new projects while continuing to deliver the existing services and maintain our infrastructure. Water, wastewater and transport infrastructure expenses have risen by approximately 30% over three years with bridge construction costs increasing by nearly 40%. Given that we look after over 2,500km of roads and over 120 bridges these inflationary pressures are substantial.

Selwyn has the fastest growing population in the country, jumping by 165% in the past 20 years, but this unprecedented growth comes at a price, and the Council is faced with the challenge of meeting the needs of current and future generations, while ensuring we can maintain our current level of services.

This Annual Plan also sets out Development Contributions which are the fees that new developments pay as a contribution that the improvements required to meet the new demand on roads and water supplies and reserves that they create. However, the Central Government controls these calculations and in cases of intersection upgrades a new development can only contribute about 15% with our existing community picking up the rest of the bill. This is why we need new funding tools for Local Government, and a return of the Goods and Services (GST) on new builds as committed to in the National and Act coalition agreement would mean much lower rates increases for our district and fairer share of the cost and benefit of our growth.

This is also why we continue to advocate to the Central government and agencies on your behalf and also advocate to ensure government reform doesn't add extra costs onto the rates we pay.

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## This Annual Plan: Together, we're delivering

This Annual Plan covers the second year of our Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP 24-34) and details how our plans are progressing. We produced our LTP 24-34 last year, based on feedback from over 1,500 residents. We asked what matters most to you, and you told us. In this plan we're letting you know where we are at, what's happening next, and how we're putting your feedback into action.

This Annual Plan looks very similar to what we said we would deliver in year 2 of the LTP 24-24 last year, meaning we are efficient with our programming and projects.

One key change from last year is the new Council-controlled organisation for our drinking water and wastewater services, which was consulted on separately earlier this year. This now means we will maintain high-quality water services and get ahead of the challenges we see other councils facing around the country. Details on the new Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation can be found on page 10.

As you can see, there are a lot of challenges facing our district, and while there are success stories to share, we need to continue to manage our planning wisely to ensure a sustainable future for the people of Waikirikir Selwyn.

- **Working Together:** In line with the Long-Term Plan, we are making excellent progress on the key decisions you told us were important to you: looking after our roads and water supplies, building new community facilities, upgrading parks and playgrounds, and the Lincoln Town Centre upgrade.
- **Key Strategies:** We provide updates on Waikirikir Ki Tua Future Selwyn, Kai Aku Rika Economic Development Strategy 2024-2034, Te Rautaki Tikaka Rua Bicultural Strategy and Piki Amokura Youth Strategy 2024-2034. See page 16.

- **Rates:** A planned average increase of 14.2% for this year, as indicated in our LTP 24-34. See page 32 for details on this, and specific rating examples.
- **Safe roads:** Despite Central Government funding constraints, we are committed to providing safer roads across our district. Last year, we completed a total of 82.3km of chipseal resurfacing and 9.8km of pavement rehabilitation across the district. This year, we are planning to complete a total of about 80 km of chipseal resurfacing – which is 5% of all Selwyn District Council roads, and 5km of pavement rehabilitation across the district. See page 20 on our transport project plans for this year.

## Strong partnerships, strong Selwyn:

I am also grateful for the number of community groups and volunteers who contribute to making our district a great place to live. Last year we awarded more than 400 community grants, at a value of over \$1 million to ensure our sports teams, community groups, health and wellbeing services, arts and local events continue to succeed and support our residents.

Working together is a significant part of our shared success. We have active partnerships with Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Lincoln University, the New Zealand Defence Force, KiwiRail and a number of agencies and organisations with aligned visions on the future of Waikirikir Selwyn.

Together, we're delivering.

Ngā mihi,



**Sam Broughton**  
Mayor of Selwyn



# Ko tātou, e whakatinana tahi ana

## Together, we're delivering

We're delivering on the plan we plan we made together. We produced our Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP 24-34) last year, based on feedback from over 1,500 residents. We asked what matters most to you, and we've listened to what you had to say.

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### What about public consultation?

In 2024, we received 1,500 submissions on our LTP 24-34, which was the largest feedback Council has ever received. The LTP 24-34 was adopted just under a year ago, and we are delivering on this plan. The Council resolved in November 2024 to use what our community told them mattered most in the LTP process and continue with what we're delivering together.

### What's our plan for 2025/2026?

**The Annual Plan 2025/26 covers the second year of the Council's LTP 24-34. It explains any differences between the Annual Plan and what was agreed with the community in the LTP 24-34 and the reasons for any changes.**

For example, this plan shows the adjustments the Council needs to make in light of the previous year's financial performance, updated financial figures, cost increases and inflation, as well as reduced funding from NZTA which has impacted some projects.

The only major shift is how we will manage water and wastewater services which was so significant that we consulted on it separately and you can read more detail on this on page 9.

Other than that only minor changes to the workplan have been made to ensure we stay within existing budgets.

### What is an Annual Plan?

Every three years we develop a Long-Term Plan in consultation with the Selwyn community to set out what we are going to do and the budgets for the coming 10 years.

The Annual Plan is part of this process and sets out the Council's plans and budgets for the coming financial year.



# Te Āhuarangi Hurihuri Climate Change

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Our Climate Change areas of focus are Energy and Emissions Management (Mitigation), Sustainability, and Climate Change Adaptation, helping to ensure alignment with Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn. In the 25/26 financial year it is anticipated that key work programme that will be carried out by the Climate Change Lead will be:

Implementing Council's Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) and developing an Energy Management Action Plan leading to regular monitoring and transparent reporting of energy use, emissions, and cost reductions across Council. Several energy efficiency projects are currently underway and planned for key sites - including energy audits, energy optimisation, and scoping for renewable energy integration. External funding options for energy security and climate resilience projects will continue to be explored, alongside ongoing collaboration on the Council's Energy Plan and local engagement across the district.

Finalising and adoption of Council's Sustainability Plan, including the implementation of a supporting action plan to guide and monitor associated progress and initiatives across departments.

Initiating Council's Climate Adaptation planning, which includes identifying key climate risks to inform long-term planning. Collaborative work will be undertaken with Lincoln University and other related partners.

Strategic work at the regional level, including contributing to the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan (CCPP) and involvement in other Climate and Sustainability related forums.



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## He tirohaka nama matua Key numbers at a glance

**14.2%**

**average rates increase**  
across properties in  
the district

Compared to LTP 24-34 forecast  
14.2%, limit: 16%\*.

**\$263.5m**

**total revenue**

Revenue from rates, user charges,  
grants, and other contribution. This is  
\$9 million more than what was in the  
LTP 24-34.

**\$145.8m**

**2026 total capital spend**

What we’ll invest in infrastructure and  
facilities. This is \$12.3 million less than  
what is in the LTP 24-34.

**85,200**

**Selwyn’s estimated population**  
in June 2024

Source: StatsNZ June 2024 estimated  
resident population

**\$236.5m**

**total operating spend**

The day-to-day cost to keep our  
district services running. This is \$9  
million more than what is in the LTP  
24-34 but it is funded by an increase  
in anticipated revenue.

**111,348**

**Selwyn’s projected population**  
in 2034

An increase of 31% from June 2024  
estimated resident population.  
Source: Formative projections

\*The term average also includes weighted average throughout the document.



## Park and ride facilities:

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## Local Water Done Well: Establishing a Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation:

Water services across Aotearoa New Zealand have faced increasing challenges in recent years, including ageing infrastructure, underinvestment, and inconsistent service delivery. These issues have raised public health concerns and cast doubt on the long-term sustainability of New Zealand's water systems.

Recognising the need for change, successive governments launched major reform efforts. In December 2023, the current Government introduced Local Water Done Well, a new framework for delivering drinking water, wastewater and stormwater services. Replacing the former Three Waters programme, this new approach aims to improve outcomes while giving councils and communities greater flexibility in how services are delivered.

In September 2024, the first piece of legislation under Local Water Done Well was passed. It focused on three core outcomes: financial sustainability, stronger regulatory oversight, and enabling local decision-making.

In response to this legislation, we undertook a comprehensive review of how we deliver our drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services. Our goal was to identify a delivery model that is safe, sustainable, and capable of supporting our rapidly growing district.

After evaluating the available options and engaging with our community, the Council decided in early 2025 to establish a Water Services Council-Controlled Organisation (WSCCO). This new entity will manage the delivery of drinking water and wastewater services, while stormwater services will remain in-house.

We have heard you tell us that water is a priority to you and the strong feedback we have received reflects a deep connection to wai (water) across our communities, in rural and urban settings, and a shared commitment to protecting it for future generations.

Looking ahead, your vision for Selwyn is one of sustainability, welcoming growth while protecting what makes our district special. Safe, reliable water services are at the heart of that future.

A WSCCO was selected because:

- It future-proofs Selwyn's growth with dedicated water experts focused only on managing and improving our water infrastructure.
- It gives us better funding tools, allowing long-term borrowing for major upgrades without putting sudden pressure on rates.
- It keeps services local, with Council ownership and accountability to the Selwyn community.

This decision will ensure our water infrastructure is fit for the future, for today's communities and generations to come.

The WSCCO will begin delivering drinking water and wastewater services under contract to the Council from 1 July 2025. A transition of water assets to the WSCCO will take place in the following months.

For residents this means drinking water and wastewater charges will transition from a targeted rate to being billed separately by the WSCCO.

We will be working with our community on what the next steps will look like once the WSCCO becomes operational.



## Water services projects

### Water supply projects:

This year, the Council (and the water services CCO once assets are transferred to it) will continue to work to meet growth demands for water and deliver capital upgrades. We are continuing with the strategy of improving resilience and reliability of water supply networks by investing in source, storage and treatment upgrades, with a focus this year on Dunsandel, Darfield, Kirwee, Lincoln, Rolleston and West Melton. We will continue development of the concept for centralising and connecting water schemes to maximise low nitrate water sources. In terms of water supply renewals, asset and consent renewals continue this year.

### Wastewater:

The Council (and the water services CCO) will continue with capital upgrades including treatment plant and network upgrades with a focus on Castle Hill wastewater treatment plant upgrades this year. We are also working on asset and consent renewals for wastewater. We will continue with the strategy of centralised wastewater treatment and disposal, with capital upgrades of the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet growth demands. Upgrades to the Selwyn Sewerage Scheme to meet growth demands will continue, with a focus on reticulation upgrades and pumping capacity.

### Stormwater, land drainage and water races:

Stormwater capital upgrades continue with a focus on continuing the Leeston bypass construction once consents have been obtained. This year, we will continue with the development of catchment management plans for the land drainage network with key partners and catchment-wide resource consenting for land drainage and remaining stormwater networks. Capital upgrades continue to improve levels of service. Asset and consent renewals for stormwater, land drainage and water races continue this year.



# Ō reiti 2025/26

## Your rates 25/26

The average rates increase across the district for ratepayers (residential and rural properties and businesses) is 14.2%. For a typical household, this increase equates to \$10.35 a week (based on a property with a CV of \$550,000), \$10.77 a week (based on a property with a CV of \$680,000) and \$11.32 per week (based on a property value of \$850,000)

This is an average, and the actual change may be smaller or greater for individual ratepayers, depending on your location and the services provided.

In the LTP 24–34, we anticipated that there would be an average increase of 14.2%, and we have stuck to this. This average increase is within the Council's 16% limit in its financial strategy.

In the past 12 months, just like every other business and households, the Council has faced significant increases in costs. Infometrics data which analyses the increases in local government costs highlights that bridges are 38% more expensive to build over the last three years, and sewerage systems are 30% more expensive. Roads and water supply systems are around 27% more expensive.\*

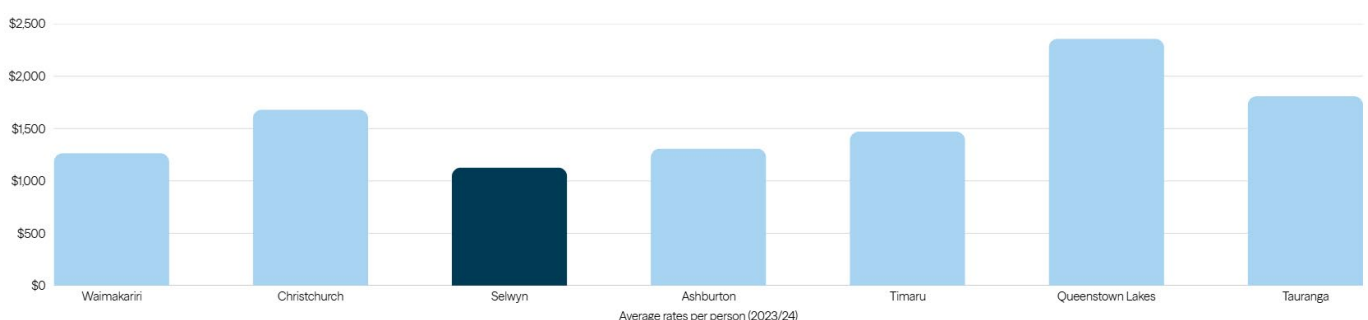
Cost pressures mean we face increases in both operating expenditure (day-to-day service costs) and capital expenditure (cost of infrastructure and facilities) just to maintain our current levels of service.

The district's continuing growth also puts pressure on our operations, and we are boosting our resources in areas such as building and resource consents, cybersecurity and digital technology, and infrastructure support to meet the demands of a larger population.

*\* Source: Infometrics: Analysing increases in local government costs for Local Government New Zealand February 2024*

### How we compare:

Selwyn District Council has the lowest rates per person when compared with other high growth and neighbouring councils.



## Targeted rates

Targeted rates are used where a Council service or facility provides a benefit to a particular group of ratepayers or location. Targeted rates can be district-wide (eg Canterbury Museum) or localised (eg Community Board). Some of the key services and facilities provided through targeted rates (where applicable) include:

Libraries Network <b>\$271</b>	Canterbury Museum <b>\$40</b>
Recreation Reserve <b>\$230</b>	Community Centres <b>\$231</b>
Water Supply <b>\$422</b> (Plus a volume-based rate)	Refuse and Recycling <b>\$124</b> (Plus, additional charges for bins provided)
Stormwater Network <b>\$175</b>	Swimming Pools <b>\$52-\$208</b> (Based on proximity to Selwyn Aquatic Centre)
Wastewater Network <b>\$807</b>	Malvern Community Board <b>\$26</b>
Water Races <b>\$65</b> (Plus additional charges where service provided)	

Find out more about your rates at [selwyn.govt.nz/rates](https://selwyn.govt.nz/rates)

## Changes to fees and charges

Fees and charges apply to some Council services, where a user-pays approach is appropriate to cover all or part of the costs of that service. No significant increases are planned for 2025/26, just an increase across the board to reflect the inflation which we anticipated we would need to do in the LTP 24-34. A full schedule of fees and charges is available in the full Annual Plan.





# Tō tātou inamata: Where we're at

## Long-Term Plan 24-34 Year Two

When making our final decisions on the 10-year work programme in LTP 24-34, we considered all submissions, along with technical reports, and information available to achieve the best outcomes for Waikirikiri Selwyn. Here’s where we are at, and what we’re doing next. For a more detailed breakdown of the capital projects and costs, please view page 40, under ‘Financial Information’ in the full Annual Plan.

**Big Decisions:** We are making good progress on the Big Decisions outlined in our LTP 24-34:

Project/Initiative	Community Feedback	Council Response	Details	What’s happening this year (25/26)
Whata Rau Community Centre (Leeston)	You said you wanted new facilities where you can connect as a community	We also agreed to revisit the design brief to develop the multi-use aspect of the building more and to increase community involvement through the formation of a community reference group to be involved with the project.	The centre will serve as a hub for community activities, including library services, meeting spaces, and recreational facilities.	Community Reference Group formed and plans advanced. Concept design phase is underway; construction scheduled to start in March 2026.
Waihora Whata Rau – Leeston Park Redevelopment	Better access to parks and green spaces	Carry out landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.	Enhancements aim to support local sports and recreational activities, improving usability and safety.	Work has progressed on the staged redevelopment programme including new sports lighting installed, upgrading the irrigation supply and initial refreshing of the playground.

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<b>Public Transport and Park and Ride Facilities</b>	Support for new and upgraded park and ride facilities.	We agreed to build three new Park and Ride facilities and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.	Due to funding shortfalls (we received less funding from NZTA this year), projects are being rephased; and will not progress this year.	Decision made in November 2024 in line with the LTP 23-34 plan to align projects with available funding. We are actively advocating for improved services and have submitted feedback to Environment Canterbury reflecting our residents' desire for better public transport links in our district.





**Additional decisions:** Updates on other decisions we sought guidance on from the Waikirikiri Selwyn community in the LTP 24-34.

**Enhancing customer experience through digital solutions:** In the LTP 24-34 we agreed to proceed with our programme to improve the way people engage with us through digital solutions. We now have a new online booking system across our community facilities so people can directly book fitness classes and swimming lessons. We also have 15 body-worn cameras in operation to keep our staff safe, and at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, we have installed the country's first Drowning Prevention Tool using cameras and meta data technology to scan swimmer activity for signs of potential drowning incidents. We have also been working to get the foundations right and will continue to do this through 25/26, to improve the efficiency of our staff so they can respond faster to our residents and partners. This includes providing new capital works tools, digital tools and training to improve staff skills and collaboration across business units.

Initiative	Community Feedback	Council Response	Details	What's happening this year (25/26)
<b>'Getting the Basics Right' for our customers and community</b>	Enhancing customer experience through digital solutions	Create Digital Road Map	Work to get the foundations right to improve the efficiency of our staff so they can respond faster to our residents and partners.	Continue to provide new digital tools and training to improve staff skills to collaborate more efficiently across business units.
<b>Online Booking System</b>	Enhancing customer experience through digital solutions	Implement a new system for booking fitness classes, activities, swimming lessons, memberships, community centres, and sports fields.	Streamline the booking process, making it more accessible and user-friendly.	The first step of this project is complete with the online booking system in place for group fitness and swimming lessons. This year we are working to extend this to bookings for sports fields and community centres.
<b>Drowning Prevention Tool</b>	Enhancing customer experience through digital solutions	Installed AI-powered system with 27 cameras at Selwyn Aquatic Centre to detect potential drowning incidents.	First of its kind in New Zealand, enhancing swimmer safety through real-time monitoring to detect the potential risks in swimming pools – analysing swimmer movement patterns and ensuring quick detection of the potential risks.	The first step in this project is complete with technology on the first pool in place, this year we are working to extend this across all pools at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Facility	Community Feedback	Council Response	Details	What's happening this year (25/26)
<b>Sheffield Pool</b>	Better access to community facilities	We agreed to keep the pool open for the 2024-2025 swim season, and during that time, began targeted consultation with the community about the potential divestment of the facility to a community-run legal entity. If no arrangement can be agreed with the community by 30 June 2025, Council will proceed with permanent closure/ demolition of the pool.	Together, we found a way to keep the pool open.  This year we consulted community; endorsed transfer of ownership, operation, and maintenance to Kowai Pass Reserve Trust.	Legal terms for transfer are being finalised.

**Progress on key strategies:** Here is an update on the key strategies we said we would deliver in the LTP 24-34.

Initiative	Community Feedback	Council Response	Details	What's happening this year (25/26)
<b>Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn</b>	Desire for strong planning to enable smart growth, proactiveness to prepare for growth, to protect our unique environment and lifestyle, and connect our communities.	Developed a long-term approach to intergenerational wellbeing, sustainability, resilience, growth, change, and development in Waikirikiri Selwyn.	Serves as the strategic and spatial direction for navigating our future.	A total of \$360,413 is allocated for this year. As part of the strategy and next steps, we are integrating Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn into our Council processes and ensuring alignment between all our strategies. Following on from pre-engagement, we will consult with the public on three options for Area Plans. In early 2026, we will go into formal consultation for one option.



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<b>Kai Aku Rika Economic Development Strategy 2024–2034</b>	Desire for a sustainable Waikirikiri Selwyn where people can live, work, and play locally.	Developed strategy with more than 250 local leaders to support new investment and community participation in shaping the economy.	Serves as a blueprint for economic growth and resilience in the district.	A total of \$859,683 is allocated for this year. As part of the strategy and next steps, Council is establishing and progressing with projects including the Local Energy Plan, Dark Sky Accreditation, Identity Project and a Workforce and Skills Development Programme.
<b>Piki Amokura Youth Strategy 2024–2034</b>	Desire for an inclusive connected district that nurtures young people, has places to go and things to do, celebrates te ao Māori, and responds to the future with a particular focus on climate change, the environment, and housing.	Developed strategy with rakataki youth and the youth sector to empower young people with a supportive ecosystem to navigate challenges, embrace opportunities, and shape a resilient future.	Serves as a blueprint for creating a great place to live through all stages of life in the district.	A total of \$202,500 is allocated for this year. As part of the strategy and next steps, Council is engaging with youth, strengthening community partnerships, enhancing youth spaces and facilities, investing in youth development programmes, providing and commissioning community services, facilitating the creation of pathways to employment and education, and advocating for the needs of rakataki youth with central government.

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<b>Te Paepae Ageing Well Strategy 2024-2034</b>	Desire for equitable access to services, opportunities, and information in age-friendly spaces and places with consideration given to access for rural and Māori communities.	Developed strategy with older adults and the sector to support people to age well in Waikirikiri Selwyn.	Serves as a blueprint for creating a great place to live through all stages of life in the district.	A total of \$115,000 is allocated for this year. As part of the strategy and next steps, Council is delivering community led activities in rural and isolated communities, establishing a hub for older residents, delivering volunteer expos and social outings, and advocating for funding.
<b>Te Rautaki Tikaka Rua Bicultural Strategy</b>	Desire for a council that honours mana whenua and iwi Māori.	Developed strategy that builds a strong foundation of cultural confidence and competence for a bicultural, treaty-based future.	Serves as a blueprint for mānawatia te noho tahitaka o kā kākano e rua (celebrating our bicultural identity together.)	A total of \$260,554 is allocated for this year. As part of the strategy and next steps, Council is prioritising relationships with mana whenua, refocusing on mana whenua and Māori aspirations for success and wellbeing, building bicultural confidence and competence for Council and its staff, and embedding bicultural practice including the normalisation of te reo Māori me ōna tikaka. Council is committed to rebalancing the narrative and building a strong bicultural foundation and plays a role in modelling authentic, meaningful treaty partnership.





Initiative	Community Feedback	Council Response	Details	What's happening this year (25/26)
<b>Waikirikiri Selwyn Biodiversity Strategy</b>	Desire to protect, restore and grow the biodiversity in our District.	Developed a strategy that sets out how the Council intends to achieve the protection, maintenance, and restoration of indigenous biodiversity within Selwyn. It establishes a strategic approach based on the concept of first protecting what remains and then restoring what has been lost, and it identifies priorities accordingly.	Serves as a blueprint to guide and support the Council's biodiversity work programmes.	As part of the strategy and next steps, Council has formed a Biodiversity Working Group – including mana whenua, expert stakeholders, and our community – that will guide the development of three yearly biodiversity work programs for the district. Consistent with actions set out in the strategy Council is continuing to fund community led initiatives in the district through the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund and the (newly created) Predator Free Fund. As well as strategically advocating for indigenous biodiversity at a regional and national level Council is also continuing to play a lead role across several key biodiversity protection projects in Waikirikiri Selwyn, including cross boundary initiatives. These programmes are ultimately guided by and aligned with the Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn Strategy.



**Other important decisions:** This section covers projects and matters that were highlighted as important for our community in the LTP 24-34.

**Transport upgrades:** In this Long-Term Plan, we are focusing on maintaining our existing infrastructure to support growth. As part of this, we are increasing the funding required for our roading maintenance and renewal projects during years one, two and three of the Long-Term Plan. Here's what we've done, and what we're doing this year:

Project	Description	Details	What's happening this year (25/26)
<b>Dunns Crossing Rd and Burnham School Rd Signals</b>	Installation of traffic signals to improve safety near West Rolleston School.	Coordinated with NZTA's SH1 roundabout project to enhance traffic flow and safety.	Planned for delivery 25/26.
<b>Hoskyns Rd Widening (Stage 1)</b>	5.5 km arterial seal widening and pavement rehabilitation between Maddisons Rd and Sandy Knolls Rd.	Includes intersection safety upgrades to accommodate increasing traffic volumes.	Planned for delivery 25/26.
<b>Hamptons Rd Widening</b>	1.5 km of seal widening between Shands Rd and Springs Rd.	Aims to improve road safety and accommodate growth in traffic.	Planned for delivery 25/26.
<b>Two Chain Rd Widening</b>	2.1 km of seal widening between Walkers Rd and Wards Rd.	Part of Rolleston Access improvements to enhance connectivity.	Planned for delivery 25/26.





# Kaupapa o te rohe

## Local projects

In addition to the major projects already outlined, the Council is continuing to invest in services, facilities and infrastructure, and other community projects in local areas across the district. The below is a summary of some key projects that will be undertaken in the year ahead in each ward. A number of these projects will be delivered over multiple years; the budgets provided reflect the cost for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

### Te Waihora/Ellsemere Ward

Project	Budget FY2026 \$000	Expected completion (financial year ending)
Leeston War Memorial Restoration	\$145.4	2026
Coes Ford Wetland Development	\$87.3	2026
Water pipe upgrades Leeston for growth	\$970.2	2026
Stormwater capital works including Leeston Stormwater bypass	\$1,586.0	2027

### Kā Mānia/Rolleston Ward

Project	Budget FY2026 \$000	Expected completion (financial year ending)
Rolleston Youth Space Toilet	\$206.1	2026
New Passive Reserves Rolleston	\$170.7	2026
Water capacity upgrades to meet growth demands in Rolleston	\$6,525.4	2026

### Kā Puna/Springs Ward

Project	Budget FY2026 \$000	Expected completion (financial year ending)
Springston Reserve New Public Toilet	\$272.2	2026
Tai Tapu Walkway	\$256.8	2026
Water capacity upgrades in Lincoln to meet growth demands	\$500.0	2027

### Tawera/Malvern Ward

Project	Budget FY2026 \$000	Expected completion (financial year ending)
Castle Hill Reserve Car Park Upgrade	\$105.7	2026
Courtenay Domain Water Supply	\$119.7	2026
Almond Park Car Park	\$35.3	2026
Castle Hill Dark Sky Street Lighting Controls	\$51.5	2026
Water Treatment Plant upgrades District wide including Acheron and Springfield upgrades	\$6,914.3*	2026
Water treatment plant construction West Melton **	\$4,671.6	2026

\* programme level budget

\*\* Following the final local government commission (LGC) determination for our representation review in April 2025, from October 2025 (Local Body Elections) West Melton will move from Melvern to Springs Ward.







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