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## Introduction and welcome

Thanks for reading this Annual Plan Consultation Document for 2017/18. This document focuses on new projects and changes from what was proposed in our 2015-2025 Long-Term Plan – and we want to hear your feedback on whether we're on track with our proposals.

Council's activities continue to be driven by the district's sustained growth. Selwyn's population has now passed 56,000 and it remains one of the fastest-growing districts in New Zealand. Building consent numbers remain high as new subdivisions are continuing to be developed across the district. Reflecting this growth, in the past year we've seen two new schools open – and another is on the way.

Our economy is growing too, as new businesses arrive, taking advantage of Selwyn's great location and opportunities. New retail centres are being developed to support our growing population. Our Izone commercial hub now hosts around 80 businesses and more than 1,200 employees, and other new commercial and industrial developments are under way nearby.

For the Council, the challenge is to continue providing the infrastructure, services and facilities that you expect to ensure our expanding district remains a great place to live, work and play.

In the coming year we will make good progress on many of our planned projects, including the exciting new district library and community facility in Rolleston, the development of sports facilities at Foster Park, new community centres in Tai Tapu and West Melton, and the review of our District Plan.



#### We're also proposing some new projects and changes, including:

- · introducing standard district-wide rates for stormwater
- · extending and accelerating our footpath programme
- · developing a Health Hub to support better access to health services

- · extending library opening hours
- $\cdot\,$  planning for new pool space at Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Overall the average rate increase proposed in 2017/18 is 4.5%. This is close to the level forecast in our Long-Term Plan, and we believe it represents a fair balance between community expectations and budget constraints. Rates increases will vary for different properties, based on the services they receive.

We now want to hear from you. If you think the proposals we've outlined here are positive for the district – please tell us. If you think we should focus on different priorities, let us know. I encourage you to take a look at the proposals we've outlined, and send us your feedback – it is an important part of our decision-making process.

You can submit feedback in a number of ways – using the submission form in this document, online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay or by attending one of the drop-in sessions detailed on p.5. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sam Broughton, Mayor



## About this Consultation Document

Every three years local councils prepare a Long-Term Plan which sets out the range of activities the council proposes to undertake over the coming 10 years, and the community outcomes those activities aim to achieve. It also outlines how activities will be funded, and provides for community input into setting the priorities and directions for the decade ahead. Our last Long-Term Plan was adopted in 2015 for the period 2015-2025.

This year we are preparing an Annual Plan focusing on any significant changes to the activities we said we would undertake for the 2017/18 year in our Long-Term Plan. These changes are outlined in this Consultation Document.

Your feedback on these proposals is welcome and will help inform the Council's decisions on our work over the next year.

Other activities that are scheduled in our Long-Term Plan to be undertaken in the 2017/18 year are also summarised for your information.

## Have your say - make a submission

Anyone can make a submission on this Consultation Document. You can make a submission using the form printed in this document, or by using the online submission form at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

Submissions close at 5pm on Wednesday 3 May 2017.

You can also provide comments through the Council's Facebook page. Although comments on social media are not treated as formal submissions, they will be collated and provided to Councillors for consideration during deliberations on the Annual Plan.

## Engaging with the community

During the consultation period, from Monday 3 April to Wednesday 3 May, Councillors and council staff will be visiting events and locations at local communities throughout the district to discuss the proposals in this document, and to encourage people to make submissions.

There will also be drop-in sessions at library and service centres in each ward. These are an opportunity for residents to seek more information about the proposals outlined in this document, ask questions and seek clarification.

Meeting location	Meeting date	Time	
Darfield Library & Service Centre	Thursday 13 April	10am – 1pm	
Rolleston Library	Thursday 13 April	4 – 7pm	
Leeston Library & Service Centre	Tuesday 18 April	9am – 12pm	
Lincoln Library & Service Centre	Tuesday 18 April	2 – 5pm	

## Public hearings

Public hearings on submissions to the Consultation Document will be heard by the Council on 18-19 May 2017.

If you wish to speak to your submission at the hearings please indicate on the submission form.

## Key dates

#### 3 April 2017

Public consultation opens on this Consultation Document

#### 3 May 2017

Public consultation closes

#### 18-19 May 2017

Public hearings on submissions

#### 25-26 May 2017

Council deliberations on submission

#### 14 June 2017

Council formally adopts the Annual Plan

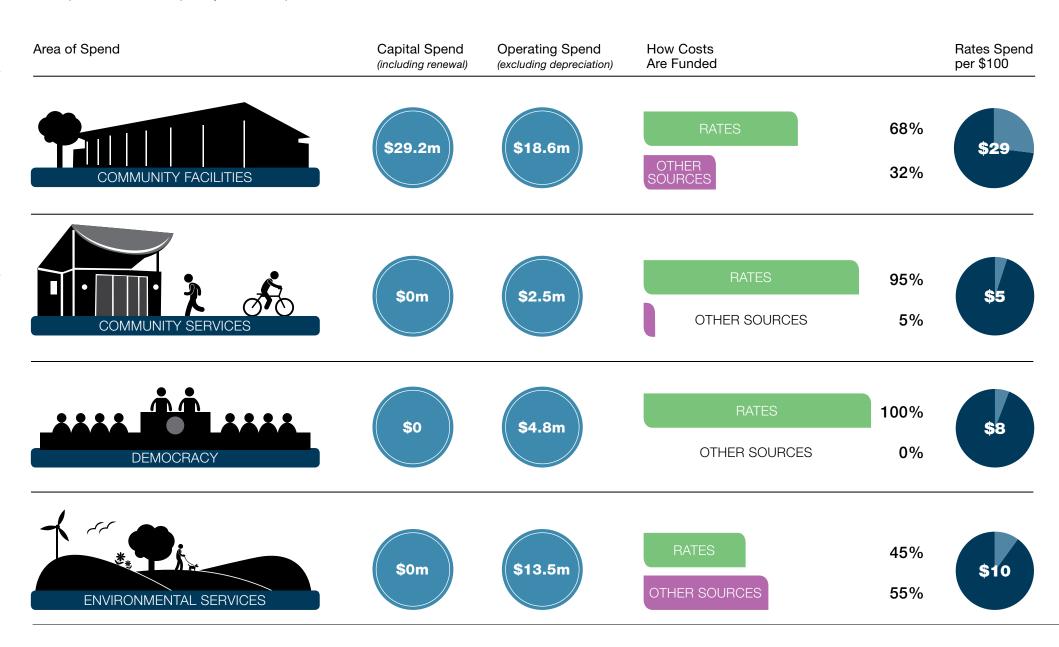
## Supporting information

The draft Annual Plan 2017/18, on which this Consultation document is based, can be found on the Council website at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay**. The Long-Term Plan 2015-2025 *Towards '25* can be found on the Council website at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25** 

# Funding overview

These pages set out a snapshot of the Council's major activities and how these will be funded over the next year.

The total spend is split into capital expenditure (for example, construction of new buildings and roads) and operating expenditure (the day to day costs of providing Council services), and there's a breakdown of what proportion is funded by rates, and from other sources - these can include fees and charges for services, income from interest and dividends as well as development contributions paid by land developers.



# Selwyn District 2017



FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WORK IN OUR DISTRICT

**15.6**% GDP GROWTH AVGE 5 YEARS TO 2016

DISTRICT POPULATION 56,200

### POPULATIONS AT A GLANCE

Rolleston's population is	15,000
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★ Lincoln's population is **6,700** 

★ Leeston's population is **2,300** 

★ Darfield's population is **3,000** 

★ Prebbleton's population is **4,400** 

11% OF OUR DISTRICT'S POPULATION IS AGED 65 OR OVER

OF OUR DISTRICT'S POPULATION IS UNDER 15

1,261

NEW DWELLING



Selwyn District 2027



28,300 TOTAL SELWYN HOUSEHOLDS

AN INCREASE FROM 20,300

DISTRICT POPULATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 79,000

#### **POPULATIONS AT A GLANCE**

★ Rolleston's population is **24,000** 

★ Lincoln's population is 12,000

★ Leeston's population is 3,200

★ Darfield's population is 3,900

★ Prebbleton's population is 5,300

16% of our district's POPULATION WILL BE AGED 65 OR OVER



OF OUR DISTRICT'S POPULATION WILL BE

**UNDER 15** 

THE COMPLETED CHRISTCHURCH SOUTHERN MOTORWAY

WILL REDUCE TRAVEL TIMES BETWEEN
Rolleston and central Christchurch in non-peak traffic
BY A FURTHER 5–10 MINUTES



PEAK TIME TRAVEL WILL BE 50% FASTER THAN IT WOULD BE WITHOUT THE NEW MOTORWAY.

Estimated figures are as at January 2017. Sources include Selwyn District Council, NZTA and Statistics NZ.



# ISSUES FOR CONSULTATION



# Proposed district-wide rate for stormwater

The Council is proposing to introduce a standard district-wide stormwater rate in areas where a stormwater network is managed by the council.

This proposal would bring the stormwater network in line with water and wastewater network, which since 2015, has been funded by a standard district-wide rate for properties connected to Council water and wastewater supplies. Previously, people had paid varying charges depending on the cost of providing water and wastewater services at different areas. The changes were introduced as the service provided to different communities was similar and it was considered that the charging should be the same across the district.

We are now looking at how our stormwater network is funded and proposing to introduce a standard stormwater rate of \$85 per property in areas where the Council manages stormwater. This change would result in some townships paying less, while others may pay a little more for this service. Again this change is being proposed as the level of service provided to each community is similar from one township to another.

Due to increased operational costs for a number of schemes, if a standardised stormwater rate was not adopted, stormwater charges would need to rise for a number of townships in 2017/18. The largest cost increases would occur in Lincoln, Prebbleton and West Melton.

Selwyn district provides an efficient stormwater network at an affordable cost. A national benchmarking exercise was recently undertaken comparing the proposed standardised \$85 charge for Selwyn against a dozen similar sized New Zealand councils, with the \$85 charge coming out as one of the lowest for stormwater.

The table below shows the current (2016/17) stormwater rate, along with the proposed district-wide rate for next year (2017/18), compared with what the rate would be if the existing township targeted rate was retained and a standardised district-wide rate was not introduced.

Township	Current Stormwater Rate 2016/17 (\$)	Township-based Stormwater Rate 2017/18 (\$) (if district rate is not adopted)	Proposed new district Stormwater Rate 2017/18 (\$)	
Arthurs Pass	100	100	85	
Castle Hill	80	100	85	
Darfield	24	45	85	
Doyleston	40	55	85	
Dunsandel	45	45	85	
Edendale	25	25	85	
Glentunnel	50	50	85	
Hororata	200	200	85	
Kirwee	35	35	85	
Lake Coleridge	220	220	85	
Leeston	278	278	85	
Lincoln	85	160	85	
Prebbleton	43	75	85	
Rakaia Huts	40	40	85	
Rolleston	40	40	85	
Southbridge	60	60	85	
Springfield	25	25	85	
Springston	45	50	85	
Tai Tapu	150	150	85	
Templeton	50	50	85	
West Melton	53	100	85	
Whitecliffs	45	45	85	





# Extending our footpath network

Last year the Council approved a programme to construct new footpaths to provide better connections to our existing network, by filling in missing sections of footpath in a number of townships. We plan to complete the following work by June 2017, with a total of 5.2km to be sealed.

2016/17 (current year ): Footpath extension programme								
Township	Footpath location	Township	Footpath location					
Darfield	Mathias Street (from Sicon yard to Cardale Street)	Darfield	Horndon Street (from McHughs Crescent to railway line)					
Darfield	McLaughlins Road (from bend to Bangor Road, and Stott Drive to existing footpath)	Doyleston	Petticoat Lane (from Queen to King Streets)					
Dunsandel	Irvines Road (from school to Albert James Place)		Glentunnel Domain Road (from State Highway 77 to end of road)					
Glentunnel	Albert Street (from State Highway 77 to Railway Terrace)	Leeston	Chervier Street (from Holley Street to end of existing footpath)					
Leeston	Holley Street (from club rooms to Chervier Street)	Rolleston	Brookside Road (from East Maddisons Road to Brookside Reserve, and from Stonebrook Drive to Burnham School Road)					
Rolleston	Overbury Crescent (from Dryden Avenue to Maitland Crescent and Maitland Crescent to Marlowe Crescent)	Rolleston	Byron Street (from Kidman to Brookside Road)					
Rolleston	Springston Rolleston Road (from Lowes Road to Rolleston College)	Southbridge	Hastings Street (from Bridge Street to edge of township)					
Springfield	Tramway Road (from Tawera Lane to Queen Street, and Queen Street to Pococks Road)	Tai Tapu	School Road (from Forbes Road to Hepworth Place, and Riverside Lane to Hauschilds Road)					
West Melton	Brinsworth Avenue to Weedons Ross Road through Reserve							





In 2017/18 we are proposing to carry out more footpath extension work, and by June 2018 we plan to seal the following footpaths which will total 2.3km of new footpaths. If the Council does not increase the funding for footpaths as proposed, some of these important links will not be completed.

#### 2017/18 (next financial year ): Proposed footpath extension programme Township Footpath location Township Footpath location Halkett Street (from Jackson Street to Le Fleming Street, and from Darfield Halkett Street (from Holmes Street to Jackson Street) Darfield Le Fleming Street to Holmes Street) Doyleston King Street (from Petticoat Lane to Drain Road) Doyleston Queen Street (from Petticoat Lane to Drain Road) Elizabeth Street (from State Highway 77 to Union Street, and from Victoria Street (from Union Street to State Highway 77, and from Glentunnel Glentunnel Union Street to Railway Terrace) Union Street to Railway Terrace) Union Street (from Albert Street to Elizabeth Street, and Victoria Street Glentunnel Railway Terrace (from Victoria Street to existing footpath) Glentunnel to Albert Street) Hawkins Road (from Bealey Road to end of kerb and channel) Hobbs Street (from Hororata Road to street end) Hororata Hororata Leeston Cunningham Street (from Pound Road to end of footpath) Rolleston Brookside Road (from State Highway 1 to Byron Street) Rolleston Cato Place (from Kingsley Place to end of cul de sac) Sheffield Wrights Road (from Mye Lane to hall) Sheffield Railway Terrace East (from Mye Lane to Queen Street) Sheffield Tramway Road (Mye Lane to Queen Street) Sheffield Curve Road (from Sheffield School to State Highway 73) High Street (from Southbridge Leeston Road to McKenzie Avenue) Southbridge West Melton West Melton Road (from north reserve entrance to south reserve entrance)

<sup>5</sup> This proposal would add an extra \$347,000 to the cost of our footpath programme, funded from general rates. For a typical household this would represent a one-off rates increase of around \$14.

<sup>?</sup> Do you support the Council's proposal to extend its footpath network? See question 2 on the submission form or share your views online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay





# Extending opening hours at libraries and service centres

The Council is seeking community feedback on whether local libraries should be open on Sundays and for longer in the early evening to make it easier for people to use library services.

Currently, libraries are open on weekdays from 8.30am-5pm, with Lincoln and Rolleston offering late night opening on Thursdays until 7pm. Libraries are also open on Saturdays from 9.30am-12.30pm. With the current opening times, some people find it difficult to visit local libraries, especially if they are working or studying during the daytime.

## Proposed new opening times for libraries are:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
Darfield	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	9.30am – 6pm	10am – 6pm	10am – 1pm	1 – 4pm	Note: Service centre open Saturday 10am - 1pm
Leeston	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 5.30pm	9am – 6pm	9am – 5.30pm	10am - 5.30pm	10am – 1pm	Closed	Note: Service centre open Saturday 10am - 1pm
Lincoln	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	10am – 6pm	10am – 1pm	1 – 4pm	Note: Service centre open Saturday 10am - 1pm
Rolleston	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	8.30am – 6pm	10am – 6pm	10am – 1pm	1 – 4pm	

Council service centres are currently only available from 8.30am-5pm on weekdays. With changes to library opening hours proposed, extended hours for service centres at Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln are also proposed, with service centre functions available from 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. The extended hours will be trialled for 6 months and reviewed before a decision is made on whether to make the change permanent.

- S Opening for extended hours will increase the running costs of libraries and require an increase in the library rate from \$180 to \$190 per property.
- **Do you support the Council's proposal to extend opening hours at libraries and service centres?**See question 3 on the submission form or share your views online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay





# Designing and planning for new pool space

An Aquatic Facilities Plan review has recently been undertaken which identified that priority should be given to developing additional pool space at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Demand for pool space is high and the centre simply cannot accommodate all users. The centre currently has 1,550 swim school students enrolled in weekly swim lessons and a waitlist of over 100 students each term. Local swimmers are also high users of the Aquatic Centre, and demand from the community for lane and leisure swimming at the centre is also strong. Given these issues an additional pool is being considered which would be a multi-use pool – which is able to be used for swim classes, aquafitness and casual swimmers. Given the high enrolment numbers in the swim school, additional space is also need for a dedicated Learn to Swim office.

A provisional budget of \$250,000 has been included in next year's Annual Plan to enable feasibility, planning and design work to be undertaken on additional pool space and facilities at Selwyn Aquatic Centre. This design work is funded from the swimming pools targeted rate (with no increase in this rate for the 2017/18 year). If there is support for the development of a new pool, a budget for the construction of this would be included in the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, with the project being scheduled to be completed early on in the plan, due to the high demand for the new pool.

If the \$250,000 budget is not included in the 2017/18 Annual Plan the provision of additional pool space would be delayed by at least a year.

- The proposed budget of \$250,000 in 2017/18 will be funded from the swimming pools targeted rate. There is no rate increase proposed for 2017/18, however the expenditure is equivalent to \$14 per household.
- **2** Do you support the Council's proposal to undertake design and planning work for new pool space at Selwyn Aquatic Centre? See question 4 on the submission form or share your views online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay





# Continuing investment in roading

The Council is proposing to continue providing additional funding for road maintenance.

A targeted rate of \$60 per rateable property was introduced in 2014 to help meet the rising costs of roading repair and renewal work. This reflects the fact that vehicle traffic on Selwyn roads has been increasing more quickly than our population, while more heavy vehicles, including dairy tankers, construction vehicles and trucks travelling to and from Izone, are also using local roads. The funding has been used to accelerate road reconstruction work on sections of road where pothole and digout repairs are not adequate to repair road damage. If the \$60 rate were discontinued this programme of roading improvements would cease.

#### This year's programme

In the year to June 2017, the extra targeted rate funding is being used to fund road rehabilitation work on three sections of road:

- · Deans Road north of Auchenflower Road (1.7km)
- · Gerald Street from Vernon Drive to Springs Road (0.3km)
- · Bealey Road west of Waianiwaniwa River bridge (0.5km)

#### Proposed programme 2017/18

In the year to June 2018, road reconstruction work is planned on sections of:

- · Birchs Road
- · Hororata Road
- · Leaches Road
- · Sharlands Road

A total of 3.6km of roads is proposed to be reconstructed. A further 12.2km of roads have been identified as needing road reconstruction repairs beyond 2017/18, and these will be included in consultation on the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028.

- \$ The proposed investment in roading will be funded from the existing \$60 targeted rate introduced in 2014, and will have no further impact on rates.
- ? Do you support the Council's proposal to continue its investment in road maintenance? See question 5 on the submission form or share your views online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay





# Health Hub - supporting access to health services

The Council is proposing to establish a Health Hub to provide improved access to health and social services for the growing population of Selwyn district.

Research undertaken in 2014 and 2016 showed that although Selwyn residents generally had good access to health care, there were some gaps in service provision, and some services which people find more difficult to access – for example, having to travel to Christchurch for appointments with health providers or other service agencies.

As the district's population continues to grow, the need for local access to services is also increasing. The proposed Health Hub would help to meet these needs, by providing an opportunity for health providers and other related services to locate in Selwyn.

The proposal would also provide a base for not-for-profit organisations that currently have no ability to operate in Selwyn, and supplement the current shortage of office space in the district.

#### Key elements of the proposal:

- · The Council would build a facility on Council-owned land near its headquarters in Rolleston.
- · The facility would be independently managed.
- · A governance group would oversee the design, build and operation.
- · Space within the hub would be leased to a combination of health professionals, not-for-profit groups, social service agencies and commercial office space.

This project is an investment by the Council, and will be funded from within existing commercial property budgets. Subject to appropriate leases and tenancies being secured, the hub is expected to provide a return within approximately three years.

If the Council does not encourage the health providers to locate in the district through the construction of the proposed Health Hub, it is unlikely that services will locate here or locate in a central location.

- S This proposed project is an investment by the Council and will be funded from existing commercial property budgets; it will have no impact on rates.
- 2 Do you support the Council's proposal to establish a Health Hub for Selwyn residents? See question 6 on the submission form or share your views online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay





## Rates movements

The Council is proposing a number of rate changes for the 2017/18 year. The average rate increase is 4.5%, however the changes for individual properties will vary.

For each property, the total rate includes a proportion of general rate and uniform annual general charge (the general rate makes up 20 to 30% of total rates for most residential properties, and 50 to 70% of total rates for most rural properties). In 2017/18 a 6% increase in the general rate and the uniform annual general charge is proposed to fund a range of services including improvements to the road network.

In addition the proposed standardised rate for stormwater mentioned previously, the main changes proposed are:

- · an increase in the Malvern ward Community Board rate from \$32 to \$40 to fund the full cost of running the Board this rate is only paid by properties within the Malvern ward
- · an increase the district water rate from \$370 to \$391 for partially metered supplies and from \$214 to \$226 for fully metered supplies, with the water usage charge increasing from 43 to 44 cents per cubic metre
- · an increase to the Arthurs Pass and Castle Hill refuse rates from \$79 to \$121, and introduction of the recycling targeted rate of \$63 to reflect the new service being introduced in these locations
- · increases to water race targeted rates (Ellesmere 10%, Malvern 20% and Paparua 20%) to reflect the cost of maintaining the water race network
- an increase to the Library Rate from \$180 to \$190 to help fund longer opening hours for a trial period
- · some increases to reserve and community centre targeted rates, with bigger increases for Tai Tapu (from \$179 to \$310) and West Melton (from \$115 to \$286) to help pay for the new community facilities that will soon be built.

A number of rates will stay the same as in 2016/17, including wastewater, refuse, Canterbury Museum and swimming pool rates.

Refer to pages 40-41 for examples of proposed changes to annual rates in 2017/18, for a sample of typical properties in Selwyn.





# Proposed changes to fees and charges

Minor changes apply to charges for dog registration fees and stock impounding fees. Dogs 14 years and older currently registered and compliant with all registration and bylaw requirements over the last 10 years are now eligible for a \$30 registration fee rebate (up from \$25), and a minor adjustment is proposed to registration fees due in February and March if dogs are registered for part of the year.

Swimming pool inspection fees are changing as a result of recent changes to swimming pool fencing legislation. The standard swimming pool inspection fee is \$150. A fixed charge of \$450 is now proposed when a notice to fix is issued, to cover two inspections and the associated administration time. Previously these inspections were charged for at time and costs.

Changes are also proposed to fees and charges for aspects of resource consents, monitoring and planning costs, building consents, and regulatory health services. Details of proposed fees and charges are set out in the full Draft Annual Plan available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay.

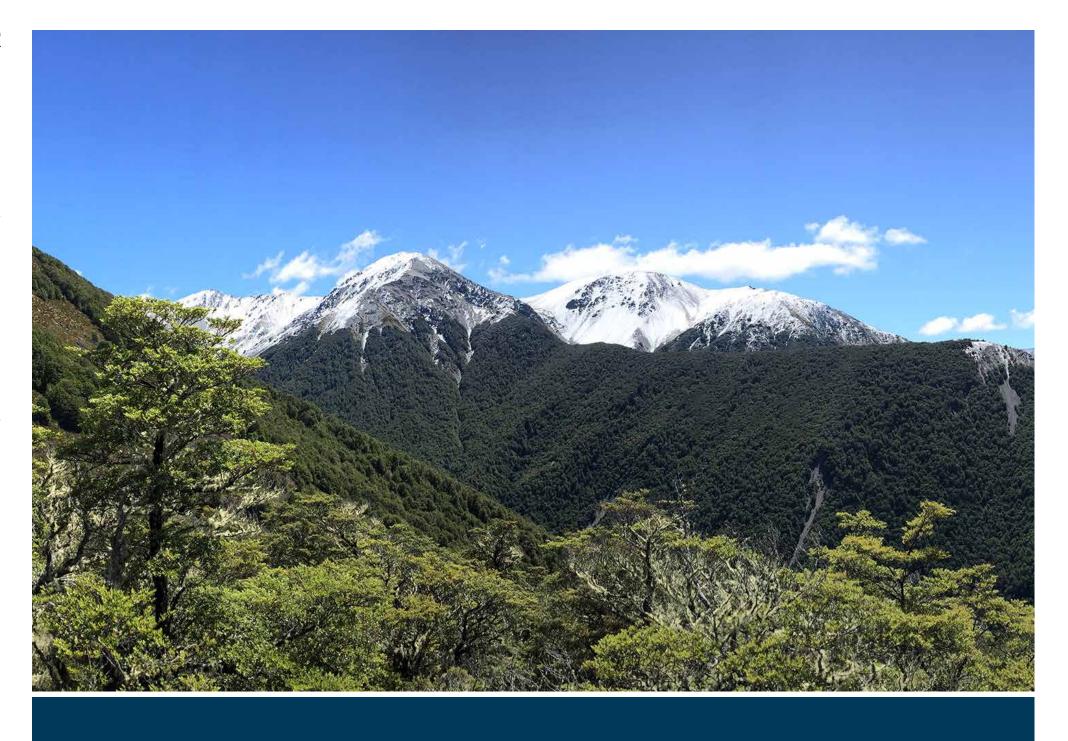
#### Vehicle Crossing Licence and Inspection Fee

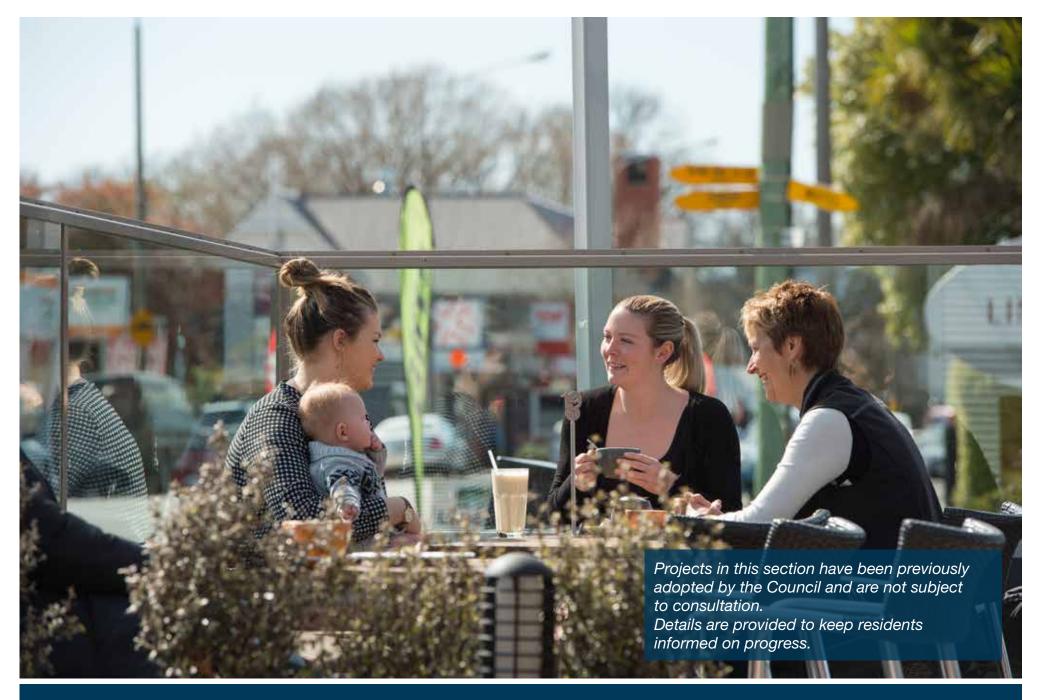
A new fee is proposed to be introduced for processing and inspecting vehicle crossing applications. Previously most crossings were constructed by developers, but in 2015 this requirement was changed and is now the homeowner's responsibility. There is currently no fee for processing applications for vehicle crossings and inspecting the crossing, but around 1,000 staff hours were spent on processing applications last year, with the cost being funded by ratepayers. Most other councils in Canterbury charge the applicant for this service. The proposed charge is \$150 for the application and inspection. The charge is consistent with the costs applied by neighbouring councils. If a re-inspection is required the cost will be \$90, and for a retrospective application \$200.

# Proposed changes to development contributions

Development contributions are paid by land developers towards the cost of providing the additional community facilities (including roads, water systems, wastewater systems and reserves) required for a growing population. The Council proposes to increase its development contribution charges, other than for the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme, from 1 July 2017 based on the increase in the Producers Price Index Outputs for Construction as at 31 December 2016. This is in line with our adopted development contributions policy. This is a 2.5% increase on the capital cost component of the development contribution.

The Council has a commitment in its development contribution policy to review the development contribution for the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme each year if the level of population growth is different from that previously forecast. A combination of continued high levels of population growth and a reduction in some of the planned capital expenditure means that the development contribution for the Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme can be reduced by 8.7 percent from \$8,825 to \$8,056 (plus GST).





## KEEPING YOU INFORMED



# New community facilities

#### Dunsandel

The construction of the Dunsandel Community Centre is now under way, with the new facility replacing the former hall which was demolished due to earthquake damage.

#### West Melton

Construction of a new multi-purpose community and recreation centre is also planned at West Melton. The existing community centre is too small for this growing township and would also require earthquake strengthening to enable continued use of the facility. Construction of the new centre is planned to start in late 2017.

#### Tai Tapu

The 2010-2011 earthquakes caused significant damage to community facilities in Tai Tapu including the community hall (on Old Tai Tapu Road) and the Rhodes Park pavilion. A Community Facilities Joint Working Group was formed to look at the future of local facilities, representing the Tai Tapu Residents Association, the Tai Tapu Hall committee, the Rhodes Park Combined Sports Body, the Rhodes Park Domain Board and Selwyn District Council.

The working party is proposing to build a new combined community building on Rhodes Park where the existing facility is. It is proposed that the Rhodes Park Community and Sports Centre include:

· an indoor community lounge space for up to 200 guests with kitchen and bar

· changing rooms for up to six sports teams

· combined sports lounge with kitchen and bar

· a small sports club lounge and community meeting facility.

· covered outdoor area for community and sport functions

All three facilities are significant projects for local communities to fund by themselves, with both West Melton and Dunsandel struggling to fund the costs through fundraising, other grants and local targeted rates. The facilities may also be used by people from outside their communities.



Looking to the future, the Council is considering further consultation on the introduction of a new district-wide rate for community centres and halls and will be consulting on this in next year's draft Long-Term Plan 2018-2028.

The Council has previously supported new facilities with a 10% grant towards the capital construction cost, with the rest of the cost being met from grants, fund raising and a targeted rate on local communities near the facilities.

The Council is increasing this 10% grant for these three facilities to fund the shortfall that exists between the amount other grants and fundraising can provide, and a level of targeted rate that is affordable for local communities. The grant funding component is funded from general Council funds. This increase in the grant will enable these much-needed facilities to proceed quickly rather than being held back by funding constraints. The main reason for the difference in the level of the Council grant is that mix of funding sources available to the three projects is different. For example, the Dunsandel and Tai Tapu communities have been able to secure a higher level of external grants than West Melton.

#### The planned funding is shown below:

Community Centre	Estimated project cost	Council grant	Grant %	Local targeted rate per property* (2017/18)
Dunsandel Community Centre	\$3.45 million	\$800,000	23%	\$161
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre	\$8.3 million	\$2,850,000	34%	\$222
Tai Tapu Community and Sports Centre	\$4.4 million	\$1,142,300	26%	\$310

<sup>\*</sup>This charge would apply to property owners in the respective Dunsandel, West Melton and Tai Tapu hall/ community centre rating areas only.

Note that the targeted rate includes the loan servicing cost for the build cost plus the running cost of the new facility. The rate for Tai Tapu also includes the costs for running Rhodes Park as the new facility will be located on this site. If the Council were to fund only the 10% cost it has previously funded for community centres/ halls this contribution would be: \$345,509 for Dunsandel, \$830,700 for West Melton and \$442,300 for Tai Tapu. Under this scenario the rating impact would be significantly higher for each of those communities.



# Seismic strengthening of community facilities

The Council is planning to undertake earthquake strengthening at Sheffield, Ladbrooks and Springston Halls this financial year.

The provisions of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 are likely to come into force in the near future. This will require buildings identified as earthquake-prone to be strengthened within either seven and a half years for a priority building or 15 years for any other building.

The Council has completed detailed engineering assessments of Council facilities, including community centres and halls to understand their seismic strength. Through this process some buildings were identified as being earthquake-prone or having structural issues. In order to ensure the buildings provide a safe environment for users and the public, the Council sees it as a priority to undertake strengthening work this year on three facilities identified as needing work.

**Ladbrooks Hall** was built in 1912, with four extensions later carried out to the hall. The hall sustained minor earthquake damaged and was repaired. A detailed engineering assessment identified the building was earthquake prone, with the connection between the main hall roof diaphragm and the wing diaphragm next to this requiring strengthening. Additional roof truss work and wall strengthening is also planned.

**Springston Hall** dates from 1907 and a large community room was added to the building in the 1960s with a smaller extension added in 2004. An engineering assessment identified the older 1907 hall area as earthquake-prone and the hall was closed to the public. The government later released new assessment guidance for timber-framed buildings and, under these guidelines, the building was re-assessed as having an overall performance of 40% which is above the threshold to be classified as earthquake prone (under 34%). However both engineering assessments recommended that improving the connection between the roof diaphragm and wall would improve the building's safety in an earthquake. Consultation was undertaken with the Springston community on a number of options. Basic strengthening and code of compliance work was the preferred option from this process. The Council is proposing to carry out the works indicated by the community.



**Sheffield Hall** was built in 1901, with extensions to the building added in the 1950s and 1960s. An engineering assessment was completed on the building which identified the building as earthquake prone. A second engineering assessment was later completed on the building which found that the overall standard of the building was 45% of a new building standard, with the southern blockwork façade capacity at 40%. As a result of this assessment the engineer recommended fencing off the foyer area to enable safe public occupation. Planned work will focus on the southern façade and will also improve the overall building strength.

The planned strengthening work aims to have the hall buildings performing at 67% of a new building standard in an earthquake. Council has the option to defer this work until it is required to be carried out according to legislative timeframes or complete the work now. Our preference is to keep these buildings available for community use and improve their safety by strengthening them in this coming year, rather than waiting to complete works at a later date.

To date earthquake repair work has largely been funded from insurance costs and a one-off levy on Selwyn properties in 2011 of \$135 to fund any work that could not be covered by insurance.

Seismic strengthening work is not funded by insurance as it is an improvement to a building, not a repair from earthquake-related damage. Earthquake strengthening work was recently undertaken on Darfield Library which was funded from the Council's property budget.

A provisional budget of \$100,000 was included in the Council's Long-Term Plan in the 2017/18 year for seismic strengthening work. At the time the actual cost of this work was not confirmed as engineering evaluations had not been completed on all Council facilities.

#### The cost of earthquake strengthening work for the halls is as follows:

- · Ladbrooks Hall \$421,000 (with \$29,000 available from local hall funding)
- · Sheffield Hall \$289,000 (with \$10,000 available from local hall funding)
- · Springston Hall \$583,000 (with possible funding available locally).

Local funding is existing funding held by hall committee for planned maintenance works which can be used towards the cost of strengthening work. The total additional cost to the Council from planned seismic strengthening is \$1.25 million (excluding the existing local funding already available). The Council will fund seismic strengthening work on these halls from general funds rather than an increase in the targeted rate for each facility.



# Accelerating the development of Foster Park

Foster Park is already a busy recreation hub for the community with 11 fields developed and being used for local sports competitions. Shared walking and cycling paths have been developed through the centre of the park, with trees and daffodils planted to create an attractive environment. The construction of a major children's playground is also planned this winter, with local school children contributing their ideas for the facility.

Local sports groups have been growing rapidly as new families move into the district and children and adults take up the opportunity to play a sport. For example between 2012 and 2016 the number of football teams in Selwyn grew from 47 to 128, the number of softball teams grew from 17 to 23, the number of netball teams increased from 128 to 136 and the number of rugby teams grew from 169 to 193. Participation in sport is great for the health and fitness those taking part and joining a local team also helps children and adults feel part of their local community.

Much of the growth in sports teams is within the Selwyn central ward. Due to this expansion in local sports club membership, the Council now needs to provide more sports field space locally. To accommodate the growth of sports clubs, the Council is proposing to bring forward the development of a number of projects which were planned at Foster Park for the period between 2017 and 2024, and start these in 2017/18, with some work likely to continue in 2018/19. This work includes the following:

• Developing nine additional sports fields at the park and installing new LED sports field lighting. These will accommodate three senior and six junior fields. These new fields will be mainly used for rugby in the winter and touch football in the summer, plus other sports a required. In addition at least one (possibly two if required) softball 'skin diamonds' will be developed. Once completed all of the planned sports fields at the park would be complete and available for use.



- · Developing new changing rooms and storage facilities for sports groups. Toilets for public use will be included in this complex.
- · Landscaping, adding seating, tables and bollards, and installing new shared paths around the perimeter of the park to join up with existing paths. The paths will be suitable for walking/ running and cycling.
- · Relocating the Rolleston Rugby Football Club rooms from Rolleston Reserve to Foster Park (note: the club is also looking at the option of developing new club rooms at Foster Park as an alternative to relocating the existing rooms). Rugby training and matches will occur at Foster Park, with Rolleston Reserve planned to be redeveloped into a high quality urban park, and the site of a new library, square, playground and commercial shops.
- · Developing a new carpark opposite Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and a small car park beside the rugby club rooms to provide parking for people using the park.

To fund some of this work, the budget included between 2016 and 2018 to reconfigure Brookside Park has been reallocated for this work, with most of the remaining cost of works funded through development contributions. Development contributions are funds set aside for the development of parks and collected at the time of subdivision. The Rolleston Recreation Reserves targeted rate will also contribute some funding towards the above projects.

The remaining major future projects yet to be completed at Foster Park would be the development of an indoor sports centre complex, and the development of the area around the Foster Park Homestead, and the gravel pit in the south eastern area of the park. Further consultation on the new indoor sports complex is planned over the next year and in the Long Term Plan 2018-28.





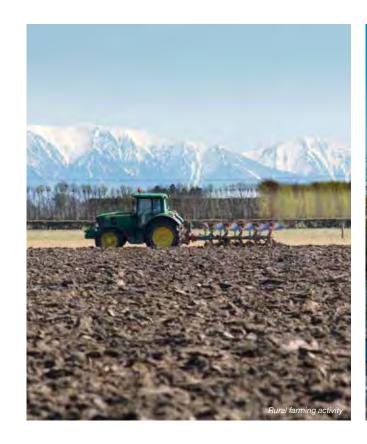
# Selwyn Library/Community space

In 2015 the Council approved funding for a new district library and community space in Rolleston. Proposed as part of the Rolleston Town Centre master plan, the new facility would be a flexible, multi-use library, learning, technology and community space.

It is envisaged that the new facility should meet the needs of a population of 20,000 and have more space for reading, research and Internet use, as well as meeting rooms, a technology suite and spaces for children, youth and older adults. The Council's expectation is that the new building will become an important community gathering place with the capacity to host a wide range of events and activities, and provide a focal point for the Rolleston town centre.

Over the past 12 months important preliminary steps have been taken to advance the project, including the Rolleston Reserve Exchange, which will allow part of Rolleston Reserve to be redeveloped for the library and other community, recreational and commercial spaces.

In 2017/18 the Council proposes to further progress this project with detailed planning and design, along with initiatives to seek community input into the use and functionality of the complex. Construction would commence once these stages are complete.





## District Plan Review

The District Plan Review is a project which will run over the next few years. The District Plan controls the activities allowed on different properties, including where shops, industrial areas and new housing are located. It is also designed to protect our environment.

Selwyn is the fastest growing district in New Zealand so our district has been changing rapidly. Some of the things the District Plan controls include:

- · how much new development is allowed, where new sections are located and how sections and homes are designed
- · what type of buildings are allowed in different areas
- · what activities you can carry out on your property for example whether business activities are allowed, and if so, what types of activities
- · activities in your neighbourhood that could affect your enjoyment of your property for example noise limits that apply, whether you can keep certain animals, and how high neighbouring buildings can be built which could affect your light and privacy
- · where shops and industrial areas are allowed and what rules are in place in these areas
- · where farming can occur and what farming activities are allowed without a resource consent.

The Council is currently scoping out the relevant issues for each topic area within the District Plan, commissioning technical reports and gathering other background information. Consultation with key stakeholders and the wider public will get underway within the next few months, followed by the drafting of the new District Plan provisions for consultation. It is important to have your say on issues you are interested in when consultation occurs.





# Local projects

The following projects are scheduled in the current Long-Term Plan for 2017/18. This summary is for information only.

#### Ellesmere Ward

- · Replace hydroslide steps at Southbridge Pool to improve safety
- $\cdot\,$  Contribute to resurfacing the tennis courts at Southbridge
- $\cdot\,$  Upgrade access to Leeston Library and Service Centre car park

### Malvern Ward

- · Add a new toilet to netball pavilion at Darfield Domain, and upgrade toilets at Darfield Community and Recreation Centre
- $\cdot\,$  Earthquake strengthen Sheffield Hall (refer to page 25 for details)
- · Replace the filtration system at Sheffield Pool
- · Complete filtration and UV water treatment upgrades for Arthur's Pass, Hororata and Sheffield water supply schemes. Undertake a UV water treatment upgrade for Castle Hill water supply scheme





## Selwyn Central Ward

- · Complete an upgrade to the Masefield Drive/ Rolleston Drive intersection with traffic signals and pedestrian crossing points installed
- · Develop a new community park at West Melton
- · Add additional bore capacity to service the Rolleston water supply
- · Begin construction of the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

## Springs Ward

- · Provide additional parking at Prebbleton Domain
- · Earthquake strengthen Springston and Ladbrooks Halls (refer to page 24 for details)
- · Continue planning and begin construction of a new community and sports facility at Tai Tapu





LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR LONG TERM PLAN



# Looking ahead to our Long-Term Plan 2018-2028

Next year we will be consulting on our Long-Term Plan which will guide our activities between 2018 and 2028. This section outlines some of the issues we will be looking at in that plan. You can share your thoughts on these in this Annual Plan or in future consultation, when more detail on these proposals will be provided.

## Sports complex at Foster Park

More information will be included in the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 on plans for a new indoor court complex at Foster Park.

The Foster Park Masterplan originally included plans to build a two-court complex that could be extended in the future, along with 10 to 12 outdoor netball courts. Since the time the plan was adopted, growth in the Selwyn central ward and in local sports clubs has accelerated rapidly and two courts is unlikely to be able to accommodate the community.

The Council will examine both indoor and outdoor court needs and make recommendations on preferred options, looking at the mix of indoor and outdoor courts, and the specifications required. This could include having a mix of high quality sports floors, and some floors that could accommodate sports activities as well as community activities, and outdoor courts. The study will also look at the construction and operating costs for various options, and what facilities would best suit both sports clubs and wider community use.



### Rating of community centres, halls and reserves

The Council is planning further consultation on options for how community centres and halls and local reserves are funded in the Long-Term Plan. Currently these facilities are funded from local targeted rates, with new facilities funded from a mix of grants, fundraising, local targeted rates and a Council grant.

For some communities, the current system is difficult, particularly if their local facilities are attractive to people outside their community, or for communities who want to build or redevelop their facilities and find it difficult to fund this. However, the existing funding model does allow local volunteer communities to have input into how local facilities are operated and to set local service levels.



#### Darfield and Kirwee wastewater consultation

A joint working party involving representatives from the Council, the Malvern Community Board, the Darfield and Kirwee Township Committees, Canterbury District Health Board and Environment Canterbury has been reviewing issues relating to wastewater options for Darfield and Kirwee. The group's consensus based on the available evidence was that the existing wastewater system, where properties have onsite septic tank systems, is not currently having a detrimental effect on the environment, and is an acceptable solution. However the establishment of a reticulated wastewater scheme is an option for consideration to enable further commercial and industrial development and more intensive residential development in Darfield. The cost of installing a reticulated wastewater system could be in the region of \$25,000 per dwelling.

Based on these recommendations the Council will include information for consultation in its Long-Term Plan 2018-2028 to gauge public views on whether a reticulated sewerage system is supported.

## Upper Selwyn Huts wastewater system consultation

Upper Selwyn Huts is a small settlement of around 100 properties. Property owners have a lease agreement to occupy houses and pay a licence fee that covers the cost of water, sewerage and reserve maintenance.

The existing wastewater consent for the Selwyn Huts expires in 2020. In order for that consent to be renewed by Environment Canterbury, significant enhancements will need to be undertaken to the existing wastewater management system. The huts area is low lying and any upgrade option needs to take into account future lake levels and the impact of high ground water.

Consultation on options for the future will be undertaken as part of next year's Long-Term Plan process. Options could include installing a gravity sewer or a pressure sewer, a package treatment plant or transferring sewage to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant. Increasing the volume of the existing sewage pond is another option. Council staff have recently held public meetings with licence holders, at which options were discussed for either a package treatment plant or transferring flows to the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant. Indicative capital costs for these options vary between \$2.8 million and \$6.2 million. Further consultation will be undertaken.



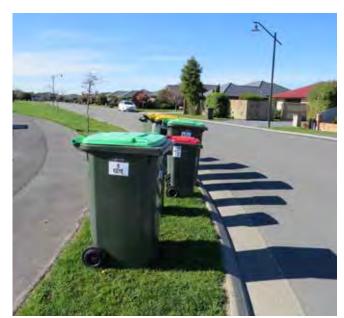
## Water race rating review

The water race network has been operating within Selwyn for over 100 years. Over the past few years, significant changes have been occurring which will have an impact on the future function and use of the water race network. The changes include the development of the Central Plains Water scheme, the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and tensions between requests for race closures by property owners and environmental and public good desires to keep the network operating. The current rating structure for water race is also complicated, with 10 different rating factors operating across three race networks.

These issues will be considered in a review of the water race rating network planned to be included in the Long-Term Plan.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION





# Revenue, expenditure and net assets

The forecast level of revenue, expenditure, annual surplus and net assets for the period of this plan is set out below. The increase in total rates revenue for 2017/18 is due to the average rate increase of 4.5% plus an increase in the number of ratepayers in the district.

	2016/17	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18
	LTP	Annual Plan	LTP	Annual Plan
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Revenue				
Rates	45,968	45,343	49,733	50,789
Development contributions	12,429	12,426	12,308	12,308
Subsidies and grants	7,388	6,779	6,280	6,280
Vested assets	22,149	22,149	19,099	19,099
Other revenue	33,974	34,241	32,419	36,795
Total revenue	121,908	120,938	119,839	125,271
Operating expenditure	89,090	94,649	92,787	97,518
Surplus/(deficit)	32,818	26,289	27,052	27,753
Net assets	1,370,145	1,393,425	1,399,606	1,475,881



# Rating examples

The following tables show the proposed changes to annual rates from 1 July 2017 for a sample of typical properties in Selwyn district.

Major Townships	Capital Value	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18
Major Townships	\$	\$	\$	% movement
Darfield	490,000	2,249	2,380	5.8%
Leeston <sup>3</sup>	405,000	2,797	2,666	-4.7%
Lincoln	675,000	3,119	3,191	2.3%
Prebbleton	648,000	2,801	2,919	4.2%
Rolleston	640,000	2,969	3,088	4.0%

Burol	Capital Value	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18
Rural	\$	\$	\$	% movement
Darfield	9,700,000	12,072	13,123	8.7%
Malvern	3,270,000	10,795	11,353	5.2%
Selwyn Central <sup>5</sup>	5,850,000	8,781	9,859	12.3%
Springs	3,220,000	3,613	3,774	4.5%
Ellesmere	2,060,000	2,420	2,532	4.6%

Commoraial	Capital Value	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18	
Commercial	\$	\$	\$	% movement	
Rolleston (Commercial Property)	2,450,000	3,089	3,231	4.6%	

Locations	Capital Value	2016/17	2017/18	2017/18
Locations	\$	\$	\$	% movement
Armack Drive <sup>1</sup>	550,000	2,792	2,374	-15.0%
Arthurs Pass <sup>2</sup>	290,000	1,363	1,521	11.6%
Burnham	425,000	2,231	2,296	2.9%
Castle Hill <sup>2</sup>	550,000	2,146	2,338	8.9%
Coalgate	375,000	1,510	1,590	5.3%
Doyleston	450,000	2,179	2,290	5.1%
Dunsandel	280,000	2,096	2,199	4.9%
Edendale	650,000	2,180	2,317	6.3%
Glentunnel	600,000	1,721	1,845	7.2%
Hororata <sup>3</sup>	430,000	1,776	1,733	-2.4%
Johnsons Road <sup>4</sup>	695,000	2,258	2,498	10.6%
Jowers Road <sup>4</sup>	740,000	2,286	2,532	10.8%
Kirwee	585,000	2,273	2,408	6.0%
Lake Coleridge <sup>3</sup>	255,000	2,050	1,982	-3.3%
Rakaia Huts	315,000	1,368	1,470	7.5%
Sheffield	345,000	2,061	2,135	3.6%
Southbridge	390,000	2,643	2,731	3.3%
Springston	465,000	2,680	2,788	4.0%
Tai Tapu	645,000	2,975	3,111	4.6%
West Melton <sup>4</sup>	710,000	2,880	3,155	9.6%
Whitecliffs	300,000	1,493	1,611	7.9%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The reduction for this example property reflects the ending of the 5 year capital injection loan rate for Armack Drive.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The relatively high increase for this example property reflects the introduction of a recycling targeted rate to reflect the increased level of service in Arthurs Pass and Castle Hill.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The reduction for this example property reflects the introduction of a district stormwater rate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The relatively high increase for this example property reflects the increase to the West Melton community centre rate to reflect the increased level of service provided by the new community centre.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>The relatively high increase for this example property reflects the increase in water race targeted rates to recover the full operating costs of this activity.



HAVE YOUR SAY

# Submission Form Draft Annual Plan 2017/18 Consultation Document

Please indicate your views on the following proposals. If you need extra space for your submission use additional paper (please include your name on additional sheets).

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# Making a submission How to have your say

Selwyn District Council is now seeking your feedback on the proposals and projects outlined in this Consultation Document.

Consultation is open from Monday 3 April 2017.

#### You can make a submission:

Online by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay



By post Freepost 104 653

Annual Plan Submissions PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643



By email scan or email your completed submission form to

annual.plan@selwyn.govt.nz



In person you can also drop in the form to the Council offices in

Rolleston, or to any Council library or service centre



Facebook

informal comments on proposals for consultation can be made using the Council's Facebook page:

'Selwyn District Council'

Comments made via Facebook are not formal submissions, but will be summarised and included with written feedback for the Council's consideration. The Council will not be able to respond to comments on Facebook.

Submissions must be received by 5pm, Wednesday 3 May 2017

# Drop-in sessions

Drop-in sessions will be held at libraries in each ward during the consultation period. These are an opportunity for residents to seek more information about the proposals outlined in this document, ask questions and seek clarification.

Darfield Library & Service Centre	Thursday 13 April	10am – 1pm
Rolleston Library	Thursday 13 April	4 – 7pm
Leeston Library & Service Centre	Tuesday 18 April	9am – 12pm
Lincoln Library & Service Centre	Tuesday 18 April	2 – 5pm

### Public hearings

Public hearings on submissions to the Consultation Document will be heard by the Council on 18–19 May 2017. If you wish to speak to your submission at a hearing please indicate this on the submission form.

#### 3 April 2017

Public consultation opens on this Consultation Document

#### 3 May 2017

Public consultation closes

#### 18-19 May 2017

Public hearings on submissions

#### 25-26 May 2017

Council deliberations on submissions

#### 14 June 2017

Council formally adopts the Annual Plan

Have your say. We welcome your submission by 5pm
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