AGENDA FOR THE 2024-2034 DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN HEARINGS

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL ROLLESTON

FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9.00AM
AND
SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 12.30PM
AND
MONDAY 13 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM
AND
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM
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WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM
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COMMITTEE

Mayor (S T Broughton), Councillors P M Dean, S N O H Epiha, L L Gliddon, D Hasson, M B Lyall, S G McInnes, G S F Miller, R H Mugford, E S Mundt & N C Reid & Ms M Mckay

APOLOGIES

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. **Karakia**

2. **Councillor Oath**

3. **Opening comments from Mayor**

4. **Receive submissions on Friday 10 May 2024 and Saturday 11 May 2024 and Monday 13 May 2024 and Tuesday 14 May 2024 and Wednesday 15 May 2024 and Thursday 16 May 2024 (if required)**

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the sea
E hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air
He tio, he huka, he hau hū	A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day
Tīhei mauri ora!	

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COUNCIL AFFIRMATION

Let us affirm today that we as Councillors will work together to serve the citizens of Selwyn District.

To always use our gifts of understanding, courage, common sense, wisdom and integrity in all our discussions, dealings and decisions so that we may solve problems effectively.

May we always recognise each other's values and opinions, be fair minded and ready to listen to each other’s point of view.

In our dealings with each other let us always be open to the truth of others and ready to seek agreement, slow to take offence and always prepared to forgive.

May we always work to enhance the wellbeing of the Selwyn District and its communities.

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LTP SUBMISSIONS 2024-2034

SUBMISSIONS 1241 – 1522

THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO SPEAK AT A PUBLIC HEARING

NOTE: This is a Preliminary Booklet.
It does not include hearing times
(times will be provided closer to the hearings).

Some submitters have chosen to withhold their names.

Booklet prepared: 07 May 2024

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Details of submitter No: 1241 - Shary Vargo

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

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You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

Strategic Community Partnership: As the Relationship Manager of the Multi Party Agreement for 24-7 YouthWork in the Selwyn District Council, we (Youth SouthWest Christchurch Trust) are making a submission to the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan for continued Council support. As outlined in the supporting document attached, our youth workers are integrated into the schools they support as well as the rural communities where rangatahi live. By establishing relationships through presence-based youth work rangatahi have the opportunity to engage with accessible youth workers, being assisted to find belonging, having access to community professionals & social services and opportunities for leadership that result in greater wellbeing. Research shows the benefits of having 24-7 youth workers in schools include increasing students' self esteem, community participation, ability to make positive choices, school attendance and participation in sports and other meaningful activities. Supporting them through the highs and lows of their teenage years, we contribute to the development of resilient individuals who will be able to give back positively to their communities and society. **In short, 24-7 YouthWork is a vital part of Selwyn's growing**

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community where we form part of the village that contributes to the future of the region.

The five key aims of 24-7 YouthWork are: Support Students, Build Positive Relationships, Cultivate School Spirit, Leadership Development, & Integrate Students into Out of School Activities. We work successfully with a culturally diverse range of young people all over NZ by using educated methodologies and action learning, supporting both individuals and inclusion. We remove barriers to participation & connect students with community activities & social services support. Youth workers are trusted with extremely private/challenging conversations. Students report feeling safe, experiencing a sense of belonging. Over 75% of students reported "an improvement to their overall wellbeing over the time they had been interacting with their youth worker" (YouthVoice 2022 Jan 2023). Thank you for considering our attached supporting document.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
	2024-05-02 Strategic Partner Submission final

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YOUTH SOUTHWEST CHRISTCHURCH

2 May 2024

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Re: Submission to the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan – Strategic Community Partnership

On behalf of the four groups currently providing 24-7 YouthWork services to Selwyn schools, Youth Southwest Christchurch ("YSWC") submit this proposal for consideration of continued strategic community partnership funding. This is in support of the Selwyn District Council's ("SDC") social wellbeing priorities and in service of a growing community of rangatahi / young people, their teachers and families who say they "want to live, work and play in Selwyn".

Background & Impact

24-7 YouthWork is the largest provider of presence-based relational youth work nationally and is well established in Selwyn schools. We work with a proven research-based model that provides wide coverage, high quality youth work. Youth workers walk alongside, empowering rangatahi to make good choices and sound decisions that positively impact their communities. They enable connections to specialist counselling, health services and community groups, nurturing rangatahi holistically. Rangatahi are supported to gain purpose, connections, learning capability and a vision for community involvement and leadership.

24-7 YouthWork has a track record of making a difference, as shown in the recently published YouthVoice Survey 2022, a report from January 2023 prepared by Dr Nicola Morton and Sarah Wylie of The Collaborative Trust for Research and Training in Youth Health and Development. This stated that "over three-quarters of respondents reported an improvement in their overall wellbeing over the time they had been interacting with their [24-7] youth worker" and an "overwhelmingly positive picture of 24-7 and the youth worker's ability to influence students in line with the five aims: Support Students, Build Positive Relationships, Cultivate School Spirit, Leadership Development, & Integrate Students into Out of School Activities". This research on outcomes corresponds with eight years of consistently positive local feedback on the impact our Selwyn 24-7 Youth Workers are having in the lives of the students they work with and their wider communities.

24-7 YouthWork is a Wise Investment into the Growing Community of Selwyn

The 24-7 YouthWork model is only funded in part by the recipient schools, with the remainder made up of support from local churches and the wider community. With tight constraints and many calls on school funding, this approach means schools do not bear the full cost of the youth workers in their schools. Without the support of organisations like the SDC, we would not be able to provide this service to the level that we currently do.

Selwyn District has a rapidly increasing and relatively young population. Infometrics note that population growth in Selwyn averaged 5.1% p.a. over the five years to 2023, compared with 1.3% p.a. in New Zealand for the same period. Looking ahead, Selwyn is projected to continue

to grow. This implies there will be a rapidly rising demand for youth work services over the next decade and beyond.

Selwyn District has a significantly higher proportion of tamariki and rangatahi than Christchurch City and New Zealand overall. In 2023, youth (ages 10-19 years) comprised 14.2% of Selwyn's population, which is higher than the national average of 12.9%. On a population basis alone Selwyn District has an above average need for youth work services with school enrolments exceeding school site capacities, and will do so for a long time to come. Combine this with a rapidly growing context where services of all kinds are struggling to keep up and the need for youth workers is intensified.

Selwyn residents have stated they want a self-sufficient community where they can work and live at all stages of life. 24-7 YouthWork community programmes provide much needed fun, meaningful and safe activities for rangatahi both inside and outside of schools in Selwyn's rural areas. In West Melton, for example, Year 5-8 students can attend an after school 'hangout' with age-appropriate facilitated games, snacks, and drinks. In Rolleston, youth workers can be found at the skate park after school or in the library. Our youth workers know the rangatahi in their communities through their presence at school and within the wider community. Access to such services contributes to creating a strong community and neighbourhood.

By establishing relationships, quality youth work practices and unconditional, non-judgmental support, our youth workers role model and inspire participation in school, sports, and meaningful activities. 24-7 YouthWork exists to see rangatahi thrive in the challenges of today. For example, during the COVID-19 pandemic, our youth workers adapted to online platforms, creatively engaging students during lockdowns and restrictions. Despite disruptions and anxiety, youth workers demonstrated resilience and rigorous effort to maintain a stable positive influence on these rangatahi during highly unpredictable circumstances.

Our rangatahi are growing up in a world of intense change and uncertainty and disengagement from school results in long term negative effects on communities and families. 24-7 youth workers demonstrate a lifestyle of community leadership and are part of the village that supports our rangatahi to grow into contributing, community serving adults.

Benefits of the 24-7 YouthWork Model

- 24-7 YouthWork is local, for all rangatahi in Years 5-13 (ages 9-18) and is cost effective, based on a shared funding partnership between the community, school and local churches. We are asking for your continued partnership with the community share.

- 24-7 YouthWork is New Zealand's largest provider of presence-based youth work. It is about the local community, schools and churches working together for the benefit of their local rangatahi and having youth workers in schools and the wider community alongside them. The national network provides support, advice, training and quality control, but every service is locally autonomous and locally responsible.

- 24-7 YouthWork is designed to serve every young person, not just those in crisis because positive preventative work is powerfully beneficial. Schools often ask youth workers to focus on specific groups of rangatahi, but our service is available to any young person regardless of their race, gender, religion, background or choices. As a result, our youth

workers have a wide reach within their local communities. In addition to this, they remove barriers to access through our wide network of community professionals and social services, such as low or no cost professional counselling.

- 24-7 youth workers have established relationships with the principals of the schools they are in, and work side by side with teachers to focus on what is needed and best support students. Youth worker team leaders present termly reports to the principals and every youth worker is required to keep a confidential diary of their activities on the 24-7 platform.

- 24-7 youth workers have at least a Level 3 Certification in Youth Work and many have degrees or are working on higher qualifications. It is a requirement of the 24-7 YouthWork model that they participate in continuing education, staying relevant and up to date with community and youth issues.

Quotes from Students Cited in the Recent YouthVoice Survey Include

Testimonials
"They [youth workers] have given me a place and people I can go to and feel safe."
"Having people I can go to no matter how I'm feeling, people who will do anything to help me feel safe and loved."
"Learning to be more open about my problems, also helping me with settling into class and make my mental thoughts about school better and how I interact with my teachers and friends."
"Just having a new connection with someone older."
"Having opportunities to do activities I never would have thought about and getting to learn and know my peers better."
"I was taught how to build relationships with people I didn't even think of talking to and we were even able to get along very well."
"Support to grow my leadership and wellbeing and social skills."

Looking Forward, 24-7 YouthWork to Support Selwyn

Historically SDC has been a generous supporter of 24-7 YouthWork services but any funding schemes outside of strategic partnership are not really set up to support extensive social services. Funding for community organisations is endemically unstable in the current economic climate and presence-based youth work is grounded in the establishment of longer term relationships where a student may have multiple conversations, 1:1 mentoring, participate in group work and sport multiple times a week throughout their school years.

Over the past two years we have had a Multi Party Agreement with SDC, where its lump funds have been distributed amongst five providers by our Coordinator (previously Selwyn Wairewa Youth Trust, now YSWC). The funding we receive allows us to fund multiple youth workers in different locations around the district, for an amount equivalent to the cost of hiring one youth worker.

If we are successful in continuing to be one of the SDC's community partners, details on the groups and their schools will be finalised for you. At this stage, we anticipate six schools in Selwyn to be provided with youth workers from four groups, as set out in the Table below. Together our youth workers will serve approximately 5,386 rangatahi.

Table: 24-7 YouthWork Services Anticipated in Selwyn District 2024

School	Roll (as at 1 July 2023)	Youth workers	Lead Provider
Rolleston School	739	2	Youth SouthWest Christchurch
West Melton School	435	1	Youth SouthWest Christchurch
Rolleston College	1,574	1	Arise Care (YSWC Youth Worker)
Darfield High School	775	1	Out There Youth Trust
Ellesmere College	502	2	Out There Youth Trust
Lincoln High	1,361	1	La Vida Youth Trust
Totals: 6	**5,386**	**8**	**4**

All the providers involved are already known to the SDC and for the sake of brevity we have not included their data in this submission.

Conclusion

On behalf of Selwyn 24-7 YouthWork providers, we thank you for considering the continuation of this vital community partnership that serves to support Council's social wellbeing priorities and the growing community of rangatahi, their teachers and families who want a sustainable community where they can live, work and play in Selwyn.

We also look forward to the opportunity to provide an in person submission.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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History and Heritage – Submission to LTP by Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.) 29 April 2024

1. LDHS (Inc.) congratulates SDC on becoming far more proactive where the History and Heritage of the community are concerned, including the development and now, implementation of the Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan 2023-2027 which was approved at a Council meeting in December 2022. Noted that it was not included as a supporting document for the LTP consultation. It is attached as one of our supporting documents(1)..
2. Lincoln Town Centre Plan

   We support the plan, (to improve Gerald Street and cycling pedestrian safety) but with the following comments:

   a. What will be done to protect the heritage setting of St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Coronation Library- the Down by the Liffey Gallery, and the Liffey Reserve with the installation of traffic lights at the James St/Gerald St intersection?

b. The town centre plan boundary shown in the document is at Kildare Terrace - with shops to be built to the street on the current Famous Grouse carpark. This concerns us as it impinges on the area we have proposed should be a Historic Precinct at the time of the recent policy debates on urban intensification. See attachments 2 and 3, which are copies of the Society's *Newsletters,* Issue 57 November 2022 and 58, March 2023, and describe the issues as we see them in 'Preserving Lincoln's Charm' .

c. We recommend the plan is reviewed to incorporate/allow for views to our heritage building Pioneer Hall and the neighbouring Liffey Reserve. We are also concerned less Pioneer Hall might become shaded by any future development.

3. Liffey Cottage Reserve. Proposed work to improve the Liffey Cottage reserve is urgent and should proceed this year. We have been in consultation with Derek Hayes (SDC) and his team of Landscape Architects, which has led to the proposals and documents attached (attachments 4, 5 and 6)), which are budgeted at some $10,000. The area is now a dustbowl, unsightly, unhealthy and unpleasant. The dust is damaging not only the building, but also the museum collections held within the Cottage.
4. Selwyn Community History Fund - established as part of the Selwyn District Strategic Heritage plan, has been a godsend for the voluntary organizations supporting Heritage across the District.

   We strongly recommend that this should continue and the value be increased annually to at least allow for inflation. We also strongly recommend that funding continues to be available to renew the ehive subscriptions for Museums of Waikirikiri Selwyn members. We support the SHHN request that the management of the ehive subscription and funding be handled by the SDC Library, a practical solution which will provide continuity for a diverse group of volunteers from ten groups (currently), all focused on recording, and also providing access to their collections for the Selwyn community and beyond. The combined Museums of Waikirikiri Selwyn collection is becoming a terrific resource.

5. We support a Lincoln Rotary project 'Lincoln Mill heritage interpretation project' - for a water wheel replica (display only, not in the river) and history panels on the Liffey near the weir. This might include the now stored millstones from Meyenberg Square.
6. Burnham Military Museum (RHC). LDHS Committee noted that this Museum would require significant operational and capital funding - particularly staffing, insurance, and materials, in addition to capital and land costs. We recognize that this is a far bigger project than Selwyn District Council alone could undertake. It is of national importance and needs external funding. To obtain Government funding a feasibility study is needed. We believe that this is capital expenditure and should proceed as already formulated in the last (3 April 2024) Council meeting. A possible partnership opportunity was noted: would it be possible to build into any feasibility study provision for future community archive storage, an issue which is of growing concern to us and other societies, who are archiving records on behalf of a range of community groups.

   We ask how is the NZRAF Museum at Wigram funded? That may give some valuable insights. *The Listener,* Issue 16 (27 April 2024), has just had a series of articles for ANZAC Day highlighting 'Lest we forget', preserving the past for our cultural memory. An article 'Taonga Tales' (pp. 16-21) is especially relevant to this discussion,
7. Other Heritage matters:

a. Collins Road to Springs Road Road improvements are inevitable. How will the heritage Springs water trough (Heritage item H.324) be protected and celebrated? Please see our Newsletter, Issue 59, p.4 (attachment 7).
b. We strongly recommend Interpretation/information panels for the site of 'The Springs' Homestead and Springs (H. 323). The ideal site for these would be along the footpath on the south side of the Te Whariki subdivision at the 'Viewing Point'.
c. Street names database – we recommend public access to a Selwyn street names database. This could be facilitated by a 'New Street Names' databank, which should be a publicly accessible site for people to make recommendations for new street/subdivision names for SDC and developers to draw on. Residents value the use of names for local places, people, features, flora and fauna. Ngai Tahu Properties and Lincoln University have led the way with the selection of local names for the Te Whariki subdivision bordering Springs station.

On behalf of the Society,

Rupert Tipples MA, PhD.

President.

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Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
	L&DHS (Inc.) Newsletter Issue no. 57
	Lincoln Historical newsletter 58 march 2023
	Derek Hayes Liffey email
	Liffey Cottage Plan pdf snipped
	Liffey Estimates of costs 2024
	Lincoln Historical newsletter 59 November 2023
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Number 57 **November 2022**



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This spring members are treated to two 'Special' issues of our Newsletter. Issue no. 56 about the history of the Lincoln Community Garden, on the site of the former Lincoln Maternity Hospital, has already been circulated. This issue, no. 57, is publishing for members a submission recently made on behalf of the Society in response to a proposed variation in the draft Selwyn District Plan. The root cause of the change was a requirement by central government that all townships with over 5,000 population should have more intensive development. This might include having up to three units on a traditional section of up to three storeys in height. Imagine what that could do to the heart of Lincoln? So I and Adriana de Groot prepared the following submission to protect Lincoln's charm by the due date and asked to be heard in subsequent hearings about submissions. So that you are all aware of what we suggested our submission minus Appendices appears below. We would be interested to hear your opinions of what we have proposed. Thank you.

We would like to congratulate the 2022 winner of the Society's History Prize, Gideon Welford, who was also Dux of Lincoln High School.

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Editors

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The organization (LDHS Inc.)

Was formed in 1991 from an amalgamation of the Lincoln Early Settlers and Pioneers Association (with responsibilities for Pioneer Hall) and the Liffey Cottage Action Committee. Pioneer Hall was Lincoln's first library sited beside the Union Church. In 1900 it was moved to Gerald Street and placed on the west side of the Liffey by the bridge. The Liffey Cottage Action Committee was formed in the 1970s when the Cottage sited in Market Square was to be demolished to make way for a supermarket. After huge community 'heritage' efforts in 1977 the Society moved Liffey Cottage next to the Union Church where the Pioneer Hall had been. Both are registered on the Selwyn District Council Heritage list and the Council's Property team look after their maintenance. Both buildings are quite authentic. Neither can be registered by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga because the buildings are no longer on their original sites. Both are open to the public on the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. Other significant heritage efforts were devoted to the restoration of St Stephen's Anglican Church, and to keeping the Coronation Library. Selwyn District Council played an important supportive role for each of these ventures.

The Society meets monthly and has representatives of other local communities. There are between 50 and 60 members. The main focus of the organization has been the preservation of Pioneer Hall and Liffey Cottage. Historical displays are mounted in Pioneer Hall, and Liffey Cottage is presented as the home of a working family in the late 19th century. The Society runs field trips to local heritage sites or other places of interest; has promoted the collection of oral histories of older local residents; and produces a twice yearly research based newsletter about local personalities and features, now up to issue No. 57 from 1991 when it was started. The Society has a large collection of historic photographs, historic documents, and other artefacts.

One role which the Society performs is the education of young and old about the history and heritage of this area. For a long time we have been visited by school classes, ICONZ parties and many groups of Senior Citizens. Besides these and the trips described above, since 2019 Pioneer Hall and Liffey Cottage have been accredited learning destinations of Te Mātāpuna Mātātahi Children's University. This has had interesting and unexpected effects. Not only have the number of children visiting increased dramatically, but also of their parents or care givers accompanying them. With the development of the new history curriculum in schools, the Society is doing its bit to enhance the cultural development of tomorrow's 'kiwis'.

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'Lincoln's charming village atmosphere' is how the SDC begins its description of Lincoln, ending with:"...the village is home to the enduring charm of Liffey Cottage and the rustic peace of Liffey stream (**https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/community/living-in-selwyn/townships/lincoln**) We as the *de facto* representatives of heritage and history for the community wish to retain that charm in the face of the current proposals for more intensive urban development to meet the Government's need for more housing.

Why is Lincoln important?

It is important for what it is, and who created it, permitting it to become the 'charming village' described. The Canterbury Association settled Canterbury in 1850. Prominent members of the Association and party of settlers were James and Fanny Fitzgerald. James was first ashore and he continued to lead in community affairs and the settlement of the land. He was actively involved in local politics and nearly became Colonial Premier. At different times he was Member of Parliament for

Lyttelton, Christchurch, Akaroa and Ellesmere. He did become the Superintendent of the Province of Canterbury. He edited *The Lyttelton Times* for a period from the first issue and subsequently launched *The Press* newspaper which is still operative today. His statue is located on Rolleston Avenue, Christchurch, near the Museum. To give himself an income he went into farming in the form of grazing cattle, and some dairy production. Christchurch was close enough for sales of butter and cheese. His chosen piece of land was a pastoral lease for what became known as 'The Springs' or 'Springs Station', which extended from the mouth of the Selwyn River to Ladbrooks, and west to the Main South Road. It comprised some 11,000 hectares at its greatest. Springs Run was rather wet for sheep (Mcintyre, 1990, pp. 126-128; Wilson, 2018, p.14).

Fitzgerald was undoubtedly a settler who did much to make his mark on early Canterbury and Lincoln is the prime example of what remains of him today. His life has been studied in three biographical/historical works (Bohan, 1998: Roberts, 2014; and Moar 2nd . ed., 2018) as well as an entry in The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, Volume 1(1990). His fame is attested to by the naming of Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch; by numerous rooms named after him; and by the continued existence of his 1862 subdivision of Lincoln.

According to Wilson (2018, p. 21) Lincoln was laid out in 1862;

> "...to serve as a rural service town for the small farms that were already becoming established on the swamp and tussock land of the station."

Around 180 sections were mapped out by Fitzgerald for sale. Reserves were allocated for churches, schools and a court house. The town to-be was divided by a clear stream with esplanade reserves on each side. Streets were named after himself and his sons (James, Maurice, Robert, and William Streets, and Fitz Place) and the esplanade reserves after parts of his Irish homeland (Kildare and Leinster Terraces and Liffey Place). Wilson sums up the subsequent development:

> "The plan for the town was ambitious but, unlike many abortive 19th century subdivisions up and down the country, Fitzgerald was the basis for what had become a thriving village by the end of the century. Much later, in the last decades of the 20th century and first of the 21st Lincoln greatly outgrew the boundaries of the original subdivision (Wilson, *ibid*., p..21).

Moar has evaluated that 19th century growth in *Fitzgerald's Town* (2018). One important factor highlighted in the initial subdivision publicity was the connection to the proposed Little River railway line. Over the period 1862-1875 that changed into the Little River and Southbridge railway lines from Racecourse Station (Hornby), with Lincoln becoming the junction of the two lines. While the railway ceased operation in the 1960s, many features of Lincoln still exhibit railway influence e.g. railway cottages, the bridge over the L1 close to where the station was on the south side of the Lincoln, the Little River Rail Trail, and exposed remaining track close to the junction of Birches and Tancred's roads (Moar, 2018, pp. 73-84).

Lincoln is now the second largest township in Selwyn District, currently after Rolleston and before Prebbleton and West Melton, which did not quite meet the threshold of 5,000 persons in the *2018 Census of Population* for coverage under the RMA Amendment Act 2021. Nevertheless Prebbleton, which is growing quickly has been included in the towns which are subject to this intensification proposal.

Aim of this submission

While the changes the Government wants to improve housing supply are not optional, "...people can still have a say on how these rules are applied in their area (SDC, 2022, p.1). "The Government allows for some exemptions that may allow the Council to modify required MDRS." These are called 'qualifying matters' and are characteristics within some areas where building heights and density may be limited. They may "...include such things as sites of cultural, historic or ecological significance..." (SDC, 2022, p.7). This is a submission for Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.) to have its say on how this new policy applies to Lincoln.

Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.), as it has done since its creation in 1991, is concerned to preserve the heritage and history of Lincoln and this part of Selwyn District. Why one may ask? The Irish Heritage Council offer us some instructive thoughts on heritage:

> "Our heritage is what we have inherited from the past, to value and enjoy in the present, and to preserve and pass on to future generations....Our tangible, intangible and natural heritage and all the associated myths, legends, traditions, and memories provide us with a common language and insight that enables us to communicate on a deep level with each other and to express ourselves in a unique way to the outside world. Heritage is important because in helping shape our identity, our heritage becomes part of what we are. Our expression of this identity shows others what we value; it highlights our values and priorities. Our heritage provides clues to our past and how our society has evolved. It helps us examine our history and traditions and enables us develop an awareness about ourselves. It helps us understand and explain why we are the way we are. Heritage is a keystone of our culture that plays an important role in our politics, society, business and world view. It informs, influences and inspires public debate and policy both directly and indirectly. (Downloaded from **https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/what-is-heritage on 8 September 2022**)

So why protect our heritage?

Because 'When it is gone, it is gone!' Fortunately the Irish again offer useful thoughts on this question:

> " A local heritage project can be much more than just preserving and protecting artefacts of the past...Projects to enhance local heritage have the potential to re-energise neglected areas and provide opportunities for local people to re-view, re-engage with and re-interpret their heritage. Such projects help generate a greater sense of pride and belonging in the local area through increased participation...and sheer enjoyment! Crucially, maintaining and enhancing our heritage provides a basis for local economic development and innovation in tourism, agriculture, entertainment, education and business generally." (*Ibid*. , downloaded 8 September 2022)

There are already 10 heritage properties listed for and protected in Lincoln under the proposed operative Selwyn District Plan including Pioneer Hall and Liffey Cottage, and 10 Heritage Trees. We are in support of those listings.

In addition to those there are a number of old properties which have important heritage features and are deserving of protection from the current proposals. These include the following commercial properties: the railway houses and state houses marked on the plan and the former blacksmith's house on William Street. Both categories are shown on the plan of the



Heritage Walk around the centre of Lincoln. It should also be noted that Selwyn District Council has not only printed the Walk Leaflet, but in 2019 allowed an enterprising Council Officer, Becca Bouffandeau, to convert the 'paper' leaflet to an 'app', which is available on the internet. I have it on my mobile phone. Another Selwyn support for viewing heritage.

We are also concerned about the effects of future development not just of the properties described, but of neighbouring properties, where intense three storey development could completely destroy the charm of such heritage buildings by overshadowing them. Other individual heritage properties this might apply to include: Tod Cottage on East Belt and The Gables on Gerald Street.

Aim of submission

Protect Lincoln's village charm by constraining more intensive development in the centre of 'Old' Lincoln affecting heritage properties.

Means

1. Create a special heritage area in the centre of Lincoln, which would preserve the core of old Lincoln. Many of the listed properties are already inside this area, which would be defined by the line of the properties on the outside of the Town Belts (North, South, East including Moffat Drive, (previously East), and West) as originally laid out by James Fitzgerald in the original subdivision in 1862. This would include constraining intensive development of properties bordering the Reserves along the Liffey stream bounded by Kildare and Leinster Terraces. Special heritage areas operate
under the existing and proposed SDC District Plan (with boundary, height, recession plane rules and right of appeal)

2. Prevent intensive development on sections bordering listed heritage properties to preserve their aspects and outlook.

3. Enhance the protection of trees and other vegetation notified in the District Plan.

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Fay and Graeme Sim and Yvonne and Graham Thiele purchased the property in Market Square, on which “Liffey Cottage” stood, in the name of a private company they formed called Lincoln Enterprises Ltd.

Fay and Graeme Sim owned Lincoln Pharmacy and lived in Springston initially and later in East Belt and Yvonne and Graham Thiele lived in a Lincoln University house on the Lincoln-Spring Road and later in Birchs Rd, Prebbleton, Graham was an Associate Professor of Horticulture.

The property on which Liffey Cottage stood also contained a concrete block building, which at the time of purchase in 1968, was operated as a butcher’s shop. Mr Burke, from whom the property was purchased, subsequently set up his new butcher’s shop next to the new supermarket.

The cottage was used as a residence by Albert and Maud Golding from the late 1950’s unit Lincoln Enterprises purchased it in 1968.

The Sims and the Thieles set up a hamburger bar and general dairy in the concrete block building and converted the front rooms of the cottage into an arts and crafts shop to sell locally produced goods. Donnelly’s allowed sale of their shoes there too. The arts and craft shop was operated from the hamburger bar by the initial employee Josie Jay (nee Martin).

It was decided, by the Sims and Thieles, that the cottage needed a name to operate as a business and the four of them spent a full evening brainstorming the possibilities.

Although the neighbouring stream was officially known as the L2, several long-term residents of Lincoln used to refer to it as the Liffey. One of those was a good friend of the Sims and Thiele, Natalie Mahon. The name “Liffey” obviously had Irish connections through the founder of Lincoln, James Edward Fitzgerald, and the river in Ireland. The name “Liphe” (or “life”) referred originally to the name of the plain through which the river ran but eventually came to refer to the river itself. According to Wikipedia it was also know as the “Anna Liffey” possibly from an anglicisation of “Abhainn na Life” the Irish phrase that translates into English as “River Liffey”.

At the end of the evening the Sims and the Thiele unanimously decided that the cottage would henceforth be known as“Liffey Cottage” for the purpose of their business.When the neighbouring Townsend general store closed and the property came up for sale, the purchasers, Foodstuffs, showed interest in purchasing Lincoln Enterprises property as well, to provide sufficient land to establish a major supermarket on Market Square. The sale went through about 1973.

Before the sale, Lincoln Enterprises put a proposal to the Selwyn District Council that the Sim’s Pharmacy, which had been legitimately built extending into Market Square, be removed and a new pharmacy building be sited on the land occupied by Liffey Cottage. The cottage, Lincoln Enterprises proposed, could be moved to “a suitable site” and established as an historic building. This would have restored Market Square to its original shape. The Council turned down the proposal even though it had support from the community.

The new owners, Foodstuffs, eventually allowed Liffey Cottage to be moved, but in the event, the proposed supermarket did not proceed, when negotiations with the then grocery shop proprietor Eric Wilde did not succeed. The Pharmacy building was demolished in 2020 and the site developed in lawn.

Footnotes

1. When the Sims and Thiele took over the property they found in the loft a copy, issue number 1, of the Lyttleton Times. This is still in our possession. Fitzgerald was involved with publishing of The Times.

2. Josie Jay (nee Martin) painted Liffey Cottage in water colours soon after the wind storm of 1973. The storm caused some damage and destroyed the veranda railing. This does not appear in the painting but appears in other photographs. The painting is also still in our possession.

Compiled by
Fay Sim, Graeme Sim, Yvonne Thiele and Graham Thiele



Repainted Liffey Cottage 2022 - Rupert Tipples

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Number 58 **March 2023**



Aotearoa New Zealand has always been a land of natural and man-made disasters. Flooding and landslides following recent cyclones especially Cyclone Gabrielle have been highlighted as though such things have not occurred before. Isn't human memory so fallible? Global warming events may be making their occurrence more frequent, but they are hardly new. What about Cyclone Bola of 1988? Or further back, the Esk Valley floods and landslides of 1938? We even have our own local flood recorded in a photograph taken from Mrs Muriel Cottom's Collection held by the Society of Springston in 1925. Could it happen again? Have you got your disaster pack ready as suggested in *The Press* on 7 March this year?

At the end of April 2023 three events occurred which merited late changes to the delayed content of our scheduled March 2023 *Newsletter*. One is the late circulation of an addendum to the s.42 Report by Selwyn District Council's Senior Planner affecting the submissions made on the Intensification provisions described in Issue No. 57. The Planner had previously accepted two specific cases for heritage protection as having merit, but rejected ours as lacking evidential support. Now, in this addendum all changes are ruled out as a result of an Environment Court case only reported in March (Waikanae Land Development Company Limited v. Heritage New Zealand, Kapiti Coast District Council, and Atiawa Ki Whakarongotai Charitable Trust, 2023). An edited version of our response to this development is given below.

The second event which also happened on 28 April, was a presentation to a group of Lincoln College Alumni who graduated in 1963 on the changes to Lincoln since that time.They had asked the Society to provide a speaker.Your President filled that role and acted as guide for the associated visits to Pioneer Hall and Liffey Cottage, which are reported below.

The third comes from the Covid delayed Centenary of Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall and relates to Springston South Home Guard

Rupert Tipples
Editor



Flooding at Dartnell and McMeekan's Store on Ellesmere Junction Road. 1925.(Collection Mrs M. Cottom, L&DHS(Inc.)

Vern's death was advised to members with a short obituary emailed on 19 December 2022. Now there has been a period of reflection, we want to give a further tribute to Vern, who with his wife Thelma, was a long time member of the Society, and also Patron from 2014 to 2020, jointly for several years with Dr. Neville Moar.

Margaret Hannan, in an earlier tribute, wrote that Vern was sorry he didn't have an active role as Patron. That did not stop him contributing! As Margaret and Adriana de Groot have informed me, "...he was always ready to answer questions, often with a story that made a point"! His last major contribution to the Society was to complete an interview with oral historian Natalie Looyer, covering his life, research and work in the community as well as his thoughts on the development of Lincoln. That involved hours of recording interviews, 56 A4 pages of transcript, and then his careful review of that 56 pages, when he was well into his nineties!

So, there are probably enough written words about Vern and his huge contribution to the Society and to Lincoln – the township, the Lincoln Community Centre, Lincoln College, Lincoln High School, the sewerage system and town water supply, and most recently the Lincoln War Memorial and Gallipoli Pine. Vern was an organizer, secretary and networker par excellence, who made things happen. He always had projects 'on the go' right until the end of his very long life. Psalm 92 (vv. 12-14) refers to the righteous flourishing like the palm tree, "...They still bear fruit in old age, they are ever full of sap and green...". That was Vern. Consequently this obituary is looking at Vern's life through the lens of a range of pictures showing Vern in action. We acknowledge the use of images from LU's Living Heritage archive

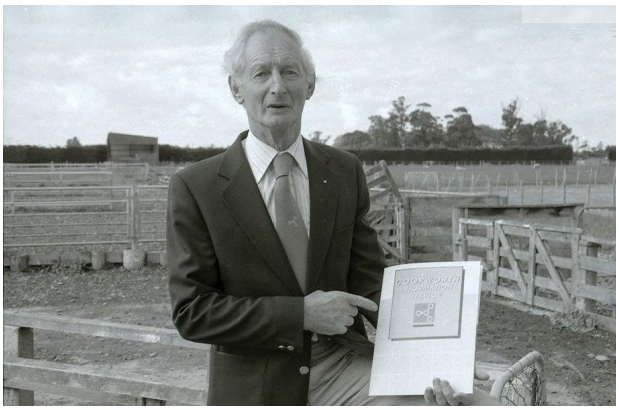
Rupert Tipples
President, 20 March 2023.



Vern and the team responsible for Lincoln Community Centre (The Press 1 August 1961)



Fundraising for the Lincoln Community Centre at the World Ploughing Championships Event LHS Margaret Baylis collection 0029



Coopworth Info Service Booklet Vern Clark 1989
https://livingheritage.lincoln.ac.nz/nodes/view/85444



Veterans build new War Memorial for Lincoln – Vern in the middle (The Press, 23 April 2011)



1969 Dip II Students Vern Clark Lecturer 2 LU's Living Heritage
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Vern hiding behind the central pillar on the 40th anniversary of the moving of Liffey Cottage to its present site in 2017 (LHS 20171112



Vernon Drive at Lincoln (by the street name sign)
Vern with others at the 'Vernon Drive' event
https://livingheritage.lincoln.ac.nz/nodes/view/85443 2013

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In Issue No.57 the Society's recent submission on protecting the heritage of Lincoln and Districts from the more intensive development promoted by the Government was presented in full. Fortuitously, Selwyn District Council had been developing its own *Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan 2023-2027*.We had helped Nicola Sutton as she prepared the key underlying report, along with many other stakeholders. That report and its recommendations were adopted by Council at its meeting on 14 December 2022.From the Society's point of view this provides two major advantages. First, it gives a clear context to our proposal for a protected Lincoln Heritage area surrounded by the four town belts. Secondly, it provides clear guidelines to Council to support the operational funding of heritage organizations such as our own through the Selwyn Heritage Fund.

We applied to the Fund for support for secretarial services, as well as the more usual operational costs for power, insurance and maintenance.

Our submission promoting a Lincoln Heritage Area will no longer be heard in May as indicated above.We have still written to the Hearings Panel addressing the issue to express our frustration at this late change and the need to protect heritage before it is lost. That letter follows.

SUBMISSIONS ON PART A, VARIATION 1, OF THE PROPOSED SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN

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Submission no. V1-0062

To; Emma Robertson,
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1 May 2023

Dear Hearings Panel,

As I explained in our original submission, which had to be written in a very short time frame, we are only a small organisation of limited resources, but deeply concerned with the preservation of the 'charming village atmosphere' of Lincoln (Wilson, 2018). That is largely based on heritage properties and mature trees.

Because we have only limited resources we cannot afford to employ lawyers or consultants, but that should not undermine the desirability of protecting our living heritage. If it is not protected as soon as can be done, by whatever is the appropriate process, financially driven developers may buy old properties within the area we propose as a heritage area, bulldoze the current building, and replace it with three units of up to three storeys high. The charm would soon disappear. When the heritage is gone, it is gone. There is no going back.

We are frustrated too by the IPI process and how it has been interpreted by Selwyn District Council (SDC) planners. In the initial s. 42 A report (pp. 36-41), from Selwyn's Senior Planner (in Section 10 Historic Heritage and Notable Trees), our proposal for a protected heritage area in sub-sections 10.9-10.12 is rejected for lack of '...meaningful evidence, planning evaluation or s32AA evaluation', whatever they are. Is not Dr John Wilson, who described Lincoln as charming, and is an eminent cultural historian and previous Selwyn consultant, a provider of evidence? He has also been employed in reporting on heritage issues for the city of Christchurch, and Akaroa. He has an empathy for Canterbury and what Cantabrians want.

Then we have the latest advice on Friday last (28 April) that following the Kapiti decision SDC would be *ultra vires* in considering heritage issues not already part of the Draft District Plan process. So they have now ruled out the Lincoln and Prebbleton cases where the evidence was considered acceptable! So what can we do now?

If the IPI process is not the way to protect heritage threatened by the Government's more intensive housing policy, a new threat which has only just become apparent, what can be done?

Please could the Hearings Panel advise Selwyn District Council that it needs to consider urgently the protection of heritage issues raised in submissions as part of the IPI process, especially if it wants to achieve the objectives of its new Heritage Policy only adopted/approved in December 2022 (Another development since our original submission in September 2022!)..
A recommended action might be that SDC hold the implementation of the new intensification rules until a Heritage plan for Lincoln's centre and *The Springs* has been completed.

Yours sincerely,

Rupert Tipples, MA, PhD,
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Springston 7616.

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The Society were asked in March 2023 for someone to speak to the above reunion of Lincoln College graduates who had graduated in 1963. I agreed to take that role and meet the 'Bed-pushers' at *Coffee Culture*. Before meeting I had discussed the venue with Honorary Associate Professor Peter Nuthall, whose office is three doors down from mine in the University's Orchard Hall, in case it rained and alternatives had to be found. He also asked if we had a historic bed in our collection similar to that they had pushed around Hagley Park to achieve their world record, when they became the 'Bed-pushers. After walking a prospective route (*Coffee Culture, Pioneer Hall*, Railway Bridge and back to *Coffee Culture*) it seemed the time would be tight as the group had to be back at Lincoln for lunch with the Vice Chancellor by 12.30 p.m.



Bed-pushers and partners in Coffee Culture

A prompt start, good service and a place to speak would be needed. Peter solved the latter by arranging to use the Library's speaking space just across Gerald Street. That would also work if the weather was wet. I asked Peter to ensure all alumni were ready to start by 10.30 a.m. from *Coffee Culture*. Most of them were there when I arrived at 10.15 a.m.! Everyone obtained their chosen beverage and about 10.40 we crossed over to the Library for the presentation.

I asked how many had arrived by train when they first came to Lincoln. in. None! The railway was still open but the passenger service had ceased in 1951. Most had some sort of vehicle. I contrasted the slow growth of Lincoln for its first hundred years with the exponential growth since the early 2000s. Then we walked down to Pioneer Hall to see our picture collection of early Lincoln. But it was only 11.20, so I had gained an hour! So I was prevailed upon to take them down to *Liffey Cottage*. In the back bedroom, as equipped by Maurice McCarthy, lo and behold, there was an old iron bedstead with mattress etc. I did not know it was there, but it was just what they wanted and the surviving members of the original team seated themselves upon it – the Bed-pushers reunited.



Original Bed-pushers – from left Alan Fraser, Mick Calder, Peter Neuman, Don Manson and Peter Nuthall

So my miscalculation of time and brilliant weather combined to make it a very successful morning and nobody was late for lunch with the Vice Chancellor.

Rupert Tipples
8 May 2023

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This account of Springston South Home Guard (SSHG), is based on an interview with Noel Tyson, Private, recorded by Tony Ryan on 27 January 2021.

Noel joined the Springston South Home Guard (SSHG) in 1939 at the age of 15 years. He is 95 years old today. Every eligible young man was obliged/encouraged to join. Unlike many HGs in the district, SSHG had a full platoon of 21 men under their leaders Harold Hoskins (Major), Dave Halliday (Sergeant Major), and Allan Powell (Sergeant). SSHG had above average leadership, and took considerable pride in their work. Their performance among the other district HG units (Springston, Lincoln, Ellesmere, Greenpark, Tai Tapu...) was well respected and regarded – "it was a serious business with not much fun".

The SSHG Funding was mostly local although 303 rifles, bullets and some hand grenades and old uniforms were supplied from Burnham Military Camp. Otherwise members provided their own transport (trucks),fuel and guns. Funds were raised from hare drives to fund parcels for local soldiers serving overseas... A typical hare drive would bag enough hares to load down a 2 ton Chev truck. The hares were sold for cash in ChCh. The local ladies worked with the Red Cross to prepare the parcels.



SSHG Chevrolet truck supplied to Powells by Blackwells of Christchurch.

The main objective of the SSHG was to stop an enemy invasion advancing beyond Gebbies Pass from Lyttleton – which is where it was assumed the invasion would come. Gun pits were dug at the main drainage canal from Lincoln/Tai Tapu to Lake Ellesmere. The plan was that soldiers would hold up the invading force with rifles and hand grenades.The other possibility was a coastal landing invasion from the Spit next to Lake Ellesmere.

Activities were mostly "drilling" at the Hall – and a lot of marching - before dispersing each week, would march around the triangle block owned by Powells. From the SS Hall down to Powells Road corner, past Harris's, turn right onto Pannets Road and right onto Days Road back to the Hall … The platoon met one day per week, and also stayed overnight in tents each week. 3-4 times per year there would be rifle shooting training at Tai Tapu – the SSHG usually performed well. Noel also recalls a couple of train excursions to Little River for additional training.



Noel Tyson (97) and Venus Bailey (100) cut the cake at the delayed Centenary 23 April 2023.

Rupert
Apologies for the delay – not sure if you have submitted on the LTP as yet, or were waiting on this still?

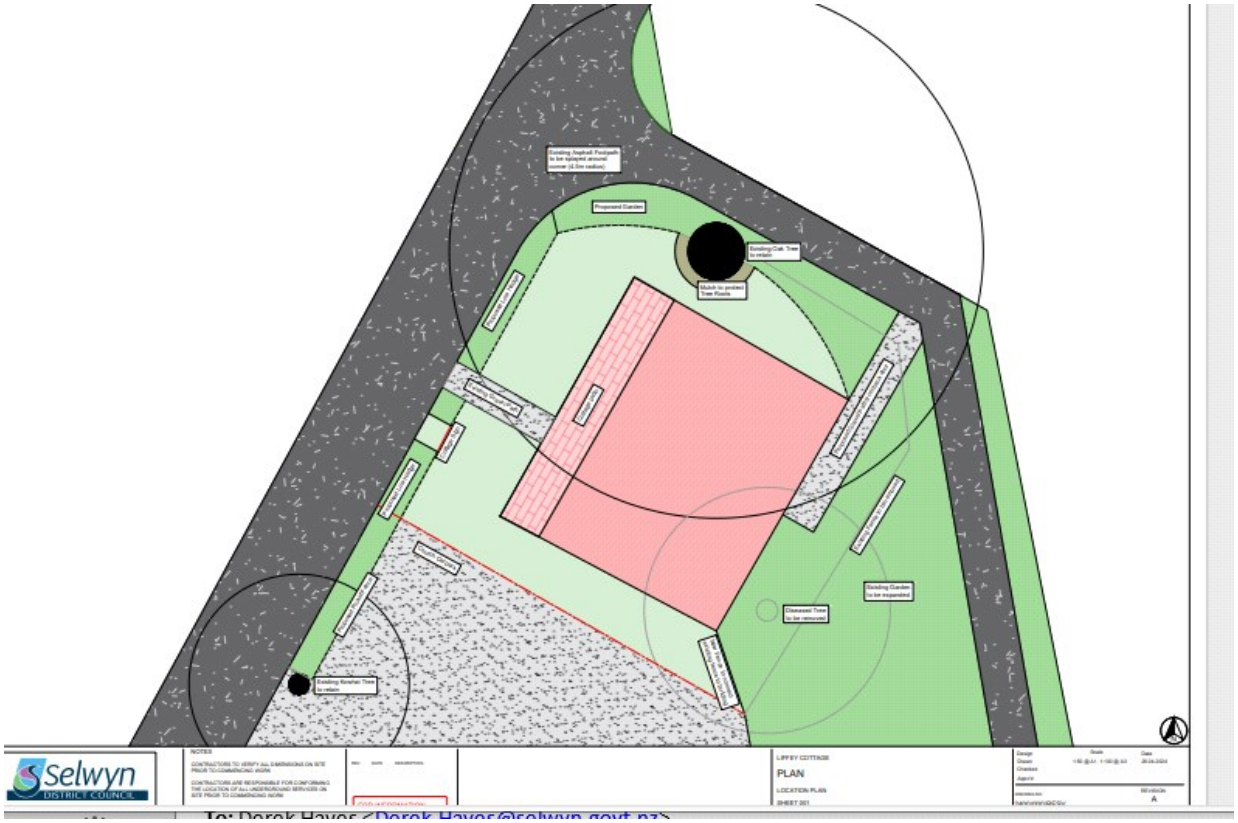
I have attached a concept plan and a schedule of indicative pricing. This has been put together by one of our Landscape Architects on staff – Xoe Tay .

Indicative costs for the works (as per the concept plan is $9,696 (so could round it up to $10,000). Hopefully, this helps with giving additional detail for your submission. We can meet to discuss finer details of the design once/should funding be approved, as well as discussing with the Church, as you suggest.

Any questions let me know, otherwise will stay in touch once the outcome of LTP funding is known.

Regards,
Derek

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Liffey Cottage Landscape Upgrade Cost Estimate

#VALUE!

Code	Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	TOTAL	Comments
A - HARD LANDSCAPE ITEMS							
1	Picket Fence	Timber picket fence painted white	L.m	25	$ 200.00	$ 5,000.00	Pricing based of Sensory Space
2	Asphalt Adjustment	base prep, boxing, bandage to existing footpath, asphalt	m2	7	$ 70.00	$ 490.00	Pricing based of Foster Park Central Space
3	Low Hedging	300mm topsoil with added soil conditioner mix with 100mm bark mulch, with 4 plants planted per m1	m2	12	$ 60.00	$ 720.00	Pricing based of Foster Park Central Space
4	Garden Bed	300mm topsoil with added soil conditioner mix with 100mm bark mulch, with 4 plants planted per m2	m2	21	$ 60.00	$ 1,260.00	Pricing based of Foster Park Central Space
5	Gravel Path	50mm of Decorative chip on 150mm AP65	m2	9.5	$ 17.00	$ 161.50	Pricing based of Foster Park Central Space
6	Fence Removal	include stump grinding	L.m	20	$ 25.00	$ 500.00	Pricing based of West Melton carpark extionsion
7	Tree Removal	Make good to any damage made to surrounding grass, asphalt, planting or other items. Grass needs to be well established with temporary	no.	1	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	Pricing based of RTC carpark 4 + 5
8	Make Good to Surrounds	irrigation/watering and meeting grass specifications before being handed over to SDC.	lump	1	$ 1,264.73	$ 1,264.73	15% of subtotal
		TOTAL LANDSCAPING				$ 9,696.23	

Add plc to Attachment 2 onlin from Submission

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After several issues where I have had more than enough material, sometimes requiring additional issues, for October 2023 the cupboard is almost bare! I had thought I might have an article based on Bill May's diaries of his experiences in Egypt in World War II, but they have taken longer to transcribe than I had expected, so that will have to wait until a later issue. The first round of transcription has now been completed, but the computed script needs thorough editing, not least to obtain correct place names. There are also substantial sections which have proved illegible. Bill himself offers an explanation for some of this when he had 'liberated' some Italian ink but it proved a bit weak like the Italians themselves. None of this is surprising when you consider it must have been written while on the front line and often under fire or being bombed. It would have been something to divert the attention when sheltering in a slit trench perhaps for hours on end.

It was the custom in early years to publish the President's Annual Report to the Society. I am going to revive that custom There is also be a report on the field trip to Terrace Station at the end of October. In addition, there have been some developments in Selwyn District Council's approach to history and heritage, which in my opinion merit comment. These developments have sometimes been to the disadvantage of the Society, for example the refusal to help finance secretarial and financial services. The Council seems to be more inclined to recruit permanent staff at the rate payers' expense rather than help indispensable hard pressed volunteers with some financial lubrication.

Finally to show you the range of what we do I am publishing our application for a Selwyn Heritage Award, which came about because somebody anonymous nominated us. We had to complete five sections which give a good overall view of the Society. We received a Silver Award which is now displayed in Pioneer Hall. The most painful part of the whole Awards process was attending the Awards Dinner with my wife and Carole and GraemeBourdot. Our tickets were subsidized but still not cheap. It was held in the new Rolleston indoor sports facility at Foster Park. The acoustics of the hall left much to be desired. When the band was playing, which was most of the time, you could not hear anyone speak. The function was compered by Maggy Barry whose voice, under amplification, was converted to a shriek.

Rupert Tipples
Editor



The redecorated interior of Pioneer Hall with the Award Certificate dead centre.

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We would like to remember the following members and friends of the Society, who have passed away over the past year: Gus Ferguson, Vernon Clark, Beverley Sloan and Bob Scott. Beverley Sloan, was always ready to help with inquiries and contributed to the research for the plaque for Miss Bartle's cottage on Gerald Street, and our later article about Miss Bartle. Gus Ferguson was a keen local historian and donor of several items of archival interest. Vernon Clark's obituary appeared in Issue no. 58 of our *Newsletter*.

The Society's regular business is in managing and opening our properties, Liffey Cottage and Pioneer Hall, to visitors.That continues with evermore visitors.Your Committee has managed to meet on a regular basis in 2022-2023 with only the September meeting affected by Covid. Covid had prevented our plans to reschedule the envisaged field trip to Tai Tapu. A fortuitous meeting with Kate Foster at the eHive training day back in April led to a shift in field trip focus from Tai Tapu, which had been postponed several times, to Terrace Station and Sir John Hall. Hence Kate's presence today and the October field trip. We can still visit Tai Tapu on a later occasion.

We are now in the fifth year of our participation with the Children's University Australasia Canterbury Partnership. Our visitor numbers continue to be buoyant as a result of the scheme. As graduation approaches student visitor numbers increase to try and complete their learning passports. We now engage with more parents/care givers, many with their own Lincoln histories. I thank all the members who have enthusiastically joined the roster for our Open Days.

During the 2022-23 year we have produced three newsletters, numbers 56, 57 and 58. Issue no. 56 completed our focus on the former Lincoln Maternity Hospital, with a specially commissioned history of the Lincoln Envirotown Community Garden, which has used and will continue to use the former hospital grounds. That was introduced by a brief piece by the editor on the role of gardens and horticulture in healing.

Adriana de Groot has continued to write a regular column in *Lincoln Community News* to draw attention to our activities and provide historical information about the district. This included front page placing of the Committee's successful liaison with Springs RSA and SDC staff to relocate the WWII Ellesmere School District Roll of Honour to the Springston Hall. The Roll had recently been entrusted to us by the Ferguson family and is now in the Hall.

At Anzac Day 2023 at Springston the address was given by Julie May of Springston. She read from her father Bill May's wartime diaries of his experiences as a private in the Second NZEF on the way to and in Egypt. Diaries of 'privates' are rare and so I approached Julie, with Adriana's support, to ask her for more information about her father and his diaries. They seemed to me to merit publication.One possibility would be publication in the Society's Newsletter, or maybe considering their length as a monograph. Anyway they need to be preserved. So I am currently transcribing them

and have completed some 100 pages out of 277 pages. It is a slow process but fascinating and has already given me totally unexpected wartime insights. They tend to confirm Sartre's observation that a war is overcoming long periods of boredom punctuated by moments of terror (Sartre, J.P. *War Diaries: notebooks from a Phoney War, November 1939-March 1940*)..

Anzac weekend 2023 also marked the successful Centenary celebrations of the Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall, built 1921.Congratulations to the members of their Committee, especially Lynette Harris on the extensive research completed for the historical displays, and their patience through Covid delays.

During the past year your President has addressed two groups on behalf of the Society.The first was an address to the AGM of the Canterbury Pilgrims and Early Settlers' Association. It addressed the history of our Society and what we do. The second was an address to a group of former Lincoln College Alumni who graduated from Lincoln College with B.Agr.Sc. degrees in 1963. They had achieved some notoriety as 'the Bed pushers' because they had pushed an old metal bed for a world record period around Hagley Park. They were delighted that we had a similar bed in Liffey Cottage, and I photographed the remaining members of the team sitting upon it (Issue 58). The point of the address was what had changed in Lincoln since they graduated 60 years before. There was much to discuss.

Selwyn Heritage and History Network under the leadership of Grant Clausen of Leeston, has stimulated Selwyn District Council to put far more effort and money into heritage concerns. Local history staff have been appointed, $50,000pa was put aside for heritage for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, and a Selwyn Heritage strategy was approved in December 2022. One Council investment derived from the advocacy of SHHN which Lincoln are participating in is eHive, a collection management tool (cataloguing) for museums. This will permit sharing our collection information as part of several online communities, Museums of Waikirikiri/Selwyn on ehive, DigitalNZ and *Kōtuia ngā Kete* Adriana de Groot has seconded herself to this project. The eHiveproject was piloted and successfully promoted by Dr Mike Noonan of Doyleston for the whole of Selwyn District. He was awarded the Heritage Gold Award in the 2023 Selwyn District Council Awards. Your Society was also nominated in the Heritage category and was awarded a Silver Award, which will be displayed in Pioneer Hall.

We have engaged seriously with the Heritage group during the past year, and will be taking our concerns about the new Heritage strategy to the next meeting on Friday 1 September. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.In September 2022 we had made a submission on the semi intensive development proposals the Government has forced on all communities with more than 5,000 population. Our proposals have been published in Issues 57 and 58 of our *Newsletter*. The matter is far from dead and how it relates to Selwyn District Council's new Heritage Strategy is still to be worked out. The problems were highlighted on the front page of The Press on Saturday 23 July 2023: 'Heritage crushed as townhouses boom'. At present we do not know what has happened as a result of the Hearing's process which happened back in May, but the whole debate has drawn attention to the need to protect the historic core of Lincoln as we proposed. Protecting *The Springs* and the site of Lincoln's original mill still remain high priorities. Both of these sites are representations of our local history and need to be guarded jealousy against the ravages of unthinking rapacious developers.

Successful projects in 2022 that involved some considerable organisation were:

John Stalker's efforts to mark the site of the railway bridge where it crosses the Liffey came to fruition with Council recreational development of the site and a new information panel for the public which featured in the December 2022 issue of *Lincoln Community News.*

Maurice McCarthy organized our contribution to the 2022 Heritage Festival – an open day at Liffey Cottage with the attic rooms, cleaned and sparsely furnished, as they would have been in 1900, safely open again to visitors. This was the result of several year's research, consideration and dusty work by Maurice. The eye-catching garden displays and new flag are also Maurice's work. We would also like to acknowledge the excellent work of the SDC Property team in constructing a deck with handrail to allow safe access via the back door and the addition of a gravel front path.

The Lincoln timeline display in the adjacent Te Whare Manaaki, Union Church hall, also gained much interest, including the impressive display of photographs by John Stalker of the rapid change from farmland to subdivision at Te Whariki. The timeline was subsequently displayed at Lincoln Library, gaining much interest.

The Society's display at SWELL 2022, at the Lincoln Event Centre, provided an interesting contrast to the other displays and we would like to see other heritage organizations join us at this year's event. Thanks to Carole Bourdot for her enthusiasm for the event and the successful display.

During the year we have continued discussions with Selwyn Libraries about Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri Selwyn Stories. Library staff continue to upload our newsletters, until we identify someone with the time to develop the Lincoln and Districts stories on the site: https://selwynstories.selwynlibraries.co.nz/. The focus this year has been on improving navigation and adding information for the Lincoln Historic walk on the Selwyn Township Trails app.

Adriana de Groot retired as the Society's secretary after five years in the role at the last AGM. You might not realise that from her continued involvement in many of the Society's activities, not least helping me with this Presidential Report. Thank you Adriana for all you have done and continue to do.

We have not found a replacement yet so the role has been redistributed between the President (setting committee agendas, some correspondence and meeting organisation) and Adriana who has continued to take our Minutes, manage incoming correspondence, and organise open days. Carole Bourdot has also indicated that she wishes to cease to be Treasurer. Both have attended to the Society's business and enthusiastically participated in what we have been doing during the year, but this state of affairs is not sustainable. Essentially the survival of the Society depends on three people.The loss of anyone of them could prove fatal, so we need to discuss what we do now. As that may have financial implications we will do so when we consider future subscriptions.

The editor of your *Newsletter* is incredibly grateful to Bethany Bond, who has continued her great work in laying out and formatting the *Newsletter*. She has done an excellent job and done it very quickly. We thank her for her continued contribution. The 2023 October issue (no. 59) is now in preparation.

We want to thank all our donors of photographs, documents and artefacts during 2022-2023. These include particularly Graham Thiele for the gift of an original watercolour of what became Liffey Cottage by Josie Jay, painted in 1974. It now hangs in Pioneer Hall. We also thank Janet Clemens for the donation of a model of Liffey Cottage, furnished as a reminder of the years that her grandparents, Albert and Maude Golding, lived there. We are seeking a suitable display case. Members have also generously shared information when requested, frequently for family history photographs and inquiries.

The History prize sponsored by the Society at Lincoln High School for 2022 was awarded to Gideon Welford, the Dux of Lincoln High School, to whom we give our congratulations. Finally, I want to thank all my committee and our volunteers for their attendance to the Society's business, participation in the operation of our properties, and welcoming visitors. Thank you,

Rupert Tipples MA, PhD
President, Springston, August 2023.

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1.Please outline/describe you/your organisation's outstanding contribution to Heritage and explain why you would like to be considered for this award.

Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.) was formed in 1991 from the Lincoln Early Settlers and Pioneers Association (1967-) and the Liffey Cottage Action Committee (1975-). It has always been concerned with protecting and promoting the heritage of Lincoln and the surrounding districts. The Association adopted Pioneer Hall (Picture 1) as a centre for historic records and photographs after its use as a community hall declined. Built as Lincoln's first library, sited beside the Union Church in James Street, it was moved in 1900. The Liffey Cottage Action Committee formed when the 1875 Murray Cottage in Market Square was threatened with demolition. After a huge community 'heritage' effort Liffey Cottage (Picture 2) was moved in 1977 to where Pioneer Hall had been. A renovation project followed to showcase a late 19th century working family's home. Recent work by members has seen the attic rooms furnished and opened to visitors. Both buildings are registered on the Selwyn District Council Heritage list, but because of relocation cannot be registered by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. Both are regularly opened to the public. The Society also researches, records and promotes the rich heritage and history of the area.

We would like to be considered for this award to highlight our concern for recording and preserving the District's Heritage and History. We are experiencing extraordinarily rapid change at present and we are promoting the idea of a Lincoln Heritage Area inside the four Town Belts to highlight that.

2.How do you/your organisation collaborate with others in the local community?

The Society has long collaborated and shared information with similar heritage organisations across the District, and was a founder member of a revived Selwyn Heritage Network in 2019. Projects we worked on together include:

Pop up Museum on the district's railway history at 2020 Ellesmere A&P Show

Submissions to the long term plan for heritage funding,

Selwyn museums heritage collections Community on ehive

The Society supports local schools and children's groups with their heritage events e.g. 150th. Anniversaries, history programmes, and hosting visits to Liffey Cottage. The Society's annual history prize is awarded at Lincoln High School.

Work with the Lincoln Community Committee saw the relocation of the Lincoln 150th tree and provided content for Miss Bartle's Cottage sign. Collaboration with Down by the Liffey Gallery saw the hugely successful 2021 community exhibition of photographer John Stark's record of Habgoods Transport alongside treasures from our collections.

In 2019 both Pioneer Hall and Liffey Cottage became learning destinations when we joined the Te Mātāpuna Mātātahi Childrens University programme. Thus we are providing real life experiences of history.

Participation in Christchurch Heritage Festivals has seen us contribute to the wider community. We value the support (workshops & expertise) of Canterbury Museum, Te Papa Tongarewa and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

Collaborating with Selwyn Libraries we placed our research newsletters and many historic photographs on Kete Selwyn, now mostly transferred to Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri. Selwyn Stories. Work continues! Lincoln Library have welcomed displays from Pioneer Hall, including the recent Lincoln history timeline.

3.Please provide evidenceof you/your organisation's success in increasing accessto, participation in, or awareness of heritage.

Open Days, publications and participation in events have been successful in increasing an awareness of heritage locally. Open Days have been marked by a constant stream of visitors, mostly participants of Te Mātāpuna Mātātahi Childrens University, but often from family and local historians, seeking local knowledge. Open Day visitor numbers have increased from 3-6 at each building pre covid to regularly 12-30 visitors in 2023.

Placing our publications on online platforms has successfully increased access to our local stories. Collaborating with Lincoln University's Living Heritage team, and Moar family, The Society republished Neville Moar's definitive history of Lincoln in the 19th century, Fitzgerald's Town (2018) in a more fully illustrated, online version. The original print first edition was long sold-out.

In 2022 we worked with the Union Church to host a visit and bus tour of the 'new Lincoln', and The Famous Grouse continues to highlight historic images provided by the Society in its publications and decor.

Society newsletters are now available at Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri Selwyn Stories, and Lincoln Library. Our Facebook page gives us online presence and connection with 'locals' beyond our membership profile and the district boundaries. The Lincoln Historic walk brochure was converted to the first Selwyn Township Trail app in 2019 and we are working with Selwyn Libraries Heritage Team to update this with township changes and improved navigation features. Pioneer Hall is always open during the Lincoln Christmas Pageant, and receives a steady stream of visitors - after the Parade has passed by.

4.Identify how you/your organisation communicates to the community the value of Heritage through activity and/or delivery.

The Society, which also covers the townships of Burnham, Broadfields, Greenpark, Ladbrooks, Springston, Tai Tapu and surrounding rural areas, endeavours to communicate the value of heritage and local history through its Open Days, speakers, field trips, publications and submissions.

We honour our local history heroes e.g. Margaret Morrish, who was awarded the QSM for her long term commitment to the Society as Honorary Secretary.

The AGM includes both the President's Annual Report and an invited speaker. In 2018, Professor Geoffrey Rice spoke about the centenary of the 1918 flu pandemic and its local effects. The significance of his observations about future pandemics was not appreciated at the time! At another AGM Christine Whybrew, (Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) demonstrated 'How to research the history of your house' with the example of a local railway house.

A range of speakers involved in local heritage projects have been invited to address the Society, including Rotary on the Lincoln Mill interpretation site, the Gallery Chair on the 'River of Dreams' sculpture, and the Community Committee on redevelopment of the Country Club site.

Addresses have been given recently to the Canterbury Pilgrims and Early Settlers Association, and to a party of Lincoln College Alumni, who graduated in 1963. They wanted to know how Lincoln had developed in the sixty years since they had graduated.

A regular column in monthly Lincoln Community News highlights local history and heritage stories. Most recently we have celebrated and remembered Coronation events, particularly in Lincoln.

5.Explain how your organisation establishes, maintains or revives the promotionof the positive role of Heritage in the community.

In short, by teamwork and the extraordinary individual effort of members and friends of the Society! We have lobbied for the value of heritage spending and preservation, with a positive Council response. However, that is not enough and we continue with visible actions in the community. One opportunity we were presented with was when Lincoln Primary School offered us a model of a nineteenth century immigrant ship, the s.s. Pleiades. We arranged for the model's repair and began research on its history, its maker who retired to Lincoln, and of the ship itself. Contact was established with the maker's family and a workshop organized at Lincoln to reveal what we found. It is now exhibited in Pioneer Hall.

Other successes include getting a plaque put on Coffee Culture, Lincoln, recalling the role of Thomas Pannett and the previous Baptist Chapel. The significant railways contribution to Lincoln is recalled on other signage associated with a pedestrian bridge between the railway abutments over the Liffey. SWELL 2022 provided another window for our efforts.

Requests for information, which need combining published information with local knowledge and resources continue undiminished. We submitted (2022) to the SDC Hearing's panel re semi-intensive housing development about the potential effects that such development could have on the heritage of Lincoln and the area of the original Springs Station. Finally, we continue to publicise the need to preserve artefacts and buildings before they decay beyond repair or are lost, for "when they are gone, they are gone!"

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Terrace Station – the homestead October 2023 (Rupert Tipples)

Kate Foster, who currently lives at Terrace Station, addressed out AGM in August about her grandfather, Sir John Hall, who was a noted Canterbury landowner, politician and benefactor. The visit put flesh on the bones of her address and showed the context from which his substantial political achievements came. Terrace Station is located just off Milnes Road close to Hororata. The party was made up of members of Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.), and Ellesmere and Malvern U3A groups. It was a beautiful day and The Terrace looked at its best. Of particular interest to your editor was Sir John's study where he formulated many of his political plans, for example for Women's Suffrage, which featured in many of the exhibits there. Also the children's museum, which had an early copy of a Rupert Bear Annual, (your edotor has a collection of such Annuals!) and the Kitchen which had an early fish kettle not often seen in New Zealand. Farming ephemera featured strongly in the outbuildings unsurprisingly, and the station was opened for our perusal too.



Terrace Station – Sir John's study from the doorway (Rupert Tipples)

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On the brink of summer, October 1907, Robert Lochhead of The Springs station obtained permission from the Springs Road Board to put a pipe across Springs Road from his artesian well and also undertook to supply water for a stock trough on the side of the road. Messrs Pearson Brothers would make it, if the Board would find the materials. The square, concrete trough, with imprint 'PEARSON BROS still stands today; no longer in use, it is usually full of leaves rather than fresh water. We have recorded memories from the late 1940s of children riding past, and stopping to let their ponies drink here and would welcome other stories. We are waiting for confirmation of the trough's Heritage status under the District Plan. (Item H324).

It is located on the east side of Springs Road, before the intersection with Collins Road. The trough is significant because of its connection with Robert Lochhead, who farmed at 'The Springs' (c. 1894-1913). The plan produced for the subdivision auction of his property in 1913 shows the trough. It is also significant because of the highly regarded engineering skills of the Pearson Brothers, who were also well known for their well-sinking business, farm harrows and stream weed cutting machinery. The brothers' father, William Pearson (1838-1886) emigrated to New Zealand in 1859 and worked for Cox and Fitzgerald on Springs Station, as agricultural foreman. He bought part of 'The Springs' land, west of Springs Road in the 1870s. Three sons continued farming from their family farm on Collins Road.



Acknowledgements: John Stalker (who told us about the trough); Margaret Morrish for 'The Springs' subdivision plan; Dr. Ann McEwan, Heritage Consultant for SDC, and Papers Past.

Adriana de Groot

Taonga tales

Collections of war memorabilia no longer just signify battles and bravery; they have evolved to tell us about ourselves.

BY COLLEEN BROWN • PHOTOGRAPHS BY SIMON YOUNG

Here it is. What remains of nearly 18 months of fighting hellish battles is an annotated map of the Indian subcontinent, an identity pass, a signed 1943 Christmas Day sergeants' mess menu, a pay book, small piles of photos and letters, all spread across my dining table.

There's a medal, too – the Burma Star – and a battered hat. This memorabilia marks the war of Ray Travers, posted to India and Burma with the RNZAF in 1943-44.

Ray was my father. In his ID photo, he looks so young, and he was. A sergeant at just 24, he commanded a ground crew who tested and loaded armaments onto the planes fighting in Burma. The map is massive. It's taped together and split at the edges. His huge hands have folded it back into its creases so many times that it is worryingly fragile. On it, in capital letters, my father has written exotic placenames like Dum Dum, Alipore, Chittagong, Imphal, Akyab. He has marked air bases, train trips, dating many.

These are the physical mementoes of Ray's service. I carry related childhood memories – his nightmares, the recurrences of malaria, the shrapnel mottling his leg and a few anecdotes about "tigers in tents".

I consider what's covering the table. What to do now with these delicate items holding special memories for our family? Who should they be passed to, and with fragile items like the map, should we be tapping expert attention to ensure it survives another 80 years?

These questions face many Kiwi families, and with the original owners now departed, the taonga can become contentious within whānau: what is kept, who keeps it, should "important" items be shared beyond the family and, as descendants fan out and grow in number, who keeps what?



Colleen Brown with mementoes (l and opposite) of her father's World II service with the RNZAF.

BEYOND STOREHOUSES

New Zealand has three specialist war history museums: the National Army Museum Te Mata Toa in Waiouru, the Air Force Museum of New Zealand in Wigram, Christchurch, and the Torpedo Bay Navy Museum, the national museu the Royal New Zealand Nav Auckland. Metropolitan, reg and community museums scat around the country offer an raft of options for would-be do

Museum curators emphasis historically, their institutions seen as storehouses of trea Objects were acquired and disp in glass cases possibly with direct connection to the co nity. That focus is rapidly char War history collections have ev from a narrow view of chartin flicts into telling the broader histories about their many co nities of interest.

Museums like objects with enance, which means the life object can be traced from the nal owner to the current one. case of my father's map, the provena clear. It is a "working object", telling m stories about not only that period i Zealand's war history but also abo man.

Provenance isn't so clear if museu are offered objects bought online o a second-hand shop. Though the ite be interesting, there is no story sur ing it.

Curators also point out they a experts or "the authority" on a par matter – they are more custodians tiaki of taonga gifted to the nation offer their expertise and training war items get the very best attenti professional care.

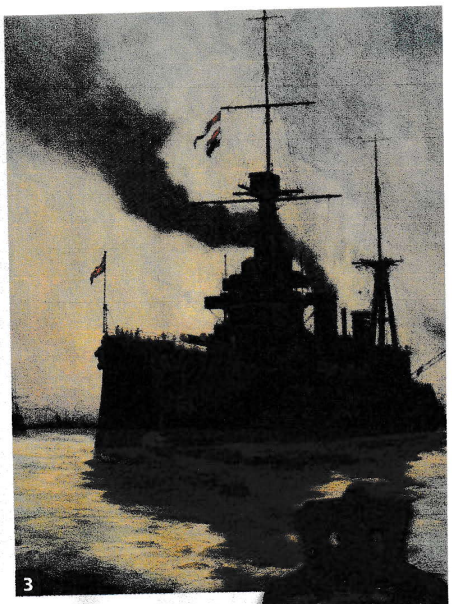
Gail Romano, associate curator history at the Auckland War Me Museum, says if an item doesn't

> **The past 10 to 15 years have seen a turning point in how museums interact with their communities.**


AIRMAN'S/AIRWOMAN'S RECORD SHEET
ROYAL AIR FORCE
AIRMAN'S PAY BOOK
IDENTITY PASS AIR FORCES IN INDIA
Pass No. 77014









1. Members of the NZ Rifle Brigade with mascot Caesar. He helped rescue wounded troops at the Battle of the Somme in 1916 and was killed in action. 2. Caesar's collar at the Auckland War Memorial Museum. 3. UK artist Gerald M Burn's depiction of HMS New Zealand, NZ's gift to the Royal Navy before WWI. 4. HMS New Zealand's bell at the Royal NZ Navy Museum.

AUCKLAND WAR MEMORIAL MUSEUM - TĀMAKI PAENGA HIRA; NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE ROYAL NEW ZEALAND NAVY

museum's broad criteria, it is respectfully declined. Specialist curators review whether the item is appropriate, taking into account collection needs and conservation and storage requirements.

"We understand how important memorabilia is to our prospective donors, and we empathise with that," says Romano. "But unfortunately, the museum's priorities for collecting don't always align.

"When deciding what to add to a collection, there are many stories we need to consider. It's not only about the actual theatres of war; there are also our peacekeeping deployments, civilian and children's experiences, refugees from overseas conflicts and people who were interned."

Paula Legel, associate curator of heritage publications, adds: "We often redirect donors to other relevant museums or suggest they add material digitally to the online cenotaph database."

Stories, objects and community can be strongly connected, particularly in smaller localities. In Auckland's southern reaches, the Papakura Museum has strong military ties via the Papakura Army camp, nearby Ardmore Airport (built in 1943 as a training base at the request of the US Air Force) and the recently excavated 1863 Rings Redoubt, packed with artefacts.

For Papakura's curator, Alan Knowles, these objects are a magnifying glass into the past, connecting people to their history through moments in time. A small museum, Papakura prides itself on holding the same accession standards as larger ones.

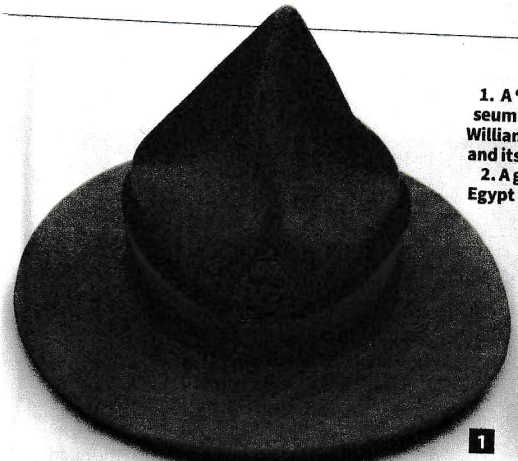
"With the original owners now departed, the taonga can become contentious within whānau.

It aims to take donated items that er the viewer, that are visceral, able to be and touched, and which invite the vi to connect with their history.

"The past 10 to 15 years have s turning point in how museums int with their communities," says Kno "It must be a community place, firs foremost, so what is accessioned int museum reflects the community we s A museum isn't here to tell the publi to feel and interact with our collec that's up to them. People must feel wel comfortable and have the opportun connect with taonga – this is their pa

OBLIGATION TO DONORS

Knowles looks for donations whose s can be told in a "pithy, interesting and sible manner". This should be reassur people wanting to donate important f possessions – curators are trained to and understand the obligation they t when they accept items.

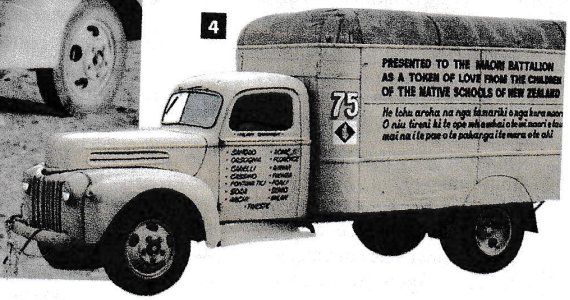


1. A "lemon squeezer" hat at Papakura Museum. The hat was designed by Gallipoli hero William George Malone to improve rain run-off and its use spread to the NZ infantry brigades. 2. A guitar carried by Private Cess Laurie in Egypt and Italy in WWII, now held by the Toitū Otago Settlers Museum.





3. NZ soldiers in North Africa beside Te Rau Aroha, a mobile canteen truck gifted to the 28th Māori Battalion by Māori schools. 4. The truck is held at the National Army Museum.



The curators of the three specialist military museums echo that mantra. There are common elements binding their approaches to donors. All medals pertaining to a specific New Zealand military service are collected. Typically, families can arrange to view their donations, which might not be on permanent display. All service museums have research libraries for academics and the public.

The Air Force Museum at Wigram spells out its obligation to families quite clearly. Collections manager Darren Hammond emphasises it is primarily a social history museum. "There is a misconception that military museums are focused mainly on technology," he says. "The technology is nothing without the stories."

The museum has 36,000 digitised images detailing the history of military aviation in Aotearoa for the public to view, and that number grows daily. As a specialist museum, it is proud that it can collect Air Force memorabilia quite broadly, digging more deeply into areas of interest. It is interested in not only the high-profile participants in our military aviation history, but also in people like my father and his experiences.

The museum plans to create a dedicated climate-controlled space so donated medal collections can be better preserved. With the RNZAF peaking at 40,000 personnel in 1944, this part of the collection has enormous potential for growth.

In Auckland's Devonport, Caroline Ennen, collections manager for the Royal New Zealand Navy museum, has a wish list. She says there are gaps in the ability to tell an in-depth story of women's service during the two world wars, the Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service from 1942 to 1977 (known as Wrens) and women in the navy since 1977.

Ennen would like to see more oral histories collected, while acknowledging that it is expensive and time consuming. "Collections are not just about objects; people telling their own stories are important."

She says donors need to be aware that artefacts can degrade over time, especially at home. Museums have a cultural, moral and ethical obligation to care for collections whether it's a uniform, a VHS recording, art or furniture.

Technical expertise and the technology available to modern museums help. For Dolores Ho, archivist at the army museum in Waiouru, it's important to reassure donors that their items will be treated with dignity and respect. "I had a woman come

"People must feel comfortable and have the opportunity to connect with taonga – this is their past.

LETTING GO

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING DONATING war history items, note the following advice from museum curators:

CHECKS

- Museum websites list information about the donation process.
- Research that your taonga is related to the museum's mission and values statements.
- It's important that you have legal possession of the object, or agreement among all relevant parties to donate it: inter-family disputes over who has the legal right to donate war memorabilia need to be sorted before the items are offered.
- Give as much information on the history of the objects (provenance) as you can.

BALANCES

- Don't arrive with donations without an appointment or leave items at the museum door.
- Don't assume the museum will automatically want to collect what you have to offer. It is not obliged to do so.
- Don't arrange in your will for a bequest, sending your war memorabilia to a museum. Museums collect with purpose.
- Don't assume that all museums can restore items. This is a costly process. Most museums can take preventive measures to ensure the item does not deteriorate further.
- Note that not all donated items will be automatically digitised.
- Museums are not obliged to provide a photocopy of items donated by extended family.

WORTH KNOWING

- Museums are accountable for the proper care and preservation of their collections. They will accept and accession items only after thoughtful consideration.
- Donating items to a museum involves a definitive transfer of ownership. The official receipt, signed by the donor, means the item cannot be returned to the donor or anyone else. The museum will control what happens with it from there on.
- Museums exhibit only a small percentage of their permanent collections; most items are in storage. Don't expect your taonga to be put on display immediately.
- Items donated to some museums and in storage are available for viewing by appointment.
- You need to check if a museum accepts items on loan or whether access restrictions will be placed on them.
- Generally, the condition of donations is secondary to the provenance of the items.



NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, NEW ZEALAND

A German bugle, holed by the bullet that killed its owner, taken from Passchendaele by a NZ stretcher bearer and later donated to the National Army Museum.

to the museum to show me a family d unsure whether she would donate it or says Ho. "Once she saw how we would for it – that it would be kept securely i acid-free box in a temperature-contr environment, she was reassured. understood we had the resources to car it much better than the family ever coul she donated it to us."

Ho can recite by heart the key compon that will inform her about the proven of any possible donation. Authenticit an army item is critical, along with the for memorabilia to have that all-impor social connection.

Every medal donated to the museu carefully cleaned, mounted, and place display drawers.

"Part of our role is to listen careful people when they want to offer their fa war items," says Ho. "Often, there is a spiritual relationship to that object an need to be sensitive to that. Regardle whether we will accept a donation or we always must be mindful that, to person, the item is valuable and preci

Toitū Otago Settlers Museum cur Seán Brosnahan is unapologetic abou museum's stance on war history donat Its guiding principle is that donations be of "'significance to the history of O and its people" and create coherent O collections and stories.

"We seldom buy anything, as we've collecting since 1898," says Brosnahan. are mindful that we have limited sto so we add only items with merit. M donated artefacts have high costs assoc with them: asbestos in helmets, the nee staff to hold gun licences because ther firearms in our collection, fragile tex requiring conservation; the list goe Museums are costly to maintain."

Brosnahan's criteria for determi how well an object might fit any collec include rarity, representativeness, spir connections and whether it is from a Otago person.

RSA clubs were once popular repo ries of war memorabilia. But with m clubs closing or downsizing, their ab to accept and care for artefacts is war Collections have become dispersed clubs are often unable to keep muse standard records of donations. In Ot Toitū has occasionally taken RSA co tions, but establishing their proven can be hit-and-miss.

Te Hikoi Museum in Riverton/A rima relies heavily on volunteers fo





A Supermarine Spitfire at the Air Force Museum at Wigram. In front is the recovered engine from a Spitfire flown by Kiwi flying ace Johnny Checketts, right.

operation of collecting objects and stories related to western Southland. Collections committee member Annette Horrell admits to being torn when having to decline a donation, always suggesting other institutions that may be interested.

To assist Te Hikoi's staff and volunteers, Horrell relies on the expertise of Jo Massey, the Southland District Council's roving museum officer, a unique position in this country. Massey has helped the province's volunteer museums since 2006 to connect people to their history.

"Because we can't afford to employ people to help with collection care or setting up of exhibitions, she is able to assist us," says Horrell. "She can point us to the right person or organisation to help us and knows the right places to apply to for funds."

REINTERPRETING THE WARS

Proving ownership and the history of an artefact is more easily achieved when donations are made face to face and have supporting documentation. But what happens with items donated years ago with little known provenance? How can they be connected to families in the here and now?

A new Te Papa Press publication, *Te Ata o Tū – The Shadow of Tūmatauenga*, goes deep into the provenance of artefacts from the New Zealand Wars (1845-72) in the national museum's collection. Four curators and other museum staff collaborated with iwi, hapū and descendants of the original donors to learn how the stories are understood and develop how they are now being told.

Many Māori taonga from the period donated to museums were deemed "war booty or trophies", notes *Te Ata o Tū*. Investigating was always going to be confronting and emotional, especially for iwi reconnecting with taonga they thought were lost forever or didn't know existed.

Likewise, it was challenging for descendants of those who donated items to know how they were obtained and the subsequent loss to Māori. The investigations and discussions that took place aimed to build balanced narratives, a different understanding of history and deeper recognition of the complexities and hurt surrounding those artefacts.

Matiu Baker (Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Te Āti Awa, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Whakaue), Te Papa's curator of historic Māori visual material, says the process meant the museum had to interrogate itself about its role in contributing to the prevailing New Zealand Wars narrative.

> **People can be brought to tears just by looking at a medal – it's our history, warts and all.**

"This collection is about our social history during that period, the conflicts between Māori and the Crown, their different interpretation of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, competing agendas and misunderstandings," says Baker.

For example, the flag collection, detailed in the book, demonstrates the flags' historic and symbolic significance along with associated, often culturally complex, stories. The flags, some more than 150 years old, are fragile and need to be cared for appropriately, but can be viewed by visitors.

"People think their donated taonga will disappear into a basement here," says Baker. "I can reassure them, we don't have a basement. We have collections that we are dedicated to maintaining."

Museums trigger curiosity about events and the memorabilia in their collections. The public can read, look, touch, reflect, be entertained and brought to tears just by looking at a medal, a photograph, a map. It's our history, warts and all.

As for the treasure on my dining table – will we donate my father's Burma collection to a museum? I now know that Dad's 1943 map is rare. It's a serious conversation our family will have on Anzac Day. ▮

WIGRAM AIR FORCE MUSEUM; ROYAL AIR FORCE

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

The Malvern Community Patrol ask Council to fund security cameras for the Darfield Recreation Centre as per the attached document.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Rec Centre Cameras

MALVERN PATROL

The Malvern Community Patrol asks that the Council fund the installation of security cameras at the Darfield Recreation Centre connected to the Police network.

The Patrol and Police are aware of the area being used for antisocial activities including drugs and vandalism, and have had reports of vehicle damage in the car parks. Council facilities in some areas are already equipped with cameras and there is popular support for them locally in a poll by the Darfield Residents Association. The move is supported by Darfield Police and the cost will be under $5000.

Harvey Polglase

Chairman

Malvern Community Patrol

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Details of submitter No: 1244 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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Lincoln Township is my key focus here, however I have also cited Rolleston for a couple of concerns specifically.
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Speed calming features too should be in place around our kura and in other places where cyclists and pedestrians need to have equal safe access. Climate Change policies are moot when those wanting a carbon neutral means of access are scared into cars.
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There are no natural shade areas in Rolleston or Lincoln, so many established tree cover is removed in minutes by the developer, and there is so much focus on open space, where can our tamariki go to explore woodland, enjoy the shade of a tree on a hot day, without a drive to Darfield? Identifying some space to develop native forest nearer to areas that are highly developed would be fantastic for the communities. Again I ask you to consider the Climate Change policy and where protecting established tree cover in subdivisions comes in.
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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

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IN addittion to my earlier submisison, I ommitted my concerns of the use of cross road junctions in new developments. These are not fit for purpose and the use of roundabouts or staggering the roads to allow for safer righ hand turning and straight on travel needs to be considered. As we grow it is clear that driver behaviour needs to be managed by effective transport planning. The fact SDC has to share "guess whcih car has right of way?" posts show the need. Manage the drivers decisions by smart road design that keeps people safer. Stop signs are inneffective, cross roads dangerous, and speedlimits moot without adequate policing.

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Details of submitter No: 1245 - Chris Stewart

Submitter:	Chris Stewart
Organisation:	Arthur's Pass Association

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Chris **Last name:** Stewart

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The Arthur's Pass Association represents the 140 home owners and bach holders at Arthur's Pass Village and Bealey Spur community. Although we are a small community we believe the Council should recognise that we are an iconic part of the District. As such, the Council should be doing whatever it can to support the maintenance and development of the village as a scenic, wildlife, community and historic highlight of the District. Specific ways in which we believe the Council can undertake this support through the Long Term Plan are summarised below and developed in the document attached.

- we request, as promised, that a permanent solution for water supply system at Arthur's Pass be implemented in the 2024/25 or 2025/26 budgets.

- we request that funding for the heating of the Arthur's Pass Community Centre allocated for 2030/31 be brought forward to the next financial year 2024/25

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- we question the need for $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding

- we ask that funding for volunteer conservation groups continue, particularly the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund.

- we would like to see a continued push for a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of kea

- we appreciate the support the community has received for arts and heritage projects and events and we hope that this funding will continue. We also hope that the Council will support the Department of Conservation to redevelop the Park Headquarters building as an information, conservation and heritage hub.

- we would like more regular maintenance of the Council gardens in the village.

- we would like local roads and footpaths to be cleared of snow in a quicker time frame

- we request that the open drain along Brake Hill road be covered and piped in the 2024/25 financial year

- we believe funding should be made available in 2025/26 to achieve Dark Sky status for Arthur's Pass

-we support the implementation of bi-lingual signage at Arthur's Pass in 2026/27

- we support the construction of a cycle trail from Arthur's Pass to the sea.

- we appreciate the support from the Council Emergency Management team and believe funding to this sector should be increased.

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	LTP Supplement Paper

Water Supply: The Arthur's Pass water supply has recently had work carried out. Multiple tanks are in place to give a large amount of storage capacity in times of turbidity of the water at the intake. We have been told multiple times that this tank farm is a temporary solution only. We would like to see this promise of a permanent solution to be in the budget within the next 2 financial years. A permanent solution using a membrane filter alongside the UV treatment and chlorine will take away the need for the bulk of the tank farm currently in place. Please ensure funding is allocated in the 2024/25 or the 2025/26 SDC budget.

Hall and Community Centres: An upgrade of the heating in the Arthur's Pass Community Centre has funding allocated for 2030/31. This needs to be bought forward to the next financial year, 2024/25. In an alpine environment, suitable heating is very important, not just for those using the Community Centre, but also for the good of the building. Should the Alpine fault go with a bang as predicted, a non-electric form of heating and cooking will be essential for the local Community Response team to care for stranded locals and travellers. We acknowledge that SDC have assisted with various improvements in the last 5 or 6 years. In the 20 or so years prior to that, upgrades and general maintenance of the building was generally carried out by local volunteers at no cost to the SDC. Up until last year, the local Community also picked up the power bill at the facility, another saving to SDC. The current fireplace was second hand when it was installed in the 1990's, so doesn't meet any clean air regulations. When SDC consider funding for the Arthur's Pass CC, they should keep in mind, that a lot of improvements have come at no expense to SDC. Please make this new fireplace install an absolute priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

Stormwater; There is $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding. We suspect this is for the subway tunnel leading to the train station. This is often a problem, even more so when it freezes, which causes health and safety issues for passengers on the TranzAlpine train. Before this amount of ratepayers money is spent, we would like SDC to look into whether it is an SDC responsibility or a Kiwirail responsibility.

Transport: We would like to see specific funding allocated to upgrade the lighting in Arthur's Pass village ASAP to enable the Village to be classified as a dark sky area. As this will involve discussions with Kiwirail, we really need SDC on board to lead those discussions. We note that $1.2m is allocated for district wide dark sky in 2039/40. Please pull some of this allocation forward to allow this to happen in the prime Arthur's Pass area in the 2025/26 financial year.

It seems that Tarahaka o Kaimatau is now the accepted Te reo Maori name for Arthur's Pass. Kiwirial have applied that to their signage near the subway tunnel. $700,000 is allocated in 2026/27 for this and other things throughout the Selwyn district. We support the implementation of bi-lingual signage at the Village entrances.

We fully support the construction of a cycle trail to join the two extremes of the Selwyn District. We only need to look at how popular cycle trails are becoming around Aotearoa. This would bring in more tourism and enable new businesses to become established along the proposed route, which traverses from the highest point of the Selwyn District, Arthur's Pass to the lowest point, Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

1246

Details of submitter No: 1246 - John Collyns

Submitter:	John Collyns
Organisation:	Retirement Villages Association New Zealand

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: John **Last name:** Collyns

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We have attached our submission on the Council's development contributions policy as a supporting document.

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	RVANZ submission on Selwyn District Council Draft DC Policy 2024

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2 May 2024

To: Selwyn District Council
By online submission

Submission on the Selwyn District Council's Draft Development Contributions Policy 2024 on behalf of the Retirement Villages Association of New Zealand

1. The Retirement Villages Association of New Zealand (RVA) is a voluntary industry organisation that represents the interests of the owners, developers and managers of registered retirement villages throughout New Zealand. The RVA was incorporated in 1989 by a group of entrepreneurs to:

   1.1. represent the interests of retirement village owners, developers and managers;
   1.2. develop operating standards for the day-to-day management of retirement villages; and
   1.3. protect their residents' wellbeing.

2. New Zealand has more than 460 registered retirement villages and 96% by unit number are members of the RVA. The RVA's members include all five publicly-listed companies (Summerset Group, Ryman Healthcare, Arvida Group, Oceania Healthcare, and Radius Residential Care Ltd), other corporate groups (such as Metlifecare, Bupa Healthcare, Arena Living, independent operators), and not-for-profit operators (such as community trusts, religious and welfare organisations).

3. The RVA welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Selwyn District Council on its Draft Development Contributions Policy 2024.

4. Retirement villages play a key role in addressing the housing crisis, and the retirement living and aged care crises. Retirement village developments have a higher population density than traditional residential development. The development of affordable retirement village dwellings, such as those provided by RVA members, reduces land demand pressure and makes further residential housing available as new village residents release their properties to the market.

5. This increase in housing supply helps to relieve pressure on the housing market and contributes towards improved housing affordability in the long term. Affordable housing and the realistic prospect of home ownership for younger generations provides the opportunity for more secure accommodation than renting, and long-term investment opportunities.

6. Retirement villages also have benefits in reduced transport demand from residents, consequential reductions in the use and demand for infrastructure, and climate benefits resulting from the overall density of villages and the aforementioned transport benefits.

7. The RVA wishes to express its support for the submission of Summerset Group Holdings Limited in its entirety. The RVA requests the Selwyn District Council engages constructively with Summerset in relation to the Draft Development Contributions Policy.

Signed: 

On behalf of the Retirement Villages Association of New Zealand

Date: 2 May 2024

Address for Service:

The Retirement Villages Association of New Zealand
PO Box 25-022
Wellington 6146

Contact's Details:

Attention: John Collyns - Telephone: 021 952 945
Email: john@retirementvillages.org.nz

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Details of submitter No: 1247 - Chris Roberts

Submitter:	Chris Roberts
Organisation:	Ellesmere Archery Club

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Chris **Last name:** Roberts

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We support the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission on taking over management of Osborne Park.

Ellesmere Archery Club Submission

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Our indoor range is currently located at Southbridge Domain so this causes issues with room as it can only comfortably accommodate between 12 and 16 archers.

Although the building is structurally sound there are issues around it 's location as we have to transport our equipment between both locations, as well as Southbridge wanting to expand the parking area, so we would like to have alternative indoor arrangements within the next 3 to 5 years.

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Conclusion

As well as assisting our club to grow, we feel this will be beneficial to the community by providing additional facilities for community which are unable to be accommodated by existing or proposed new facilities. This will allow us to run things like Have a Go days in any weather conditions as well as other groups we work with such as the Defence Force Invictus Games Team.

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We also support the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other

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buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
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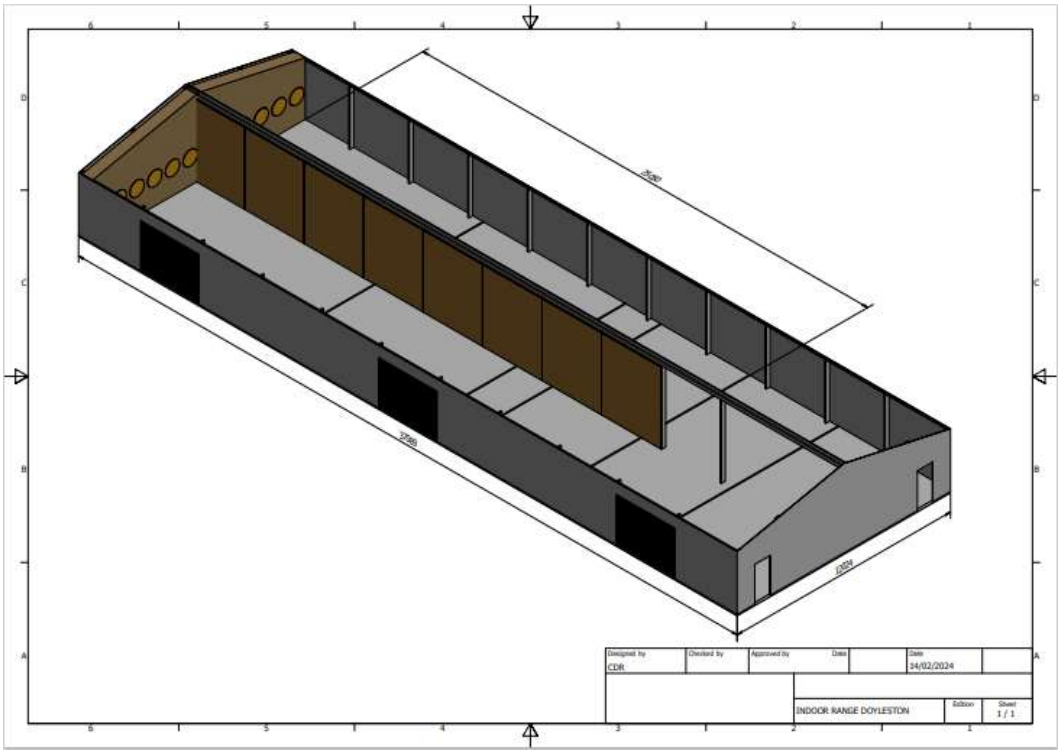
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Proposed Location Indoor Range

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Proposed Indoor Range

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Details of submitter No: 1252 - Helena Cridge

Submitter:	Helena Cridge
Organisation:	Kirwee Tennis Association

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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Dear Councillors

I am writing on behalf of the Kirwee Tennis Club Assn in regards to our tennis court upgrade. I have sought information on who owns the courts where the council owns the land but we own the improvements and are responsible for the upkeep of the tennis courts. It is a great facility and well used by the community and is the Malvern Head Quarters of Tennis as all Malvern meetings and trophies are kept there and tournaments from other areas such as Ellesmere, North Canterbury and Ashburton use these courts as we have six and its central location is the main draw card. We would like to upgrade these courts in the near future and wondered if it was a possibility of the council perhaps contributing towards the cost of this as there are four courts that need upgrading. This will costs a significant amount and the club has some money set aside but it would be great if the council were able to contribute in some way to the cost of this. I don't have a quote. At the moment four courts sit lower than the other two courts and it would be good to have them all levelled off to

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reduce the damage caused by tree roots. However there could be other ways around this. Please consider this application in line with other courts that you have upgraded in the district. Many thanks Helena Cridge

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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates:
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Funding:
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Please add any comments you may have

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

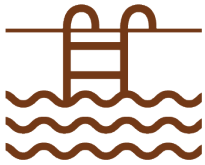
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A sports facility at Darfield is not a necessity - when ratepayers are being asked to pay 16%+ rates increases.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
Refurbish pool and resolve land stability and ownership issues.

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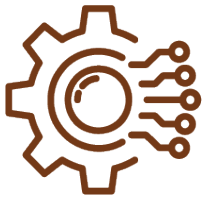


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No
Any comments?
SDC proposal to pay $9M over 10 years to support economic development with Selwyn businesses. I object to SDC spending any of this money. This is not SDC core function.

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Digital Solutions



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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

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I object to continued chlorination of Selwyn water supplies, as it is not SDC's place to put chemicals in water supplies.

I object to any fluoridation of any water supplies now or in the future. It is not SDC or Government's place to drug people via water supplies.

NZTA transport requirements: SDC's proposal to spend $19M on roading needs revising, and cut down down massively.

Lincoln Town Centre upgrades: I object to the proposed cost of doing these upgrades (for parking and other).

Rural Walking and Cycling upgrades: I object to any further expenditure (including feasibility studies) on improvements that ratepayers are expected to foot the bill for.

Spending on proposed community facilities in Prebbleton, South-west Rolleston and re-development of Rolleston Community Centre should not proceed until SDC has more money or has downgraded proposed plans.

I fail to see how SDC Rolleston Office needs improvements and object to paying for these. The

SDC building is relatively new and shouldn't need "upgrading" at this time.

SDC Investment strategy: is not imho a core function.

Water and Wastewater: I object to all upgrades.

Transportation: I strongly object to the widening of Ellesmere Road from Edward Street to Knights Stream. I live on Ellesmere Road but have had no notification that this is going to occur of the cost to ratepayers.

With regards to listening to Climate Change - I believe the science is not settled.

SDC proposes to borrow significantly more than they will receive in rates in a year. I object to this.

RATES LEVELS AND LIMITS: I oppose to SDC planned rates increases of approx 16% for the 4 years, then approx 10% increase for the remaining 6 years. Rates are forecast to double in 10 years. This is far too much of an increase for ratepayers to bear.

In summary, SDC needs to cut out, and cut back many of the proposed building works e.g. Lincoln Township upgrades, Leeston Library and park, and Darfield township building programmes. Currently SDC cannot afford to do these and ratepayers shouldn't be anticipating 16%+ rates increases.

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Repair existing library and service centre in order to minimise currents costs to ratepayers and prevent massive rates increases.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
SDC ideas for Leeston Park currently exceed its ability to pay for it out of rates income. SDC needs to reduce expenditure drastically and vastly reduce proposed rates increases.

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 1273 - Calvin Payne

Submitter:	Calvin Payne

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Calvin **Last name:** Payne

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Prefered method of contact Email

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

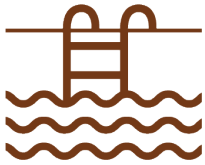
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Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 29/04/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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SDC
Draft Long Term Plan Submission

28 April 2024

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I Always Get Nervous When A Reference Document To SDC Policy Decisions, Makes This Statement

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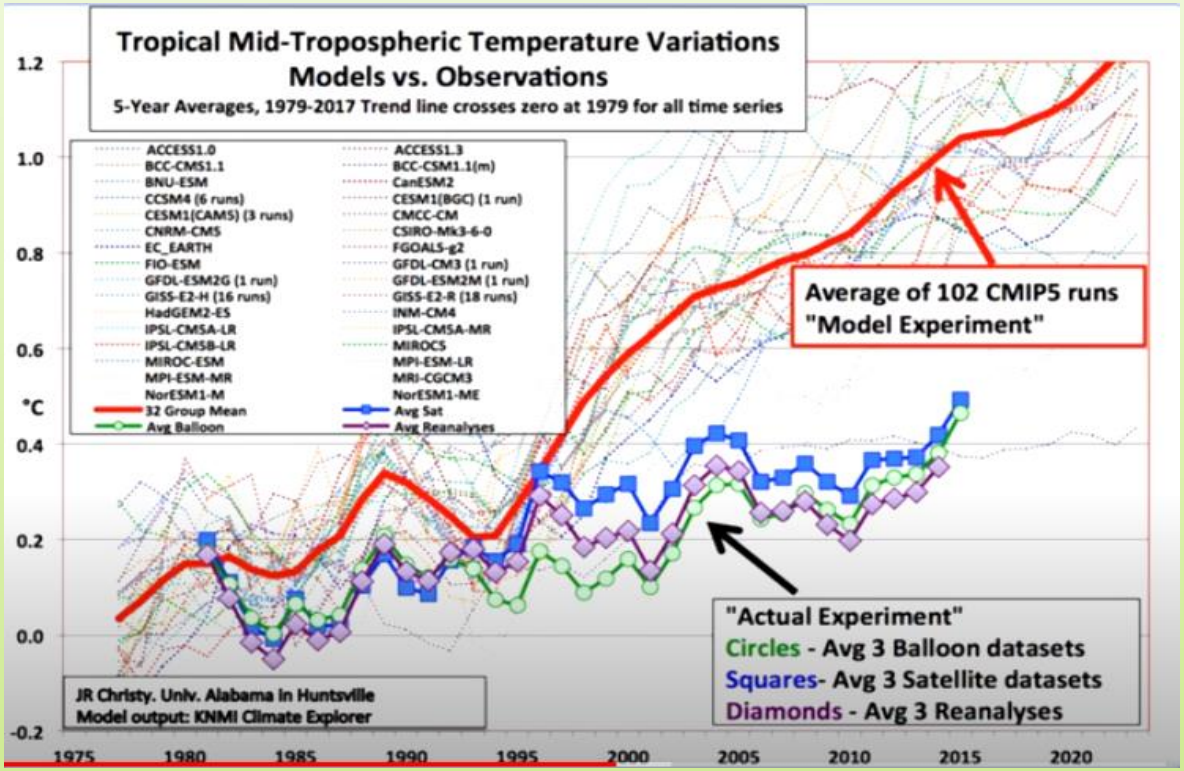
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- expansion of the range of SDC assets considered to include roading, facilities and open spaces,
- consideration of risks from non-SDC assets,
- extension of the analysis timeframe for climate future projections to 2100, and
- places greater focus on climate projections than historic data."

"Custom Report Report / Impact of Climate Cycles and Trends on Council Assets Selwyn District Council / WL23041-1 / 07/09/2023 © Aqualinc Research Ltd.

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Why Would You Do That When Climate Models With 200%-400% Error In Predicting Historic Temperature Are Being Used To Make SDC Predictions Within The LTP?

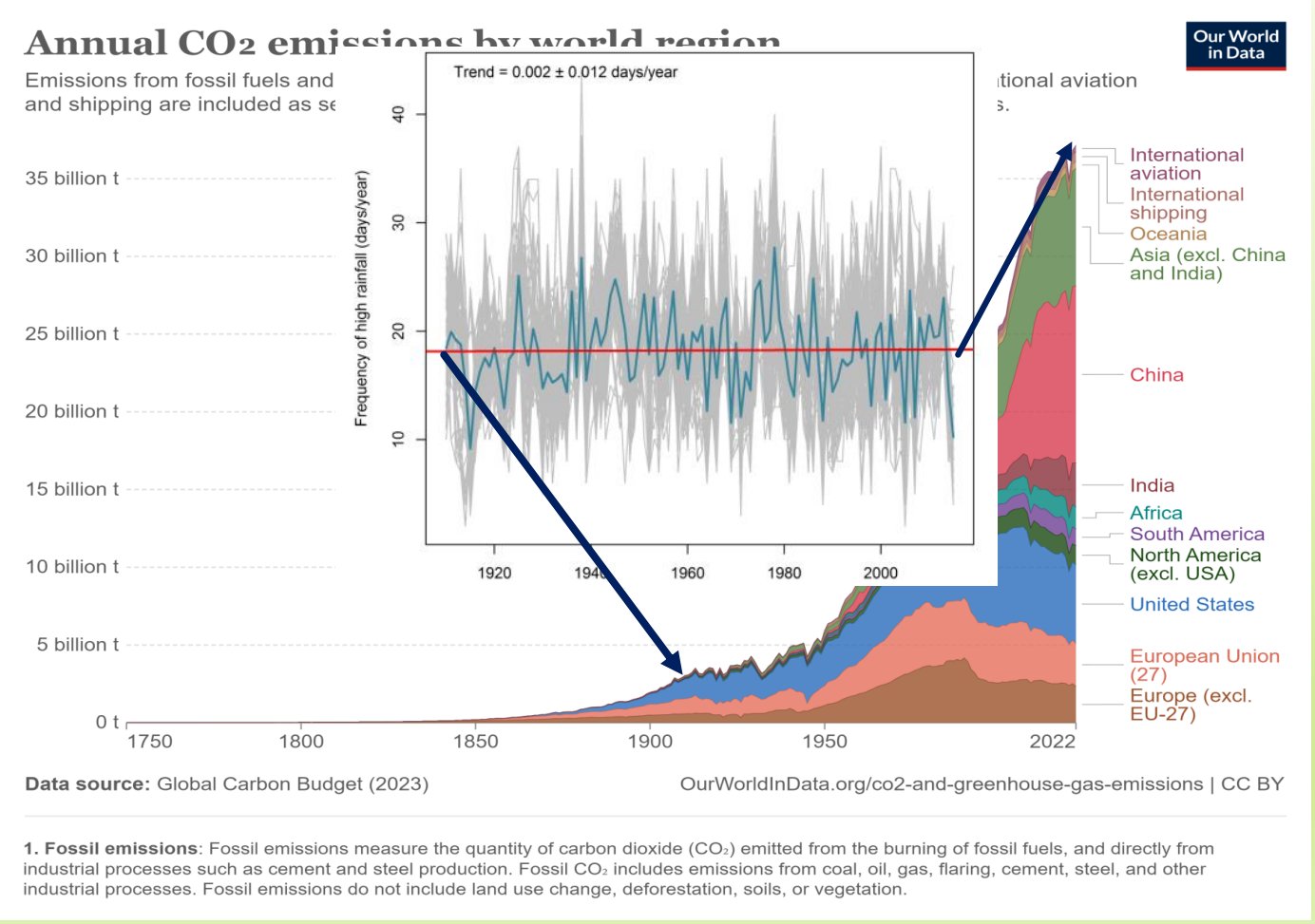


The models have an error of >200% compared to actual records from weather balloons & satellites.

The scientist referenced below won a prestigious science award when he was at NASA, for putting a satellite into space to measure the earth's temperature.

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And Prior Reports By Aqualinc, Show That In Lincoln Over 126 Sites Since 1910



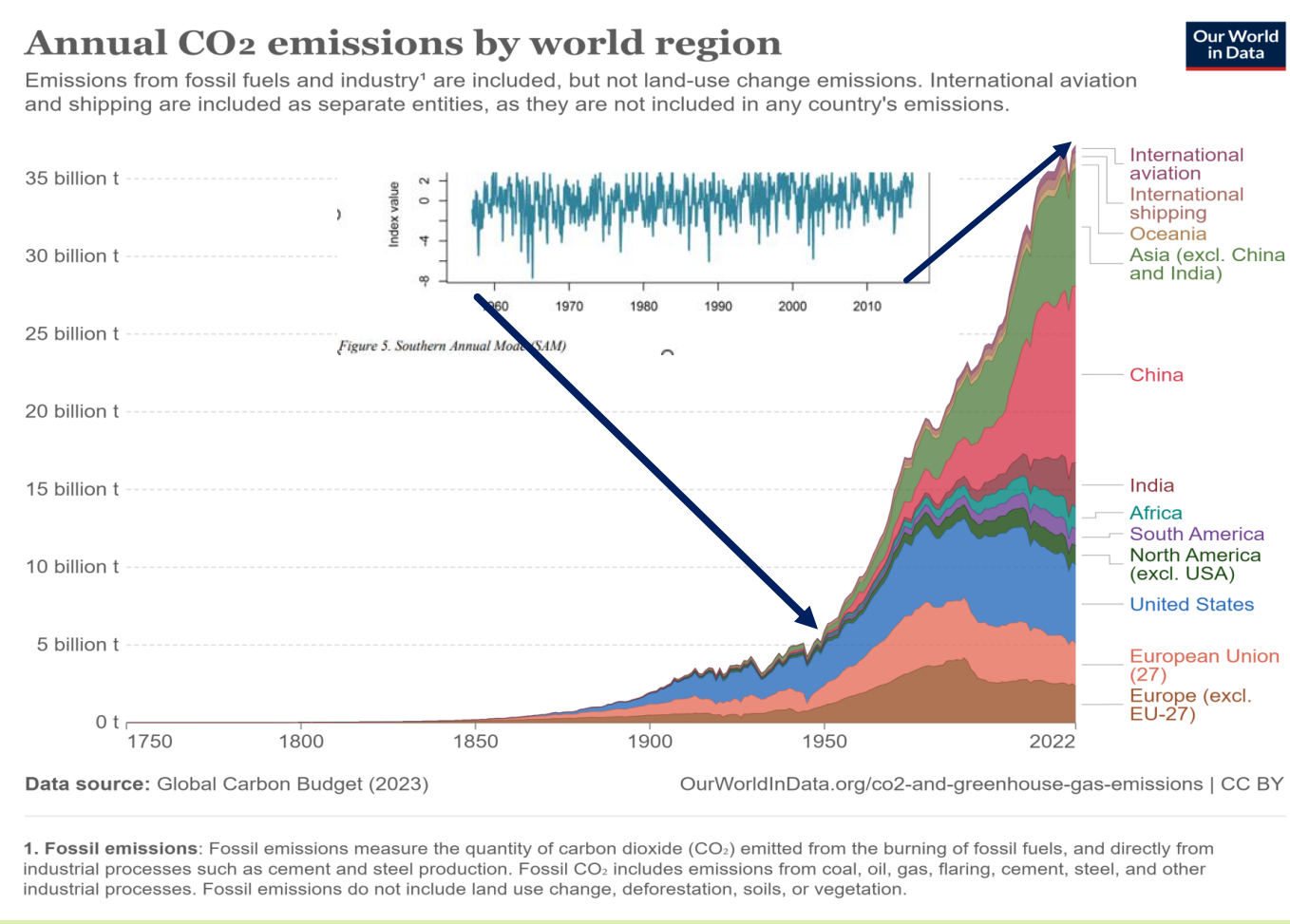
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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CYCLES AND TRENDS ON SELWYN DISTRICT WATER ASSETS Helen Rutter (Aqualinc Research Ltd); Murray England (Selwyn District Council); Tim Kerr (Aqualinc Research Ltd)

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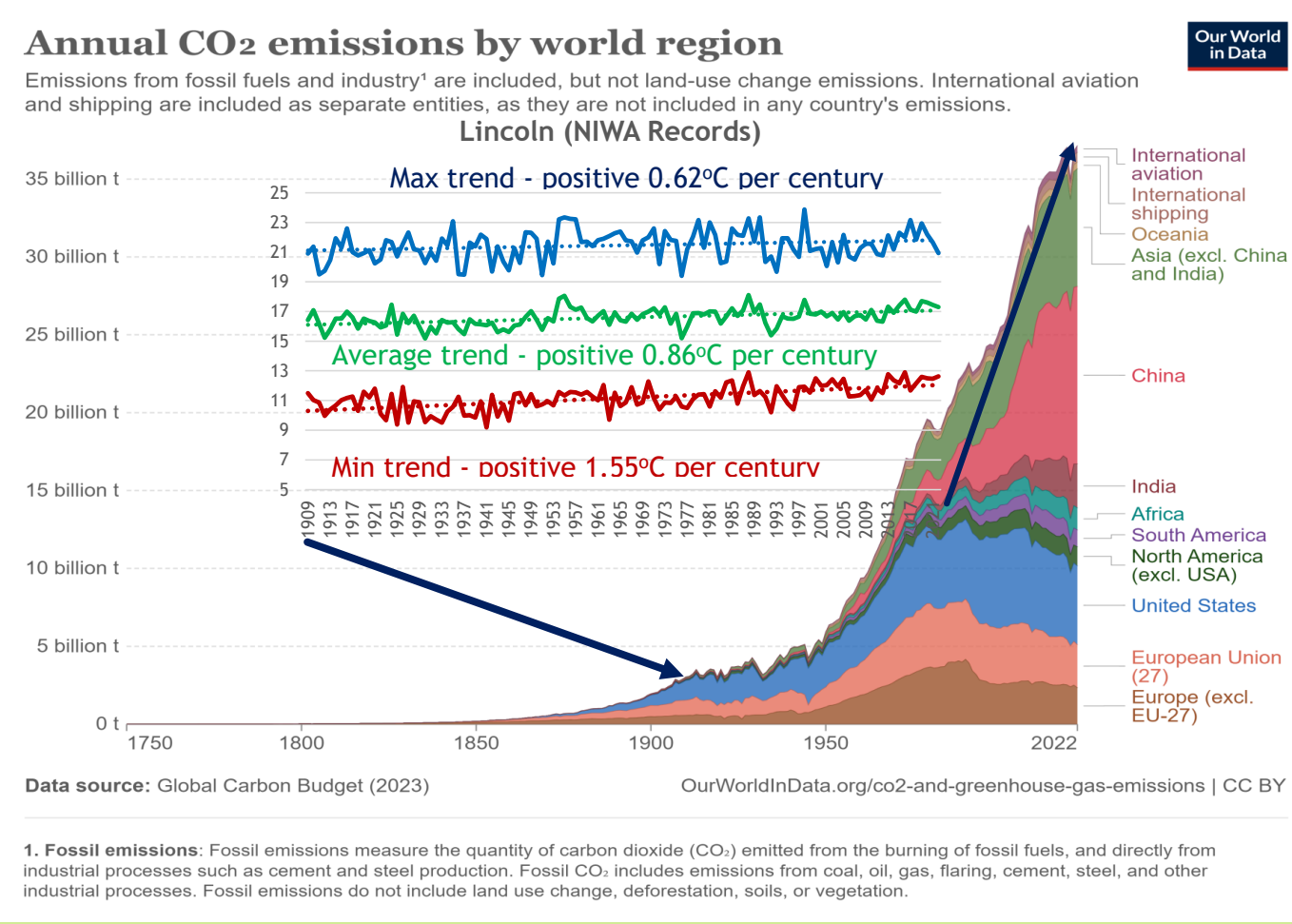
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And NIWA Data Shows That In Lincoln Since 1909

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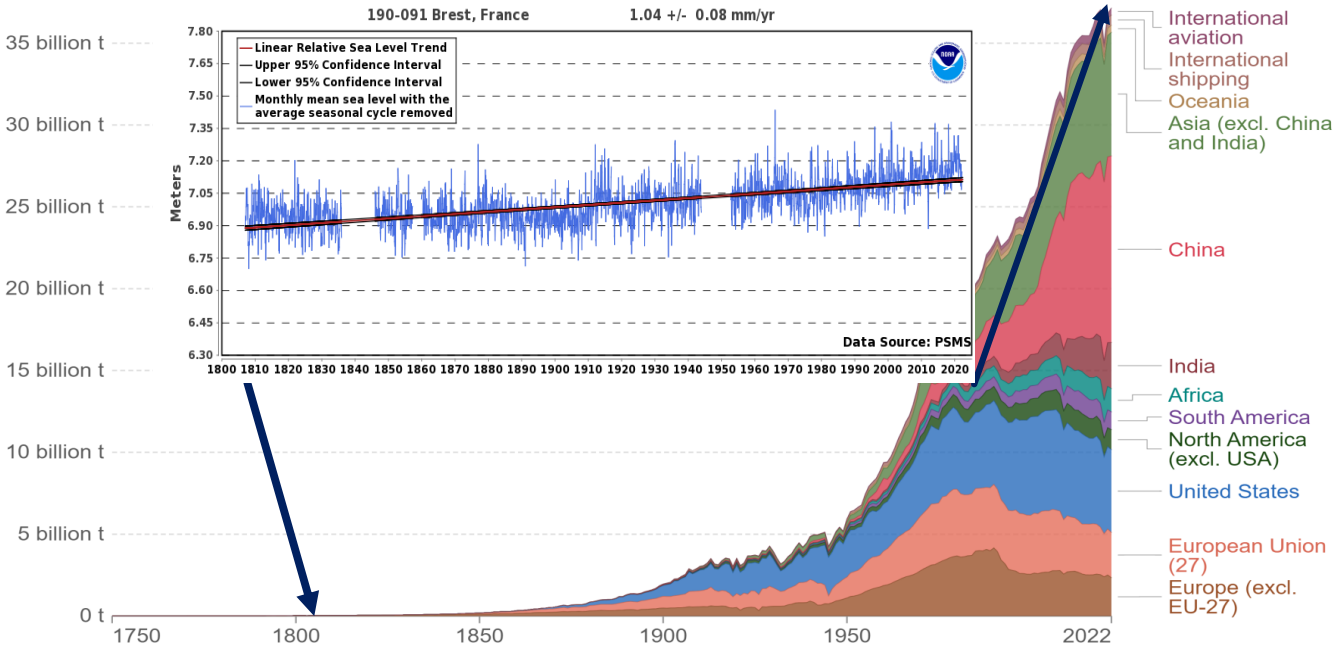
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And NOAA Data Shows That In France Since 1807

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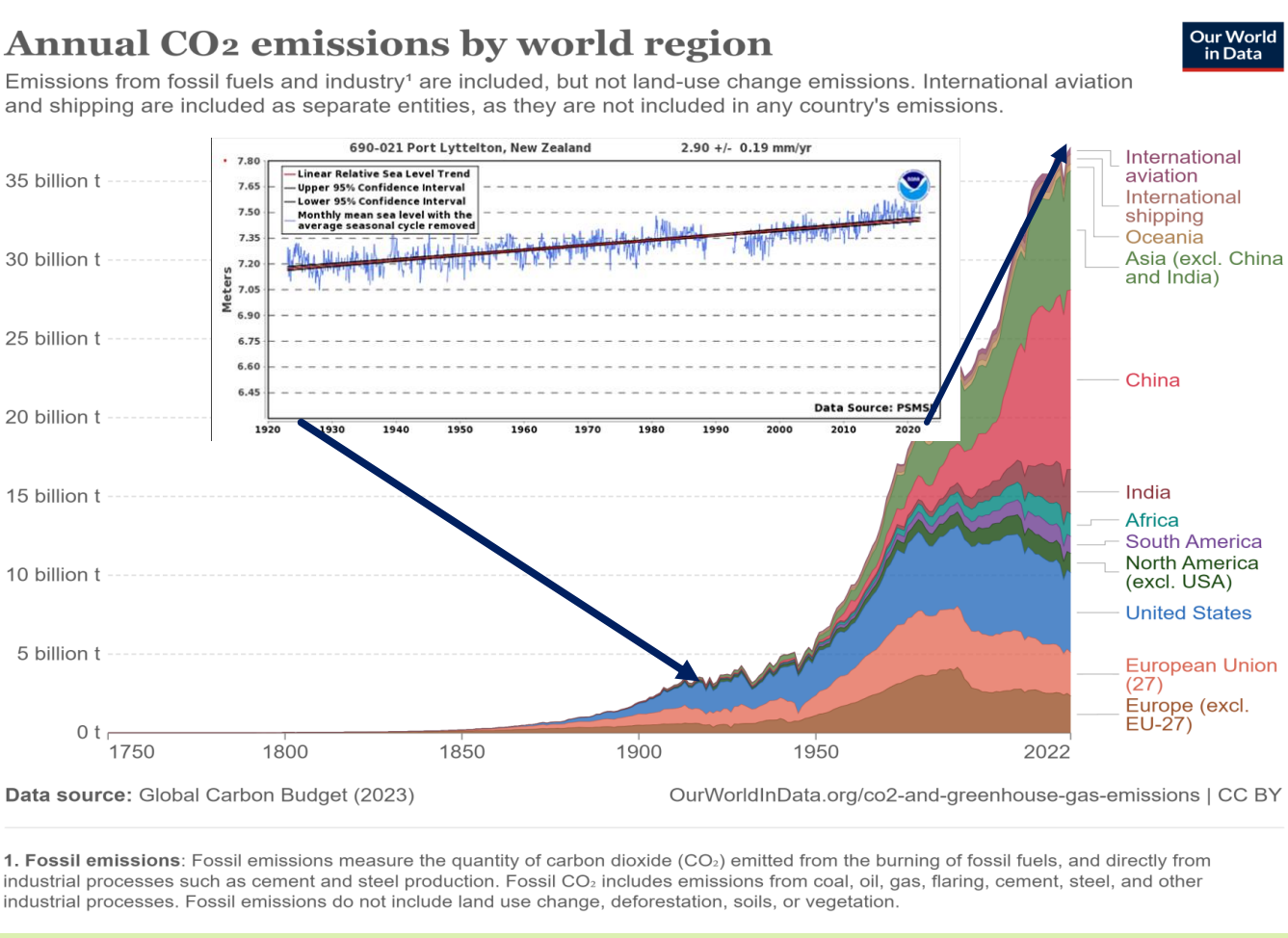


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And NOAA Data Shows That At Lyttelton Since 1922

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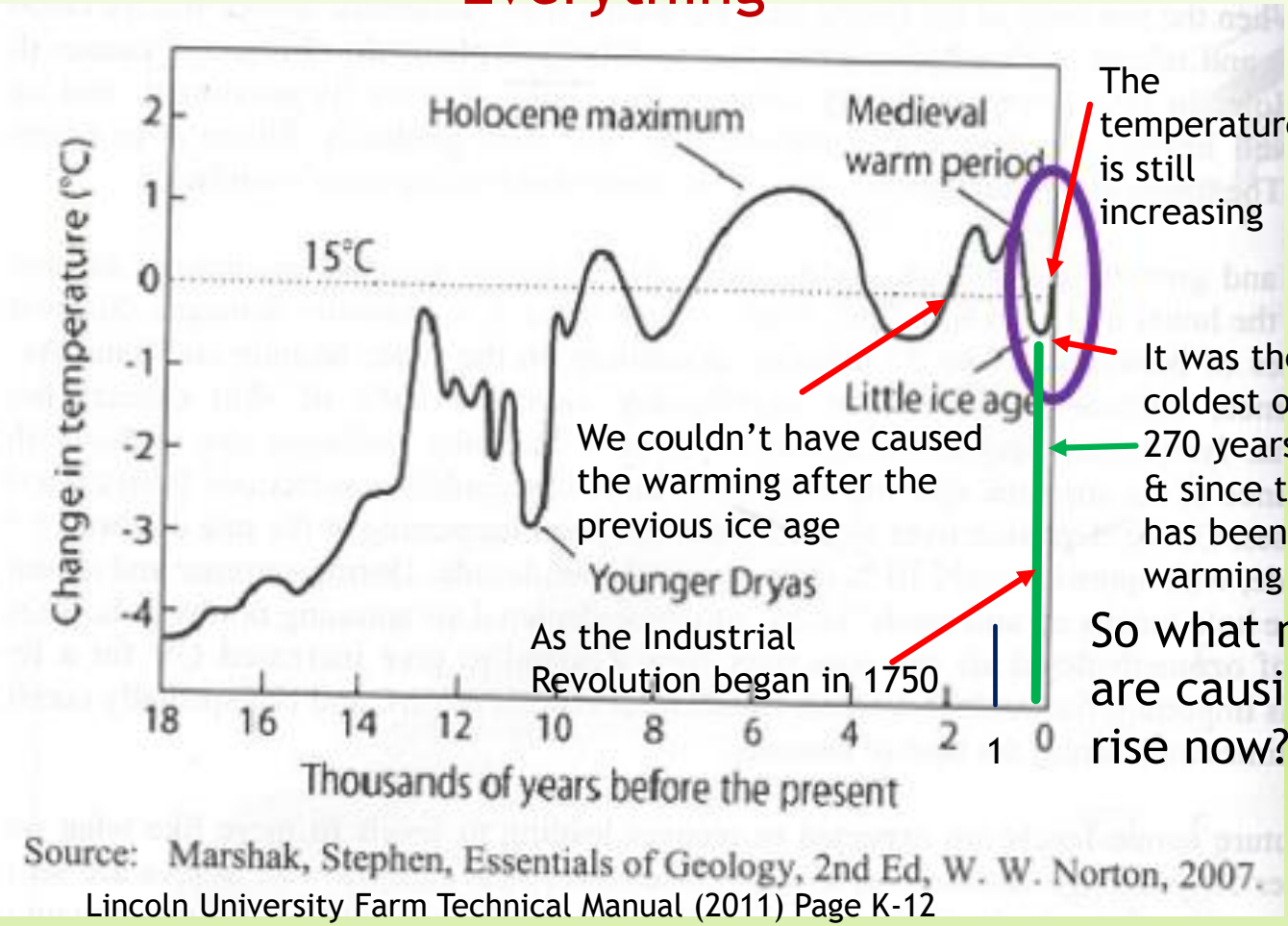
By Now You Should Be Asking

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If an exponential increase in man made CO_2 emissions isn't causing the very slight linear increases in temperature & sea level, then what is?

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The Little Ice Age of Only 270 Years Ago Explains Everything



The temperature is still increasing

It was the coldest only 270 years ago & since then it has been warming

We couldn't have caused the warming after the previous ice age

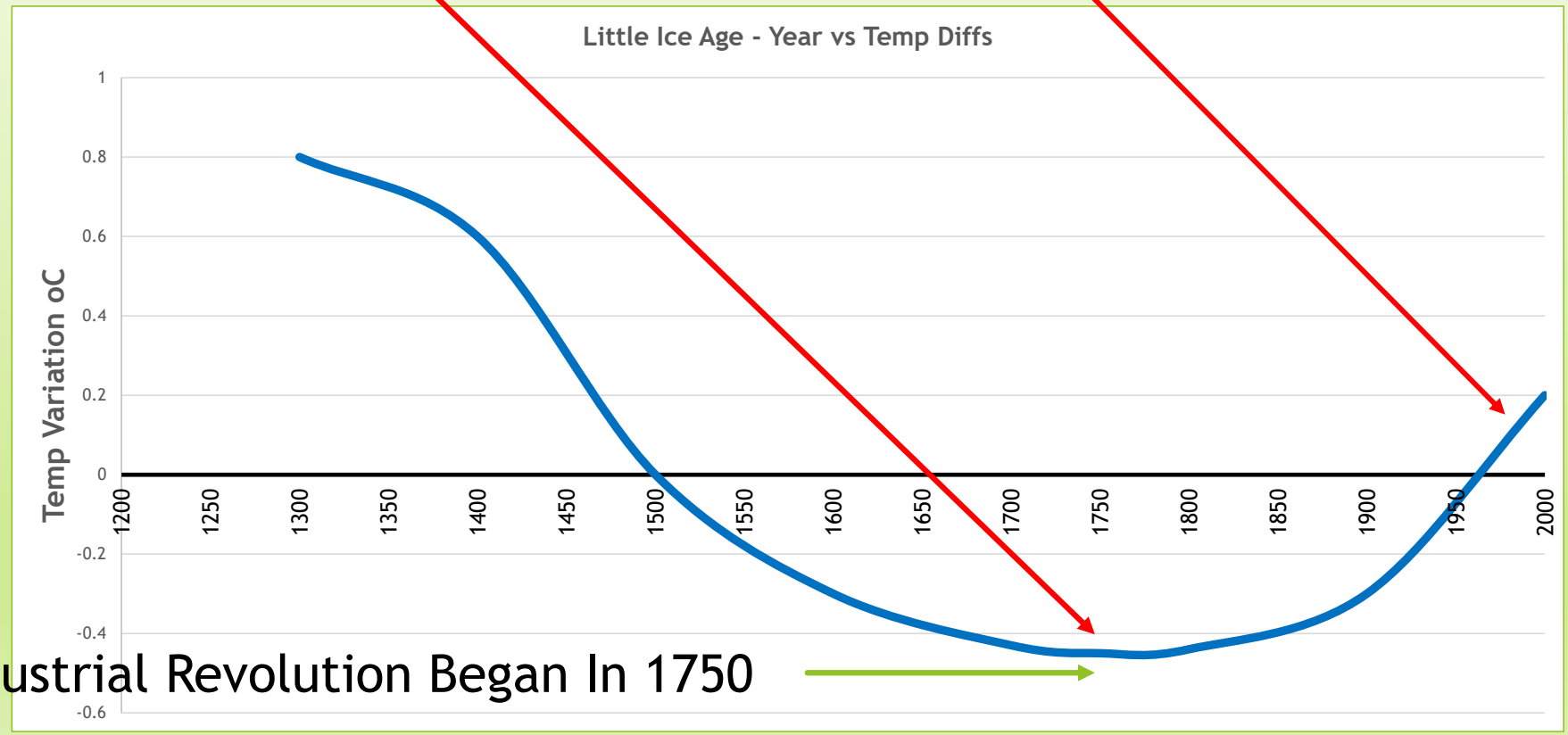
As the Industrial Revolution began in 1750

So what makes you think we are causing the temperature rise now?

Lincoln University Farm Technical Manual (2011) Page K-12

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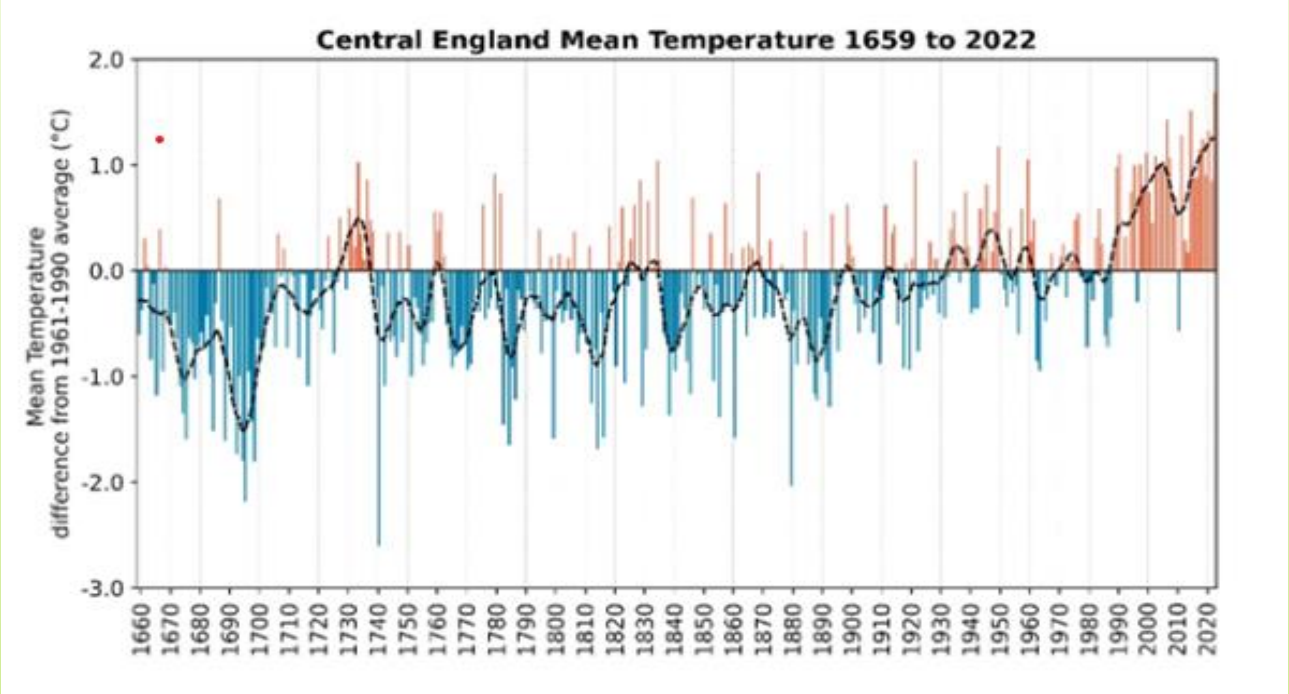
The Little Ice Began In The 1300's, It Peaked Around 1750 & We Are Still Recovering From It



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The Oldest Temperature Records In The World. They Commenced Soon After The Thermometer Was Invented Around 1654.

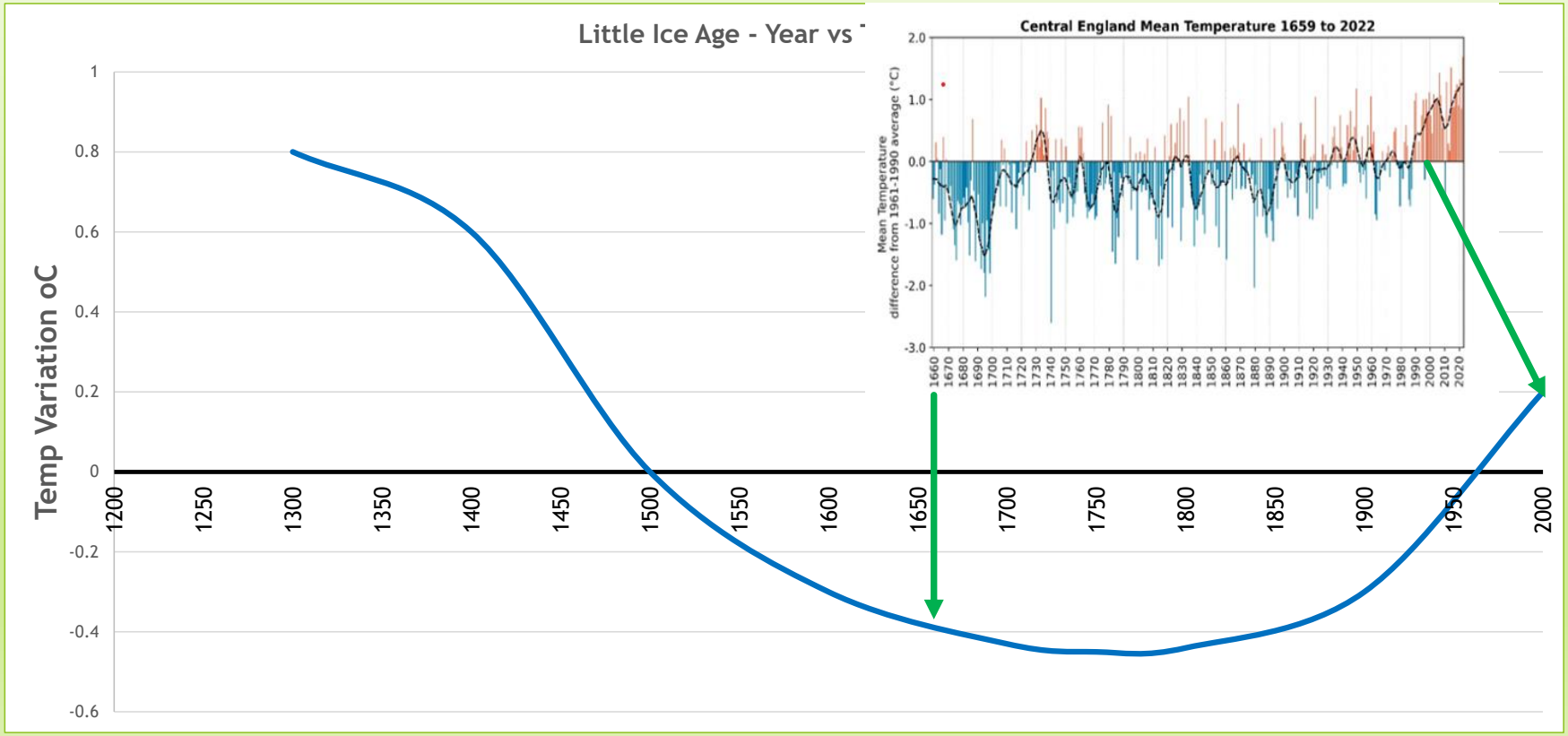
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https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/climate/maps-and-data/cet-series

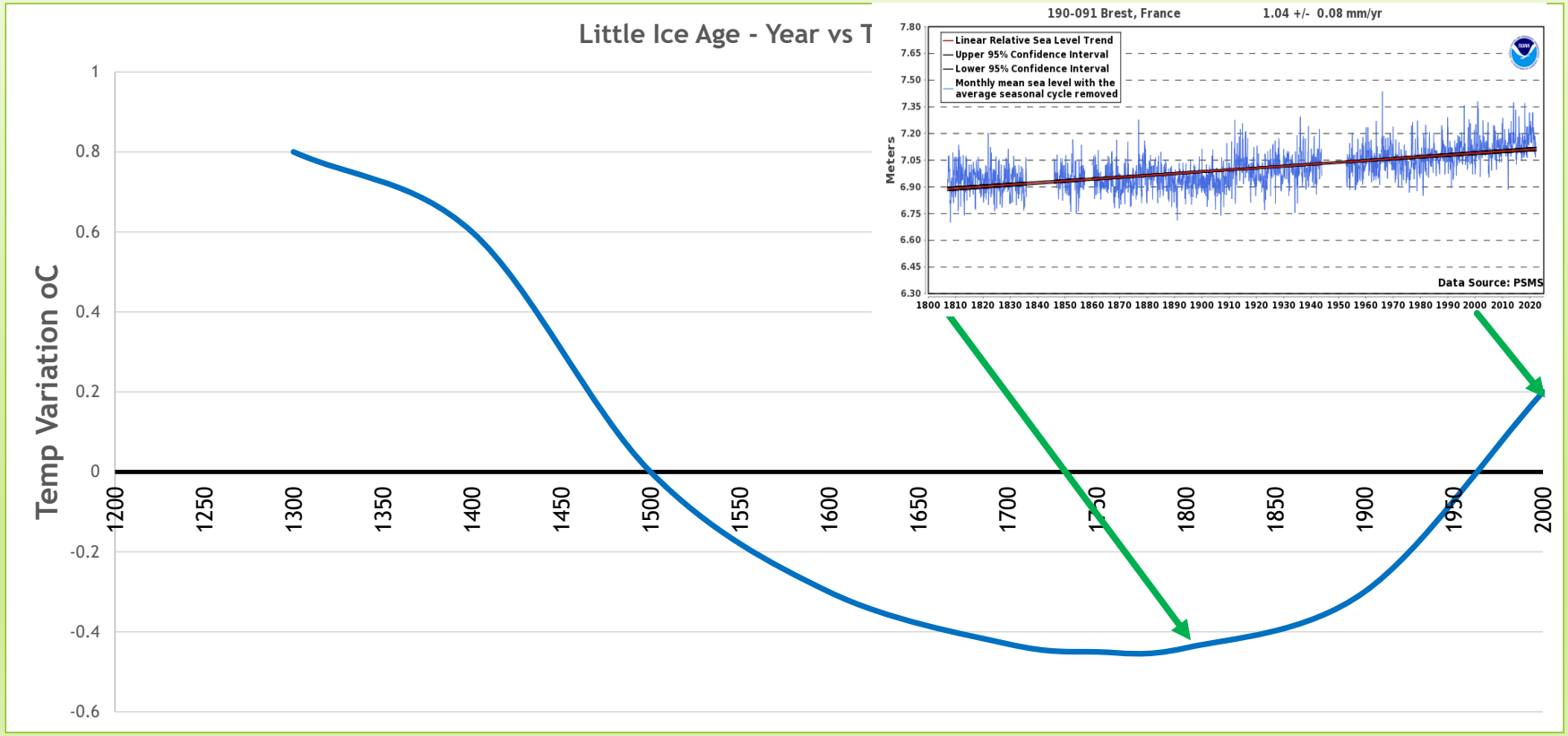
And The Records Show That The Earth Is Slowly Getting Warmer Due To Recovery From The Little Ice Age.

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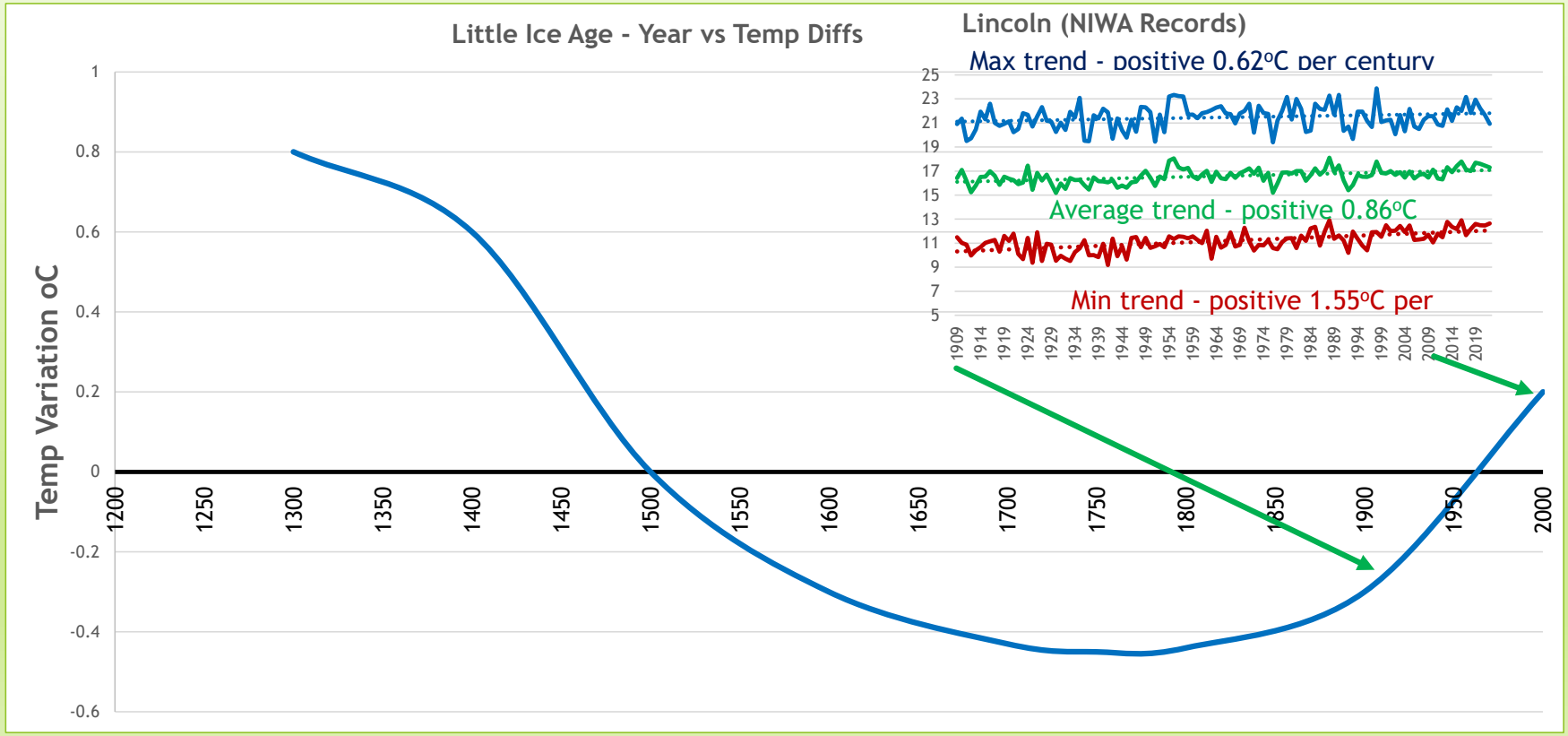
As Do The World's Oldest Sea Level Records

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As Do 110 Years Of Lincoln's Temperature Records

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Your Increase In Rates For Climate Change Are Being Justified By Predictions Of:

Lyttelton's sea level rise from 2023-2050 of 7.8 mm/yr, and

From 2050-2100, increasing to 13.4 mm/yr,

when for 100 years it has been linear at 2.9 mm/yr,

Average temperature increase of the equivalent of 1.86oC per century during 2023-2050, to 5.56oC per century during 2050-2100

When for the last 110 years it has been a linear increase of 0.82oC per century at Lincoln.

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There Is Therefore No Justification For Climate Change To Warrant An Increase In Rates.

Or to use climate change to limit the residence time of communities living near Lake Ellesmere.

The flooding in towns will come from the bitumen, concrete and roofing that concentrates rainfall into storm water systems that cannot deal with extremes. You are warranted to deal with that by using good design, but you cannot frighten residence, especially children, by using language of impending doom to support increases in rates.

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I Plead With You To Use Truth In Your Decisions, Not Politics Or Ideolgy

Here are some words of wisdom to encourage you.

Jesus said to “Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

Einstein said “The measure of intelligence is the ability to change”, and

“What is right is not always popular & what is popular is not always right”, and

“Few are those who see with their own eyes & feel with their own hearts”, and finally

“The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don’t do anything about it”.

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French electric police van powered by a diesel generator is a screaming example of how ridiculous it is to be taxing your own people for a theory so desperately short of evidence.

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By The Way, The Rise In Temperature Of The Little Ice Age Explains The Slow Rise In CO_2.

Just Watch This Short Video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK4reyh86w0

Thank you.

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Details of submitter No: 1280 - Richard Johnson

Submitter:	Richard Johnson
Organisation:	Rebel Paintball Group inc.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

Other comments

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

Our sports club is looking for a home field in the Selwyn district area
We offer an alternative sport for those youth growing out of the regular mainstream sports.
We have all the equipment, including scrim (safety netting to contain the gel balls and keep the public safe).
We have over 20 sets of gear that we lend out to new and junior players, so they do not feel they have to purchase gear to try this sport.
plus our club players also lend out their personal gear to new players
We are really just looking for a small piece of land that we are able to grow our sport from

Just a little background on our sports club that may be helpful.
Our club is very serious about the safety of not only our members but also the safety of the public.
Over 10 years ago, our club set the safety standard for the South Island clubs, commercial operators, and events.
I have organized and run many large events throughout the South Island over the years, including the 30th anniversary of paintball in NZ event, which was the largest paintball event the South Island has ever had.

We work with site specific health and safety plans for every site, and this is strictly adhered to.
We are wanting to bring the competitive sport of paintball to the public as a spectator sport (as it is around the world) and as a sport that the public can be involved in.
It is not only Stag do's and birthday parties. I have been playing competitively in NZ for over 20 years, and Canterbury has been producing very competitive teams for much longer than that.

We are looking for either a tree/bush type area similar to 43°33'43.0"S 172°27'37.5"E - Google Maps (Waterholes Rd/ Main South Rd) for our recreational players, woodsball league and events (We would not require the whole block which gives plenty of buffer for safe zones on all four sides)an old gravel pit (the likes of Robbinson's Rd gravel pit) or paddock area that we could build a scenario field for our recreational players and for training our competitive players.
and or a small sports field (50m x 50m would be great) that we can train our next generation of competitive tournament players and to hold South Island tournaments from.

use this space at the end of the rugby field (similar to 43°31'34.8"S 172°22'00.2"E - Google Maps This has very tall dense tree lines on two sides and would be real easy for us to run safety scrim netting to enclose the field of play on the other two sides giving safe zone for spectators and there are plenty of public toilets etc within the reserve

My personal focus is to grow the junior and youth side of our club and I feel the Selwyn District youth could benefit hugely along the way with such an exciting sport for them to come into if they do not fit into traditional sports or as they grow out of the regular mainstream sports.
In return helping with fund raising opportunities to support local youth groups, schools, sports clubs etc while giving local youth a new focus and also to encourage them to give back to their community
Whilst the sport is called paintball the balls are not actually paint
The balls that we use throughout New Zealand have an outer shell made from gelatin which contains a vegetable based, non-toxic water-soluble fill.
The "Gelballs" nowadays are made of materials found in food items, and are actually edible incase some of the fill

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does manage to get into someone mouth (although to incredibly tasty)
Completely biodegradable. Water-soluble and the outer shell will start to break down in contact with even just a light dew
Our markers run on air not CO2 so no flammable gasses onsite

with regards

Richard Johnson

Paintball Canterbury
Sport ambassador - Youth development!

Vice President - *Rebel Paintball Group Incorporated*









Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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	SupAir -44 Piece
	Youth woods

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Details of submitter No: 1281 - Renée Habluetzel

Submitter:	Renée Habluetzel

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Submitter Details

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So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

I am not sure about what is best but do not want to see delays stop work on getting better public transport

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Other comments

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Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre

- I would like to see council support the refurbishment of the DOC Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre otherwise known as Park HQ. I understand council is not keen to provide funding but other support could be offered that would be useful. The SDC Heritage Team have been a wonderful support to the Arthur's Pass community helping with the Otira Tunnel centenary and assisting in protecting what remains inside Park HQ. We would like to have more help to continue the work that will need to be done with interpretation when the Visitor Centre is refurbished.

- We are more hopeful that the building will be earthquake strengthened and refurbished after meeting with the DOC project manager in April. Work on the dbc begins in September.

- A refurbished Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre is the closest thing the Selwyn District will have to a Museum or similar facility, on this basis council needs to do what it can to make it happen

- Arthur's Pass National Park (APNP) is the Selwyn District's only National Park, this needs to have a much bigger profile than just using images of mountains and kea. A story needs to go with the images about how to protect our National Park and our taonga species like kea.

Biodiversity

- Arthur's Pass village needs a kea feeding by law, making it an offence to feed kea. Kea are Nationally Threatened, the next step is heading toward extinction. We also need a 30km speed limit to protect kea from being hit by cars.

- More acknowledgement of all the work happening in APNP, there is alot of work with Whio, Kākāriki karaka happening. These are all things locals need to value in their area.

Civil Defense

In the past ParkHQ was used as the Civil Defense base and would love to see the Civil Defense and Community Response team work from the building again.
Since the closure of the building CRT has had to store equipment at various places in the village. We need a permanent base so we can be prepared for AF8.

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From: Arthur's Pass Historic Group

To: Selwyn District Council

Submission of the Arthur's Pass Historic Group on the Selwyn District Long Term Plan

The Arthur's Pass Historic Group

The Arthur's Pass Historic Group is a subcommittee of the Arthur's Pass Association and comprises of a group of Arthur's Pass residents and property owners who are protecting and advocating for the history of Arthur's Pass.

The Historic Group currently has a focus on:

- **Documenting, preserving and cataloguing historic items in Arthur's Pass**. This includes: digitizing over 200 maps, building plans and other similar large format documents; cataloguing over ## items in e-hive; working with the Selwyn Council, Canterbury Museum and Department of Conservation to ensure safe storage of items of historic value
- **Working with Selwyn Council to record local stories**.
- **Seeking the restoration and reopening of the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre** as a conservation hub, to engage people and as a place to tell stories of the history of the area

The Historic Group has a close and positive relationship with Selwyn Council with collaboration on recording stories, preserving and digitising items of historic value and collaboration on the wider district's efforts to protect and record history. Without the active support and advice of the heritage team at the Council it is unlikely that the Historic Group would have achieved the progress that it has to date.

Refurbishment of the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre aka ParkHQ

The Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre was originally conceived as a museum and community hall for the Arthur's Pass community and was built as a partnership between the then Arthur's Pass National Park Board and the local community with the community providing the funds and the Crown matching the community fundraising. The building was transferred to the Department of Conservation during the state sector reorganisation in the 1980s.

The building is in need of earthquake strengthening, maintenance and an upgrade. The Department of Conservation has approved an indicative business case for its repair and upgrade and is now proceeding to a detailed business case that will take restoration work through the building consent process to where final decisions can be made on releasing funds to do the work.

Archive Room in the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre

Although the bulk of the purpose of the building falls within the mandate and responsibility of the Department of Conservation, some of the community and historic function does not and Selwyn District support will help the community and Department to get the project across the line.

At the same time, the community is facing increased demands because of interest in the history of Arthur's Pass, including the donation of items such as the historic Oscar Coberger skis that are currently being displayed by the Council. The community is keen for space within the revitalized Visitor Centre to be dedicated to the community's role in supporting the district's story-telling and for protecting historic items in the Arthur's Pass collection

The Arthur's Pass Historic Group requests that the Council allocate up to a cap of $80,000 as a contribution towards constructing an archive room.

Historic studies scholarship

Prior to closure of the Arthur's Pass Visitor Centre for earthquake strengthening, the community had the benefit of a museum and heritage studies student from Victoria University who worked on cataloguing historic items. This enabled significant progress to be made in a community where community members are often stretched thin. The student and Victoria University's Museum and Heritage Studies' staff found this valuable.

The community would like to restablish this summer internship in the form of a scholarship.

The Arthur's Pass Historic Group requests $10,000 annual scholarship to develop and maintain the archive of the Arthur's Pass collection, to develop stories from the information kept in the archive, to carry out historic research and assist with displays. This would enable the student to be paid a living wage for 8 weeks and to cover costs associated with the scholarship.

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Details of submitter No: 1286 - Nikau Te Ngaru

Submitter:	Nikau Te Ngaru

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My name is Nikau and I am a kid at the Selwyn Huts. I love living here because I have lots of friends here and my mum and papa have lots of friends. It is like everyone is our family. My grandma lives here and I love to see her every single day. I am really sad that you don't want us to live here anymore. It is a great place to live and I always feel very safe because I know everyone is looking out for me. Maybe if you visit us and get to know what it is like here then you will change your mind. Since you said we can't live here anymore everyone is sad. It makes me feel even more sad and I cry a lot. My mum cries all the time. She is always scared about not having money and sometimes when I ask her to buy me something she says no because you are making us pay more money for our toilets. This isnt fair because other people dont have to pay more. They all pay the same. We should pay the same too. If everybody shares then it is only a little bit. We were going to go on a holiday to visit my papas marae at christmas but now we arent going to go because it will cost too much money. My papa also says no when I ask to go to the dairy or buy extra things at the shop. I am not going to get as much pocket money any more and that is ok but it will take me a really long time to save for a new bike. Please think about it and let us stay and dont make us pay lots of money. This place is very special and it is making everybody sad that it will be gone

(1) HISTORICAL VALUE

An 1881 plan shows the reserve on which the huts would come to be established was in existence and by the 1890's at the latest there were huts established there, mainly for fishing and hunting. Given this pre-1900 date, the huts are an archaeological site under the Heritage Pouhere Taonga New Zealand Act. There is a long historic and cultural association with the huts and community over the three centuries of occupation. The Reserve is Crown Land, administered by the Selwyn District Council. In 2015 the purpose was changed (by the Department Conservation) from recreation reserve to Local Purpose – Hut Settlement. On 8 May 2019, the Council unanimously determined that 'Hut licences and subsequent renewals are short term and ultimately for a finite period' . At its 13 March 2024 meeting Council resolved to accept option 2 (of 4 options) and offered Residents a final 15 year term for occupation of their huts.

Put the Selwyn Huts on the DWR. The reasons being

(a) We will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston who pay DWR and we have previously paid for our sewer system twice before, the requirement for being put on DWR.

(b) We have already paid for the water upgrade in 2018

(c) We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district.

(d) We already pay DWR for Recreation Reserve Rate; General Purpose Rate; Library Charge; Community Centre Rate; Uniform Annual General Rate; Water Race (Amenity) Rate; Area Board; Swimming Pools; Canterbury Museum Levy; and Land Drainage. We should also be added to the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.

(e) Towards25 LTP Document stated:
"The Council is proposing to introduce a new way of funding water and wastewater, community centres/halls and recreation reserves. These services are currently funded through targeted rates and the Council is proposing to meet the costs of these services by introducing standard district-wide rates. Underpinning this proposal is the view that Selwyn should be seen as one integrated district, rather than simply a series of detached townships. The Council acknowledges that where residents across the district receive a similar level of service for key infrastructure, the cost to residents should also be consistent. In the case of water and wastewater this proposal will also help keep these services affordable for smaller communities."

This document also has USH specifically listed in the "Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates" table.

From this we conclude there was a clear intention to include USH in the DWR for sewer and water. This is even more relevant now we will soon be on the same sewer system as Leeston.

(f) Buddle Findlay's Legal Opinion dated 04/03/2019 states "We note that the Council has recently tended to move to a model where the costs of provision of network infrastructure (such as waste water infrastructure) are spread across the district (ie under district wide targeted rates). It would go against the trend for the Council now to look to recover the greater costs of continuing to provide water services to the [Upper Selwyn] Huts solely from that community."

(g) Council has already agreed to fund 70% of the sewer upgrade, indicating the district is prepared to pay towards USH sewer upgrade. There is no good reason why the Council couldn't find the full amount. This was proposed in 4.12.4 of the "Upper Selwyn Huts Future Occupancy Strategy" report dated 04/03/2024.

It. Is. The. Right. Thing. To. Do !!!!

Given the reasons above there is no reason why USH Can not be put on the DWR for Sewer and Water like everyone else.

Additionally we also request that our reticulation system be replaced by SDC as they have been responsible for this since 1989. It is not our fault that you have dropped the ball and neglected us

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Details of submitter No: 1291 - Stephen Talbot

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Organisation:	Hope Presbyterian Network

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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Organisation: Hope Presbyterian Network

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Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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Please add any comments you may have

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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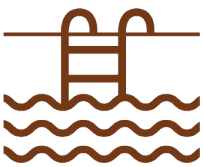
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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

Economic Development

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We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

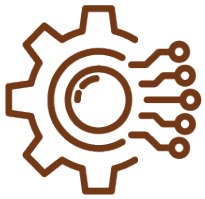


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

Other comments

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Submission from Hope Presbyterian Network

As representatives of Hope Presbyterian Church Rolleston and West Melton, the Hope Presbyterian Network submits this proposal to the Selwyn District Council's Long-Term Plan

Who We Are:

The Hope Presbyterian network is made up of Hope Presbyterian Church, Te Whare Awhero, Youth Southwest Christchurch, and Hope Funerals. We serve and are actively involved within the Christchurch City Council and Selwyn District Council geographical areas.

With over 20 years of active engagement in the Rolleston and West Melton communities, we have developed hubs in both areas, responding to their growth and evolving needs through a community-led approach. We prioritise collaboration to foster positive outcomes and although we are a faith-based organisation, our experience has shown that this aspect does not hinder community participation in our programs and events. This inclusivity can be largely attributed to the significant role churches and their people played during the Christchurch earthquake recovery. Faith-based organisations, including ours, opened their doors wide to

support the community for the greater good—a practice we proudly continue at HOPE in both of our locations in Selwyn and through our associated trusts. We have and continue to be widely embraced by the community.

Addressing Growing Needs: Dana, Mana, and Anika, our paid staff lead teams that cover both Community and Youth portfolios. The paid roles are currently funded through minimal grants. However, this funding model is becoming unsustainable due to the district's rapid growth and increasing needs being identified. We have come this far largely thanks to our dedicated volunteers and our numerous partnerships. However, as we look to the future, it's clear that the growing demands with Selwyn and especially Rolleston are substantial. We see the potential for HOPE to serve as a central community hub, not just in West Melton and Rolleston, but across the district.

Recommendation for Collaboration: With the Selwyn District Council developing key community strategies focused on youth and ageing well, we strongly recommend considering HOPE as a pivotal community hub and partner to support these strategies proactively. HOPE would ask that the Selwyn District Council invest directly into HOPE as a collaborative partner, like HOPE is investing in the Selwyn communities. With the Piki Amokura and Te Paepae strategies being developed, we believe we can play a part in assisting in leading the development and delivery of services in these areas.

HOPE has a deep understanding of local needs from a community-led perspective and is eager to collaborate more extensively with the Selwyn District Council. Moving forward, we acknowledge that relying solely on volunteer support to address these community issues effectively is no longer feasible. HOPE's primary focus is to support the community's rapid growth to ensure continued thriving through positive, authentic engagement. We would encourage the Selwyn District Council to engage with us further, as we both aim to enhance the well-being of our communities and HOPE needs to do better at partnering with SDC which is why we present our submission.

Current Community Activities: Our current initiatives are made possible through the 7,881 hours of volunteer time by the community and funding from HOPE to enable this to happen. These initiatives include.

Community Engagement

- Op Shop
  - Low costs quality op shop (weekly)
  - Low-cost counselling (weekly - Te Whare Awhero)
  - Developing partnerships with other local agencies.
- Women's Coffee Group
- Prison Chaplaincy
- NZDF Burnham Camp involvement through Chaplaincy.
- Community Markets
- Time for mums (fortnightly)
- Christmas Events
  - Selwyn Carols
  - Carols on Kirrin
  - Christmas Tree Grotto
  -
- Firewood Mission (free firewood to those in need)
- Hope in the Streets
- Mana Ake (Te Whare Awhero)
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Elderly Engagement

- Café Connection (monthly)
- Foot Clinic (Monthly)
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Youth and Children

- School Holiday programmes
- 24/7 youth workers in schools
- Friday Night Youth
- Alternative Education (Rolleston)
- Top Town (HOPE's model)
- Occasional School lunch programmes

Collaborations and Partnerships: We collaborate extensively with organisations such as Youth Southwest Christchurch, Mana Ake, E Tu Tangata, Moral Compass, Kairos Trust, Te Whare Awhero, Hope Funerals, CDN Trust, and 24/7 Youth to maximise our impact. We are actively exploring collaborations with entities like the Salvation Army and Selwyn Parenting Network to enhance our services and reach.

Emerging Needs and Future Directions: Recent observations highlight a growing demand for family support, evidenced by increased attendance at our new mum's group and multicultural participation in community events. HOPEs on the ground approach means we can easily identify the felt and real needs within the community. To meet evolving needs, we're focused on developing programs for older persons and fostering partnerships aligned with government contracts to support Selwyn residents effectively.

In conclusion, the Hope Presbyterian Network is committed to collaborating with the Selwyn District Council to create a thriving community for all residents. We invite the Council to engage with us further as we work together towards a brighter future as we have significant investment already within this community, and our people are embedded within the life of those who call Selwyn home.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the

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current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the upgrades detailed in the Leeston Park Master Plan over 15 years, including new pathways, carparks, toilets, park furniture, sports field lighting and irrigation, trees and plants, playground extension and upgrades, and park extension and signage.

Project cost:
Years 1-15: $9.49 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1-5: $10.23
Years 6-10: $6.05
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Submitter Details

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Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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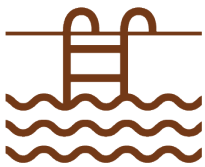
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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?

Economic Development

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We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

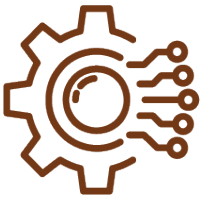


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%

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Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	LTP Submission - Frederick Hill

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Submission of Frederick Hill

To Selwyn District Council

On the Draft Long Term Plan – 2024-2034

1. **Big Decision 1**
   I support the Council's preferred option.
2. **Big Decision 2a**
   I support the Council's preferred option. The option must be fit for purpose for Civil Defense needs.
3. **Big Decision 2b**
   I support the Council's preferred option.
4. **Big Decision 3**
   I support the Council's preferred option.
5. **Sheffield Memorial Pool**
   I do not support the Councils preferred option I believe that the Sheffield school should be consulted, and their preferred option adopted.
6. **Water supplies**
   I believe the council should be urgently working with ECAN to minimise the impact of nitrates in water supplies.
   I also believe the Council should be actively working towards the introduction of Fluoride into at the least all large water supplies.
7. **Rural Walking and Cycling**
   a. The development of a cycle trail between Arthur's Pass and the plains should be a high priority. This would be of significant benefit to the economic development of Selwyn.
   b. The Castle Hill community and the canterbury mtb community have built a world class series of tracks, largely on DoC land. Under the arrangements with Doc this is largely the responsibility of those communities. I would like to see support for that work included in the regular and therefore long-term plan budgeting process.
8. **Wilding Conifers**
   a. The Craigieburn and Waimakariri basins are one of the success stories of the attempts to remove wilding conifers throughout New Zealand. This work requires ongoing action to make sure the trees don't reestablish. Financial support of WELRA would enable this to continue. The funding needs to be programed and regular.
   b. We are concerned about wildfires in the Craigieburn Valley. The removal of conifers around the Village would decrease the likely hood of this occurring. The issue is compounded because the alpine style promotes houses being close together.
   c. The reserves at Castle Hill contain a significant number of wilding conifers. They are all seed source trees. These trees need to be removed. The Village doesn't want to incur the costs of removing trees from the neighboring land. This removal work is urgent because these trees are still growing, and the cost of removal will only increase.

d. The delays in completing the Reserves Management Plan for Castle Hill are unacceptable and funding needs to be provided to complete this.

9. **Animal Pests**
   The land surrounding Castle Hill Village is home to many pests. Ongoing work to get these is again funded largely by the Village. Assistance and pest removal in other areas is requested.
10. **Dark Sky**
    Castle Hill is ideally suited to become a premium dark sky area. To achieve this we need the street lighting changed. We need assistance to get unsuitable lighting removed from houses etc.
11. **Green Waste Disposal**
    There a lot of vegetation in the village that is constantly being trimmed or removed. On many weekends there are multiple trailers of waste created. Currently this must be taken away by the owners. One of the issues is that it is often put in with general waste or worse left on the ground for others to pick up.



We would request that a solution for green waste be looked at and established. This could vary from providing an area to dump the waste and then shredding to a separate large waste bin for the village.

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Details of submitter No: 1296 - Paul Monk

Submitter:	Paul Monk
Organisation:	Squash Canterbury

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Paul **Last name:** Monk

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Squash Canterbury

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury have lodged a joint submission regarding construction of squash courts in Rolleston. We would like to present this submission in person.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Squash Canterbury and Squash NZ - Selwyn DC LTP FINAL

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Have Your Say

Selwyn District Council – Long-term Plan 2024-2034

1. Executive Summary

1.1. Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034.

We are submitting this proposal to Selwyn District Council on behalf of Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury, the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group, over 2,250 Squash Members in the Canterbury District and all the potential Squash players that are not able to participate in Squash due to the shortage of facilities that we have in the Selwyn District.

The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents, resulting in current players having to travel significant distances and limited access for new participants.

We request support from Selwyn District Council to support the investigation and planning for a new facility:

$**60,000 in budget in FY25** to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case
$40,000 in budget in FY26 to go towards undertaking Concept Design
$250,000 in budget in FY26-27 to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting
$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 to go towards Construction

We anticipate the total construction cost will be in excess of $3.5M and possibly as high as $5.5M thus completion of the project as preliminary conceived will require funding partnerships beyond what we are requesting Selwyn District Council might provide.

1.2. Need

The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the accessibility of squash as a sport, the shortage of facilities in the Selwyn District and the associated health benefits provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

1.3. Why Squash?

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries and in NZ by people of all descent. Squash brings together diverse cultures.
2. Squash offers a holistic workout that enhances cardiovascular health, muscle strength, agility, and endurance, aligning with global health recommendations.
3. Its adaptable nature makes squash accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, fostering inclusivity in sports participation.
4. Squash facilities provide opportunities for social interaction, teamwork, and fair play, promoting community cohesion and mental well-being.

5. Squash encourages lifelong engagement, offering challenges and rewards for players of all ages, contributing to active aging and social connectivity.
6. With avenues for both recreational play and competitive engagement, squash supports goal-setting, competition and skill improvement, enriching the overall sporting experience.
7. Squash can be played in all weather conditions with facilities able to be utilised over 365 days of the year.

1.4. Proposed Location

The proposed location for a new squash facility in Rolleston is based on its predicted population growth, demographic composition, absence of current squash amenities, central position within the District, potential economic advantages, and opportunities for collaborative partnerships in facility development.

We have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston:

1. A new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre
2. A new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

Further planning and investigation will be required to identify the preferred option.

1.5. Facility Design and Features

The design of the squash facility in Rolleston will be guided by a number of core principles:

1. Partnership: Collaboration with Iwi and local stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.
2. Multi-use: The facility will be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs.
3. Community Hub: Serving as a vibrant hub for recreational and social activities, the facility will foster connections, promote well-being, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.
4. Sustainability: The design will incorporate sustainable practices to minimize environmental impact, such as energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures, and the use of eco-friendly materials. As well as choosing a location that offers sustainable transport options for participants.
5. Accessibility: The facility will prioritize accessibility for all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for participation and engagement in squash and other activities.

1.6. Funding and Partnerships

Funding for the project will be sourced from a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors and sports organizations.

1.7. Timeline and Implementation

The proposed timeline includes phases for planning, design, approvals, construction, and a grand opening, with a commitment to close collaboration with the Selwyn District Council, stakeholders, and the community throughout the process.

1.8. Conclusion

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for its successful implementation.

2. Background information

2.1. Squash as a sport for Selwyn

Squash is a sport that not only engages individuals but also enriches entire communities through its diverse range of benefits. Here's why squash courts would be a valuable asset for Selwyn and Rolleston:

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries by more than 20 million people including commonwealth and former English colonised countries, Pacific Island nations, Europe, USA, Canada, South Africa, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Australia, and China. With 30% of Selwyn's population having arrived in New Zealand in the past 20 years, many of these ethnicities form a growing demographic of Selwyn's diverse cultural community. About 10% of Selwyn's 60,000 people have immigrated here from other countries. As experienced in other Districts in New Zealand, Squash will bring together these diverse cultures.
2. Health and Well-being Benefits: Squash is often referenced as the world's healthiest sport across a broad range of criteria (Forbes Magazine). It offers a comprehensive workout, promoting physical fitness, cardiovascular health, and mental well-being. The sport's fast-paced nature, combined with its accessibility for all ages and skill levels, makes it an enjoyable and effective way to stay active year-round in any weather.
3. Accessibility: Squash stands out as a sport that celebrates diversity and inclusivity, providing equal opportunities for individuals of all ages, genders, and skill levels to participate, enjoy, and excel. Its non-contact nature and flexible format allow for solo play or games with 2, 3, or 4 players, accommodating various preferences and abilities. With modified game types available, squash caters to both leisurely enjoyment and competitive engagement, ensuring accessibility for all. Interclub competitions epitomise squash's intergenerational and gender-neutral appeal, where a junior as young as 11 may challenge a senior player over 60. These events often feature mixed-gender matches, reflecting squash's commitment to inclusivity and fair play across age groups and skill levels.
4. Social Inclusion and Personal Development: Squash serves as a platform for social inclusion, personal growth, and skill development. It encourages the development of social skills, self-confidence, and mental well-being, while providing opportunities for individuals to engage in meaningful physical activity. Squash facilities also serve as community hubs, bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging.
5. International Pathways and Olympics: Squash offers international pathways for aspiring athletes, with various professional and amateur tournaments worldwide. Additionally, squash is a Commonwealth Games sport and will be included in the Olympics from 2028, providing opportunities for community members to engage with the sport at a global level and inspiring future generations of athletes.

2.2. Squash Facilities in New Zealand

Squash facilities in New Zealand serve as vital hubs for fostering community engagement, promoting physical activity, and nurturing talent in the sport. With over 300 facilities and 750 courts spread across the country, these venues provide spaces for players of all ages and skill levels to participate in squash, from casual recreational play to competitive tournaments. However, many of these facilities face challenges such as aging infrastructure, limited resources for maintenance, and fluctuating membership numbers, which can impact their overall condition and sustainability.

Surveys have shown that greater than 70% of affiliated squash facilities are over 40 years old and more than 60% are rated at average or lesser condition. It also highlighted that squash is under-delivering in the provision of warm, clean, quality courts. Where Courts have been significantly upgraded or rebuilt in Christchurch (largely as a result of the

2010/2011 Earthquakes), there have been large increases in playing numbers, including in the younger age groups. This demonstrates the importance of modern, purpose-built facilities and the high latent demand for squash.

Recognizing the importance of addressing these challenges and ensuring the continued growth and viability of squash facilities nationwide, Squash New Zealand developed a National Facility Strategy in 2022. This is a comprehensive plan aimed at addressing the development, maintenance, and enhancement of squash facilities throughout the country. By providing a strategic framework for decision-making, the Facilities Strategy seeks to support the long-term sustainability and success of squash facilities across New Zealand.

The relevance of this Facilities Strategy extends to the Selwyn District, where the growing ethnically diverse and relatively young population and increasing demand for recreational opportunities highlight the need for modern, well-maintained community facilities. The strategy highlights 14 National Squash Facility Priorities based on the impact they could have.

Investigation into the need for additional squash courts in the Selwyn District to cater for the high forecast population growth was identified as one of these priorities.

2.3. Squash focus on tamariki and rangatahi

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury, are deeply committed to fostering youth participation in our communities, recognising the importance of instilling a love for sport from an early age. This is particularly pertinent in Selwyn District where, according to the 2018 census, 46% of the population was aged <20 years old. Some reasons that squash is the ideal activity for our tamariki and rangatahi are:

1. Squash encourages active lifestyles and regular physical activity, promoting lifelong health and well-being among tamariki and rangatahi.
2. The sport offers a unique blend of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and mental stimulation, contributing to overall fitness and cognitive development.
3. Squash fosters resilience and determination as young players learn to overcome challenges and setbacks on the court.
4. Through participation in squash, tamariki and rangatahi develop important life skills such as goal-setting, time management, and sportsmanship.
5. Squash provides a supportive and inclusive community environment where children and youth can build friendships and social connections that extend beyond the court.
6. As they progress in squash, tamariki and rangatahi have opportunities to represent their schools, clubs, and regions in interclub competitions and tournaments, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment.

We have implemented initiatives tailored to introduce tamariki and rangatahi to squash, providing them with avenues to engage and flourish in our sport including:

1. School Activation Programmes: These programmes aim to provide in curriculum lessons for numeracy and literacy through physical education and squash.
2. Coach / Activator Development: Creation of school modules specifically to upskill teachers in the coaching and deliver of squash.
3. Junior Programmes in clubs: Supporting clubs to appoint junior convenors who will grow junior programmes and participation within their clubs.
4. Skills and pathways: Developing resources where players can digitally track their skills and progress and supporting clubs to set up their own development pathways in partnership with local schools and parents.



2.4. New Zealand and Canterbury Youth Squash Development

Youth development is a key priority for Squash NZ and for Squash Canterbury. Within Canterbury, we are focussed on supporting coaches who are running programmes in secondary schools. These programmes have been particularly successful at Christchurch Boys High and Saint Bede's College by introducing a significant number of rangatahi to squash.

For 2024 and 2025, our focus is on expanding those programmes to a number of other schools commencing with Hoon Hay and Hornby High Schools. We have agreed with Sport Canterbury to use our approved Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding in these schools in order to target rangatahi who have not had the opportunity to play squash previously. To support the establishment of a squash facility in Rolleston, we will expand these programmes to schools in the Selwyn District.

We are also working closely with Squash NZ to build a larger network of coaches across the Canterbury District as this will enable us to meet predicted growth in demand and to ensure that all tamariki and rangatahi receive high quality and appropriate coaching. This will also allow us to rollout a squash school holiday programme in 2025.

Squash Canterbury supports a range of competition opportunities for tamaraiki and rangatahi. This includes weekly Junior Interclub and regular tournaments. These competition events provided opportunities for both fun and development. Depending on their own goals, tamariki and rangatahi are able to progress to Canterbury, New Zealand, and International level representative events and teams.

3. Current state of Squash in New Zealand, Canterbury, and Selwyn

Squash as a sport has 19,121 affiliated members and 100,000 people playing squash in New Zealand and has grown over the last seven years. The primary growth in our sport has come from a 36% growth in leisure players over that same period of time.

In the Squash Canterbury District, in 2021 there were 2,256 affiliated squash players and 1,261 casual participants with membership having grown by approximately 20% since 2014 (1.4%/year), well above the national average.

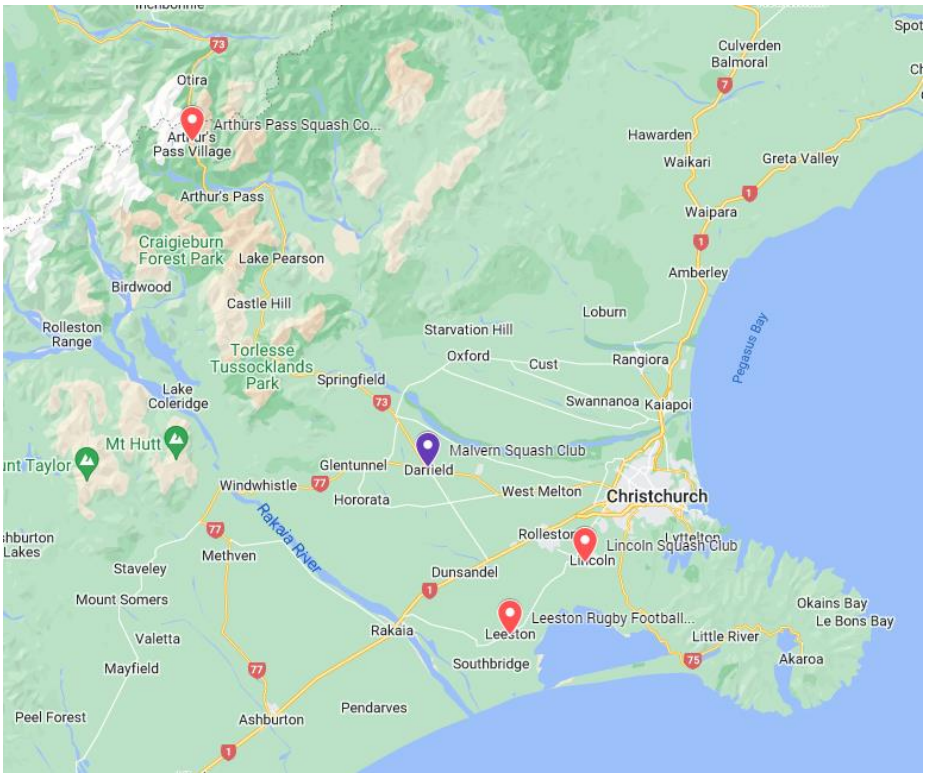
Currently in the Selwyn district we have four squash facilities, one that is run by an affiliated club – Malvern Squash Club and three that are not affiliated – Arthurs Pass Squash Courts, Lincoln Squash Club and Leeston Rugby Club.

With the National Strategy only able to survey affiliated clubs, we only have more in-depth information on Malvern Squash Club which in 2021 had 44 members and average quality facilities.

As only one of these facilities is managed and operated by an affiliated club, there is a significant risk that these courts could be lost to the community because the owners may decide to use them for something else. This has already happened to the squash courts in Lincoln, where there used to be four, but two were converted by the university into alternative facilities (a spin cycle studio and a climbing wall).

Between these four facilities there are a total of seven squash courts:

Facility	Type	Courts	Distance to Rolleston
Malvern Squash Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	29km
Leeston Rugby Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	24km
Lincoln Squash Club	University Facility	2 standard	10km
Arthurs Pass Squash Courts	Stand-alone	1 standard	120km



3.1. Need from the community

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury have been working in partnership with the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group, a group of passionate squash players mostly based in Rolleston who currently need to travel extensively to the above clubs to be able to participate.

This group have conducted an informal petition that has received 336 signatures in support of the development of a new squash facility. They have also submitted their own submission as part of the Long-term Plan process which we support and complements ours.

A couple of the highlights from the petition included these comments:

Stephen Gardner "Our family has just shifted out to Rolleston, like many others over the past few years. It would be great if there was a facility out here as our kids will be keen to play in a few years' time. I play competitively and it's a big drive into Christchurch to play, not to mention the carbon footprint associated with it. A modern facility would be a great community asset!"

Jennifer Barnden "Husband and I play squash, having to travel out of Rolleston weekly. Having a squash court in Rolleston would be awesome"

3.2. Identified need in Rolleston

The National Strategy analysed squash participation levels across the country including population per court, members per court and members per population. In this analysis, Auckland has been removed due to its population and number of courts being so different to the rest of the country, so any national analysis excludes Auckland.

1. The Canterbury District has a higher proportion of people per court (7,011 to 5,635) and significantly higher people per affiliated court (11,136 to 7,551) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that there are under supply of courts in the Canterbury District.**
2. The Canterbury District has a similar number of members per court (33 to 34) and slightly lower number of all players per court (36 to 38) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that with the number of courts in the district that we have roughly the right number of players.**

	Total Courts	2023 population	People/ court	Aff. Courts	People/Aff. Court	Affiliated members	Members/ court	All Players/ court
Canterbury	108	757,230	7,011	68	11,136	2,256	33	36
National	611	3,443,220	5,635	456	7,551	15,080	33	38

3. The Canterbury District has significantly lower number of squash players per population (0.46% to 0.70%) and affiliated squash players per population (0.30% to 0.44%) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that we should have a far higher number of squash players and people participating in squash in the Canterbury District.**

	Total Courts	2023 population	Affiliated members	All players	All players/pop	Aff. Players/pop
Canterbury	108	757,230	2,256	3,517	0.46%	0.30%
National	611	3,443,220	15,080	24217	0.70%	0.44%

4. The National Strategy provides guidelines for squash court provision to be one affiliated squash court for every 7,500 people, noting for urban areas to aim for one affiliated court for every 8,500 people.
5. Urban areas are generally considered to be areas with a population of over 5,000, so for Selwyn, Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton fall into this classification, so for the purpose of this analysis, we will use this Urban ratio to consider the whole Selwyn District as it is more conservative than the rural ratio.
6. The Selwyn District currently has much higher population per court (10,500 to 5,635) and population per affiliated court (36,750 to 6,412) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that the Selwyn District has a significant shortfall in the provision of squash courts even when considering all available courts as opposed to just affiliated courts.**
7. By 2048 it is projected that the Selwyn District will have a much higher population per court (15,214 to 6,403) and population per affiliated court (53,250 to 7,285) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that with the projected growth in the Selwyn District and the fact that there are currently no planned new squash courts that there will be an even greater shortfall in the provision of squash courts by 2048.**
8. When considering the National Strategy provision guidelines for squash court provision Selwyn is currently 6.6 affiliated courts short and this shortfall is projected to grow to 10.5 courts short by 2048. **This shows us that we need to start planning immediately for how we address this shortfall in squash courts and the facility size in Rolleston needs to be in excess of 6 courts now with a plan to expand to 10 courts over the coming decades.**

	Selwyn		Christchurch		National	
	2023	2048	2023	2048	2023	2048
Population	73,500	106,500	402,400	463,500	3,443,220	3,912,280
Courts	7	7	35	35	611	611
Affiliated courts	2	2	28	28	537	537
Pop per court	10,500	15,214	11,497	13,243	5,635	6,403
Pop per affiliated court	36,750	53,250	14,371	16,554	6,412	7,285
Recommended people per affiliated court	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Recommended courts	8.6	12.5	47.3	54.5	405.1	460.3
Shortage (all courts)	**1.6**	**5.5**	**12.3**	**19.5**	**-205.9**	**-150.7**
Shortage (affiliated courts)	**6.6**	**10.5**	**19.3**	**26.5**	**56.4**	**-76.7**

9. When considering the population in the Selwyn District and where current squash courts are located, most urban centres are close to or over the recommended number of squash courts, except for Rolleston. **This shows that Rolleston is the location in most need of additional squash courts in the Selwyn District.**

Selwyn District	2023 Population	Number of Squash Courts	Recommended Courts for population	Shortfall/ oversupply
Rolleston	29,600	0	3.5	-3.5
Lincoln	10,250	2	1.2	0.8
Prebbleton	5,280	0	0.6	-0.6
Darfield	3,150	2	0.4	1.6
West Melton	2,450	0	0.3	-0.3
Leeston	2,430	2	0.3	1.7

3.2.1. Need conclusion

1. This research shows that there is a very clear need for additional squash facilities in the Selwyn District and particularly in Rolleston.
2. Due to its central location, the location of population growth and where existing squash courts are located. Rolleston is the preferred location for additional provision of squash courts.
3. The Selwyn District with its project growth has the greatest shortfall in squash courts available to its population across New Zealand.
4. If we were to increase the supply of courts, given these severe shortfalls, with additional courts, local participation will likely rise rapidly.

4. Proposal

4.1. Purpose

Given Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury are already working with the non-affiliated court facilities in the Selwyn District to address some of the shortfall, the purpose of this submission is to outline the need for additional squash court provision in the Selwyn District and to identify options for how Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury can address this shortage, particularly in Rolleston, in partnership with Selwyn District Council.

4.2. Request

Our request is for financial support to help with the planning to determine the preferred option and support the generation of sufficient capital to build a facility.

1. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates $**60,000 in budget in FY25** to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case. This work generally costs in the region of $60,000 - $100,000. If Selwyn District Council is able to invest $60,000 towards this work, then Squash New Zealand is prepared to contribute $10,000 towards this and Sport Canterbury has indicated that they would also contribute financially.
2. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$40,000 in budget in FY26** to go towards undertaking Concept Design. If Selwyn District Council contributes $40,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required either from Squash NZ or from grant funding.
3. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$250,000 in budget in FY26-27** to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting. If Selwyn District Council contributes $200,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.
4. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 t**o go towards Construction. If Selwyn District Council contributes $2,500,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.

		Budget required		
	Financial Years	**Total cost**	**Request from Council**	**Contribution from others**
Needs Assessment	Complete	$0	$0	$0
Feasibility	FY25	$40 - 70k	$45k	$10k
Business Case	FY25	$20 - 30k	$15k	$10k
Concept Design	FY26	$40 - 60k	$40k	$20k

Design and consent	FY26-27	$300 - 500k	$200k	$100k
Construction	FY28-29	$3.5 - 5m	$2.5m	$1.5m
Total		**$3.9 - $5.7m**	**$2.8m**	**$1.64m**

4.3. Funding

With the overall capital build likely being in the range of $3.5 - $5.7m based on other similar builds that have happened recently, we anticipate that the contribution from Selwyn District Council will likely need to be roughly 60 – 70% of the total project cost with the upfront planning work likely requiring a higher proportion to be funded by Council.

We want to be very realistic about this ask as we know that the funding landscape currently is limited, with most major funders having limited resources and more and more applications for those resources every year.

The reality is that the traditional thinking for funding a facility of one third Council, one third sector funders, one third private is outdated and with Central Government no longer putting capital funding into local projects that Local Councils will generally have to fund a much higher proportion of the capital required for new community facilities.

This does give Council's a much greater say however in the outcomes they want from these facilities they are investing into.

We anticipate being able to raise $1 – 1,5m from various trusts and funders if we are able to secure initial funding from Selwyn District Council.

4.4. Options

We want to emphasise that we have started to consider several options to address the identified needs, with some smaller measures being identified such as working with unaffiliated clubs to become affiliated, supporting clubs in Christchurch and possibly developing courts at Lincoln University. However, due to the size of the need identified, we suggest that the development of additional squash courts in Rolleston is the only practical option to ensure that the community in the Selwyn District has the same ability to play squash as the rest of the country.

We are only at the initial investigation stage of this project and therefore all the figures provided in these options are provisional and based on other recent projects. Also, a lot of the assumptions made regarding these potential options still require extensive engagement and consultation with the key stakeholders such as Selwyn District Council, Lincoln University, and the local and Canterbury Squash community.

Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury and the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group (RSFDG) want to work in partnership with Selwyn District Council to further investigate these options and would like to request financial assistance to appoint a specialist consultant to undertake this work.

4.4.1. Option 1

Build a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre

After an initial consultation with staff at Selwyn District Council, the land at 96 Rolleston Drive, adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre was identified as a possible location for a new multisport capable squash facility.

With the existing Community Centre onsite, there is the ability to look at extending the community centre to cater for the squash courts and potentially sharing existing facilities such as toilets and car parking.

This is also the location of the youth hub, a central source of services and programmes targeted at rangatahi youth (12 to 24 years old) in the District. Conceived as a space where youth can go to receive targeted programmes and non-judgemental, confidential youth services from qualified agencies, a co-located squash facility could become a strong functional physical outlet for youth interested in physical fitness, collaboration, teamwork and mental health.

Co-locating squash courts with an existing facility offers a multitude of benefits that extend beyond squash itself such as:

1. Maximized Facility Utilisation: By integrating squash into the Community Centre, the facility can cater to a broader range of recreational activities and attract a more diverse audience. This increased utilisation enhances the facility's value proposition and contributes to its long-term sustainability.
2. Programming: Locating these facilities together could lead to joint programming and cross-promotion with other activities offered at the facility.
3. Enhanced Community Impact: A combined facility could become a community hub that encourages social interaction, cultural exchange, and community development.
4. Cost-Efficient Infrastructure Development: Building squash courts as an extension of an existing facility can be a cost-efficient approach compared to constructing a standalone facility. Utilising shared amenities, such as parking, toilets, and administrative spaces, reduces construction costs and streamlines operational expenses.



Devoy Centre, Tauranga, an eight-court facility overlaid on the potential location for a new squash facility in Rolleston.

Steps required:

1. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options. This would include determining whether attaching to the existing community centre is possible.
2. Engage with Selwyn District Council to begin process of Landowner Approval and securing a lease.
3. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
4. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
5. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
6. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
7. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
8. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
9. Secure funding for construction.
10. Engage construction company (if not included in previous stage) to undertake construction.

Example

The QE2 Park multi-sport facility in Brighton was a great example of squash working well with a number of other sports. The 6 squash courts were built under the main stands and operated for many years alongside the main stadium, swimming and dive pools, water features, gymnasium and other sports related facilities.

Not only did the co-location allow shared use of key services and infrastructure, but it also created a large uplift in demand for squash as many members of the public saw the sport and combined it with their swimming and other activities at the park. Unfortunately, when the Christchurch City Council demolished QE2 it did not have the funds to replace all facilities on the site and the squash courts were lost to the public. Members of the public often comment to Squash Canterbury that QE2 was where they had their first experience of squash.

4.4.2. Option 2

Build a new squash facility at or co-located with Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

The new second campus for Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata is slated to be built in the next 3-5 years but is currently on hold pending a Government review. Rolleston already has five primary schools (some of them large) and is planning for a high school student population of 3500 and once reached will be the largest in the country.

The second campus will be built on the Lincoln side of Rolleston. This is just 6 km from the Lincoln University campus (whereas downtown Rolleston is about 10 km). If a state-of-the-art squash development facility was to be built, not just a squash club or a multi-sport recreation centre, a very broad partnership could be envisioned that could include the sports science department within the Department of Tourism, Sport and Society at Lincoln University.

This would put Selwyn District on the map for producing world class squash athletes (fits with the Olympic games announcement, recent success at the Commonwealth games, and the vision of bringing the NZ Open to Christchurch beginning in March 2025). Since Auckland, Hamilton, or Wellington do not have International level facilities, the Christchurch area, already with the modern Christchurch club 8-court facility attached to a larger bar and restaurant facility and Richmond club redevelopment that is just beginning, is poised with its international Airport to become the New Zealand link to the world Professional Squash Association (PSA) Australasian PSA circuit.

In 2025 and 2026, Christchurch will host the NZ open, a PSA Silver level tournament with men's women's prize money of approximately $100,000 which will bring about half of the world's top 20 men's and women's players to Christchurch. This event will be held in the Issac Theatre Royal.

Steps required:

1. Engage with Rolleston College – Horoeka Haemata to determine interest in the development of squash courts on school land.
2. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options.
3. Engage with Rolleston College to begin process of securing a lease.
4. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
5. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
6. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
7. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
8. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
9. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
10. Secure funding for construction.
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Example
The Devoy Centre in Tauranga is a shining example of this kind of partnership. With 7 glass-back courts including 2 full-size doubles courts with moveable walls and an International all glass exhibition court, this facility was conceived by a leadership team that included former world champion New Zealander Dame Susan Devoy.

Juniors (under 19yrs) are a primary focus of this facility making up about 40% of the membership. Co-located with the high school using land leased from Tauranga Boys' College at no charge, in return for court access, this facility is a centre for youth development for the Tauranga region. The relationship extends beyond real estate and squash is now an integral part of the college curriculum.

The building is architecturally designed on a single level allowing for a very interactive and dynamic atmosphere for both members and guests. Natural lighting is a strong feature along with contemporary furniture and fixings.
Facility overview

- Purpose-built squash complex incorporating a gym
- 6 x glass-back courts with ASB walls and fully sprung floors
- Ability to move the internal walls on 3 courts to create 2 full-sized doubles courts)
- Dedicated exhibition court and re-locatable gallery seating allowing up to 250 spectators
- Shared gym facilities (with Tauranga Boys College) adjacent to squash facilities
- On-site fully equipped pro-shop stocking squash equipment
- 150m2 fully enclosed deck leading through large sliding doors into social area
- Central office, bar and café area can be managed by one person
- Members have electronic tag access to playing facilities
- Court access managed by online booking system through any device

The membership and participation numbers have grown significantly since the centre was first opened in 2011 from 220 to 600 now. This growth as meant that the club has had to introduce a waiting list policy because of the demand.

With the Rolleston College second campus development currently on hold and under review, there is an opportunity to reach out to Education New Zealand (Mō mātou) to discuss a partnership between Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury, Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata, Lincoln University, and Selwyn District Council.

5. Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034. The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents in the greater Selwyn District and particularly Rolleston.

The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn and Rolleston as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the multicultural demographics of Rolleston, and the associated social and health benefits to the community and its youth provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

So far, we have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston; a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre, and a new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata). Further planning and investigation will be required to identify additional options and the preferred option. We anticipate a series of consultations and collaboration with local Iwi and stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.

It is likely that the best option would be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs. Given the costs, we recognize this will take a funding partnership that would likely involve a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors, sports organizations and government grant. The ideal timeline for development would be as soon a practical but 4-5 years is more likely.

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for beginning the formal planning and consultation processes and to partner with Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury and the local squash community to see it through to a successful conclusion.

Martin Dowson
Chief Executive
Squash New Zealand

Paul Monk
Chair
Squash Canterbury

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have
Just an idea I have been pondering. Could there be a third bus route that ran just on weekdays for a few hours at the start and end of day that ran every 10 minutes following a route between Burnham School, Clearview School, Rolleston College, Lemonwood School, Rolleston Christian School, Te Rohutu Whio, and Rolleston School?

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

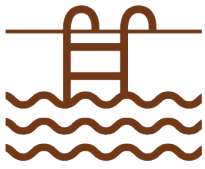
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Darfield is the heart of rural Selwyn! Indoor courts here would be highly sort after for a variety of sports. It would be even better if they could incorporate growing popular sports like: squash, archery. These sports are recognized at international levels but we do not offer our local young people or young at heart to embrace something different that interests them to be active!

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy



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that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

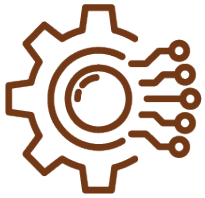


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?
I am all for seeing our local businesses thrive in our area and beyond.

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?
Haha absolutely support this. Does this mean the website will finally get updated? Hehe

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I did not see any specifics about how you plan to improve cycling lanes.

I am not in support of doing a design of Christchurch digging up half the road and putting a designated cycle lane on both sides of the road. This forces cars to park illegally on congested parking right by the road which causes dangerous blind spots at give way and stop signs. It also creates controversy as that is taken out of transport tax allocated funds instead of say a cycle "tax or levy" charge on each bike being purchased.

Additionally, my husband and many other Rolleston residents who cycle to Christchurch every day for work "faster than busing or driving a car in peak traffic!" into Hallswell/Wigram/Hornby cannot do so safely due to the scrapped funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi to complete the second stage of the Southern Motorway by not continuing the cycleway. I propose if the government will not finally finish that cycle way, could our local council considering continuing the Christchurch City Council's cycle/pedestrian path on Jones Road from Curraghs Road intersection through to Hoskyns Road please? There have been multitude of near misses with cyclists going down Jones Road with big vehicles and smaller cars who are not looking for cyclists not to mention it already being a narrow road. If you are not convinced? Jump on the number 5 bus and experience the driver having to pump the brakes to avoid swiping oncoming big vehicles like buses and trucks. It is a very unpleasant experience.

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Thank you for your time.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
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2030/31
2031/32
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2033/34

Please add any comments you may have

Build something that serves this community absolutely! Also, could it be considered putting a few squash courts or indoor archery facilities or other unique sports facilities in there that isn't already offered in other local sports facilities within 30 minute drive?

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

- The Upper Selwyn Huts should be listed as a history site on the District Plan. It pre-dates the 1900s so is an archaeological site under Heritage Pouhere Taonga Act
- All homes and all people should be protected. It's inhumane and disgusting to evict the Selwyn Huts residents from their home. Review the 15 year finite term and let us stay. This also helps preserve our kiwi history!!!
- It's unfair not to include Selwyn Huts on the District Wide Rate for water and sewer. Excluding a community in the district goes against the purpose of introducing the DWR in the first place. The legal opinion from Council's own lawyers have highlighted this. We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district
- Replace the reticulation system. Council have been in charge of this since 1989 and dropped the ball by not doing any maintenance and upgrades over the last 35 years.

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My submission to the SDC Long Term plan is to do with the sourcing of low nitrate drinking water for ALL residents of Selwyn.

The nitrate contamination of Selwyn freshwater is very serious. Environment Canterbury (Ecan) scientists have predicted that

nitrates in the Selwyn environment won't peak until at least 2037 and then, who knows how quickly it will decrease?

Myself and other Springston community members have held several community water testing sessions for private bore owners, over the last few years. In 2022 we found that nearly half of our 130 tests - 52 samples or 43% had nitrate levels at or over 5mg/L , which is nearly half of the Maximum Acceptable Value deemed by WHO and the Ministry of Health as a risk factor for Blue Baby Syndrome. (11 households had nitrate levels close to the MAV,

including a pregnant woman. All were advised to access lower nitrate water to be safe)

Nitrate in water at 5mg/L or above is also the level at which a Stanford University study and others have found that the
risk for premature births and low birth weight babies increased significantly. In light of these studies, the NZ College of Midwives
issued a statement in May 2021 advising women with drinking water at these levels to access water with lower nitrate levels.
They said, "it is prudent to take a precautionary approach and consider the lower threshold of 5mg/L (or lower) as safer
for pregnant women. If drinking water exceeds this threshold, pregnant women should consider accessing an alternative
water source such as bottled water, or investigate effective treatment options."
https://www.midwife.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Advice-to-member-Nitrates-May-2021-1.pdf

Considering the SDC already has 5 community supplies with nitrate levels at or above 5mg/L, **I ask that the SDC sets up low**

nitrate water collection points immediately. Nitrates in Selwyn water are going up, we have no time to waste on 'feasibility studies'.

Water collection points or water filling stations could be set up quickly and relatively cheaply so that both urban and and rural people

have access to low nitrate water. Many Selwyn residents currently have no choice unless they buy bottled water or install

expensive filtering systems.

While I understand the SDC has no statutory responsibility to assist rural private bore owners, the SDC does have a moral responsibility.
This is because the SDC championed the Central Plains Water scheme in its formative years, setting up the Trust that established CPW Ltd, even
loaning it money. Even the current Chair of the Board of Directors of CPW Limited is a SDC councillor.
The CPW scheme has allowed for more intensified agriculture on the Selwyn plains which has and will continue to contribute significant nitrate into the
environment which the SDC (highly ironically) is having to deal with in its community water supply systems.
To compare CPW nitrate pollution(sometimes called 'nitrate losses' but pollution nonetheless) to that created by Selwyn community sewage
is a sobering comparison. Ecan has set a limit for nitrate pollution from Selwyn community sewage at 62 tonnes/year.
The CPW scheme has a resource consent for 979 tonnes/year. Even if the scheme doesn't use its total pollution allocation, it is still well over 10 times

more than the entire Selwyn community pollutes!

It is fair and logical to ask CPW Limited to contribute to the $5.3 million you have budgeted for looking into sourcing low nitrate water - **I ask that the SDC investigate this**. If things get truly pear shaped and the SDC has to build nitrate reducing infrastructure for all its community water supplies, as outlined in a report commissioned by council in 2021, then somehow $100 to $322 million for the infrastructure will have to be found, along with $26 million a year to run it! Ouch!! *('Eye-watering cost to remove nitrates', Selwyn Times, Dec 15, 2021)*

Then we'll see how much the rates and ratepayers rise...

Thank you

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	Advice-to-member-Nitrates-May-2021-1

New Zealand College of Midwives
TE KĀRETI O NGA KAIWHAKAWHANAU KI AOTEAROA

Member advisory: 27th May 2021

Nitrate levels in drinking water: risks for pregnant women and formula-fed babies

Through land uses such as farming and sewage disposal systems, nitrate, a highly soluble compound, is released into the soil and easily transported through into groundwater.

Exposure to high nitrate levels in drinking water may prevent the blood from delivering oxygen throughout the body. High nitrates in drinking water have been associated with methaemoglobinaemia (blue baby syndrome) in infants who are formula fed and two recent international studies published in 2021 have also linked antenatal nitrate exposure in pregnant women to low birth weight (1) and preterm birth (2).

Currently, New Zealand Drinking Water Standards give a Maximum Acceptable Value (MAV) of 50mg/L for nitrate, which is equivalent to 11.3mg/L nitrate-N. This MAV is based on reducing the risk of methaemoglobinaemia (blue baby syndrome). However the two recent international studies have linked nitrate exposure above 5 mg/L during pregnancy to pre-term birth (20-31 weeks) and low birth weight. This finding is consistent with other studies looking at preterm and low birth weights (3-7).

Nitrate contamination in drinking water and adverse birth outcomes: emerging evidence is concerning for NZ – Public Health Expert, University of Otago, New Zealand

Nitrate levels do vary over the year. They are often highest in spring, and in areas where there is extensive irrigation, high nitrate levels can be found in late summer.

Advice

- Public / council-managed water supplies in New Zealand are monitored for nitrate levels and are generally considered safe to drink.
- Women and families who have a private water supply, such as drinking-well water should have their water regularly tested for nitrate levels. Regional councils may publish information which identify rural areas where nitrate levels in drinking water may be a concern.
- It is important to use a laboratory that has been approved by the Ministry of Health to carry out the analysis required.
- Although the current MAV for nitrates in drinking water supplies is equivalent to 11.3mg/L, it is prudent to take a precautionary approach and consider the lower threshold of 5mg/L (or lower) as safer for pregnant women.
- If drinking water exceeds this threshold, pregnant women should consider accessing an alternative water source such as bottled water, or investigate effective treatment options.

- The current recommendation is to use an alternative safe water supply (for example bottled water) to make up infant formula if the nitrate level is ≥11.3mg/L
- Nitrate is difficult to remove from water. Household cartridge / carbon filters, chemical treatment and boiling will not remove nitrate. Reverse osmosis and ion exchange can remove nitrate however these are expensive options.
- Breastfed babies are exposed to nitrates in the breast milk of their mothers, but they are protected against negative effects because the predominant organism (Lactobacillus species) in breastfed infants' gastrointestinal tracts does not convert nitrate to nitrite. It is nitrite that combines with fetal haemoglobin to prevent oxygen binding.

Further resources

https://www.cph.co.nz/health-risks-of-nitrates-in-drinking-water/

https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/environmental-health/drinking-water

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Details of submitter No: 1309 - Dan Te Ngaru

Submitter:	Dan Te Ngaru

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Dan **Last name:** Te Ngaru

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I fell in love with the Selwyn Huts the very first time I visited this beautiful place. It's where I fell in love with my wife, where I proposed to her, where our son was born and where he was raised. The news has hit us all hard, but the worst part is knowing that Council made the decision in May 2019 for the short-term finite licence but owners weren't made aware until March 2024. We bought late 2020, us, like the 48 other buyers since 2019, were not made aware. We could have saved our hard earned money and put it towards a deposit. Now you want to make us pay to destroy the homes that we love and tear apart our community, and not even have the decency to offer us any compensation. We don't want to be bought out, we want to stay for as long as it's safe to stay, but at least if there was compensation on the table the situation wouldn't be so stressful. And while on the subject of money, making us pay even more (for sewer and water) makes it even harder to save and secure any kind of future for us and for our family! In 15 years, I will be at retirement age. My wife and I will have to use all of the savings we can scrape together, reducing our quality of life over the next 15 years, and both our KiwiSaver to even get a foot in the door. Is a bank going to give a retired couple a big mortgage? So we will be starting from square 1 when we are meant to be enjoying our golden years. What a shitty position to be put in. Have some heart, review the 15 year term. Let us stay. Offer compensation if it's no longer safe to be here. Put us on the District Wide Rate.

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Details of submitter No: 1311 - Cara Te Ngaru-Zdrenca

Submitter:	Cara Te Ngaru-Zdrenca

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Cara **Last name:** Te Ngaru-Zdrenca

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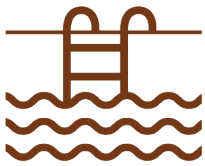
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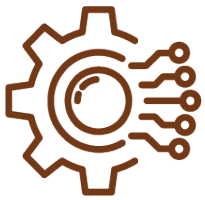
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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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It doesn't clearly outline what the proposed changes actually are?? So it's kind of hard to give feedback. I can say that your engagement on consultation process leaves a lot to be desired. Communities such as my own, at the Selwyn Huts, should be involved in projects concerning them and consulted during the process, not just told what's happening after everything has already been decided

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For most of my life, the Selwyn Huts has been the place that I call home. I am absolutely heartbroken following your recent decision, also completely blindsided and appalled at the way the Council has gone about it. This has had a major impact on my mental health and the general mental wellbeing of my whole family. The uncertainty that lies ahead is daunting and terrifying, and despite you saying that there will be a support team, we all feel like we are being left out in the cold. Giving us the number for Depression Helpline is not support. Involving Kainga Ora is not support. If this is a managed retreat then treat it like you would if it was any other area. Don't discriminate against us. We are home owners too, some of you seem to forget that. The Selwyn Huts is the only place that my son has ever known. Here, he is surrounded by friends and family and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. After overhearing some discussions and seeing me upset, he asked what was going on. Knowing how much my son loves being here, and how much security he has surrounded by the village that is raising him, how could I break this news to him? In a truthful but gentle way, I explained to him that some people think we shouldn't be allowed to live here anymore and we might have to move. It took him a while to register that meant everyone, and that this place wouldn't exist in the future. I saw the moment the penny dropped and he broke down. My heart broke – again

The thought of the financial burden ahead, not only starting from scratch at retirement age and too old to get a mortgage (if we are lucky enough to the maximum), having to pay tens of thousands of dollars to demolish the home that I cherish, but the increased cost coming with having to pay for the sewer and waste water upgrades sends my anxiety through the roof. Saving and planning for our future when we are already paying rates and have all the financial responsibilities that come with running a household and owning a home is hard enough. But then you add insult to injury by not including us on the District Wide Rate and make it even harder and even more stressful in these economically challenging times. Why would you think that it's ok to force someone out of their home, make them pay to demolish it, and not offer any financial support? Even though you say there will be some sort of help in the future, there has been no mention of financial support or compensation. Our proposed licence, as it stands now, clearly states that there will be no compensation. How is that ok? How are we supposed to feel? These are our homes and the way you are going about evicting us in this cold, cruel manner is disgusting. It makes me feel sick to think of all the things we won't be able to afford, not for ourselves, but for our children.

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It's amazing just how many people have a connection to the Selwyn Huts. It really is a magical place, with a rich history and holds many fond memories for people all over the globe. So many people that I have met over the years, when they find out where I live, share stories of their summers out here, or the great times that they had when they lived here, or visiting friends and family. What a shame to erase this beautiful piece of New Zealand history.

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
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Details of submitter No: 1316 - Richard Muckle

Submitter:	Richard Muckle

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Richard **Last name:** Muckle

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

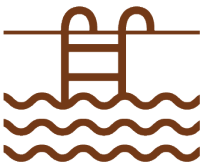
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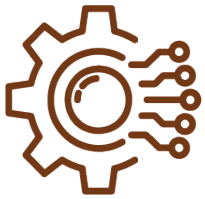


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Yes

Any comments?

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It is important to me that the community and infrastructure needs of the people of Glentunnel are provided for in the Selwyn Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, these needs include but are not limited to representation in Council decision making, public stormwater management and upgrading the public drinking water supply infrastructure in Glentunnel.

Roading in the district should also be a major priority.

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
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2028/29
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Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Details of submitter No: 1328 - kathryn claridge

Submitter:	kathryn claridge
Organisation:	Lincoln Community and Residents Association (INC)

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: kathryn **Last name:** claridge

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The Lincoln Community and Residents Association(INC) supports the decision to allocate funding for the upgrade of Gerald Street as suggested in the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan.

Recent community consultation on the 4 stage approach to the upgrade of Gerald Street has however raised the following concerns for consideration:

- The community has been concerned for some time about the state of the roading around Lincoln and in particular Gerald Street. Although the Lincoln Town Centre Plan was adopted in 2016, no work has been done apart from repair work which is continuing to fail and cost money and the population and traffic numbers continue to rise. The committee believes that it should therefore be a Council priority to progress this Plan much quicker than the draft plan suggests.
- The Association would like to see the rebuild of the Gerald Street infrastructure as well as roading and parking soon as possible, including footpaths, pedestrian crossing, undergrounding of overhead utilities, sensible and safe cycleways, traffic lights and a speed restriction.
- The community is concerned about road safety around Lincoln and would like consideration to be given to

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roading around the schools and to creating a traffic bypass (removing heavy traffic off Gerald Street)
- The community believes the council needs to re-consult with the community about the Lincoln Town Centre Plan and the council needs to listen to the concerns of the community.

Thanks

Kathryn Claridge

Chairperson

Lincoln Community and Residents Association

2/5/2024

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Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

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1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have
SDC has too many proposed plans for money they don't currently have. Object to building Park and Ride facilities and their cost.

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We want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

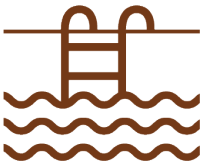
Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

Please add any comments you may have

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
Refurbish pool and resolve land stability and ownership issues.

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

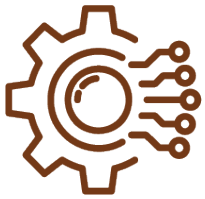
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No
Any comments?

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Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I object to chlorination of all Selwyn water supplies and want this ceased.

I want SDC to apply for Exemptions from chlorination.

I object to investigation about water centralisation. I object to water centralisation.

I object to any proposed fluoridation of any water supplies now or in the future.

NZTA transport requirements: SDC is proposing to spend $19M on roading. I object to this amount being spent and want it eliminated or revised downwards.

Lincoln Torn Centre upgrades: I object to doing this.

Planning further community facilities: should be put on hold in the current economic climate.

SDC Rolleston Office improvements: I object to this.

SDC should stick to their core functions.

I object to all upgrades of water and wastewater services.

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I strongly object to the widening of Ellesmere Road from Edward Street to Knights Stream. I live on Ellesmere Road, but have had no notification that this is going to occur or what the cost to ratepayers will be.

BORROWING: SDC appears to be planning to borrow significantly more than it brings in per annum for Rates. I object to this.

RATES LEVELS AND LIMITS: I object to SDC planned rates increases of approx 16%+ for the first year, double digits for the next three years, and a proposed 10% increases in rates for the remaining 6 years. The SDC has to budget according to its income.

Rates are forecast to double in the next 10 years.

SDC should stick to core functions.

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Due to high cost of this proposal (Leeston) I do not support anything other than a repair option.

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Council needs to cut, and seriously downgrade any proposed spending, as the proposed rates increases are already too large.

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Details of submitter No: 1337 - Letitia Lum

Submitter:	Letitia Lum
Organisation:	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust

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Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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Funding Report by Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust: Selwyn District Council Grant 2023 – 2024

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Te Ara Kākāriki in 2023:

2023 was another fantastic year of growth for the Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway with continued enthusiasm for planting indigenous species from landowners and volunteers.

The numbers overall for the trust were as follows:

- 43,853 seedlings were planted through all our programmes.
- 10,282 were planted through community and corporate plantout days.
- One landowner (Daniel Williams) planted an additional 2,700 plants themselves.
- 26,432 plants were planted by Kaimahi at the two legacy sites and twelve Otahuna properties.
- 4,419 seedlings were planted through the Kids Discovery Plantout Programme
- Planting was carried out at 38 Greendots, 11 of them new sites.
- We planted at 25 private sites and 13 public sites.
- 478 volunteers planted through volunteer and corporate plantout days.
- Ten landowners received a restoration plan.
- The trust has assisted in the planting of 237,180 ecosourced native seedlings at 145 unique sites
- Our Greendots now cover over 51 hectares.

Interest in planting indigenous species continues to be strong with a growing number of landowners calling for assistance to increase the size of their greendot plantings. In 2024 we look forward to planting our 250,000th native seedling and our 150th Greendot, we will celebrate these milestones at our Friends of Te Ara Kākāriki Meeting in July.

The Selwyn District Council Grant provides the trust with much needed security enabling us to plan ahead which is essential to give us time to select sites, write restoration plans and give nurseries a year's notice to grow the required plant species.

We have tracked spending and are proud of what we have achieved with our resources. There is an ongoing need for native restoration planting and protection in Waikiriri Selwyn. Therefore, we look forward to continuing our growing relationship with the Selwyn District Council.

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Letitia Lum, Trust Coordinator: letitia.lum@kakariki.org.nz
Pam Aldersley, Treasurer: treasurer@kakariki.org.nz

***Te Ara Kākāriki's full activity reports can be sent on request.**

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Restoration planning



Our Greendot committee, consisting of a minimum of three ecologists consider several factors such as size, shape, ecological value and owner inputs to the project before deciding which sites are most worthy of planting at. Once chosen we work with our ecologists to provide quality restoration planning to landowners, ensuring high levels of plant survival and a site that can be self-sustaining in the future.

Each restoration plan contains a plant list, maps and best practice advice. Restoration plans cover multiple years if required by the landowners, and plant lists are divided into groups of around 500 plants, a number which is manageable for volunteers to plant in a day and covers an area that is manageable for the landowner to maintain. It is hoped that after several years of planting with Te Ara Kākāriki many of these landowners feel confident enough to continue planting without the trust, enabling us to focus our attention on those just starting on their restoration projects.

2022 Restoration Plans – planted in 2023	
Waihora Park Reserve	Cnr Fiddlers Rd & Parks Rd, Motukarara
Lisa and Ro Phelan	2/73 Wardstay Rd, Tai Tapu
Alanah Tocker	336 Lincoln Tai Tapu Rd, Tai Tapu
Jeremy Wilson	68 Osborn Rd, Tai Tapu
Geoff Booth	1431 Coaltrack Rd, Burnham
Catherine and Jeremy Ross	538 Kowai Rd, Springfield
Bill Deans	531 Deans Rd, Darfield
Bron Faulkner	2a Tawera Lane, Springfield
Pippa and Henry Deans	Pig Saddle Rd, Malvern
Mike Searle	Ardlui Rd, Hororata
2023 Restoration Plans - for 2024 planting	
Ben Watson	81 Poplar Drive, Lincoln
Dominique Schacherer	338 Brookside and Irwell Rd, Leeston
Adele Wolt	22 Heaton Drive, Tai Tapu
Shaun Horan	99 Branch Drain Rd, Leeston
Mathew Deighton	68 Pitts Rd, Darfield
Hamish Faulkner	595 Rubicon Rd, Springfield / Kowai Bush
Bronwen and Cameron Seaward	270 Downs Rd, Hororata
Clayton Yaxley	106 Domain Rd, Springfield
Kirsten Baxter	427 Kimberly Rd, Darfield
Waimakariri Ecological and Landscape Restoration Allience (WELRA)	Helicopter Hill, Cragieburn
Extensions to existing plans 2023	
Daniel Williams	28 Midland Rd, Springfield
Jane and Henry Duncan	Cnr Cullens Rd and Waireka Rd, Darfield
Catherine and Jeremy Ross	538 Kowai Rd, Springfield

***Restoration plans will be sent on request.**

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2023 Planting Events funded with Selwyn District Council

EVENT	LOCATION(S)	VOLUNTEERS	PLANTS
Waterwise Plantout Day	Springston, Swamp Road	22	300
Canterbury Lower Catchment Plantout Day	Waihora Reserve Park and Wardstay Rd	70	1,692
Corporate Plantout Day	Bankside, Darrochs Rd	22	900
Kids Discovery – Ladbrooks Primary	Stackwoods Bend	74	400
Kids Discovery – Darfield Primary	McHughs Forest	105	400
Kids Discovery Lincoln Primary	Te Motu O Huritini	88	400





Contestable funding distribution – SDC and CPW.

Funds are awarded to greendot applicants each year to go towards plants and plant guards and are claimed after planting on production of receipts and proof of planting. Please note that the allocated funding provides a contribution rather than funding the whole planting.

Contestable Funds awarded 2023				
Area	**Name of landowner**	**SDC funding**	**CPW funding**	**Total Funding**
Motukarara	Waiora Park Reserve	$1,500		$1,500
Darfield	Bill Deans	$1,500		$1,500
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West Melton	Tony Hogg	$1,000		$1,000
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	Total funds allocated from SDC	**$10,000**	**$5,000**	**$15,000**

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Financial Summary – 2023 / 2024 financial year up to April 30th

Actions as shown in the fund agreement	Amount Spent (excl GST)
Coordination • Community planting days • Kids Discovery Plantout days • Greendot Tour • Administration of the trust	$11,930
Ecologist work • Restoration planning and advice for landowners • Laying out plants and speaking to volunteers • Meetings	$8,625
Landowner grants to contribute towards plants and plant guards	$10,000
Plants, guards and maintenance for Kids Discovery Plantout sites	$3,159
Travel for coordinators and ecologists	$1,485
Event Costs • Buses for volunteers • Food for volunteers • Portaloo hire • Promotion	$2,935
Totals (GST excl.)	$38,134

* NOTE The end of the financial year is June 30th so the whole grant has not been spent yet.

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Details of submitter No: 1338 - Sue Stokes

Submitter:	Sue Stokes
Organisation:	Malvern Swim School

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our budgeted option

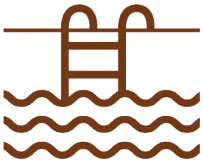
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Yes, only if it doesn't come at the expense of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

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Economic Development

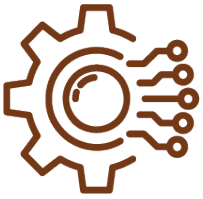


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To whom it may concern,

The Malvern Swim School business is writing to express their wholehearted support for the retention of a pool facility in Sheffield and to highlight the invaluable benefits that rural facilities like this bring to our community.

We began running lessons out of the Sheffield Memorial Pool back in 2018 for Sheffield School and have over the years, developed a relationship with Springfield School that sees us running lessons for their advanced swimmers at Sheffield. Following on from this, we developed afterschool and holiday programmes which this season (2023/24) we were running at full capacity and were hoping to follow this on with running two days afterschool in the 2024/25 season.

Running the lessons at Sheffield Memorial Pool has brought home the importance of having lessons accessible in the local community as many of our participants are restricted by being single-car families, unable to drive and the limited time it would take to travel elsewhere for these valuable lessons. It is essential that our tamariki are given the opportunity to develop aquatic skills as the lost of life of any child or adult would be devastating to the community.

We have noticed other advantages in having the pool local in the community such as: providing a space for families, friends, and individuals to engage in recreational activities, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity, overall wellbeing of our residents, both physically and socially, and promotes a healthy exercise lifestyle by offering a place for exercise and relaxation.

We also recognise this pool facility is not just that, it is also a war memorial, that was made possible by donations of time, money and land from the community. This will be a devastating lost of the older members of our community who saw those efforts given and takes away a teachable lesson to the younger members by not having the memorial preserved and respected as it should have been.

I urge you to support the Malvern Swim School in retaining a pool facility in the area, recognising its role in enhancing the quality of life for residents and contributing to the unique fabric of our rural community. Your support for this facility will undoubtedly have far-reaching positive effects for generations to come.

We also would urge the council to maintain the Memorial Pool for the 2024/25 season to give the community time to be consulted and come up with a reasonable solution that works for the community and council.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and dedication to the betterment of our community.

Sue Stokes - 02727217070

and

Tegan Holdem -0223233014

On behalf of Malvern Swim School

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Details of submitter No: 1340 - Tim Carter

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Organisation:	Carter Group Limited

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Yours faithfully

Tim Carter

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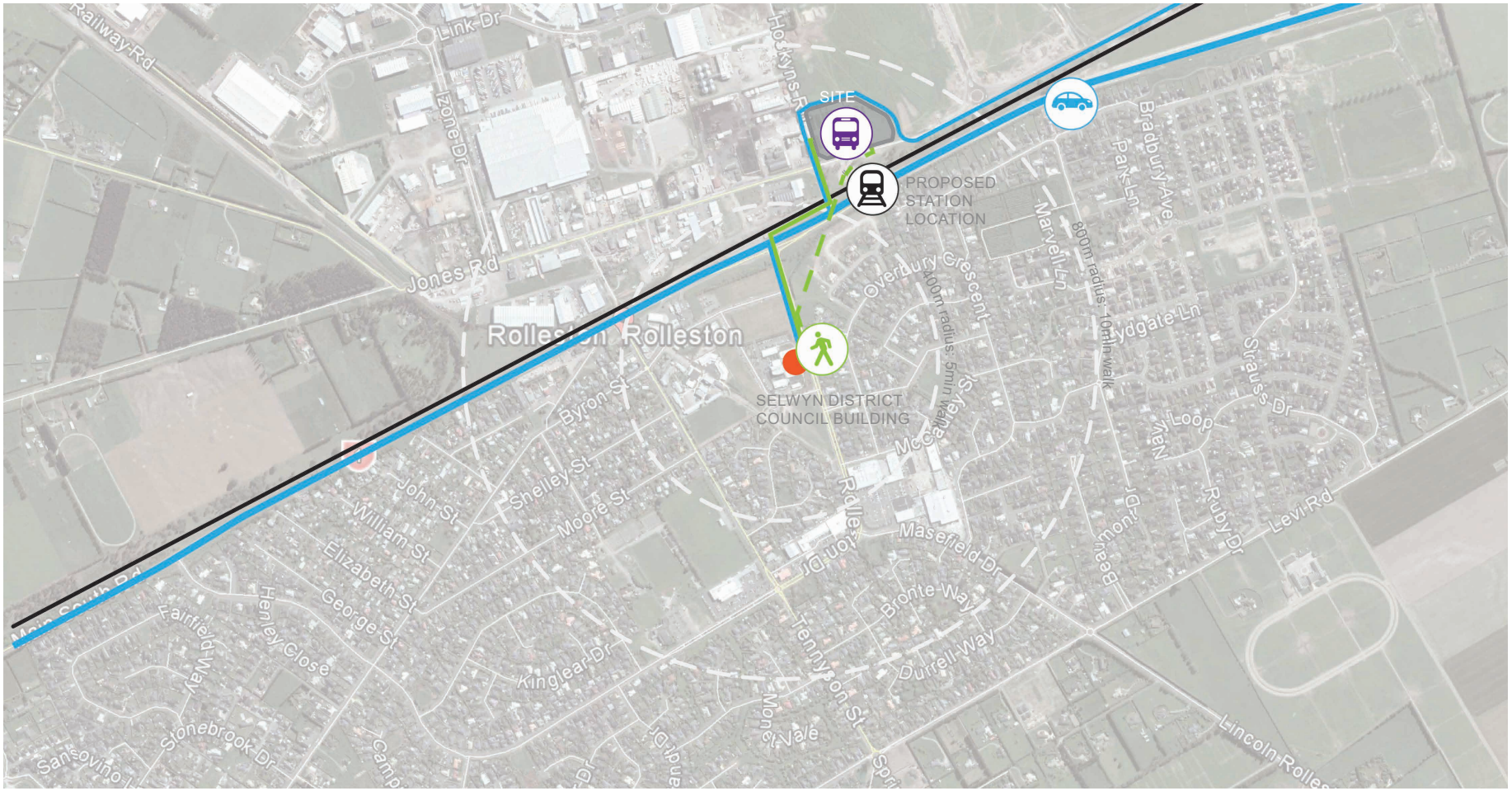
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Context Diagram



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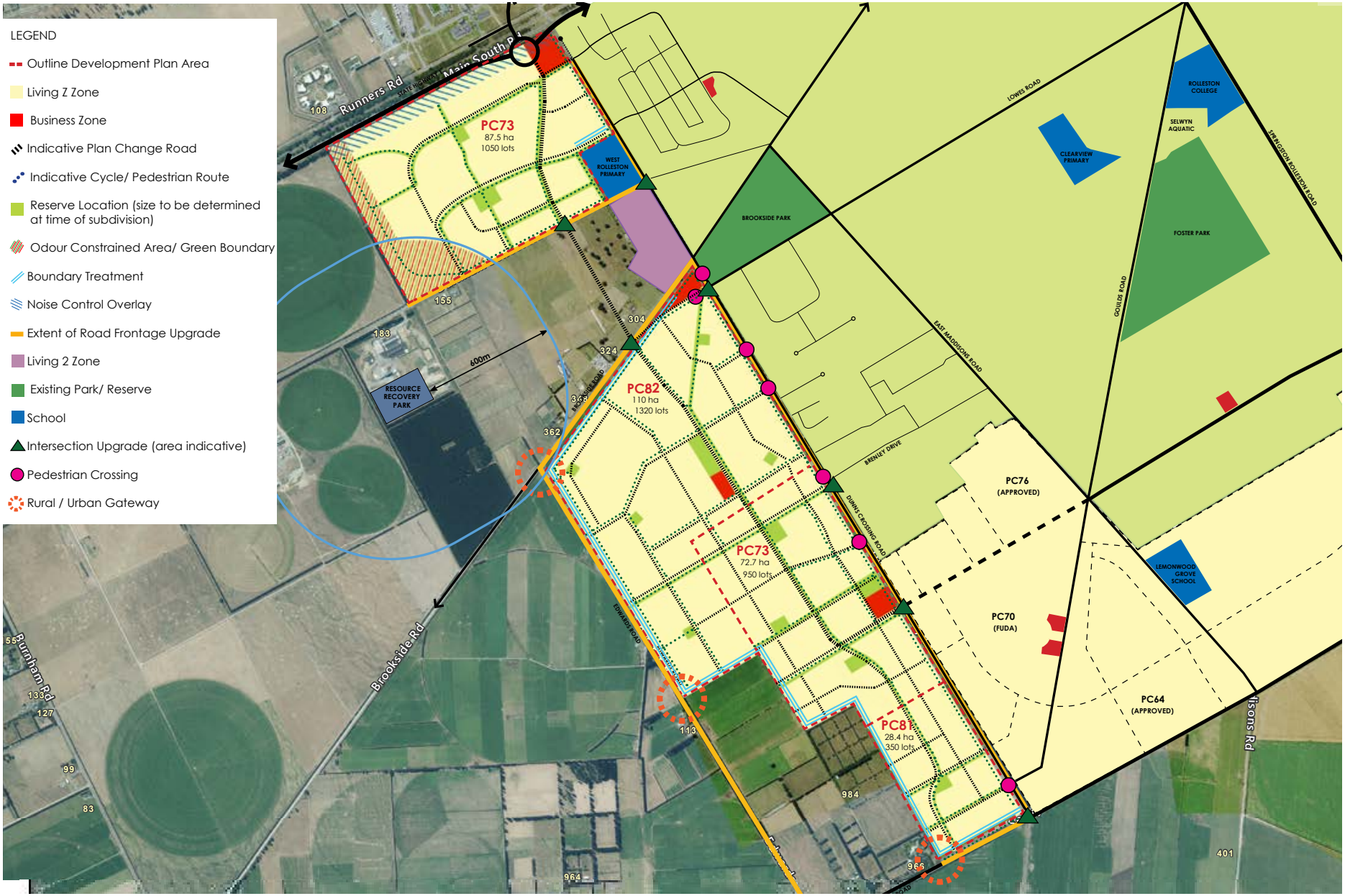
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OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PC81 AND PC 82 + PC 73

ROLLESTON WEST PLAN CHANGE

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Details of submitter No: 1344 - Fiona Bennetts

Submitter:	Fiona Bennetts

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Fiona **Last name:** Bennetts

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Ideally Waka Kotahi NZTA would co-fund improvements to poublic transport, bit it that isn't the case, these improvements

cannot wait and need to go ahead as soon as possible to help reduce green house gas emissions (we are in a climate crisis) and give people options for travelling in more environmentally-friendly ways.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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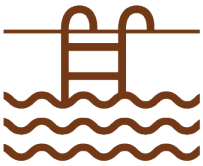
One indoor court is never going to be enough long-term (or even in 5 years' time). Future proof now and save more money in the long run. These lonmg term plans really need a 30-year vision overview.

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No

Any comments?

Being able to walk or bike to the local pool is crucial for equitable access to amenities. As summers get hotter (climate change) and more people more into Canterbury (global migration as well as within NZ) we are going to need more pools not less to service the community needs. Edgeware pool in CHC was closed and we are only just getting it back in the next few years. It was a silly mistake to remove it (and others like it).

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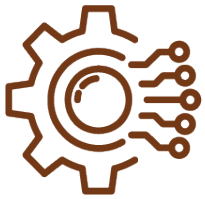


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Yes

Any comments?

Other comments

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- I support rural walking and cycling improvements. Please accelerate these initiatives to change transport habits and provide more cycling tourism connections. Please build direct cycling links between each town/centre. Please extend the shared path alongside the southern motorway between Prebbleton and Rolleston.
- Please provide a digital & printed map of cycling infrastructure (similar to CCC) and clear signage on the ground. I asked for this 3 years ago and still nothing has been done.
- I support slower speeds in towns, especially around schools and community spaces like libraries, playgrounds and sports facilities, and rurally (60 or 80 km/h rather than 100 km/h). RCAs retain the ability to set safe and appropriate speed limits regardless of what the Minister thinks. Please continue to lower speeds (all residential streets should be 40 or 30 km/h, with only a few arterials roads at 50 km/h), as this will save lives and make the district feel safer for all people, not just those inside motor vehicles.
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Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
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Please add any comments you may have
Construction only eevery gets more expensive. It's better to meet current and future demand as best as can be predicted now.

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the upgrades detailed in the Leeston Park Master Plan over 15 years, including new pathways, carparks, toilets, park furniture, sports field lighting and irrigation, trees and plants, playground extension and upgrades, and park extension and signage.

Project cost:
Years 1-15: $9.49 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1-5: $10.23

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Years 6-10: $6.05
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Please add any comments you may have
Spreading the cost over 15 years and delivering a much better facility sounds like the best option for current and future users.
Please ensure there is bicycle parking in convenient locations e.g. next to toilets.

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Details of submitter No: 1346 - Rebekah Haycock

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Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
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Delay would be the best option as the cost to ratepayers at this point in time is too much

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Funding:
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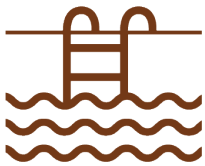
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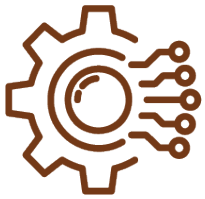
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From my dealings with the council, different departments do not seem to have the ability to share common information and this makes it very frustrating as an end user.

This results in having to duplicate information and leads to extra time having to be spent on time spend on applications etc.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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I am extremely uncomfortable with the amount of debt that the council will be in by 2034. You mention that you are not concerned about this being a burden on future ratepayers, how is this not? Todays ratepayers will be greatly under pressure with the huge rates increases over the next 10years, especially with the costs of living at the moment. Then SDC are still hugely in debt in 10 years time. Who will be ultimately pay off this debt?

The increases in rates to all, but specifically the rural sector have a potential negative effect. The RV algorithm used to apply rates, negatively affects the rural sector.

A large number of farming expenses are increasing, yet the returns from farming are decreasing. Farming is the backbone of the Selwyn district and to increase the rates by the amount proposed is a huge burden on the already struggling agricultural industry. The rural sector do not have access

to a lot of the services provided yet pay the highest rates in the community.

In this current financial situation, the spending by the council needs to be reassessed. Spending that is not essential needs to be paused. Borrowing money will burden our future generations.

Can you provide the rate income from the different sectors within the district?

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I object to water that is safe, being treated with chlorine and fluoride. Only when there is a contamination of water should this occur.

The refurbishment of the Rolleston Office can wait. The money can be spent on essential services.

In conclusion to my comments, The spending by the SDC at this time needs to be carefully considered. There is a cost of living crisis, people do not have the money for rates increases, having a council borrowing money and then ending up 600m in debt seems very irresponsible. Projects/services that are essential to the community should go ahead but not those unessential.

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

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Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 1347 - Jane West

Submitter:	Jane West
Organisation:	Leeston Community Committee

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Jane **Last name:** West

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Leeston Community Committee

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

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the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
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Link	File
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	Supporting Information - SDC LTP 2024-34 - Leeston Community Comittee Plan Submission

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Link	File
	Survey Feedback

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WHATA RAU

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission as part of the Selwyn District Council long term plan (SDC LTP), with particular reference to Big Decisions 2a and 2b which hold significant implications for Leeston and the wider Ellesmere community.

Cultural and Community Vision

Te Taumutu Rūnanga have generously gifted the name Whata Rau and provided an informative and useful Cultural Narrative for the Leeston Township Masterplan in the form of *He Kōrero Ahurea, Waihora Whata Rau* and *He Mahi Hoahoa, Waihora Whata Rau* (referred herein to as (Kōrero Ahurea). Kōrero Ahurea presents a well understood representation of abundance in Waihora. This extends to the mahika kai in the form of pātiki (flounder) and tuna (eels) among others, but also Leeston having history as the food basket for grain and agriculture in the 1800's and 1900's. Kōrero Ahurea further explores Whata Rau being more than just an abundance of food but about the ability to provide for the needs of the community and its guests. Specifically, Kōrero Ahurea refers to the Waihora Whata Rau Projects as markers (or tohu).

The Leeston Community Committee (LCC) supports the Whata Rau project and proposes the following:

- Locate a library and service centre building in its current location at Anderson Square (Civic Hub).
- Locate a new Multiuse Event Centre at Leeston Park (Community Reserve)

Locating the library on the existing library site not only activates High Street but acts as a Marker to book-end High Street. Along with the War Memorial and the recently completed 'Eel', Whata Rau will act as the initiation of the Leeston and Waihora Story. This leaves space "to recognise and celebrate the richness of the landscape, its people and its stories" as you journey down High Street culminating in the second part of Whata Rau being the multi-use facility (proposed as part of the response to Decision 2b) at Leeston Park. It would be expected and encouraged for any buildings to incorporate Te Aranga design principles as this is an integral part of the Waihora/Ellesmere story.

These options were selected through a process of consultation with the Leeston Community Committee, discussions with SDC councillors and recommendations provided in the following documentation:

- Leeston Community Facility Needs Assessment SDC 2020
- Community Centres - Halls & Libraries Network Plan SDC 2021
- Whata Rau Leeston Community Centre and Library EOI SDC 2022
- Leeston Reserve Masterplan SDC 2023
- Community Survey Feedback SDC 2024
- Long-Term-Plan Consultation Document SDC 2024

We welcome the opportunity to engage further with Council on this project. Additional comment is provided on each of Big Decisions 2a and 2b below.

Whata Rau Cost Estimates

The current combined budgeted options across both of LTP Big Decisions 2a and 2b totals $19.4 million. We believe by having a more practical approach to design specifications we will get better value for money and achieve an outcome that is more aligned to the community's needs. As part of our due diligence, we have looked to other examples of multiuse community event centres within our region.

The Tai Tapu event centre is a good example of the community and council partnering to deliver an outstanding facility for their area. Accordingly, we made contact with some members of that working group including Mark Blyth who was the Managing Director of the construction company Armitage Williams at the time and also a local resident. This project was completed in 2020 at a total cost of $4.6 million. This included the changing sheds and a reinforced gravel raft as part of the foundations.

We acknowledge that construction costs have increased significantly, but even allowing for a near doubling of the cost ($9 million), this still leaves circa $10 million in the budget to cover sunk costs, park upgrades and available funds reserved for a library upgrade/rebuild. We also note that option 2b (2) allows for the construction of a toilet block which could be integrated into the construction of the event centre, depending on location, thus reducing the funding requirement set aside for the park development.

Clearly for Leeston Park option 2b (3) would be our preferred option however we acknowledge current financial constraints and would prefer to emphasise and give priority to addressing the community's requirement for a multi-purpose community event centre located at Leeston Park and a Library located at its current location.

LTP Community Engagement

On the 8th of February this year the LCC convened a public meeting to discuss the proposed Whata Rau project and to outline our approach to the forthcoming submission process for the SDC LTP. The overwhelming attendance and the breadth of opinions expressed during this meeting underscored the deep-seated engagement and investment our residents have in the future of our district. The Committee invited the public to complete an online survey which was collated over the following weeks (key results attached as supporting documents). The following motion was also passed at the meeting, with no objection voiced:

> *"That this meeting endorses the Leeston Community Group Committee to prepare and facilitate a submission to SDC LTP on behalf of the Leeston Community".*

This motion gave a powerful mandate for the LCC to make a submission to the SDC LTP.

A community survey was undertaken during early 2024 and the results are attached as supporting documents to this submission. Key statistics from the community survey:

> **Do you support a substantial upgrade of the park and facilities?**
> 86% responded saying YES.
>
> **Is the current proposal (Whata Rau) fit for purpose?**
> 70% responded saying NO

How many does the centre need to accommodate?
80% responded saying 300+

What else should be added to the plan?
77% responded saying a commercial kitchen

Accordingly, we believe our submission encapsulates the collective vision and priorities of our community. We want to ensure that Leeston and Ellesmere remain at the forefront of the SDC LTP.

Following the community feedback survey, the LCC formed a subcommittee to develop a submission. Members of that subcommittee are as follows:

Bryan Tubb – LCC Acting Chair

Mike Lay – Chartered Accountant (CA), Chartered Director (CMInstD)

Jane West – Planner (BRS, MNZPI)

Hamish McLachlan – NZRAB Registered Architect BAS MARCH

Charles Collins – NZRAB Registered Architect BAS MARCH

Isaac Williams – Structural Engineer (BE (Hons) Civil, MEngNZ)

The Sub Committee provides an excellent cross section of skills associated with development projects and all members have a deep connection to the community, both through respective professions and being born and bred in the district.

At the LCC meeting held on 30 April 2024, the following motion was passed with no objection voiced:

"The Leeston Community Committee endorses the submission made by the Subcommittee for:

Decision 2a – Option 4 *Decision 2b – Option 2*

With the focus on a community multi use facility located adjacent to Leeston Park, whilst a library remains at its current site."

Our submission not only looks at matters specific to the SDC LTP but looks at the wider implications and how these decisions before the Council impact on the long-term vision for Leeston.

As part of LCC discussions on Whata Rau it was also decided that a Leeston Master Plan should be developed that considers the urban landscape along High Street as a promenade connection between Leeston Park and Anderson Square. To help cultivate and support independent community cultures in the proposed town plan, we see it as important to accommodate the specific needs of different user groups separately. By providing specific facilities that address the Leeston Park Reserve (to the west) and a Civic Hub (to the east), Leeston's High Street will be better utilised as a connecting street, thus improving local activation, appeal, and commerce.

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Big Decision 2a

Support for Option 4:

Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated but does not contain the design elements planned to meet the identified needs. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include some elements of the cultural narrative in the design.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- LCC support the Whata Rau Library and Community Centre Project.
- LCC proposes a different proportioning of the funds to provide the services proposed by the Whata Rau project.
- LCC request to locate the library and service centre building in its current location to retain civic and cultural presence, usability for Leeston school children and large town events.
- LCC request a Multiuse Event Centre be established in Leeston Park.

Library and Service Centre (Civic Hub)

1. Community Heart and Visual Prominence
The existing library site is strategically located within the Town's streetscape, adjacent to significant cultural and historic landmarks such as Anderson Square, the Ellesmere County War Cenotaph (War Memorial) and the Millennium fountain. Placing the Library and Service Centre here ensures it remains a central feature of the community, visually prominent and easily accessible to residents and visitors alike.

2. Maximizing Utilization for Diverse User Groups
Recognizing the diverse range of user groups that use the existing library, including primary school students and community elders, the site's location should prioritize safe pedestrian connections and walking distances with the nearby primary school. By situating the facility at Anderson Square, it can remain an integral part of community life, accessible to all age groups and fostering inclusivity.

3. Supporting Large Events
With major events like the Leeston Fête and ANZAC day primarily taking place along High Street and Anderson Square, locating the Library and Service Centre here would provide valuable support and infrastructure for these events. It enhances the community's ability to host and participate in such events, strengthening social cohesion and cultural traditions.

4. Sustainability
In alignment with SDC brief, sustainability of the project is supported to a pragmatic level. It is understood SDC are seeking Greenstar 5 Star certification. Alternatives to Greeenstar include Living Building Challenge, Petal Certification, CORE Certification and Zero Energy Certification. The challenges with most of these sustainability initiatives are the fact they often require points to be pursued while providing little value to the occupants or the building. The LCC generally supports undertaking work which has proven results and is less concerned with points or titles.

Support for important elements which specifically address sustainability fall into two categories:

- Siting and construction material selection of the building resulting in reduced embodied carbon and passive design principles.
- The building systems (mechanical, electrical, water etc.) and the Building Control and Management System (BCMS) associated with these services ultimately reducing the buildings energy consumption and ongoing running costs.

5. Location in Relation to Heavy Vehicle Bypass
Placing the library alongside a heavy vehicle bypass could disconnect social activity from the main street and pose safety and acoustic issues. By maintaining the facility at Anderson Square, these concerns can be avoided, ensuring a more conducive environment for users (particularly primary school children and the elderly), and potentially reducing project expenses associated with mitigating these issues.

6. Parking and Access
Aligning with SDC Policy, locating public buildings next to public parks and ensuring good vehicle access is crucial. The Memorial roundabout, along with Anderson Square's perimeter street, provides optimal circulation and access for vehicles, making the site well-suited for the Library and Service Centre without the need for additional street infrastructure and parking facilities.

7. Cost Considerations
The existing library site likely offers cost advantages compared to the Leeston Park site. By redeveloping the existing site for the Library and Service Centre, the project can potentially be more cost-effective utilizing existing infrastructure meeting the objectives of Option 4.

8. Structure
Given option 4 establishes the need for a repeatable design, the likely need for an elevated building and the project's sustainability brief, this project lends itself to lightweight construction likely comprising a combination of Light timber framing and Mass timber. Acknowledging SDC's Whata Rau design brief for a rectangular building, having regular and repeatable grids and structural forms will assist with reduction of members sizes (and cost) and allow for flexibility in future extensions and be scalable in nature. Establishing this type of structural system reduces the need for concrete and steel and the embodied carbon.

Multiuse Event Centre (Community Reserve)

1. Multiuse Event Centre
As an alternative to directing public funding solely towards Leeston Park, this proposal suggests the distribution of public funding to facilitate broader access to public spaces, thereby increasing public benefit.

The vision put forward through the community feedback survey is for the site to include a multi-functional community facility, a potential capacity of 300 + people with kitchen and bar facilities, adaptable for a wide range of activities. The venue will accommodate various events, cultural gatherings, arts, education, music, recreation, as well as annual occasions such as the Annual Fête and ANZAC commemorations. It would incorporate cultural elements as described above, serving the cultural and social needs of Ellesmere while promoting the well-being of the community for generations to come. As part of the LCC's engagement process, Ellesmere sporting clubs, including the Leeston Rugby Club, have also indicated interest in making use of such a facility.

We note that within Leeston Park the multiuse event centre may be able to be located where it would facilitate additional cost savings such as efficient stormwater disposal and reducing the need for acoustic treatment of the building.

2. Leeston Masterplan
Leeston is expected to grow in size over the next 10 years. We believe it is critical (as part of the LTP) to develop an urban plan that considers the broader Leeston township. Following this approach will help ensure sustainable growth and good outcomes for the future direction of the Leeston community, while providing a spatial framework for effective urban development that can successfully accommodate the anticipated intensification and changes to the community over the next decade.

Big Decision 2b

Support for Option 2:

Option 2 – Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Executive Summary:

- Leeston Community Committee (LCC) support upgrade of Leeston Park.
- LCC request further Community Engagement on the 'Concept' Leeston Plan to maximise use.
- LCC request a Wider Masterplan for Leeston.

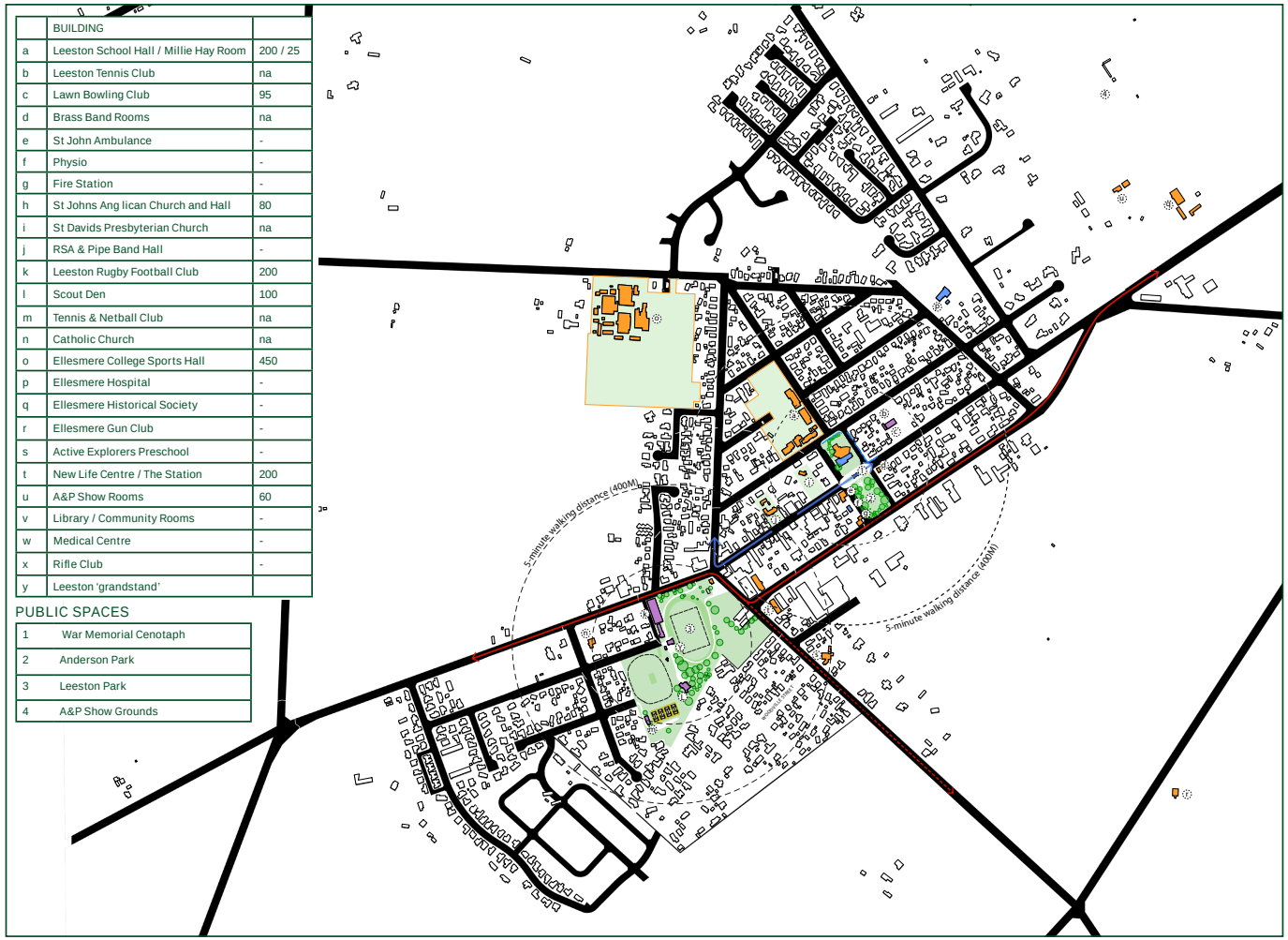
1. Leeston Park Enhancement
The LCC supports the planned upgrade of Leeston Park. Leeston Park is a large reserve with a number of existing amenities, established trees and huge potential. We feel that the current scope of the enhancement requires further refinement. It is recommended that the 'Concept' Master Plan for Leeston Park be further developed with additional community engagement to maximize use of the public funding to meet the many various needs of the community.

EXISTING FACILITIES
LEESTON COMMUNITY BUILDINGS & VENUES

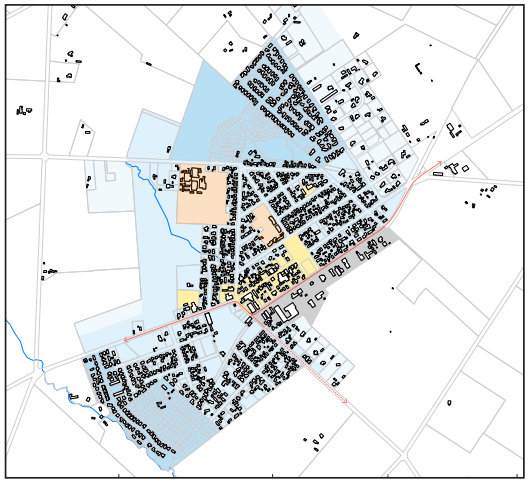
	BUILDING	
a	Leeston School Hall / Millie Hay Room	200 / 25
b	Leeston Tennis Club	na
c	Lawn Bowling Club	95
d	Brass Band Rooms	na
e	St John Ambulance	-
f	Physio	-
g	Fire Station	-
h	St Johns Ang lican Church and Hall	80
i	St Davids Presbyterian Church	na
j	RSA & Pipe Band Hall	-
k	Leeston Rugby Football Club	200
l	Scout Den	100
m	Tennis & Netball Club	na
n	Catholic Church	na
o	Ellesmere College Sports Hall	450
p	Ellesmere Hospital	-
q	Ellesmere Historical Society	-
r	Ellesmere Gun Club	-
s	Active Explorers Preschool	-
t	New Life Centre / The Station	200
u	A&P Show Rooms	60
v	Library / Community Rooms	-
w	Medical Centre	-
x	Rifle Club	-
y	Leeston 'grandstand'	

PUBLIC SPACES

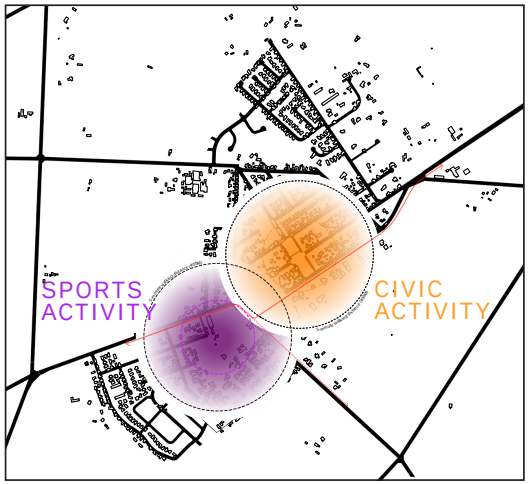
1	War Memorial Cenotaph
2	Anderson Park
3	Leeston Park
4	A&P Show Grounds



SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN
LAND-USE ZONING



SPATIAL ANALYSIS
EXISTING FACILITY GROUPING AND ACTIVATION OPPORTUNITY



LEESTON TOWNSHIP SPATIAL FRAMEWORK

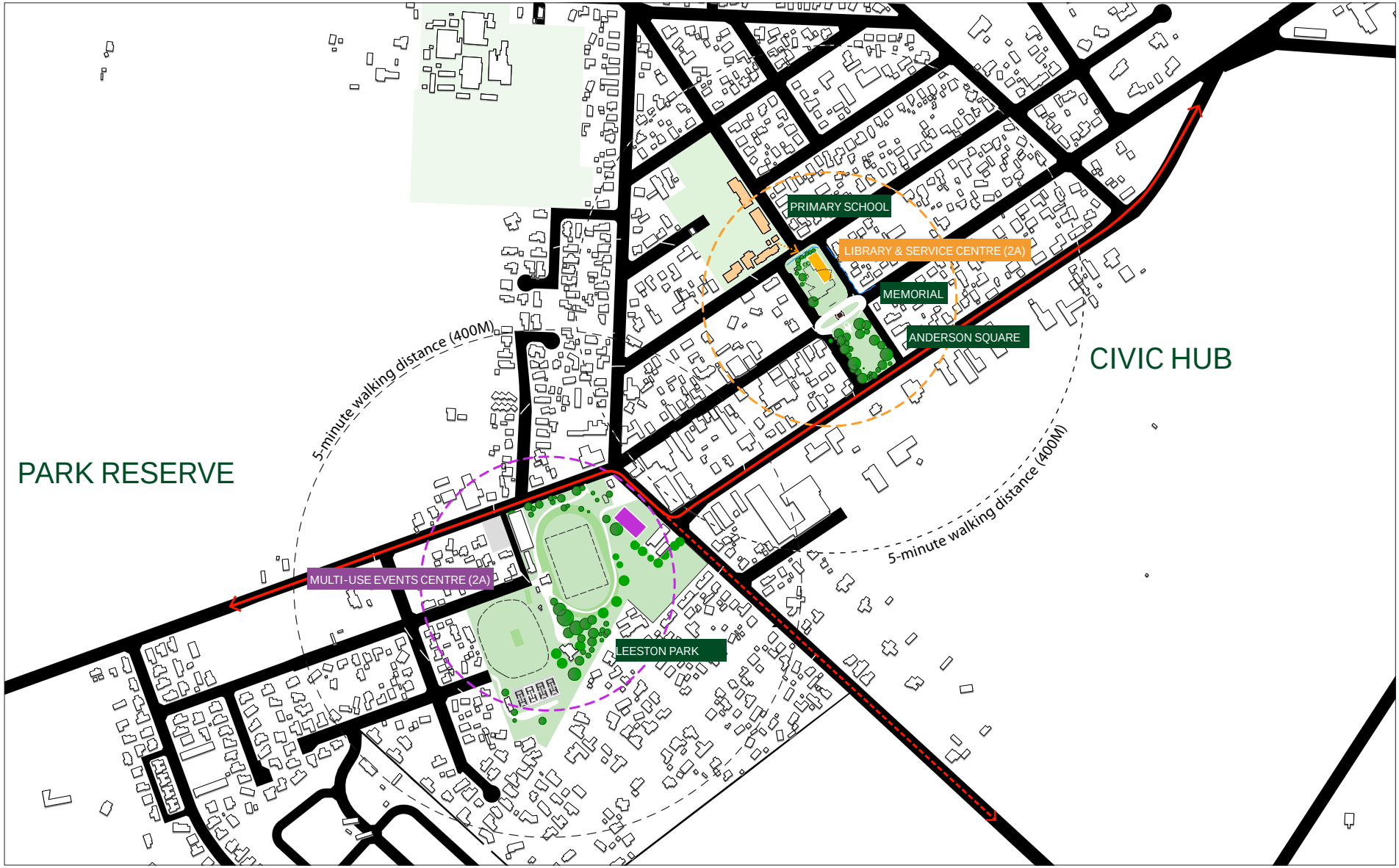
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- SPORTING
- CIVIC / EDUCATIONAL
- MEDICAL
- HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS
- MAIN COMMERCIAL STREET
- 5-MINUTE PEDESTRIAN WALK (400M)

KEY: LAND-USE

- BUSINESS 1 (COMMERICAL)
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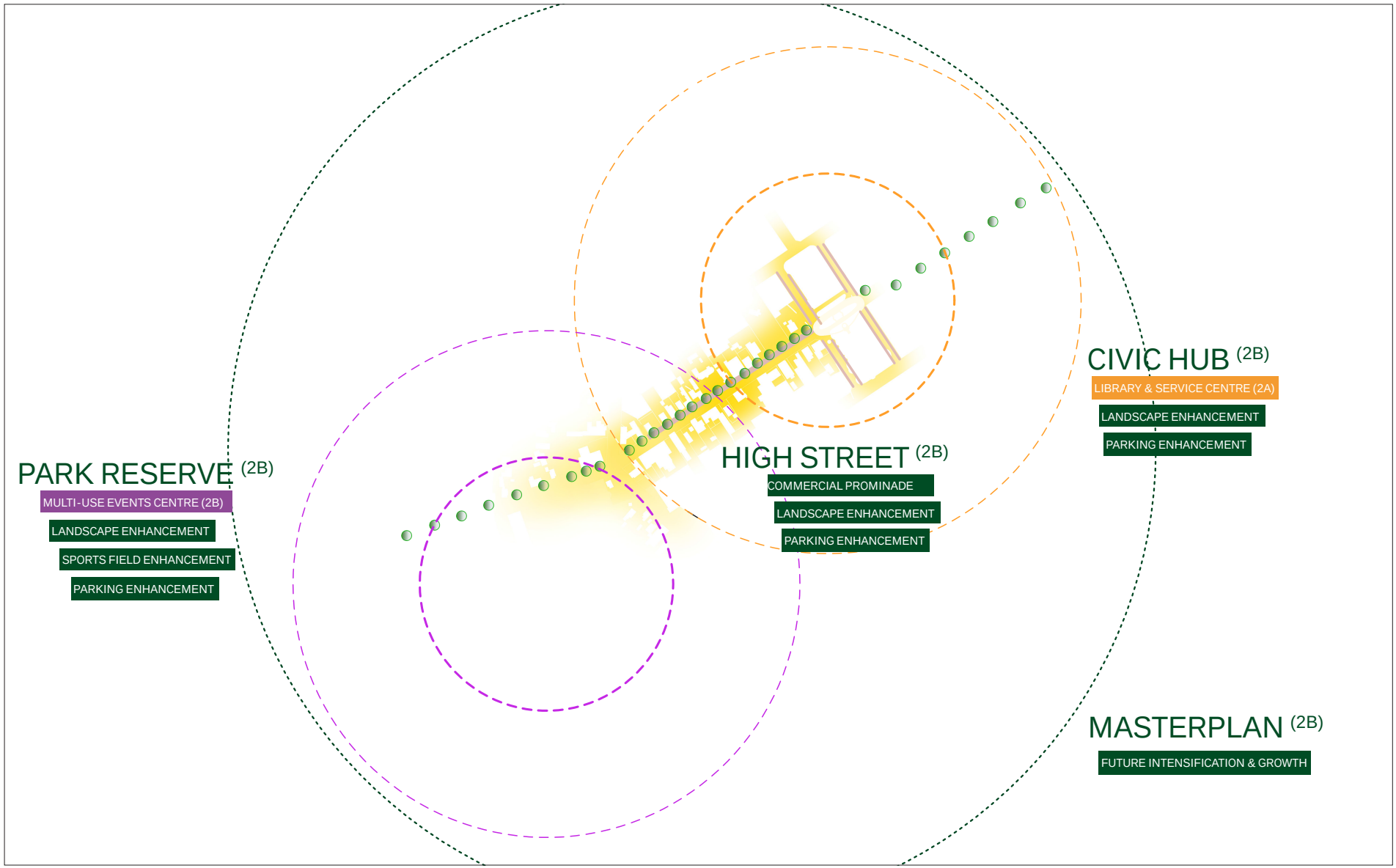
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WHAKATAUKA NUI 2A WHATA RAU
LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE + MULTI-USE EVENTS CENTRE

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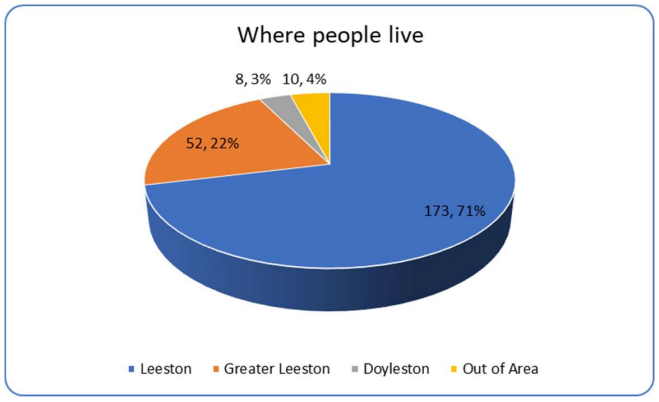
WHAKATAUKA NUI 2B LEESTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS ENHANCEMENT & REQUEST FOR MASTER PLAN

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Community Centre / Library

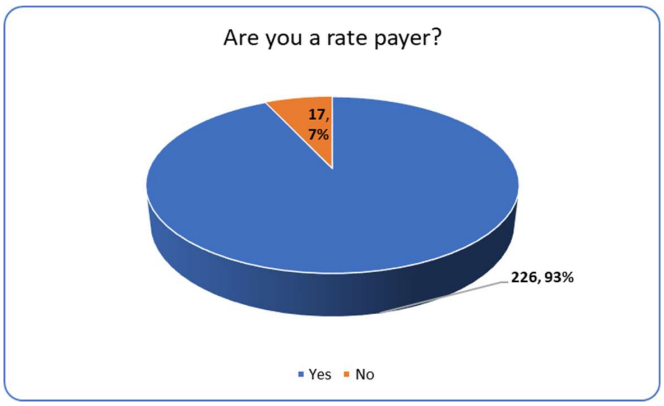
Where people live

Leeston	173
Greater Leeston	52
Doyleston	8
Out of Area	10
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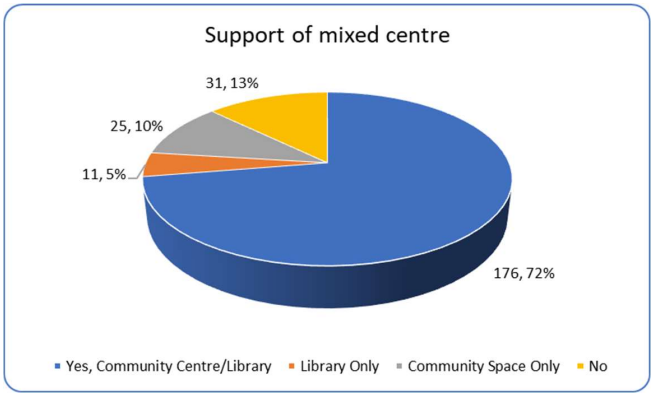
Are you a rate payer?

	Are you a rate payer
Yes	226
No	17
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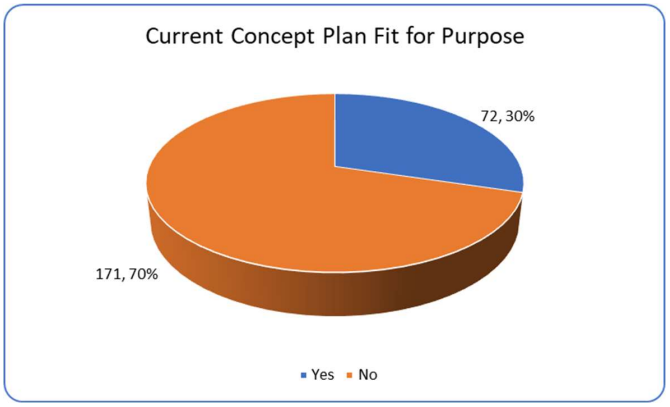
Support of Mixed Community Centre

	Support new mixed Community Centre
Yes, Community Centre/Library	176
Library Only	11
Community Space Only	25
No	31
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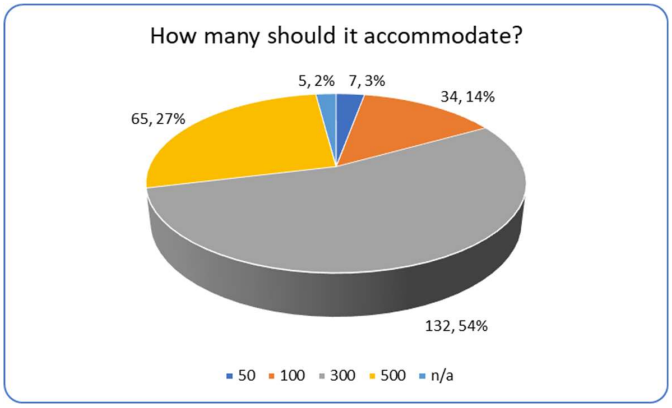
Is the current proposal fit for purpose?

	Current Proposal fit for purpose
Yes	72
No	171
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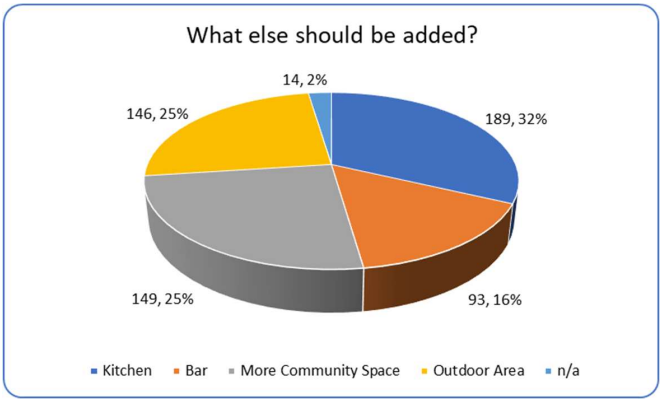
How many does the centre need to accommodate?

	How many people does it need to accommodate
50	7
100	34
300	132
500	65
n/a	5
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What else should be added to the Concept Plan?

	Following to be added to Concept Plan
Kitchen	189
Bar	93
More Community Space	149
Outdoor Area	146
n/a	14



What else would you like included in the Concept plan?

(free response answers)

Sports ***22***
- Courts, facilities (16)
- Changing rooms & toilets with external access (3)
- Linked to Rugby Rooms (3)

Media / Auditorium ***19***
- Auditorium / stage (4) – including portable staging
- AV, Projector, Sound system, Wireless Wifi, Media Room, Whiteboard, Hot desks (15)

Flexible room sizes ***11***

Kitchen etc ***5***
- Commercial kitchen (2) – particularly if it is going to be an evacuation centre
- Tables / Crockery / Cutlery (1)
- Coffee Shop (2)

Children ***4***
- Play areas / interactive spaces (3)
- Youth Centre (1)

Swimming pool ***3***

Fitness ***2***
- Gym and fitness areas
- Exercise space

Bilingual or English name ***2***

Picnic Area ***1***

Room for more than 500 ..... ***1***

Lock up storage areas ***1***

Men's tool shed ***1***

Community Garden ***1***

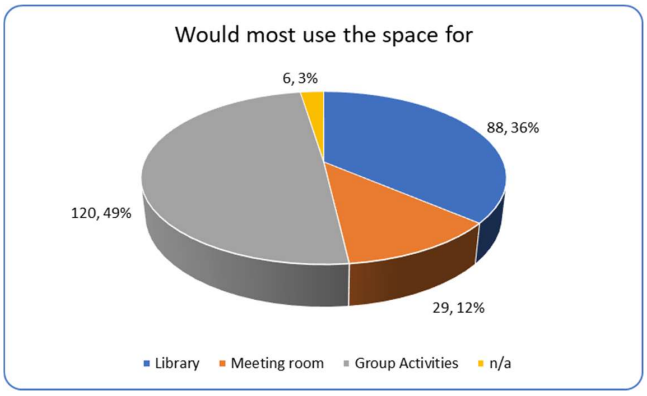
Separation between children & adults ***1***

Parking ***1***

2 people asked if it was going to be a civil defence emergency evacuation centre.
3 people asked where the medical centre was
1 suggested pulling down the rugby rooms and rebuilding beside the community centre.

What would you most use the space for?

	What would you use space for most
Library	88
Meeting room	29
Group Activities	120
n/a	6
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What else would you use the space for?

(free response answers)

Functions ***45***
- Public meetings
- Social events
- Community events
- Meetings
- Conferences

Group Activities ***21***
- Clubs
- Group Activities
- Smaller group rooms
- Aged groups

Sports activities ***15***

Children's Activities ***6***
- Holiday activities
- Safe hang out
- Youth centre / activities
- Games room
- Quiet study space

Concerts / Drama / Dances ***5***

Exercise / Fitness ***4***
- Baby Gym

Education ***3***
- Courses
- Education
- Workshops

Kitchen / Cooking meals ***2***

Business ***2***
- Meetings
- Remote working

Movies ***1***

Fundraisers ***1***

Civil defence ***1***

Polling ***1***

Blood donations ***1***

Swimming ***1***

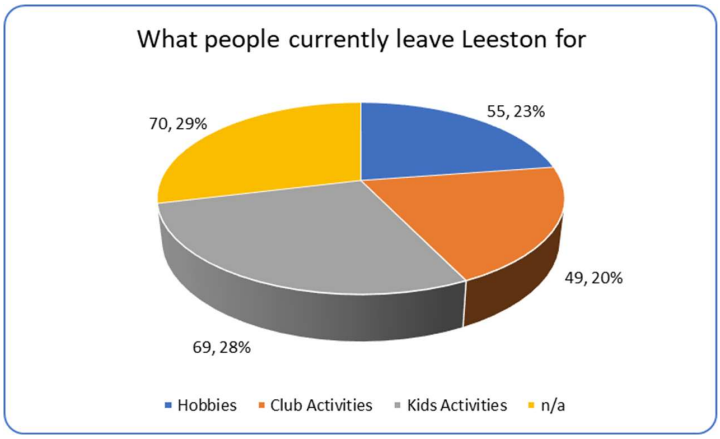
Medical ***1***

Bar / Café ***1***

Library ***1***

What activities do you currently leave Leeston for?

	Current Activities Leave Leeston For
Hobbies	55
Club Activities	49
Kids Activities	69
n/a	70
	243



What other activities do you leave Leeston for?

(free response answers)

Sports ***26***
Basketball, Rugby league, Disc golf, training, soccer, badminton, cycling, indoor bowls, skate park, table tennis.

Swimming ***12***

Club activities ***10***

Cultural ***10***
Concerts, theatre, dancing, art classes, music practice

Kids activities ***9***

Exercise ***6***

Functions ***4***

Meetings ***4***

Hobbies ***3***

Most things ***2***

Events ***2***

Education ***1***

Social events ***1***

Movies ***1***

Large all weather community events ***1***

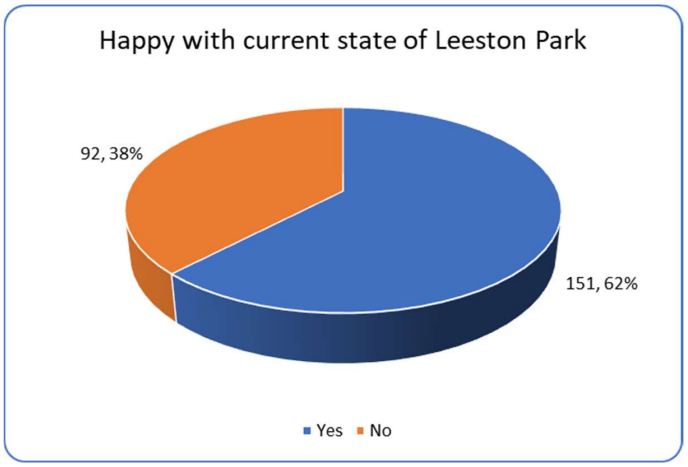
Voluntary work ***1***

Youth group ***1***

Leeston Park

Are you happy with the current state of Leeston Park?

	Are you happy with current state of Park
Yes	151
No	92
	243



Comments on state of Leeston Park

(free response answers)

Park

Tired / Untidy / Unexciting / Needs refreshed 23
Old / outdated 11
Toilets need upgraded 9
Better maintenance needed / watering 6
Not big enough 4
More rubbish bins needed 4
More planted areas needed / trees 3
More seating needed 3
Not fenced well enough 3
Picnic areas needed 3
More sealed parking needed 2
Needs better ease of access / disabled access 2
Add a basketball hoop 2
Better lighting needed 2
Drinking fountain 2
Well cared for 2
Would like to see fitness classes there 1
More sports grounds needed 1
Paved walkways needed 1
Not suitable for mixed ages 1
Needs more cameras 1
Needs to be an open space 1

Playground / Skatepark

Dated / Needs improved / not great 10
Not suitable for young children / not safe 3
Skate park is horrific 3
Not enough playground equipment / more swings 2
Put the tractor back 2
Untidy 1

Facilities

Club rooms are old cold / rundown / eyesore 4
Rugby rooms are a shame 2
Stands need upgraded 1
Wind protection needed on the courts 1
More facilities for indoor sports needed 1

Whole area

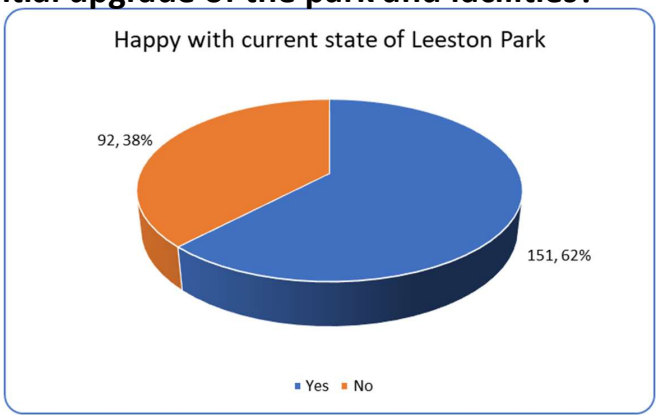
More shade needed 1
Pavilion needed for netball and cricket 1
Rifle club building needs upgraded 1
Need to separate older and younger children.....1

Other

Need another playground in Clausen Ave area 1

Do you support a substantial upgrade of the park and facilities?

	Support substantial upgrade of park & facilities
Yes	209
No	34
	243



Comments on Park Upgrade

(free response answers)

Rugby Club Rooms

Upgrade the Rugby Club Rooms 9
Sports hub should be part of the development 6

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Short sighted and naieve not to include Rugby Club, other sports and community center

Council should take over the Rugby Club 2
Not sure rate payer should pay for Rugby Club upgrade – not relevant to many now....1
Rugby Club should form a Public Trust to upgrade building 1

Toilets
Need upgraded 8
Budget for toilet upgrade excessive / affordable upgrade 2

Play Ground
Needs updated, upgraded / larger....5
More picnic tables / seating 3
Fenced play area / too close to road / no cars – not safe 2
More shade 1
Playground for kids 1
Bigger swings for older kids 1

Skate Park
Need skate park 2
Involve school students in painting scenes 1

Park
Upgrade needed as Leeston grows for future generations 7
Future proof it
Don't exclude cars from oval / park 5
Cars parking round oval watching is what Leeston is about
Sad to loose oval parking but understand reason
More lighting and cameras 4
Timeframe for upgrade too long 6
Upgrade over 5 years
Car parking 4
Great to make it a nicer space / its underwhelming 10
Like it to be a place to look forward to going
Needs to be a better place for elderly to walk around
It's ugly and boring
Must be fit for purpose
Include a botanical garden with an aviary
Want area for kids to be outside, meet friends, enjoy outdoor activities
Better drainage and irrigation 3
Artificial turf
Multi use space for sports activities 7
Basketball courts
Pavillion for netball, cricket, other sports
Fitness track around the outside
Disc Golf Course
Great new practice cricket area

Change corner from Holly St ***1***
Stop pushing paper and do something ***1***
A lot of unused space on far fields ***1***
If the Community Centre is used would warrant an upgrade later ***1***
Area needs to prove to be popular before its upgraded ***1***
More options for hobbies & events ***6***
More than just Rugby
More children / family facilities and activities
Make community revolve around it
Used for the community
More diverse activities catered for
Better seating ***1***
It's adequate now / OK ***3***
Substantial upgrade not required
Won't happen – Rolleston gets all the money ***1***
Happy to pay most expensive option ***1***
More sports grounds ***1***
Swimming pool ***1***
Gym ***1***
Separate club rooms ***1***
Fear current users will be pushed out by upgrade ***1***
Upgrade netball courts ***1***
Signage ***1***

Landscaping
More shade ***1***
Keep landscaping & trees to a minimum to reduce maintenance ***1***
More low native planting; less grass ***1***
More trees ***1***
No more trees – Fire Brigade ***1***
Good they keep bark renewed ***1***
Concrete over the gravel paths ***1***

Other Comments
Need a community center with a range of experiences for kids, youths, adults ***1***
RSA is a historic building. Upgrade and give own toilet and carpark ***1***
It's council's responsibility to work with the Rugby Club & provide one community centre with various rooms for various sports and activities ***2***
A sports community hall
Maintenance will only be sustainable if it is one building ***1***
Just upgrade the current library ***1***
We've survived with the current facilities ***1***
Use communities near by ***1***
We're behind other towns, we need a hugh upgrade ***1***
Talk to users, not consultants ***3***
Have several community meetings first to assess needs and wants

Other Suggestions

(free response answers)

Combine Community Centre & Rugby Club ***.....8***
Incorporate into a sports hub
Repurposed Rugby Club site
Demolish RC and incorporate into a new building
Council take over RC for a better building site
Park needs a master plan for both community and sports facilities
Building overlooking park along Leeston Road in conjunction with Rugby Stadium
Upgrade Rugby Club rooms for community use
Rugby Club and medical centre need to be attached ***.....3***
Health Hub to be added in future
Use Lakeside Memorial Hall for upgrade of library & medical centre ***.....1***
Incorporate Hospital Facilities ***.....1***
Build sports centre with Rugby Club ***.....5***
Upgrade Rugby Club rooms
Spend money on Rugby Club
Sports programmes
Save / Reduce cost of Community Centre/Library & invest in Rugby Club/Sports Hub ***.....2***
Reduce scale – make it more affordable
Indoor Sports Centre / Sports Facility ***.....5***
Full sized courts & room for observers
Indoor sports centre attached to the college
Rugby, netball, squash, badminton and room to grow
Look after sporting people
Triangle shape not suitable / needs rethought ***.....9***
Don't spend millions on an eyesore not utilized
Building should represent Leeston, not Rolleston
Why do Maori have a say in the shape – it's a multicultural settlement
Community centre (concept plan) bigger ***.....2***
Local halls underutilized, no more ***.....5***
Live within means using existing halls
Why aren't current halls and hire costs advertised
Create something for future generations ***.....5***
Important to Leeston
Inclusive of all users
Safe place for teens
Community space better than current for future generations
Present facilities ideal & well used (library/community room) ***.....5***
Spend $5 million on upgrading Library & Medical Centre
Parking ***.....4***
Already at rugby club rooms and easily accessible
Concern about sufficient parking for numbers on concept plan
Don't build car park – encroaching on green space, stopping more usable playing fields
Parking should be hidden from street

Kitchen ***6***
If it's going to be a civil defence centre needs viable kitchen
Increasing need for Civil Defence centre
Semi commercial kitchen
Option 4 ..... ***7***
Look at other examples around the country
Use existing
Tweak existing
Build next to Park ***1***
Library and Community Centre must open to park ***1***
Library same size as it is now ***1***
Library smaller on concept plan ***2***
Too much library to detriment of Community Space
Don't need new library ***3***
Swimming pool / Covered pool ***3***
Place for adult learning ***1***
Community garden, cooking class
Strengthen existing library – remove Medical Centre (relocate) – Put Community Centre there ***1***
Develop spaces already there / outdoor spaces already there ***2***
More sports facilities in park ***1***
Location by Heavy Bypass ***5***
Traffic flow on Heavy Bypass route
Safety for children going to library
Safety for elderly on scooters
Parking
More activities for kids ***2***
Projects for older kids
Concern that skate park will stay ***1***
Signage / Naming ***5***
English First
English & Maori
Community should choose name
Rugby Club upgrade should be done before new complex is built ***1***
Fully upgrade Fix Leeston Community Centre and Park ***2***
Fix library & medical centre and Rugby Club building
RSA ***2***
Move to Heritage Park
Move to where Band Hall is
Medical Centre ***3***
Fix medical centre
Where will it go
Outgrowing current building & aging population
Education .....
Nature / Environment programmes
Should be sized for same as Leeston is currently – not very large ***1***
Stop wasting rates – spend on footpaths, roads ***1***

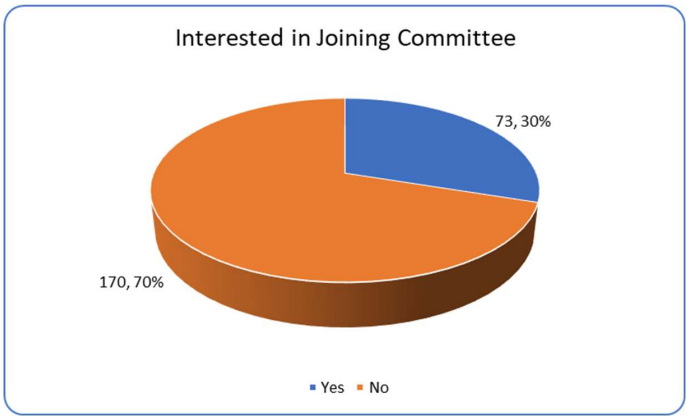
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Include: Café, Up to date Noticeboard 2
Only build if population is minimum of 3,000 and guarantee 1,500 unique local residents and 1,500 non-resident visitors 1
What will happen with the old Library 1
Listen to locals / Community Consultation 7
Take Rugby Club & Sports users into consideration
Liaise with Rugby Club re park revamp as sports centre
Keep community regularly notified
Stop spending money in Rolleston rather than local
Broader consensus and planning of the whole area
Community needs bigger picture – is Community Centre Priority?, Sports facilities need tending, medical centre, Ellesmere hospital

Want to join committee

Yes	73
No	170
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14 of those you said yes did not Provide name or contact details



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Details of submitter No: 1349 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

☑ Withhold my details

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

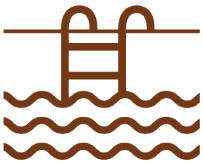
Please add any comments you may have

Given LEC needs to be assessed for EQ strengthening, all facilities should be reviewed and actions required prioirtitsed.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

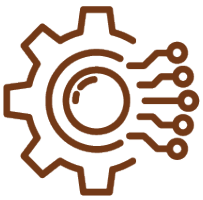
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

See attachment

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

See attachment

Council should not develop the software, nor be a leader in this. Fast follower is fine when someone else has sorted any issues.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies

outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I am very concerned at the business model and associated financial model and financing choices Council propose - please see my attachment with detailed feedback.

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I am concerned about investment in Lincoln, primarily roading given some years of deferrals, massive growth and an unclear infrastructure development plan

I am concerned with the state of our roads and levels proposed for capital investment, district-wide.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will*

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likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

All community facilities should be assessed together includeing LEC EQ strengthening if required, then a decsion made on which facilities should be remediated, closed or rebuilt.

It may be that actially Leeston should have a new facility, but it is unclear how the community can give feedback without all the context.

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Unfortunatley, other basic services are needed - sewage, water, transport

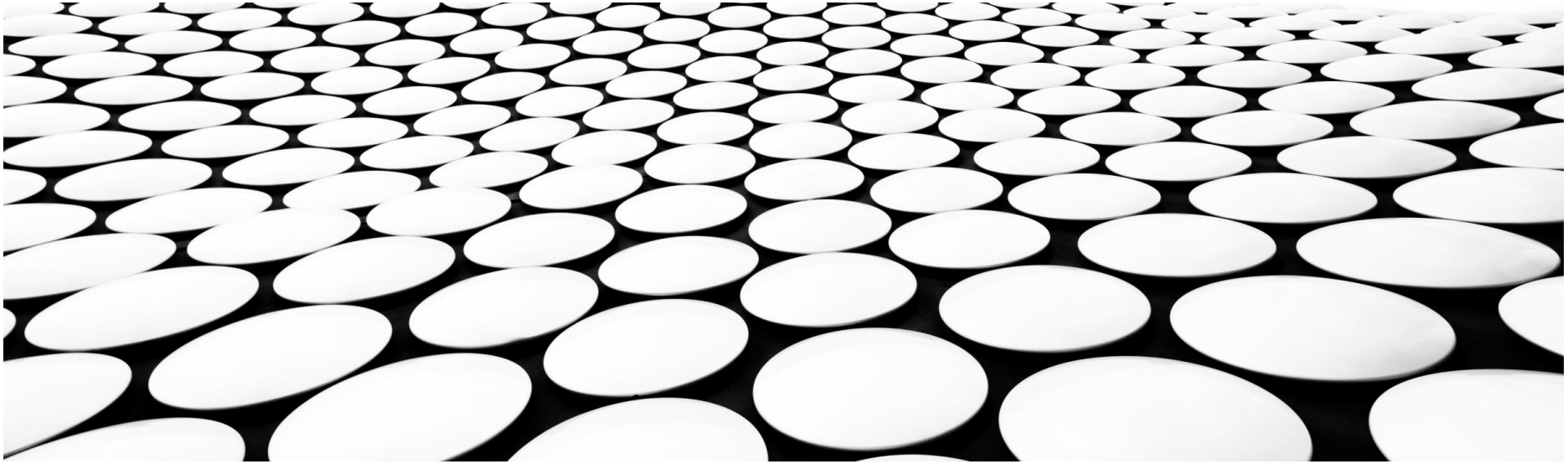
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FEEDBACK TO 2024 LTP

- Lincoln investment
- Road / Transport investment levels
- Financial situation
- SDC Big Decisions

Information is presented in good faith to provide constructive feedback. Given the lack of familiarity with the data and fact-base, and the multiple sources from which it is drawn, any errors, omissions, or mis-statements are unintentional and will be reviewed if advised.



Summary Page 1 / 4 – Lincoln Investment

The Consultation Document and social media communications focus on community assets ahead of other basic infrastructure needs and the financial model, which makes it seem that with an upfront rates burst, everything else is all OK!

My feedback: It is not.

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Council seems to have a recurring pattern of deferring core work and not investing sufficiently in Lincoln.

Given its growth and size as the 2nd largest rates base, delaying even these basics is just making the affordability gap and community discontent worse.

Council has understated Lincoln's growth assumptions. Just ~85% of one approved completed subdivision would account for the 10-year dwelling growth you have assumed.

Gerald St works are critical yet have been deferred since 2016. Springs Road is dire now, even before PC69 hits.

I am concerned at the relationship that council has with our town.



Summary Page 2 / 4
– Lincoln + Transport Investment

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Council has budgeted $13.6M in 2026/7 to assess the LEC space & seismic condition. We assume LEC does not meet EQ code.

The LTP does not seem to include a remediation budget. Will the second largest ratepayer group (Lincoln) be able to count on having a safe emergency response go-to facility in the event of EQ / Alpine Fault rupture or other disaster?

Why is this not a Big Decision?

Surely, resolving this risk comes ahead of the proposed adjacent Meijer road and park which is included in the plan? These two should be de-prioritised behind having a safe LEC and making safe the existing road network around Lincoln.

Waka Kotahi NZTA has announced a $60m road development within CCC to cope with Lincoln traffic growth but our council makes no commentary and apparent action in the LTP for impending further Springs Road congestion, and safety works along Springs adjacent to Lincoln.

Only 50% of Roading, but 76% of Facilities are in better than adequate condition. A flat - declining transport capital spend appears not in line with capacity growth and remediation needs. Whilst OPEX does increase there is a slashed LOS budget.

The Risk Register highlights a Significant Risk that Council may not listen to the community, with mitigation assessment and action via the LTP. From a Lincoln pov, please mitigate the basic - level road risks as a high priority (e.g. Gerald, Springs, Ellesmere etc) and the LEC in the LTP.

~$ 6300

*Debt for every child and every adult**

Summary Page 3 / 4 – Financial Model Concerns

* Own analysis of SDC data

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1. I do not think that Council has sufficiently and simply explained the critical financial consequences of the proposed broad focus of activity and the financial choices Council proposes. Nor has it provided a comprehensive activity plan with funding all set out in one place. The financial choices are Big Decisions:

   - Individual average rates increase of ~75% over the LTP – (one must interpret a graph on Page 56)
   - Rates increases decrease over time – doesn't seem right with inflationary times, and past history?
   - Intention to create a massive debt burden of $634M, underwritten by rate payers – how will this be spent?
   - It appears that the financial model defers costs - is this correct?
     - Council has chosen not to fully cover depreciation – where will funds come from for renewal– from more loans? Or from Developer Contributions that are already targeted at respective developments and community assets, plus loan repayments?
     - There is an enormous increase in spend post the LTP, is this a consequence of the funding strategy?
   - Council intends to undertake asset sales and an insurance coverage review, but no detail has been given to enable feedback.

2. I calculated that by 2030, every single woman, man and child will have a debt to underwrite of ~ $6300, only ~$550 less than my 2023 calculation for Auckland which has publicised financial challenges and actions to mitigate. This is not palatable nor plausible for us.

3. The proposed transport spend given population growth and current road condition may lead to a major negative road network state – having a Wellington water type crisis in roading will negatively contribute to community wellbeing.

4. Council has not shown an undertaking to initiate internal austerity measures, nor materially reduced scope of work, nor project prioritisation based on agreed criteria to ensure a balanced fundable portfolio across the district. Nice to have projects like the Arthurs Pass cycle trail should be deprioritised and funding reassigned to underfunded basics, or to reduce debt levels.

5. I am concerned that the financial model and reliance on growth is not suitable for a highly weighted greenfields development and high service wellness model without other funding or reduction in service levels. Further, Councils model may push us and future citizens into a financial crevasse.
   - Council seems to be trying to do too much, and seems to be using deferred expense and vast loans to close the rates gap
   - Council cannot rely on continuous strong growth to cover debt and costs – as dwindling dwelling building consents demonstrate
   - Council should shift from an apparent activity driven funding model to agreeing service levels for assets and services with the community, prioritising the investments and determining required budget. By iterating this work appropriate levels of service and cost to the community would be confirmed.

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Investment Proposal	Feedback	Rational
BD 1- Public Transport	Qualified Support	Support Option 1 BUT, subject to robust research into demand / potential use being qualified and quantified. If this is a Make-It and They Will Come approach - Council should STOP, and require data first to support a project. Project seems plausible
BD 2 - Whata Rau	HOLD pending LEC, subject to meeting all safety requirements	Council has not included for discusssion that the LEC requires funding for EQ strengthening assessment but there does not seem to be a budget should strengthening be required. Why is this delayed to 2026/7? How will this be managed? A decision on new, refurbishing or closure of any community facility needs to be made with an understanding of all facilities and gaps in condition and service provision then a Go /NOGO made with all information. Piecemeal decision making could result in major unplanned costs.
BD 3 - Leeston Park	Option 1	STOP - Cannot justify in fiscal climate, LEC roading and Park should STOP and be targeted for LEC remediation if required, and other roading around Lincoln
BD 3 - Malvern Community Hall	Option 1, subject suitable alternative available	Given the district-wide use and being Lincolns significant community facility, Council needs to address LEC EQ condition and any remediation as a priority
Sheffied Memorial Pool	Close	Support, even though reasonable cost. Council Hub concept should be extended beyond pools to include Community Halls with good road and public transport connectivity.
Economic Development	No support beyond current levels	Duplication of central government potentially. Not a non-discretionary service of a Council, delivery of growth targets such as job growth can be tied back to ongoing growth of the region, making proof of value of investment too subjective
Enhancing Customer Experience through Digital	Support	However, new complex IT can fail / go overbudget and under deliver. Council should not develop nor partner the development of its own solution, should not be a first / leader in this space. Councils are not funded to be IT engineers and developers. Given the tight fiscal situation, council at best should be a fast follower with this tech.

COUNCIL BIG DECISIONS FEEDBACK

Summary Page 4 / 4 –
Big Decision Feedback

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THIS SECTION CONTAINS MY QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL, REFERENCES AND DATA TABLES

- Data Sources:
  - Current Annual Report
  - LTP 24 Consultation Paper
  - Infrastructure Strategy
  - Transport AMP
  - Transport Capex – Full List
  - Matt Collins Traffic RMA Paper to Council November 2021
  - SDC Building Data
- Subject Areas:
  - Wellness psychological model – Maslow, adapted
  - Growth analysis
  - Transport concerns
  - Financials

MASLOW pyramid – the elements of wellbeing

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COUNCIL HAS DEFINED A VERY BROAD ASPIRATION FOCUSED ON WELL-BEING.

THIS ROLE REACHES ACROSS MOST OF THE MASLOW HIERACHY OF NEEDS

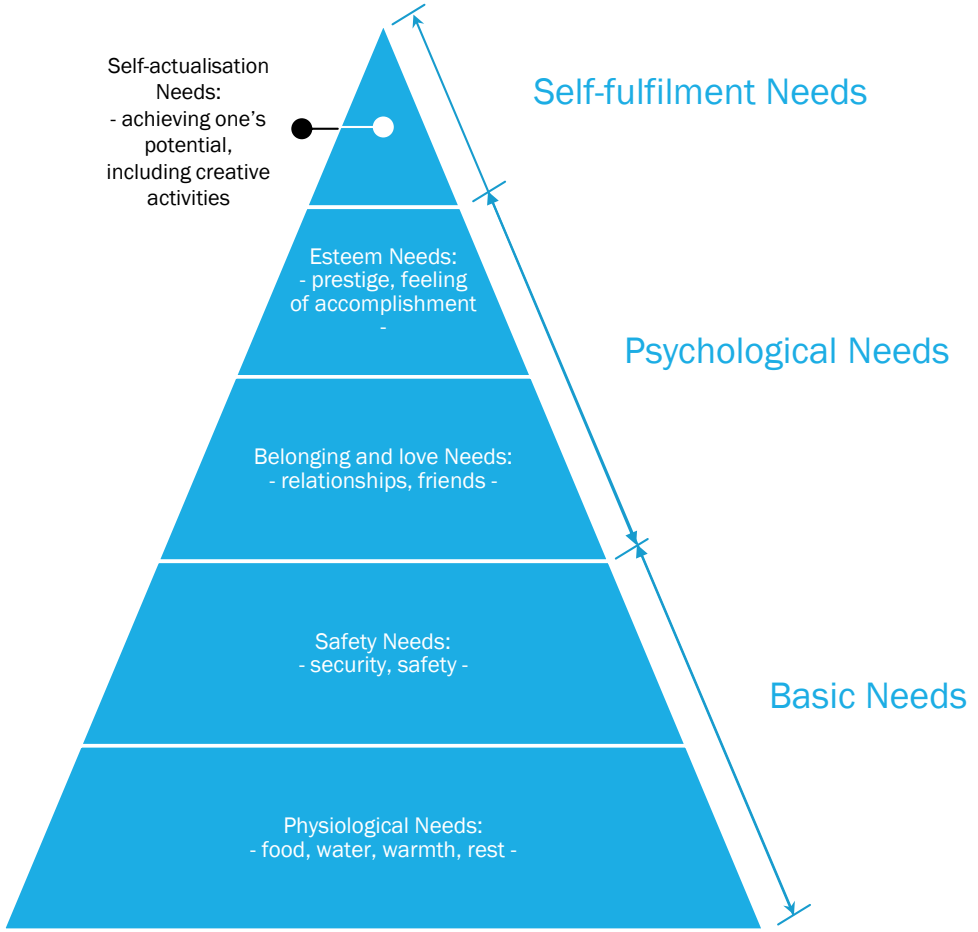
Improving our well-being

One of the main purposes of local government is to improve the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our residents and communities.

Almost everything we do as a Council contributes to these well-beings. In our Long-Term Plan we describe a series of community outcomes or goals, which represent our Council's vision for the district, and guide our Council as it develops plans and makes decisions. These well-beings are aspirational and long-term.

It's important to note that our Council is just one of several organisations that contribute to well-being in our community. Government and non-government agencies, along with many other groups, also have a part to play, but we play a role in advocating, facilitating, and supporting these across Waikirikiri Selwyn.

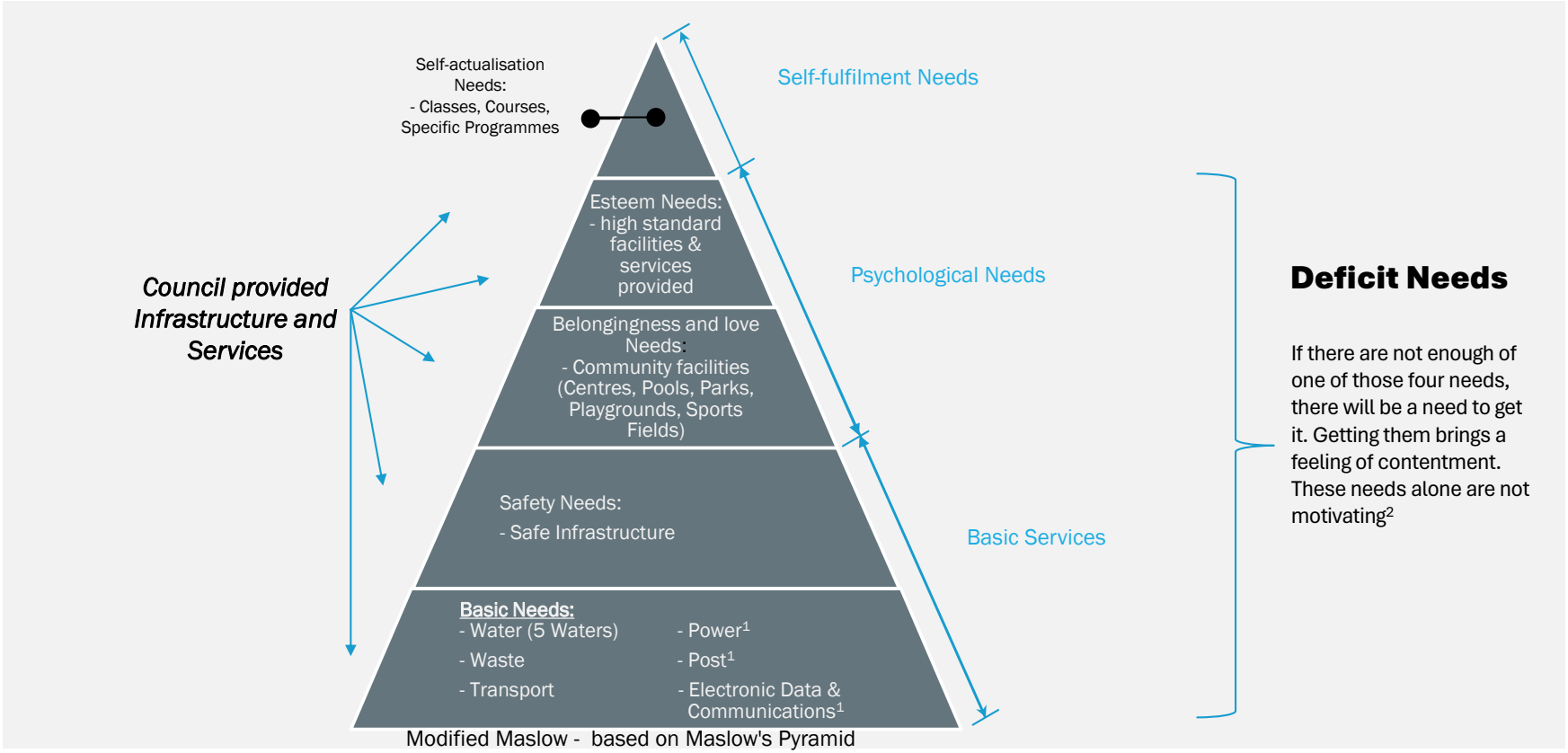
LTP 24-34 Consultation Document



** "...Maslow was an American psychologist who created Maslow's hierarchy of needs, a theory of psychological health predicated on fulfilling innate human needs in priority...The first four levels are known as deficit needs or D-needs... This means that if there are not enough of one of those four needs, there will be a need to get it. Getting them brings a feeling of contentment. These needs alone are not motivating". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Maslow

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MATCHING COUNCIL SERVICES TO THESE NEEDS SHOWS A VERY BROAD FOCUS

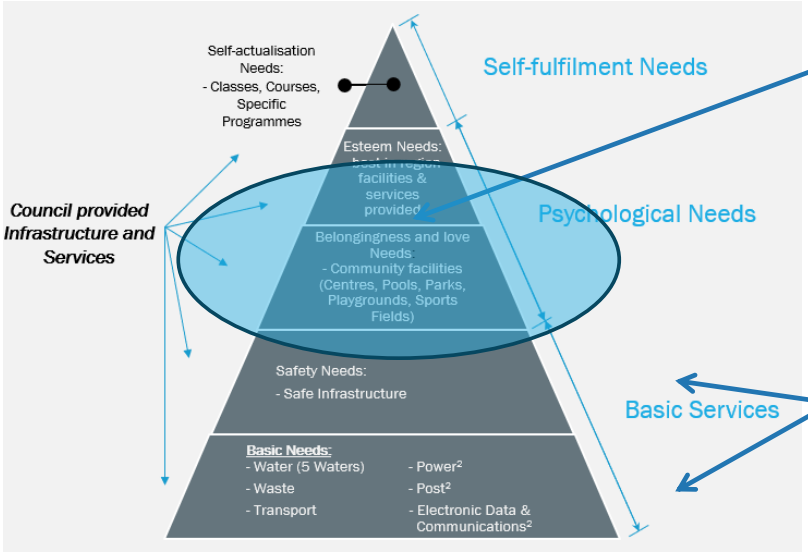


Modified Maslow - based on Maslow's Pyramid

1. Outside SDC scope 2 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Maslow

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THIS FOCUS SEEMS TO BE DEMANDING A VORACIOUS FUNDING LEVEL AND SOME POTENTIAL DUPLICATION OF OTHER PROVIDERS' SERVICES[1]



Apparent Council LTP consultation scope

Lincoln Community are asking for "basics" support – road safety, pedestrian safe crossings & cycle lanes, a safe budget

COUNCIL SEEMS TO HAVE CHOSEN TO FOCUS THE LTP CONSULTATION AT THE EXPENSE OF SOME BASIC SERVICES IMPROVEMENTS

THE PLAN SHOWS SOME REDUCTION IN SERVICE INVESTMENT & HENCE SERVICE LEVELS OVER THE STRATEGY PERIOD

THE PLAN SHOWS A MASSIVE INVESTMENT IN UPGRADES BUT AFTER THE STRATEGY PERIOD

THE PLAN CONTINUES LIMITED INVESTMENT IN LINCOLN DESPITE IT BEING THE NUMBER 2 TOWNSHIP

THE PLAN INTENDS FOR COUNCIL ASSET SALES BUT THIS IS NOT EXPLAINED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

THE PLAN DOES NOT APPEAR TO ACKNOWLEDGE MATERIAL AUSTERITY OR EFFICIENCY MEASURES WITHIN COUNCIL OPERATIONS DESPITE RATE PAYERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS

THE PLAN FUNDING APPEARS ONLY REACHABLE BY CREATING DEBT LEVELS APPROACHING THE PER CAPITA AUCKLAND COUNCIL DEBT

1. Well-being Note, Page 8 –Council is one of several organisations…
2. Outside SDC scope

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COUNCIL MUST ADDRESS THE SUPPORT IT PROVIDES LINCOLN A REVISED INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY IS REQUIRED

SPRINGS ROAD WILL BE AT CAPACITY AS NEW SUBDIVISIONS COME ONLINE

NO PLANS FOR SPRINGS ROAD CAPACITY EXPANSION ARE DETAILED IN THE LTP EITHER NORTH OR SOUTH OF LINCOLN, NOR ADDRESSING CURRENT SAFETY ISSUES SOUTH OF LINCOLN

THIS EMERGING GROWTH CAPACITY ISSUE AND INTERSECTION SAFETY ISSUES WERE HIGHLIGHTED TO COUNCIL BACK IN 2021[7]

- A number of road safety investments have been tabled in the LTP at intersections on Springs Road (Lincoln – Prebbleton)[6] This is good news but is not sufficient. Road capacity seems untouched and even during current low volume school holiday traffic, there are significant delays along Springs.
- Some works have been proposed for Ellesmere and Edwards roads but is silent on Springs road surrounding Lincoln – why is this and why is council silent on the current poor and risky road condition?
- It is not visible that Council has budgeted in the LTP for investments on Springs Road south of Lincoln as advised to do so by the Councils own expert[7.] Please explain why this is not being included in the LTP when risks have been identified and concurred to by Council and a major subdivision development will occur during the LTP period dramatically increasing heavy truck and other vehicle traffic.
- Springs Road / Verdeco intersection
  - I note that median strips have been installed on Newtons Road at the Weedons / Newtons intersection, so safety is being addressed “west of Shands”. Dawsons Road has received a Rural intersection upgrade this year, but Council continues to deny remediation of Verdeco - Springs semi-rural intersection in Lincoln.
- Given the Springs Road capacity concerns are well known, what plans will Council put in place to address current and proposed capacity? Please include in the LTP.

6. Transport Capex – Full List
7. Matt Collins Traffic RMA Paper to Council November 2021

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COUNCIL IS EMBARKING ON WHAT COULD BE A HIGH-RISK FINANCIAL PLAN FOR RATE-PAYERS & THIS REQUIRES OPEN DISCUSSION

COUNCIL PROPOSES TO INCREASE DEBT TO 220% OF REVENUE OR $634M

DEBT REPAYMENT RELIES ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS[8]

DEVELOPMENT ULTIMATELY RELIES ON POPULATION GROWTH AND IS UNCERTAIN

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO TARGETED AT SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

WHAT ASSET CLASSES DOES COUNCIL INTEND TO SELL?

Debt per capita Comparison: *Auckland Council vs. proposed SDC debt*

	Debt	Population	Date	Debt per every person	Debt per household
Auckland	$11.9B	1.739300M	June 30, 23	$6,842	
SDC	$0.634B	0.100772M	2030	$6,291	$17,997

Note: 1. Auckland Debt ex AC website, Auckland Population Stats NZ
2. SDC Debt ex LTP documents, population and household counts from Transport AMP 2030 P22,24

- The proposed debt level is close to Auckland on a per capita basis, yet Selwyn lacks both the population scale and the relative level of individual wealth compared to Auckland for example. How does the Funding Agency decide whether the borrowing limit is acceptable for specific jurisdictions?
- Loan repayment seems to have to share developer contributions which seems a possible double count and needs clarification
- Asset sales are tabled for potential action in the documents. What is the anticipated scale and timing? What asset classes are intended?
- What is the intent of the insurance review? Is this to reduce insurance cover? What is the project brief?
- The debt curve shows debt going over the debt limit, will this impact banking covenants? What are the implications? Will the principle be paid back as well as interest?
- With a similar debt per capita position, Auckland Council has embarked on austerity and cost saving. It does not look like Council has considered such measures. Councillor Miller called this concern out as reported in the Selwyn Times April 3.
- An activity centred budget does not seem appropriate given the intended debt levels. What does Council plan to do to drive efficiency and effectiveness?

8. LTP Consulting Doc P29 Digital, P 56 Print

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COUNCIL'S GROWTH PROJECTION FOR LINCOLN IS TOO LOW

BEYOND PLAN GROWTH WILL EXACERBATE EXISTING COMMUNITY STRESS WITH ROADS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES' WHICH ARE ALREADY AT POOR SERVICE LEVELS

GERALD STREET, SPRINGS ROAD ARE HIGH RISK TODAY

Growth: *SDC LTP Growth Demand*

Lincoln

	2022	2024	2034	2034 - 2024
Population	9180	10438	13978	3540
Households	3501	3889	5213	1324
Dwellings	3773	4201	5661	**1460**

Note: PC69 approved sections: 1710
Assuming 1 house per lot, this subdivision alone will deliver greater growth than SDC forecast
Growth Data SDC Transport AMP

- Just one subdivision being only ~85% completed will meet the SDC growth estimates over the 2024 – 2034 period.
- Lower growth data seems likely to support drive an SDC focus away from Lincoln to other areas, creating further local Lincoln stress.

- Gerald Street town centre development has been delayed and pushed back for 8 years and is not confirmed but only listed in this LTP[3].
  This 2016 deferred work must be committed in the LTP
  - Traffic congestion and vehicle / pedestrian & cyclist risks are real
  - Road condition is unsatisfactory
  - The town has outgrown its rural town centre capacity and utility, it also detracts from growth which the council financials are predicated on

- Critical asset the Lincoln Events Centre (LEC), gets $13.6M funding to assess the space & be assessed for EQ strengthening in the LTP 26 / 27 proposed budget[4]. Other communities require new facilities due to EQ issues, but why is Lincoln back-staged again when significantly more people may be at risk? A proposed new alternate access road to the LEC should not proceed and funding should be reassigned to investigate and remedy this potential safety item.

- Even Cycling and Tourist areas have received newer Public Toilet facilities than Lincoln (New facilities at Rail Trail – Nellis Road, Hororata Domain, Lake Lyndon), - should we be grateful that Council is allocating funds for Lincoln with new toilets in the plan? The proposes Arthurs Pass cycle route is discretionary and should be deprioiritised / not proceed.

- The LTP Infrastructure Strategy shows limited transport capital projects in Lincoln either completed or underway over the last 3 years[5]

3. Infrastructure Strategy P7
4. Infrastructure Strategy P 68
5. Infrastructure Strategy List of Projects P 23-24

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WHY IS THERE A NEED TO FRONT-LOAD RATES INCREASES? WHAT DRIVES THE LOWER INCREASES IN OUT-YEARS. THIS SEEMS WISHFUL BASED ON COUNCILS' BROAD FOCUS AMBITION AND ACTIVITY PLANS?

COUNCIL DOES NOT DISCLOSE THE IMPACT OF RATE RISES ON INDIVIDUAL RATES UNTIL PAGE 56 OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, THIS SHOULD BE INCLUDED UPFRONT IN THE PAGE 18 "UNDERSTAND YOUR RATES"

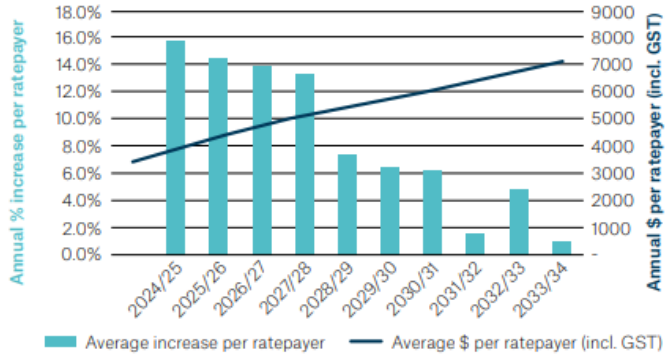
IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT RATES INCREASES WOULD DROP – PLEASE EXPLAIN

THIS IS NOT A WARRANTY T&C DOCUMENT, COUNCIL NEEDS TO BE UPFRONT ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

Rates levels and limit

The Council is forecasting average rate increases per ratepayer of 8.5% per year over the next 10 years, with the majority of the increase occurring in years 1-3. Legislation requires councils to set a limit on rate increases. We have set a limit that the average rate increase per ratepayer will not exceed 16% in the first four years of the plan and 10% for the remaining six years.

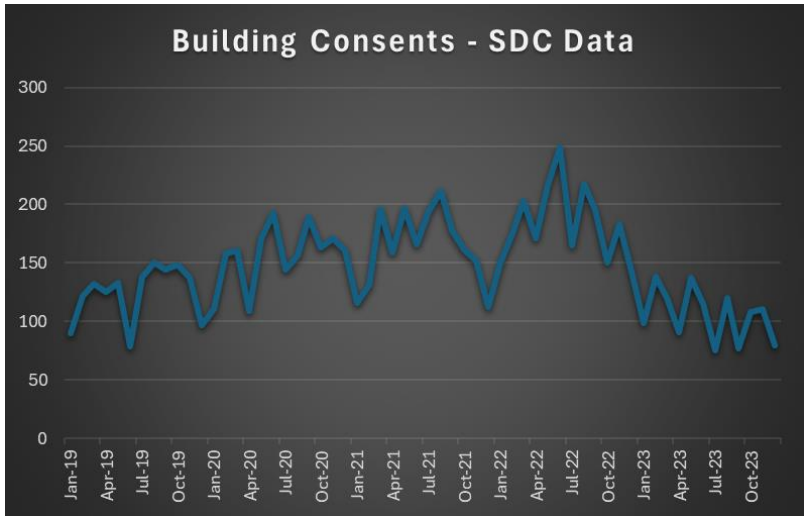
These are average increases per ratepayer, and the actual increase for individual ratepayer may exceed these amounts. The forecast average rate increase per ratepayer and the average rates per ratepayer over the next 10 years are shown in the chart below.



LTP Consultation Doc –P56

VOLATILE BUILDING CONSENT DATA[9] SHOWS THE RISKS IN RELYING ON HISTORIC DEVELOPMENT TRENDS AS A GUIDE TO THE FUTURE

VOLATILITY AND SCALE OF NEW BUILDING CONSENTS INDICATES A NEED FOR CONSERVATIVE ASSUMPTIONS IN LOAN REPAYMENTS BASED ON DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS



Given the stated reliance on Development contributions for repayment of debt, has a conservative view been taken on the amount of development likely to occur in future, (consents YE 23 were ~30% of the peak), in order to repay debt without impacting rates further?

9. SDC Quality Team April 2024, Personal Data Request for New Dwelling Consents and CCC

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GIVEN THE CRITICAL ROLE OF ROADING IN OUR LIVES, COUNCIL LIKELY RISKS COMMUNITY STRESS, SAFETY ISSUES AND NEGATIVE REACTION WITH ITS APPROACH TO TRANSPORT IN THE LTP

ONLY 50% OF OUR ROADS ARE AT BETTER THAN "ADEQUATE" SERVICE LEVEL AT PRESENT[10]

FUTURE LEVEL OF SERVICE BUDGET HAS BEEN SLASHED, SO CONDITIONS WILL SEEMINGLY WORSEN[11]

SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORT IS A HYGIENE FACTOR, AND A REASONABLE SERVICE LEVEL SHOULD BE PRIORITISED ABOVE DISCRETIONARY SPEND

A high-level summary of asset condition information is provided in the following table.

Activity	Asset Condition	Very good	Good	Moderate/ Adequate	Poor	Very Poor	Unknown
Five Waters (Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Land Drainage, Water Races)		44%	30%	11%	1%	1%	13%
Drinking Water		32%	58%	4%	1%	1%	4%
Wastewater		59%	35%	0%	3%	1%	2%
Stormwater		63%	14%	7.5%	0.3%	0.01%	15.2%
Land Drainage		30%	28%	38%	0%	0.3%	3.7%
Water Races		38%	17%	8%	0.6%	0.4%	36%
Transportation		10%	40%	43%	5%	2%	-
Community Facilities		2.5%	51.9%	39.5%	5.3%	0.8%	-
Facilities		37.8%	37.8%	20.7%	3%	0.6%	-
Open Spaces		2%	52%	40%	5%	1%	-
Resource Recovery and Waste		0%	90%	5%	5%	0%	

- Transport has the lowest asset condition yet is a core critical Basic Needs service. The community assumes that Council is looking after their interests and maintaining the basic assets (water, transport, waste etc) and so steers the discussion to nice-to-have facilities.
- Council needs to be open about the condition of assets and why funds are being allocated as they are. The community can then make an informed decision about the Big Decisions in the LTP.
- Council Facilities have a high condition
- Whilst Transport OPEX does increase, low asset condition and an apparent cut in capital Level of Service budgets seems like a potential major issue looming for Transport. Please explain.

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Capital expenditure ($000's)

	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35 – 38/39	39/40 – 43/44	44/45 – 48/49	49/50 – 53/54	Total
Transportation	63,927	55,986	64,154	53,820	57,481	59,103	62,859	64,523	66,268	70,280	475,335	619,363	828,417	1,095,585	3,637,101
Level of Service	20,959	6,020	6,768	7,679	9,506	13,025	7,394	5,148	5,671	21,283	47,401	54,529	61,657	68,785	335,826
Growth	28,182	36,798	40,229	29,615	30,719	28,082	34,560	37,652	38,011	23,246	215,939	248,411	280,883	313,355	1,385,681
Renewal	14,786	13,168	17,157	16,526	17,256	17,996	20,905	21,723	22,586	25,751	211,995	316,423	485,877	713,445	1,915,594

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10. Infrastructure Strategy P28
11. Infrastructure Strategy P88

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RATE OF SPEND ESCALATES SHARPLY POST THE LTP PERIOD
IS EARLIER ASSET EXPENDITURE OR RENEWALS BEING DEFERRED? IF SO, WHAT?

CAPITAL ASSET EXPENDITURE RAMPS UP MASSIVELY POST LTP PERIOD

OUTSIDE OF MAINTAINING NEW ASSETS, IS COUNCIL DEFERRING EXPENDITURE TO OUTSIDE THE 2024 – 2034 LTP PERIOD?

WHAT IS BEING DEFERRED?

Operational expenditure ($000's)	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33	33/34	34/35 – 38/39	39/40 – 43/44	44/45 – 48/49	49/50 – 53/54	Total
Five Waters (Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, Land Drainage, Water Races)	37,430	40,328	42,376	44,594	51,582	53,243	56,151	60,021	60,406	62,085	263,810	343,101	431,255	530,218	2,076,598
Drinking Water	14,918	16,155	17,436	18,584	22,626	24,170	25,426	26,462	27,429	28,177	116,178	151,599	190,535	234,748	914,443
Wastewater	11,834	13,444	14,057	14,978	16,350	17,684	19,050	20,143	20,635	20,792	80,857	105,411	133,143	163,903	652,281
Stormwater	3,340	3,111	3,319	3,413	3,970	3,940	4,005	4,136	4,236	4,527	18,613	24,311	30,737	37,894	149,553
Land Drainage	3,034	2,956	2,671	2,455	3,187	1,963	1,936	3,284	1,888	2,013	8,342	9,882	11,339	13,037	67,989
Water Races	4,303	4,661	4,893	5,164	5,448	5,485	5,733	5,996	6,217	6,576	39,819	51,898	65,501	80,635	292,332
Transportation	19,968	22,186	23,758	26,061	28,225	30,718	33,081	35,161	37,160	38,803	133,712	189,151	263,143	361,384	1,242,510
Community Facilities	42,074	40,751	41,829	41,604	41,883	41,786	41,575	42,149	43,100	42,355	274,824	330,694	391,168	454,852	1,870,642
Resource Recovery and Waste	18,771	19,129	20,337	23,295	24,328	25,510	26,652	27,749	28,934	30,181	227,395	287,366	357,368	438,680	1,555,895
TOTAL	118,242	122,394	128,300	135,554	146,017	151,256	157,459	165,079	169,600	172,425	899,740	1,150,312	1,442,934	1,785,134	4,668,848

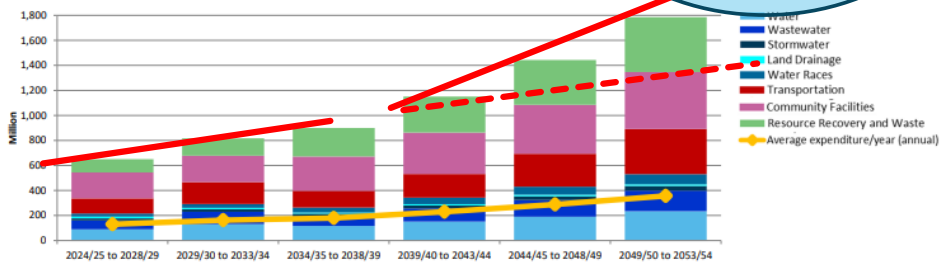


Figure 15: Infrastructure Operational Expenditure (5 year intervals) 2024-2054

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12. Infrastructure Strategy P87

COUNCIL APPROACH TO LINCOLN IS CONCERNING

COUNCIL DECLINED TO HOLD A DROP-IN CENTRE AT LINCOLN UNTIL COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED. THEN TWO WERE SCHEDULED. IS THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF THE TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION CONCERN WHEN IT COMES TO THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY?

COUNCIL HAS LISTED A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF LACK OF ALIGNMENT OF COUNCILLORS WITH THE COMMUNITY & STAFF, MITIGATION IS MANDATED[13]

1. Council seems to be indifferent to Lincoln community.

I was told that no LTP drop-in centre was being held at Lincoln this year as the issues were outside of Lincoln this year. I was informed that if I was interested, I would need to go to another centre to meet with council. In response to complaints, two drop-ins were scheduled.

This is a lack of fair and balanced representation for the community, who collectively are the second largest population group within SDC yet receive low service and investment relative to population size and rates contributions.

This seeming "West of Shands" focus with a history of deferred works, was reinforced by comments from an official during the Monday April 15th Drop-in at the LEC and reported in Lincoln Voice FB page.

It is seems that a policy change is required when Councillors declare conflicts of interest e.g. With Lincoln related affairs. They should substitute another representative to push for the requirements of this community given the above. The implications of this also seem clear.

It would seem that Lincoln may well be better represented in a Super City.

2. Risk Register - What are the remedial assessments and actions given that Council is not hearing our transport and development concerns. As an impacted community member I request mitigation be actioned.

Political / Reputational		
Operating in a way that leads to legal liability	Not meeting legislative requirements: Inadequate legal protection / enforcement powers. Legal action taken against council	Significant
Council/Elected Members negatively influencing decision-making	Lack of political/priority alignment between national/regional/local priorities. Inability of elected members to fulfil roles and responsibilities, or act on staff and community concerns.	Significant

Risk priority rating		
Risk score	Level of risk	Risk response
15-25	Extreme	Requires immediate assessment of actions
8-12	Significant	Requires remedial assessments and action via the annual planning process
4-6	Moderate	Adress via new procedures and/or modification of existing practices and training
1-3	Low	No formal requirement for further action, unless escalation of risk is possible

13. Infrastructure Strategy P41-42

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Details of submitter No: 1350 - Mathew Walsh

Submitter:	Mathew Walsh
Organisation:	Squash New Zealand

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Mathew **Last name:** Walsh

☐ Withhold my details
Organisation: Squash New Zealand

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Our budgeted option

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Please add any comments you may have

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034. We would love to speak at a public hearing if possible, please let me know the details about this and if it is possible to do it remotely.

We are submitting this proposal to Selwyn District Council on behalf of Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury, the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group, over 2,250 Squash Members in the Canterbury District and all the potential Squash players that are not able to participate in Squash due to the shortage of facilities that we have in the Selwyn District.

The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents, resulting in current players having to travel significant distances and limited access for new participants.

We request support from Selwyn District Council to support the investigation and planning for a new facility:

$60,000 in budget in FY25 to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case

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$250,000 in budget in FY26-27 to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting

$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 to go towards Construction

We anticipate the total construction cost will be in excess of $3.5M and possibly as high as $5.5M thus completion of the project as preliminary conceived will require funding partnerships beyond what we are requesting Selwyn District Council might provide.

Please see our attached document for the full proposal.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a ‘hub’ for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

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2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates

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Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Squash Canterbury and Squash NZ - Selwyn DC LTP FINAL

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Have Your Say

Selwyn District Council – Long-term Plan 2024-2034

1. Executive Summary

1.1. Introduction

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1.2. Need

The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the accessibility of squash as a sport, the shortage of facilities in the Selwyn District and the associated health benefits provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

1.3. Why Squash?

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries and in NZ by people of all descent. Squash brings together diverse cultures.
2. Squash offers a holistic workout that enhances cardiovascular health, muscle strength, agility, and endurance, aligning with global health recommendations.
3. Its adaptable nature makes squash accessible to individuals of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds, fostering inclusivity in sports participation.
4. Squash facilities provide opportunities for social interaction, teamwork, and fair play, promoting community cohesion and mental well-being.

5. Squash encourages lifelong engagement, offering challenges and rewards for players of all ages, contributing to active aging and social connectivity.
6. With avenues for both recreational play and competitive engagement, squash supports goal-setting, competition and skill improvement, enriching the overall sporting experience.
7. Squash can be played in all weather conditions with facilities able to be utilised over 365 days of the year.

1.4. Proposed Location

The proposed location for a new squash facility in Rolleston is based on its predicted population growth, demographic composition, absence of current squash amenities, central position within the District, potential economic advantages, and opportunities for collaborative partnerships in facility development.

We have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston:

1. A new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre
2. A new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

Further planning and investigation will be required to identify the preferred option.

1.5. Facility Design and Features

The design of the squash facility in Rolleston will be guided by a number of core principles:

1. Partnership: Collaboration with Iwi and local stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.
2. Multi-use: The facility will be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs.
3. Community Hub: Serving as a vibrant hub for recreational and social activities, the facility will foster connections, promote well-being, and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.
4. Sustainability: The design will incorporate sustainable practices to minimize environmental impact, such as energy-efficient systems, water conservation measures, and the use of eco-friendly materials. As well as choosing a location that offers sustainable transport options for participants.
5. Accessibility: The facility will prioritize accessibility for all members of the community, including individuals with disabilities, ensuring equal opportunities for participation and engagement in squash and other activities.

1.6. Funding and Partnerships

Funding for the project will be sourced from a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors and sports organizations.

1.7. Timeline and Implementation

The proposed timeline includes phases for planning, design, approvals, construction, and a grand opening, with a commitment to close collaboration with the Selwyn District Council, stakeholders, and the community throughout the process.

1.8. Conclusion

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for its successful implementation.

2. Background information

2.1. Squash as a sport for Selwyn

Squash is a sport that not only engages individuals but also enriches entire communities through its diverse range of benefits. Here's why squash courts would be a valuable asset for Selwyn and Rolleston:

1. Cultural diversity: Squash is played in 185 countries by more than 20 million people including commonwealth and former English colonised countries, Pacific Island nations, Europe, USA, Canada, South Africa, Egypt, India, Pakistan, Australia, and China. With 30% of Selwyn's population having arrived in New Zealand in the past 20 years, many of these ethnicities form a growing demographic of Selwyn's diverse cultural community. About 10% of Selwyn's 60,000 people have immigrated here from other countries. As experienced in other Districts in New Zealand, Squash will bring together these diverse cultures.
2. Health and Well-being Benefits: Squash is often referenced as the world's healthiest sport across a broad range of criteria (Forbes Magazine). It offers a comprehensive workout, promoting physical fitness, cardiovascular health, and mental well-being. The sport's fast-paced nature, combined with its accessibility for all ages and skill levels, makes it an enjoyable and effective way to stay active year-round in any weather.
3. Accessibility: Squash stands out as a sport that celebrates diversity and inclusivity, providing equal opportunities for individuals of all ages, genders, and skill levels to participate, enjoy, and excel. Its non-contact nature and flexible format allow for solo play or games with 2, 3, or 4 players, accommodating various preferences and abilities. With modified game types available, squash caters to both leisurely enjoyment and competitive engagement, ensuring accessibility for all. Interclub competitions epitomise squash's intergenerational and gender-neutral appeal, where a junior as young as 11 may challenge a senior player over 60. These events often feature mixed-gender matches, reflecting squash's commitment to inclusivity and fair play across age groups and skill levels.
4. Social Inclusion and Personal Development: Squash serves as a platform for social inclusion, personal growth, and skill development. It encourages the development of social skills, self-confidence, and mental well-being, while providing opportunities for individuals to engage in meaningful physical activity. Squash facilities also serve as community hubs, bringing people together and fostering a sense of belonging.
5. International Pathways and Olympics: Squash offers international pathways for aspiring athletes, with various professional and amateur tournaments worldwide. Additionally, squash is a Commonwealth Games sport and will be included in the Olympics from 2028, providing opportunities for community members to engage with the sport at a global level and inspiring future generations of athletes.

2.2. Squash Facilities in New Zealand

Squash facilities in New Zealand serve as vital hubs for fostering community engagement, promoting physical activity, and nurturing talent in the sport. With over 300 facilities and 750 courts spread across the country, these venues provide spaces for players of all ages and skill levels to participate in squash, from casual recreational play to competitive tournaments. However, many of these facilities face challenges such as aging infrastructure, limited resources for maintenance, and fluctuating membership numbers, which can impact their overall condition and sustainability.

Surveys have shown that greater than 70% of affiliated squash facilities are over 40 years old and more than 60% are rated at average or lesser condition. It also highlighted that squash is under-delivering in the provision of warm, clean, quality courts. Where Courts have been significantly upgraded or rebuilt in Christchurch (largely as a result of the

2010/2011 Earthquakes), there have been large increases in playing numbers, including in the younger age groups. This demonstrates the importance of modern, purpose-built facilities and the high latent demand for squash.

Recognizing the importance of addressing these challenges and ensuring the continued growth and viability of squash facilities nationwide, Squash New Zealand developed a National Facility Strategy in 2022. This is a comprehensive plan aimed at addressing the development, maintenance, and enhancement of squash facilities throughout the country. By providing a strategic framework for decision-making, the Facilities Strategy seeks to support the long-term sustainability and success of squash facilities across New Zealand.

The relevance of this Facilities Strategy extends to the Selwyn District, where the growing ethnically diverse and relatively young population and increasing demand for recreational opportunities highlight the need for modern, well-maintained community facilities. The strategy highlights 14 National Squash Facility Priorities based on the impact they could have.

Investigation into the need for additional squash courts in the Selwyn District to cater for the high forecast population growth was identified as one of these priorities.

2.3. Squash focus on tamariki and rangatahi

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury, are deeply committed to fostering youth participation in our communities, recognising the importance of instilling a love for sport from an early age. This is particularly pertinent in Selwyn District where, according to the 2018 census, 46% of the population was aged <20 years old. Some reasons that squash is the ideal activity for our tamariki and rangatahi are:

1. Squash encourages active lifestyles and regular physical activity, promoting lifelong health and well-being among tamariki and rangatahi.
2. The sport offers a unique blend of cardiovascular exercise, strength training, and mental stimulation, contributing to overall fitness and cognitive development.
3. Squash fosters resilience and determination as young players learn to overcome challenges and setbacks on the court.
4. Through participation in squash, tamariki and rangatahi develop important life skills such as goal-setting, time management, and sportsmanship.
5. Squash provides a supportive and inclusive community environment where children and youth can build friendships and social connections that extend beyond the court.
6. As they progress in squash, tamariki and rangatahi have opportunities to represent their schools, clubs, and regions in interclub competitions and tournaments, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment.

We have implemented initiatives tailored to introduce tamariki and rangatahi to squash, providing them with avenues to engage and flourish in our sport including:

1. School Activation Programmes: These programmes aim to provide in curriculum lessons for numeracy and literacy through physical education and squash.
2. Coach / Activator Development: Creation of school modules specifically to upskill teachers in the coaching and deliver of squash.
3. Junior Programmes in clubs: Supporting clubs to appoint junior convenors who will grow junior programmes and participation within their clubs.
4. Skills and pathways: Developing resources where players can digitally track their skills and progress and supporting clubs to set up their own development pathways in partnership with local schools and parents.

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2.4. New Zealand and Canterbury Youth Squash Development

Youth development is a key priority for Squash NZ and for Squash Canterbury. Within Canterbury, we are focussed on supporting coaches who are running programmes in secondary schools. These programmes have been particularly successful at Christchurch Boys High and Saint Bede's College by introducing a significant number of rangatahi to squash.

For 2024 and 2025, our focus is on expanding those programmes to a number of other schools commencing with Hoon Hay and Hornby High Schools. We have agreed with Sport Canterbury to use our approved Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa funding in these schools in order to target rangatahi who have not had the opportunity to play squash previously. To support the establishment of a squash facility in Rolleston, we will expand these programmes to schools in the Selwyn District.

We are also working closely with Squash NZ to build a larger network of coaches across the Canterbury District as this will enable us to meet predicted growth in demand and to ensure that all tamariki and rangatahi receive high quality and appropriate coaching. This will also allow us to rollout a squash school holiday programme in 2025.

Squash Canterbury supports a range of competition opportunities for tamaraiki and rangatahi. This includes weekly Junior Interclub and regular tournaments. These competition events provided opportunities for both fun and development. Depending on their own goals, tamariki and rangatahi are able to progress to Canterbury, New Zealand, and International level representative events and teams.

3. Current state of Squash in New Zealand, Canterbury, and Selwyn

Squash as a sport has 19,121 affiliated members and 100,000 people playing squash in New Zealand and has grown over the last seven years. The primary growth in our sport has come from a 36% growth in leisure players over that same period of time.

In the Squash Canterbury District, in 2021 there were 2,256 affiliated squash players and 1,261 casual participants with membership having grown by approximately 20% since 2014 (1.4%/year), well above the national average.

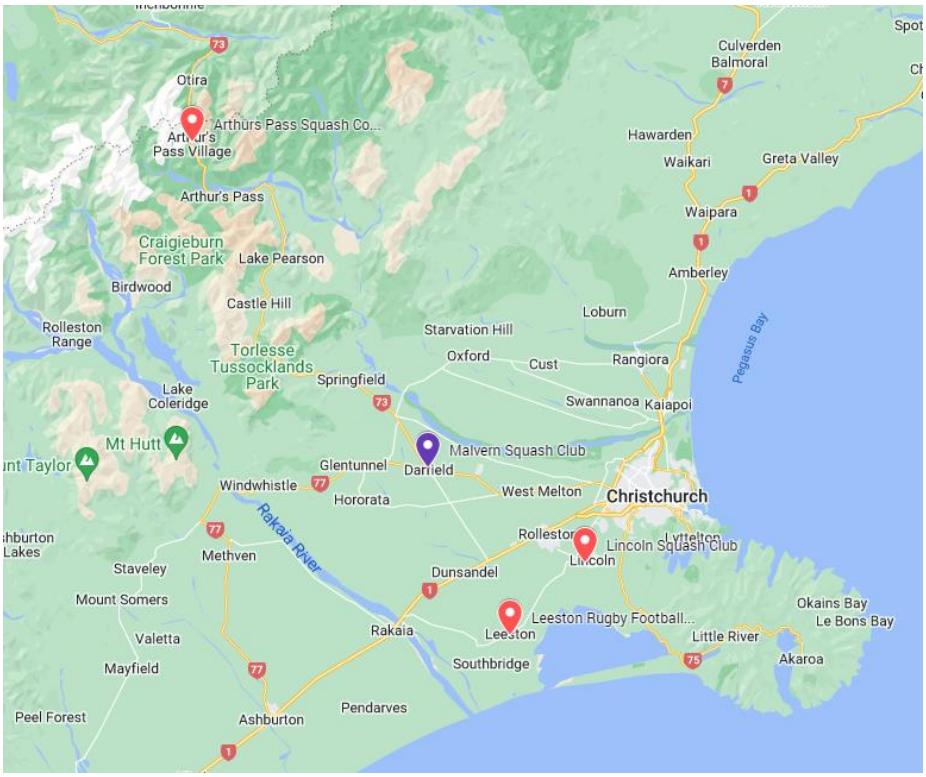
Currently in the Selwyn district we have four squash facilities, one that is run by an affiliated club – Malvern Squash Club and three that are not affiliated – Arthurs Pass Squash Courts, Lincoln Squash Club and Leeston Rugby Club.

With the National Strategy only able to survey affiliated clubs, we only have more in-depth information on Malvern Squash Club which in 2021 had 44 members and average quality facilities.

As only one of these facilities is managed and operated by an affiliated club, there is a significant risk that these courts could be lost to the community because the owners may decide to use them for something else. This has already happened to the squash courts in Lincoln, where there used to be four, but two were converted by the university into alternative facilities (a spin cycle studio and a climbing wall).

Between these four facilities there are a total of seven squash courts:

Facility	Type	Courts	Distance to Rolleston
Malvern Squash Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	29km
Leeston Rugby Club	Multi-sport	2 standard	24km
Lincoln Squash Club	University Facility	2 standard	10km
Arthurs Pass Squash Courts	Stand-alone	1 standard	120km



3.1. Need from the community

Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury have been working in partnership with the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group, a group of passionate squash players mostly based in Rolleston who currently need to travel extensively to the above clubs to be able to participate.

This group have conducted an informal petition that has received 336 signatures in support of the development of a new squash facility. They have also submitted their own submission as part of the Long-term Plan process which we support and complements ours.

A couple of the highlights from the petition included these comments:

Stephen Gardner "Our family has just shifted out to Rolleston, like many others over the past few years. It would be great if there was a facility out here as our kids will be keen to play in a few years' time. I play competitively and it's a big drive into Christchurch to play, not to mention the carbon footprint associated with it. A modern facility would be a great community asset!"

Jennifer Barnden "Husband and I play squash, having to travel out of Rolleston weekly. Having a squash court in Rolleston would be awesome"

3.2. Identified need in Rolleston

The National Strategy analysed squash participation levels across the country including population per court, members per court and members per population. In this analysis, Auckland has been removed due to its population and number of courts being so different to the rest of the country, so any national analysis excludes Auckland.

1. The Canterbury District has a higher proportion of people per court (7,011 to 5,635) and significantly higher people per affiliated court (11,136 to 7,551) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that there are under supply of courts in the Canterbury District.**
2. The Canterbury District has a similar number of members per court (33 to 34) and slightly lower number of all players per court (36 to 38) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that with the number of courts in the district that we have roughly the right number of players.**

	Total Courts	2023 population	People/ court	Aff. Courts	People/Aff. Court	Affiliated members	Members/ court	All Players/ court
Canterbury	108	757,230	7,011	68	11,136	2,256	33	36
National	611	3,443,220	5,635	456	7,551	15,080	33	38

3. The Canterbury District has significantly lower number of squash players per population (0.46% to 0.70%) and affiliated squash players per population (0.30% to 0.44%) when compared to the national average. **This shows us that we should have a far higher number of squash players and people participating in squash in the Canterbury District.**

	Total Courts	2023 population	Affiliated members	All players	All players/pop	Aff. Players/pop
Canterbury	108	757,230	2,256	3,517	0.46%	0.30%
National	611	3,443,220	15,080	24217	0.70%	0.44%

4. The National Strategy provides guidelines for squash court provision to be one affiliated squash court for every 7,500 people, noting for urban areas to aim for one affiliated court for every 8,500 people.
5. Urban areas are generally considered to be areas with a population of over 5,000, so for Selwyn, Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton fall into this classification, so for the purpose of this analysis, we will use this Urban ratio to consider the whole Selwyn District as it is more conservative than the rural ratio.
6. The Selwyn District currently has much higher population per court (10,500 to 5,635) and population per affiliated court (36,750 to 6,412) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that the Selwyn District has a significant shortfall in the provision of squash courts even when considering all available courts as opposed to just affiliated courts.**
7. By 2048 it is projected that the Selwyn District will have a much higher population per court (15,214 to 6,403) and population per affiliated court (53,250 to 7,285) when compared to the national average and much higher than the recommended guidelines of one affiliated court per 8,500 people. **This shows us that with the projected growth in the Selwyn District and the fact that there are currently no planned new squash courts that there will be an even greater shortfall in the provision of squash courts by 2048.**
8. When considering the National Strategy provision guidelines for squash court provision Selwyn is currently 6.6 affiliated courts short and this shortfall is projected to grow to 10.5 courts short by 2048. **This shows us that we need to start planning immediately for how we address this shortfall in squash courts and the facility size in Rolleston needs to be in excess of 6 courts now with a plan to expand to 10 courts over the coming decades.**

	Selwyn		Christchurch		National	
	2023	2048	2023	2048	2023	2048
Population	73,500	106,500	402,400	463,500	3,443,220	3,912,280
Courts	7	7	35	35	611	611
Affiliated courts	2	2	28	28	537	537
Pop per court	10,500	15,214	11,497	13,243	5,635	6,403
Pop per affiliated court	36,750	53,250	14,371	16,554	6,412	7,285
Recommended people per affiliated court	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500	8,500
Recommended courts	8.6	12.5	47.3	54.5	405.1	460.3
Shortage (all courts)	**1.6**	**5.5**	**12.3**	**19.5**	**-205.9**	**-150.7**
Shortage (affiliated courts)	**6.6**	**10.5**	**19.3**	**26.5**	**56.4**	**-76.7**

9. When considering the population in the Selwyn District and where current squash courts are located, most urban centres are close to or over the recommended number of squash courts, except for Rolleston. **This shows that Rolleston is the location in most need of additional squash courts in the Selwyn District.**

Selwyn District	2023 Population	Number of Squash Courts	Recommended Courts for population	Shortfall/ oversupply
Rolleston	29,600	0	3.5	-3.5
Lincoln	10,250	2	1.2	0.8
Prebbleton	5,280	0	0.6	-0.6
Darfield	3,150	2	0.4	1.6
West Melton	2,450	0	0.3	-0.3
Leeston	2,430	2	0.3	1.7

3.2.1. Need conclusion

1. This research shows that there is a very clear need for additional squash facilities in the Selwyn District and particularly in Rolleston.
2. Due to its central location, the location of population growth and where existing squash courts are located. Rolleston is the preferred location for additional provision of squash courts.
3. The Selwyn District with its project growth has the greatest shortfall in squash courts available to its population across New Zealand.
4. If we were to increase the supply of courts, given these severe shortfalls, with additional courts, local participation will likely rise rapidly.

4. Proposal

4.1. Purpose

Given Squash NZ and Squash Canterbury are already working with the non-affiliated court facilities in the Selwyn District to address some of the shortfall, the purpose of this submission is to outline the need for additional squash court provision in the Selwyn District and to identify options for how Squash New Zealand and Squash Canterbury can address this shortage, particularly in Rolleston, in partnership with Selwyn District Council.

4.2. Request

Our request is for financial support to help with the planning to determine the preferred option and support the generation of sufficient capital to build a facility.

1. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates $**60,000 in budget in FY25** to go towards undertaking a Feasibility Study and Business Case. This work generally costs in the region of $60,000 - $100,000. If Selwyn District Council is able to invest $60,000 towards this work, then Squash New Zealand is prepared to contribute $10,000 towards this and Sport Canterbury has indicated that they would also contribute financially.
2. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$40,000 in budget in FY26** to go towards undertaking Concept Design. If Selwyn District Council contributes $40,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required either from Squash NZ or from grant funding.
3. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$250,000 in budget in FY26-27** to go towards undertaking Detailed Design and Consenting. If Selwyn District Council contributes $200,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.
4. We request that Selwyn District Council allocates **$2,500,000 in budget in FY28-29 t**o go towards Construction. If Selwyn District Council contributes $2,500,000 to this work then we will look to raise the remaining funding required from grant funding.

		Budget required		
	Financial Years	**Total cost**	**Request from Council**	**Contribution from others**
Needs Assessment	Complete	$0	$0	$0
Feasibility	FY25	$40 - 70k	$45k	$10k
Business Case	FY25	$20 - 30k	$15k	$10k
Concept Design	FY26	$40 - 60k	$40k	$20k

Design and consent	FY26-27	$300 - 500k	$200k	$100k
Construction	FY28-29	$3.5 - 5m	$2.5m	$1.5m
Total		**$3.9 - $5.7m**	**$2.8m**	**$1.64m**

4.3. Funding

With the overall capital build likely being in the range of $3.5 - $5.7m based on other similar builds that have happened recently, we anticipate that the contribution from Selwyn District Council will likely need to be roughly 60 – 70% of the total project cost with the upfront planning work likely requiring a higher proportion to be funded by Council.

We want to be very realistic about this ask as we know that the funding landscape currently is limited, with most major funders having limited resources and more and more applications for those resources every year.

The reality is that the traditional thinking for funding a facility of one third Council, one third sector funders, one third private is outdated and with Central Government no longer putting capital funding into local projects that Local Councils will generally have to fund a much higher proportion of the capital required for new community facilities.

This does give Council's a much greater say however in the outcomes they want from these facilities they are investing into.

We anticipate being able to raise $1 – 1,5m from various trusts and funders if we are able to secure initial funding from Selwyn District Council.

4.4. Options

We want to emphasise that we have started to consider several options to address the identified needs, with some smaller measures being identified such as working with unaffiliated clubs to become affiliated, supporting clubs in Christchurch and possibly developing courts at Lincoln University. However, due to the size of the need identified, we suggest that the development of additional squash courts in Rolleston is the only practical option to ensure that the community in the Selwyn District has the same ability to play squash as the rest of the country.

We are only at the initial investigation stage of this project and therefore all the figures provided in these options are provisional and based on other recent projects. Also, a lot of the assumptions made regarding these potential options still require extensive engagement and consultation with the key stakeholders such as Selwyn District Council, Lincoln University, and the local and Canterbury Squash community.

Squash New Zealand, Squash Canterbury and the Rolleston Squash Facility Development Group (RSFDG) want to work in partnership with Selwyn District Council to further investigate these options and would like to request financial assistance to appoint a specialist consultant to undertake this work.

4.4.1. Option 1

Build a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre

After an initial consultation with staff at Selwyn District Council, the land at 96 Rolleston Drive, adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre was identified as a possible location for a new multisport capable squash facility.

With the existing Community Centre onsite, there is the ability to look at extending the community centre to cater for the squash courts and potentially sharing existing facilities such as toilets and car parking.

This is also the location of the youth hub, a central source of services and programmes targeted at rangatahi youth (12 to 24 years old) in the District. Conceived as a space where youth can go to receive targeted programmes and non-judgemental, confidential youth services from qualified agencies, a co-located squash facility could become a strong functional physical outlet for youth interested in physical fitness, collaboration, teamwork and mental health.

Co-locating squash courts with an existing facility offers a multitude of benefits that extend beyond squash itself such as:

1. Maximized Facility Utilisation: By integrating squash into the Community Centre, the facility can cater to a broader range of recreational activities and attract a more diverse audience. This increased utilisation enhances the facility's value proposition and contributes to its long-term sustainability.
2. Programming: Locating these facilities together could lead to joint programming and cross-promotion with other activities offered at the facility.
3. Enhanced Community Impact: A combined facility could become a community hub that encourages social interaction, cultural exchange, and community development.
4. Cost-Efficient Infrastructure Development: Building squash courts as an extension of an existing facility can be a cost-efficient approach compared to constructing a standalone facility. Utilising shared amenities, such as parking, toilets, and administrative spaces, reduces construction costs and streamlines operational expenses.



Devoy Centre, Tauranga, an eight-court facility overlaid on the potential location for a new squash facility in Rolleston.

Steps required:

1. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options. This would include determining whether attaching to the existing community centre is possible.
2. Engage with Selwyn District Council to begin process of Landowner Approval and securing a lease.
3. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
4. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
5. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
6. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
7. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
8. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
9. Secure funding for construction.
10. Engage construction company (if not included in previous stage) to undertake construction.

Example

The QE2 Park multi-sport facility in Brighton was a great example of squash working well with a number of other sports. The 6 squash courts were built under the main stands and operated for many years alongside the main stadium, swimming and dive pools, water features, gymnasium and other sports related facilities.

Not only did the co-location allow shared use of key services and infrastructure, but it also created a large uplift in demand for squash as many members of the public saw the sport and combined it with their swimming and other activities at the park. Unfortunately, when the Christchurch City Council demolished QE2 it did not have the funds to replace all facilities on the site and the squash courts were lost to the public. Members of the public often comment to Squash Canterbury that QE2 was where they had their first experience of squash.

4.4.2. Option 2

Build a new squash facility at or co-located with Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata)

The new second campus for Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata is slated to be built in the next 3-5 years but is currently on hold pending a Government review. Rolleston already has five primary schools (some of them large) and is planning for a high school student population of 3500 and once reached will be the largest in the country.

The second campus will be built on the Lincoln side of Rolleston. This is just 6 km from the Lincoln University campus (whereas downtown Rolleston is about 10 km). If a state-of-the-art squash development facility was to be built, not just a squash club or a multi-sport recreation centre, a very broad partnership could be envisioned that could include the sports science department within the Department of Tourism, Sport and Society at Lincoln University.

This would put Selwyn District on the map for producing world class squash athletes (fits with the Olympic games announcement, recent success at the Commonwealth games, and the vision of bringing the NZ Open to Christchurch beginning in March 2025). Since Auckland, Hamilton, or Wellington do not have International level facilities, the Christchurch area, already with the modern Christchurch club 8-court facility attached to a larger bar and restaurant facility and Richmond club redevelopment that is just beginning, is poised with its international Airport to become the New Zealand link to the world Professional Squash Association (PSA) Australasian PSA circuit.

In 2025 and 2026, Christchurch will host the NZ open, a PSA Silver level tournament with men's women's prize money of approximately $100,000 which will bring about half of the world's top 20 men's and women's players to Christchurch. This event will be held in the Issac Theatre Royal.

Steps required:

1. Engage with Rolleston College – Horoeka Haemata to determine interest in the development of squash courts on school land.
2. Undertake detailed feasibility study to determine preferred site, capital and operational viability, funding options.
3. Engage with Rolleston College to begin process of securing a lease.
4. Develop business case and concept design for preferred option.
5. Set up new club that will own and run facility once developed.
6. Secure funding for design and consent stage of development.
7. Engage planner to begin resource consent process.
8. Engage an architect and/or project management company to deliver project including working with Council.
9. Undertake detailed design and apply for building consent.
10. Secure funding for construction.
11. Engage construction company (if not included in previous stage) to undertake construction.

Example
The Devoy Centre in Tauranga is a shining example of this kind of partnership. With 7 glass-back courts including 2 full-size doubles courts with moveable walls and an International all glass exhibition court, this facility was conceived by a leadership team that included former world champion New Zealander Dame Susan Devoy.

Juniors (under 19yrs) are a primary focus of this facility making up about 40% of the membership. Co-located with the high school using land leased from Tauranga Boys' College at no charge, in return for court access, this facility is a centre for youth development for the Tauranga region. The relationship extends beyond real estate and squash is now an integral part of the college curriculum.

The building is architecturally designed on a single level allowing for a very interactive and dynamic atmosphere for both members and guests. Natural lighting is a strong feature along with contemporary furniture and fixings.
Facility overview

- Purpose-built squash complex incorporating a gym
- 6 x glass-back courts with ASB walls and fully sprung floors
- Ability to move the internal walls on 3 courts to create 2 full-sized doubles courts)
- Dedicated exhibition court and re-locatable gallery seating allowing up to 250 spectators
- Shared gym facilities (with Tauranga Boys College) adjacent to squash facilities
- On-site fully equipped pro-shop stocking squash equipment
- 150m2 fully enclosed deck leading through large sliding doors into social area
- Central office, bar and café area can be managed by one person
- Members have electronic tag access to playing facilities
- Court access managed by online booking system through any device

The membership and participation numbers have grown significantly since the centre was first opened in 2011 from 220 to 600 now. This growth as meant that the club has had to introduce a waiting list policy because of the demand.

With the Rolleston College second campus development currently on hold and under review, there is an opportunity to reach out to Education New Zealand (Mō mātou) to discuss a partnership between Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury, Rolleston College-Horoeka Haemata, Lincoln University, and Selwyn District Council.

5. Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Selwyn District Council Long-term Plan 2024-2034. The proposal outlines the need for a new squash facility in Rolleston to address the growing demand for squash courts in the community. Despite the increasing popularity of squash, current facilities do not meet the needs of residents in the greater Selwyn District and particularly Rolleston.

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The 2022 Squash New Zealand Facilities Strategy identifies the need to for provide squash courts for the growing population of Selwyn and Rolleston as one of its top national priorities. This along with the rising interest in squash, the multicultural demographics of Rolleston, and the associated social and health benefits to the community and its youth provide a compelling case for the development of additional squash provision in the District.

So far, we have identified two potential options for development in Rolleston; a new multisport squash and recreation facility adjacent to the Rolleston Community Centre, and a new squash facility at Rolleston College (Horoeka Haemata). Further planning and investigation will be required to identify additional options and the preferred option. We anticipate a series of consultations and collaboration with local Iwi and stakeholders will inform the design process, ensuring the facility meets diverse community needs and fosters a sense of ownership and engagement.

It is likely that the best option would be designed to accommodate various activities beyond squash, maximizing its utility and appeal to a broad audience, including other sports, fitness classes, social events, and educational programs. Given the costs, we recognize this will take a funding partnership that would likely involve a combination of council investment, community fundraising efforts, and potential partnerships with private investors, sports organizations and government grant. The ideal timeline for development would be as soon a practical but 4-5 years is more likely.

The development of a new squash facility in Rolleston represents a strategic investment in the health, well-being, and vitality of the community. We urge the Selwyn District Council to support this proposal and allocate the necessary resources for beginning the formal planning and consultation processes and to partner with Squash NZ, Squash Canterbury and the local squash community to see it through to a successful conclusion.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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The Canterbury Track Cycling Club requests that the Council consider including the development of a track cycling facility within its future recreation and sport park developments (as part of planning for further community facilities and infrastructure). Club members have completed an independent feasibility study over the past couple of years to identify what would be best to replace the aging outdoor velodrome at Denton Park and support the ongoing need and development of this sporting opportunity for the residents of Waitaha. A copy of this study has been provided to staff in Selwyn District Council for their park planning consideration. Whilst this study investigated a covered cycle track facility there is also an option to build an outdoor track similar to what has occurred in Wanganui recently. This cost $2.5 million on an existing foundation. Planning for a co-location of services enables efficiencies to be achieved with common facilities needed by all park users such as power & water, parking, toilet, changing, storage and social spaces. Within a park there is potential to create a hub of opportunities to support cycling development from learn to ride, safe recreational

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pleasure and sporting aspirations. Within a covered track facility more than 4,000 m2 of indoor sport and recreation space could be used to serve other sport and recreation needs such as gymnastics, bowling, martial arts etc.

The club is motivated to engage with Council's planning team to create innovative solutions that support the diverse needs and aspirations of our communities.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 1353 - Mike Davidson

Submitter:	Mike Davidson
Organisation:	Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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Submitter Details

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	SDC LTP Submission

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22 April 2024

Te Taumutu Rūnanga submission on the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu are the primary kaitiaki of the Te Waihora catchment. Their takiwā also extends to the wider Selwyn District. Te Taumutu Rūnanga ('Rūnanga') is the administrative council for the hapū. In this role, the Rūnanga has a responsibility to protect the natural resources, mahinga kia, and other values of the takiwā for the benefit of those people of Ngāi Tahu descent who have customary interests in the area.

Ko ngā hau ki ētahi wāhi, ko ngā kai ki Orariki

This whakataukī refers to the year round abundance of food that was available at Orariki, the pā of Te Ruahikihiki. Sadly today however, it does not reflect the current state and condition of our taiao (environment).

The Rūnanga welcomes the opportunity to submit as partners to the Selwyn District Council ('Council') Long Term Plan 2024 -2034 (LTP).

The Rūnanga acknowledges and appreciates the developing partnership relationship with Council and the work that has been undertaken with the Rūnanga during the development of this LTP.

The Rūnanga supports the proposed funding for the 'strengthened partnership with mana whenua'. We support the continuation of the Mana Whenua Representative on Council. Noting that this appointment should be funded through the democracy budget.

The Rūnanga shares the concerns of the Council around the increasing levels of nitrates in water sources and supports the funding proposed in the LTP to investigate the centralisation of some of the water on the plains to come from one low nitrate source. While Environment Canterbury is responsible for addressing nitrate contamination, the Rūnanga would expect to see the Council taking a strong and vocal stance with its concern around the impact of nitrates in our water.

The Rūnanga supports Council's One Water Strategy and the proposed funding of a wastewater project to Taumutu that will service Ngāti Moki Marae and Fishermans Point.

The Rūnanga notes the continued work on seeking chlorination exemptions and the listing of Taumutu as an area that could be considered for an exemption. We ask that the Rūnanga is involved at the beginning of any conversation that affects the Taumutu community.

The Rūnanga notes the Council's ambition for a cycle trail from Arthur's Pass to the east coast and asks to be involved with this kaupapa, especially the trail around Te Waihora.

The Rūnanga would like to highlight that Taumutu does not have kerbside collection, one of only 4% of the district that does not receive this service.

Our Marae, Te Pā o Moki is a highly used community facility that benefits the wider Selwyn community, with thousands of visitors every year. Visitors to the Marae park their vehicles (including buses) on the grassed area which is within the council road reserve. This area becomes very wet and boggy during the winter months, with vehicles often becoming stuck. The Rūnanga requests that Council prioritises an upgrade to this area to enable year-round car parking, with funding added in FY24/25 to facilitate this.

As the Rūnanga has not reviewed the current design of Whata Rau, it supports option 2 in principle on the basis that the community facilities are fit for purpose. This includes a design that reflects the gifted name of Whata Rau.

The Rūnanga notes the challenges and opportunities of climate change and while we support Council effort in this space, we encourage you to be bold with both your mitigation and adaptation mahi. We also face significant challenges with sea level rise and coastal hazards and are developing a climate change strategy and adaptation plan. The Rūnanga notes the coastline in our Takiwā is shared by both SDC and Christchurch City Council, we expect that collaboration between the Councils and the Rūnanga to happen. Noting the public infrastructure owned by the council that is at risk.

On 08 April 2024 a joint wānanga was held with the Rūnanga, whānau, Environment Canterbury, SDC and landowners to discuss coastal adaption options for the Taumutu area. Consensus was reached at the conclusion of the wānanga that included beach reshaping and bank maintenance to be actioned as soon as possible and a longer term goal of a inland stop bank and nature based solutions.

The Rūnanga have requested funding in Environment Canterbury's LTP for beach reshaping and banks maintenance along the coastal area between Kaitorete Spit and Muriwai. However, it will be important to determine Council's responsibility and role in this mahi. Once again, we expect strong collaboration between the councils and R ūnanga.

The Rūnanga supports the recently adopted Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan and enabling papakāinga housing at the Pā and in urban environments for priority development. This plan provides a pathway to enable mana whenua healthy home aspirations for its whānau that live within the Selwyn District. The Plan also enables better investment partnering when combined with development of an economic development strategy for the district.

The Rūnanga request Council to allow sufficient funding to enable mana whenua to express their rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga rights and interests into environmental services. This includes enabling Mahaanui Kurataiao Limited advice into the planning framework under the RMA and similar legislation.

Ngā mihi nui



Dr Liz Brown
Chairperson
Te Taumutu Rūnanga

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Details of submitter No: 1354 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

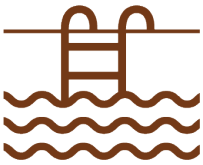
Costs need to be kept down so I think a cheaper alternative should be considered for the Park and Rides. Keep it simple! In order to keep the costs down why not use gravel as the basis for the parking area rather than sealing it. Sealing could be considered down the track if needed, but those Wilsons car parks in the central city are gravel and are well used.

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Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool



The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.

Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes

Any comments?

Unfortunately, whilst I like keeping communities together with such things, I think the pool needs to be closed because of the fact that SDC already has high borrowings and so we need to start saying no to things to help ratepayer pockets. 10 minutes is a very reasonable drive to Darfield - large parts of Selwyn have to drive a lot further.

Economic Development



We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

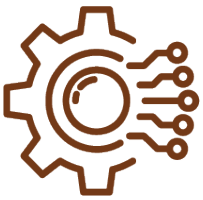
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No

Any comments?

SDC need to look at decreasing borrowings and not spending lots of money far and wide resulting in this constant high rate increases. One way to alternatively support our district's economic development without this budget is to just use local contractors wherever possible in all of the Council's other spending areas. Make that a policy that local Selwyn businesses and contractors must be used. Even if they may not be the cheapest option, that is one way of supporting Selwyn and we may even get a better deal in the long run - e.g. the cheapest tenders often result in budget over-runs and they come back asking for more money. Selwyn businesses will probably provide better support for their product too. Stand out by being the Council that looks after its local business this way.

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

I support this if it means that it will help save ratepayers money in the long run (perhaps it can result in a reduction in staff numbers?).

Policy Changes

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What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

There is a mention of changing Revenue and Financing Policy to allow a provision for an annual CPI uplift. Does this mean on top of the other rate increases proposed to allow capex projects to go ahead? Ratepayers are lucky if their wages/salary increase by CPI to keep ahead of rising food costs, interest rates on mortgages…….if rates go up by CPI and another 8% or more it's going to get very difficult for families. If costs hit hard and families have to sell up and there becomes a surplus of homes on the market and people can't pay the rates on these homes it's going to get harder for SDC to actually get the cash in. Best to tighten up on project planned spend.

Development Contributions Policy – definitely include development contribution charge to assist with new community infrastructure requirements. Existing ratepayers cannot afford to fund these. The developers who are only planning these extra subdivisions to line their own pockets (and don't necessarily live in Selwyn themselves putting the money back into the economy or using Selwyn businesses) should have to contribute more out of the sale of their sections towards improving community facilities and infrastructure. It needs to be allowed to increase these more than CPI annually if needed with the rate of the cost of building etc going up. The time between receiving the development contribution and putting this towards payment of infrastructure (or debt) needs to be considered when setting the development contribution charge. It needs to cover the cost of infrastructure plus interest charge if it is more likely it will be used to reduce debt used for infrastructure.

Other comments

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Water – Selwyn District Council has a duty of care to the people of Selwyn and need to listen to this and push back to Government – not just do as the Government says. Chlorine should be removed and hopefully the new Government will change Taumata Arowai and mean that smart meters would not be required. If fluoridation for Selwyn is proposed by Central Government then Selwyn needs to consult with its residents and push back to Central Government. People can get chloride or fluorine tablets if they need it, but our water pre-chlorination did not cause any issues.

Lincoln Town Centre Plan – with the costs now being estimated at more than double the initial costing, serious changes to save money need to be considered. A safer route is need for cyclists, but why not just have one cycleway (with cyclists going both ways on it) instead of two cycleways. Keep the angle car parks in front of the shops (butcher, fish and chip shop etc) as they are great for the businesses (I think the plan suggests they stay but just mentioning it in case). People often use these parks just to pull into for a 5/10 minute stop and then they can safely back out, check the traffic and pull out. If people have to go and search for a car park in designated car park areas it is more likely that those little shops will lose business. Also those designated car parks will get full with staff and library visitors. Could leave these car parks as gravel like the Wilsons car parks in the central city (save money by

not sealing them).

In Lincoln we do need intersection upgrades to assist cars, cyclists and pedestrians. Agree this should be at the current roundabout at Springs Rd/Gerald St, West Belt/Gerald St and Edward St/James St. If this is through traffic lights at Springs Rd/Gerald St and West Belt/Gerlad St then there may not be a need for anything at Vernon Dr/Gerald St as the traffic lights could be synced to allow gaps in traffic? Or if roundabouts are cheaper at the four intersections and can be made in a cost saving manner that allows visibility all around (so nothing in the middle of the roundabout that causes visual impairment. Since this Town Centre Plan, PC69 (and possibly other Plan Changes) have been approved so there will be more cars/cyclists/pedestrians in Lincoln.

Arthurs Pass cycleway – don't do this and don't spend anything more on feasibility costs. Put this money into more important matters as we can't have our rates skyrocketing.

Council Offices – the entranceway looks absolutely fine as it is – save money and don't change it! It is also disappointing that the offices are not that old and you are already talking about adding more meeting room space and office space. Does this suggest staff numbers have gone up a lot more than planned if more office space is needed (to save costs do staff requirements need looking at). Meeting rooms; if needed use Te Ara Atea (the new library complex).

Community Funding and Recreation Funding – to help keep rates down such funding needs to be looked at. Community groups and individuals can look to do their own fundraising or get corporate sponsorship rather than applying to council. There are so many different sports options that different people enjoy so how on earth does the council expect to fund all of these? It's not inclusive to just pick and choose certain sports options to allow for in facilities. Help community groups by offering free hire of rooms/venues owned by council (rather than just giving them funding). When groups are needing to organise traffic management, train them! The council can pay for/run the required H&S courses periodically for community groups to send volunteers along to. This could help out sporting groups too (e.g. cycling groups).

The graph of the Summary Financial Strategy is concerning as there are probably projects mentioned that aren't a part of this graph? E.g. the new community facilities? Rates revenue is not climbing at the rate of the net borrowing, and the borrowing limit just keeps going up. This is going to push for more rates rises down the track if costs for projects increase more (look at what has happened with the Lincoln Town Centre plan and more costs are required to revise/re-work this since it's now "old").

The Council needs to seriously consider spending in the area of flooding and work with ECan. The rivers need to be kept clean and dredged of weeds and silt and Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora) needs to be opened as much as possible when required since the strong southerlies close it. Work (and rates) need to be put into flood prevention and into supporting residents if flooding occurs – make sure civil defence and emergency groups are ready for action. This is another reason for saving money in many other areas - if a flooding event or other nature disaster occurs the Council is going to need funds. We cannot afford to go into more debt.

SDC have to look at what is needed rather than what is a 'nice-to-have' for this current Long Term Plan. Keep it simple to keep the costs down and our rates down. Consider the core areas of the Council and what Councils of years ago focused on. Councils now seem to be trying to keep everybody happy by providing a much wider range of services than ever before. Ratepayers cannot afford this.

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
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Please add any comments you may have

> Need to consider impact on rates with all these projects so best to keep things simple. I understand that repairing the old one only provides a limited time option, hence next best option is the simplified design that is a long term option. Allow for landscaping to be done by the community or community groups (to reduce cost) and keep the interior fittings simple and low cost. If possible use local contractors so that our rates go into keeping local Selwyn business alive. Also why not use second hand materials and fit-outs as much as possible to keep costs down but also to be sustainable?

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:
Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

SDC need to reduce loans and borrowings where possible so I prefer this option since it doesn't rely on development contributions (and result in more borrowing in the meantime) and is part of current rates. Let community or community groups help with landscaping and those sorts of improvements.

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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The Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust is submitting to the 2024 Long Term Plan informing Council of its present activities,

advising Council of its funding challenges and requesting a meeting with regard to the goal and actions in Selwyn Strategic Plan (2023-27)

As stated in the Supproting Document

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground

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equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
budgeted
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Please add any comments you may have

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	EHPT Submission to LTP 2024

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Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

1618 Leeston Road

Submission to the Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan 2024

Comments on:

1. **Update of activities at the museum site (Selwyn Heritage Centre)**
2. **Funding challenges**
3. **Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan (2023-27)**

Update on activities at the museum site (Selwyn Heritage Centre)

The Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust (The Trust) are developing a Museum on Council land at 1618 Leeston Road (the ex Ellesmere County Council & Sicon works yard) the property is now known as 'The Selwyn Heritage Centre'

The Trust have a memorandum of understanding with the Ellesmere Historical Society who have a new Archival Storage facility and research room within the main building, the two organisations work well together.

The Trust has made significant developments to the Heritage displays at the Centre with an 1870's Cottage and 1870's Gaol as part of the exterior area, and featured displays within the main building at the site.

Further consented Historic buildings are being prepared for display during the next year, A very early and significant weather board shed , 'Drumroslyn Shed' has been shifted on site awaiting imminent foundations to be put in place, this building has been recognised by staff from Heritage New Zealand & an Archaeological company as a significant example of its type being made of a combination of imported & local timbers and shingles.

An 1880's Cottage on Council land at 7 Leeston and Lake Road is also to be shifted on site to foundations which will be completed soon, this has the significance that it had a Saddlery business lean-to attached to it from its beginning up to 1925, this lean-to is to be rebuilt onto the cottage once shifted to the site so as to display the actual machines and tools that were used in it in the late 1800s

The Trust has over 9000 Historic articles either on display or in storage on site that have been offered or collected. This is a major contribution to the ability to showcase the Districts Heritage and its History.
A few of these articles have been part of the displays at Te Ara Atea along with others in the district.
Council should be pleased that these articles are available from the various organised groups who are passionate of the districts heritage.

Funding challenges

While the trust is gratefully assisted by Council through the Community History fund to be able to pay for operational expenses, these have had significant increases in the past two to three years.

Rates, as you understand are increasing – with another major rise this coming year.
Insurance for the buildings, through the Council insurance scheme,
have gone from $6,000 3 years ago to $13,000 this current year .

Office costs (phone/internet/power) are required to document our collection within the eHive network.

Consumables for archival recording & labelling are always needed to do our work.

We are now looking at annual operating costs of $20,000

These costs have become untenable with the level of funding available through the Community History Fund

The Trust regularly applies for funding from lenders during major projects and has received grateful assistance from organisations such as Rata Foundation, Ellesmere Lions etc.
Local business organisations have been significantly helpful with materials and time when required, however we cannot continue to keep relying on their generosity.

Consenting costs for our projects to save our history have been a major expense.

As a guide of total funds required for building preservation and restoration projects, the Carrol Cottage project, which a number of Councillors and Staff have visited, cost in the region of $120,000 to complete.
This shows the level of commitment and passion the Trust has to preserve history.

The Trust continues to organise raffles and other self-motivated funding streams to be able to continue with our passion to 'show off' our history to rate payers and visitors alike. Increasing costs are making this more and more frustratingly difficult.

Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan (2023-27) (The Plan)

During the investigations of the Plan, Nicola Sutton recognised the challenges faced by the Trust with being able to fund the on-going works required to produce a Professional Museum to the District.

Goal 1.6 – Options for the Selwyn Heritage ~~Park~~ Centre lease are understood and inform next steps
Actions 1.6.1 of the Adopted Plan – Look into the lease arrangements for the Selwyn Heritage ~~Park~~ Centre to understand if there are options for enabling arrangements that better support the (park's) centre's ability to attract funding for developments (2023-24)

The Trust would welcome a meeting with the appropriate staff members with regard to the Goal and Actions above as mentioned in The Plan

The trust promoted the suggestion of Council striking a $20 District Wide Rate to fund all of the groups in the Heritage & History sector. This was to be discussed as part of the 2024 – 2034 LTP and informed by Council, the Trust is one of the group that would benefit from this proposal.

The Trust has plans to develop the main building of the Selwyn Heritage Centre, but to keep our collection safe, we must ensure the temperature and moisture levels are kept within a required range. The building is currently not fit for purpose and will require a substantial sum to complete this development. We will go to funding providers where we hope to receive some of the funds, but believe the Selwyn District Council has a commitment to the community to preserve history and culture for future generations and therefore should provide a significant level of funding towards this project

The support we have received from the local community has been incredible, but in order to complete this major District Museum Project,
we need Council commitment to it. If funding levels of other major projects of this Long Term Plan reduce significantly, please commit to this project.

For the Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

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Details of submitter No: 1360 - Don Babe

Submitter:	Don Babe

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Don **Last name:** Babe

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Prefered method of contact Email

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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have

It is quite possible central government will not fund these improvements and park and ride seems to be the best way to service a large area without buses needing to travel extended routes.

Please also include cycle storage facilities for those that do not want a motor vehicle stored all day. There is some pressure to have cycle facilities that are protected from rain partly because women are put off by wet seats. Experienced women cyclists use a shower cap for keeping their seat dry or covering a wet seat so somewhere to safely lock a bike is maybe all that is required. Cycling up to 3 kilometres to a bus is not onerous so does allow a central bus stop to service a lrge part of the towns they are proposed for.

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

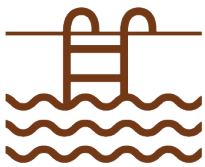
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These types of facilities are essential to enable people to have active lifestyles. Active lifestyles make a big difference to personal health so are part of the long term improvements in health we should be striving for.

Matters for Community Guidance

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

Economic Development

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We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

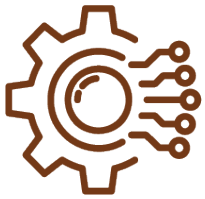
Yes

Any comments?

The policy seems to be targetting innovative businesses. There is a place for businesses that are not busy innovating but just carrying out essential services so do not just look at cutting edge businesses.

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

The revision of the Development Contributions Policy is a good idea. It has been reported that each new house inherits close to $100,000 of infrastructure so this should be paid for.

The Climate change policy review is also relevant as this is a fast changing area.

Other comments

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The study into additional public transport routes is a good idea.

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Selwyn district is quite unique in New Zealand because it has a number of small towns all in quite close proximity to each other more like what is seen in Europe, Cycling infrastructure between these towns is desirable from both a recreational and commuting perspective. However, recent cycle paths seem to have been installed with limited community involvement. An example in Manion Road. It was cheap to send cyclists along a wide, under used road but it has no connectivity. Putting the service along Jones Road would have connected the NZMCA caravan park and a number of residences to the cycle network. The NZMCA site is one of the busiest in the country and a number of guests will have cycles available and would enjoy a protected ride to Rolleston for groceries or coffee.

Also, if you want to encourage more cycling please consider the road surfaces being used. North Belt adjacent to Lincoln Primary and High Schools has recently been resealed but is very hard on the posteriors of cyclists. Springs Road from Robinsons Rd to Tancreds Road is another.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a ‘hub’ for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park using a more standard design that can be easily repeated for other buildings. This building would have the same sized floor space as option 2 and include a cultural narrative in the design.

Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our
budgeted
option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
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Details of submitter No: 1362 - Chris Roberts

Submitter:	Chris Roberts
Organisation:	Ellesmere ArcheryClub

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Chris **Last name:** Roberts

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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

Please add any comments you may have
We support the Leeston Community in their submission to the long term plan

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Other comments

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We support the submission of the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park

We are also submitting for the Ellesmere Archery Club to build an indoor range at Osborne Park

Ellesmere Archery Club Submission

The Ellesmere Archery Club have been operating our outdoor range at Osborne Park since 2016. During this time we have had an excellent relationship with both the council and the Doyleston Community Committee. During this time we have grown as a club, to a point where we have 36 club members and a number of casual archers each week.

Our indoor range is currently located at Southbridge Domain so this causes issues with room as it can only comfortably accommodate between 12 and 16 archers.

Although the building is structurally sound there are issues around it 's location as we have to transport our equipment between both locations, as well as Southbridge wanting to expand the parking area, so we would like to have alternative indoor arrangements within the next 3 to 5 years.

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Our submission is that we lease a portion of Osborne Park close to the hall at a minimal rental to build a new indoor

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Conclusion

As well as assisting our club to grow, we feel this will be beneficial to the community by providing additional facilities for community which are unable to be accommodated by existing or proposed new facilities. This will allow us to run things like Have a Go days in any weather conditions as well as other groups we work with such as the Defence Force Invictus Games Team.

This proposal is a win for the council, Doyleston and Southbridge, as it assists the council by removal of a building with minimal demolition costs, it creates a modern Archery facility at Doyleston as well as expanding the opportunities for community use at Osborne Park, and also assists Southbridge by allowing demolition of our current indoor range to allow more parking as Southbridge adds its new court areas.

We also support the Doyleston Community Committee in their submission regarding management of Osborne Park

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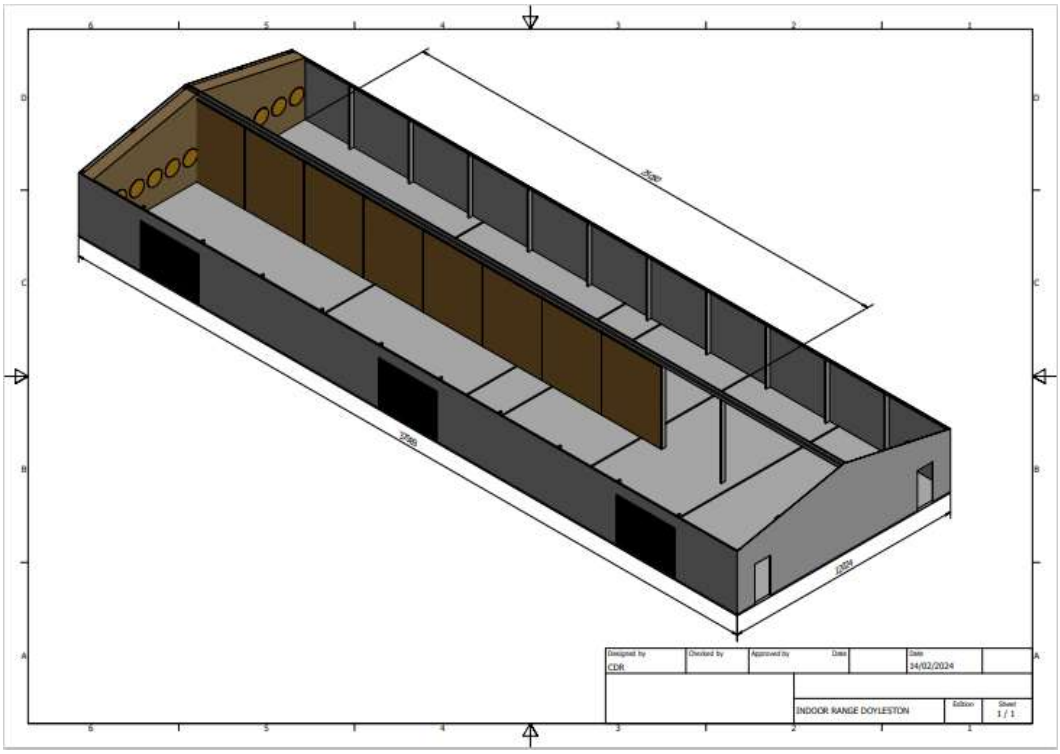
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Proposed Location Indoor Range



Proposed Indoor Range

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Details of submitter No: 1369 - Tim Cookson

Submitter:	Tim Cookson

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Tim **Last name:** Cookson

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Funding:
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We cant afford it for now

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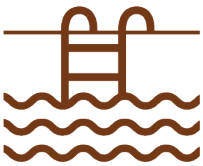
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Any comments?

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Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

No
Any comments?
this is outside the council mandate i feel. also we cant afford this

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best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No

Any comments?

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yes as long as it has a postive impact on reducing rates.

It feels to me like the council is very much out of touch with what is happening on the ground with rate payers. We cant afford the rates now let alone the increases predicted.

Rates cannot on any shape or form continue to keep being ahead of inflation, the cloth needs to be cut to suit.

The aspirations of having things that we dont actually need, needs to change.

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1. Council staff numbers need to be capped for now, households/businesses etc in Selwyn and across the country are bleeding capital. We cannot afford the proposed rate changes.

2. I am very disillusioned at the way council has taken over control of reserves thinking they know better. The outcome is more cost to rate payers. Also it is driving resiliance away and reducing community well being. We now cant go onto our reserves and do anything. Our rural community is very engaged and driven and needs these type of projects for us to thrive. The current method is actually having the opposite effect. We have very strong linkages to our reserve given it was originally donated to the community by a local farmer and has had significant events occur over the years. eg My Grandfather was involved in voluntry building an airfield on part of the reserve during

the war for the ultimate benefit of our community at the time and into the future, we have lost this kind of practical yet simple and very cost effective thinking. Last week i watched 2 guys from Corde arrive at the reserve in 2 vehicles and they chopped down 1 small pine tree by the walking track which was approx 10-15cm at the base. At what cost to us? This needs to change. I have worked in the Rural Support Trust for the last 20 years and for us building communities resiliance is paramount going forward. The current system lead by council is completely at odds to what we are trying to do at the RST.

To me development contributions are not high enough as why are rates exceeding inflation now and into the future as planned.

Council needs to be run more business like. You need to get really good people in the council, who are prepared to make a decision and move on

I am very concerned with our rates bill now. We sit very close to $40k pa. i dont mind paying for things but please show me what i get for my $40k. We dont get rubbish and i am very close to disconnecting the house/stock water and sorting my own supply to reduce our rates bill. It feels like rural people are paying alot more than we should simply because we have a large capital value. **This needs to be addressed ASAP**

With council pressing on building pools, large reserves, librarys in Rolleston this is fine but i have and will never step foot in any of them. Can i suggest that these be more based on user pays. Why should i or someone in eg Arthurs Pass pay for this when we are never going to use it.

From 2013/14 to present our rates have increased 366% or 36% per annum. While over that time inflation has gone up 2.1% per annum. Do you not see that?

Yes some of this is increases in farm size and on farm development but again what am i getting for my rates?

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Do nothing. Use the existing park facilities and remove or replace old and unsafe items in the park.

Project cost:

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Year 1: $143,000
Estimated impact on rates:
Included in our current rates
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
again we cant afford this

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Pinewoods rates

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Valuation No.

24230-06300

Location

169 Leaches Road

Legal Description

LOTS 1-3 DP 38958 LOT 2 DP 61159 LOT 1 D P 470004 LOT 2 DP 376635

Certificate of Title

633865 642703 650057 17F/739 26K/827

Ward No.

2

Zone

1B

Use

12

Category

PFB

TORAS

111000

Property Area (hectares)

442.1962

Current Rating Valuation

As valued at 1 September 2021

Land Value

$15,600,000

Improvements Value

$1,600,000

Capital Value

$17,200,000

Nature of Improvements

3 DWG FG OBS OI

Rates Information

Current Rating Year

2023/2024

Current Year Rates Instalments

Instalment 1.

$7,729.20

Instalment 2.

$7,729.20

Instalment 3.

$7,729.25

Instalment 4.

$7,729.20

Current Year's Rates

$30,916.85

Previous Year's Rates

$28,832.45

Rates for Current Year 2023/2024

Type	Description (Basis)	Differential	Factor	
011	General Purposes Rate (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.0
054	Library Charge (U)	District	1.00	
068	Civil Defence Emergency Mgmt (U)	District	1.00	
076	Restricted Water Supply (U)	Hororata Acheron	33.00	
090	Recreation Reserve Rate (U)	District	3.00	
091	Community Centre Rate (U)	District	3.00	
113	Uniform Annual General Charge (U)	District	1.00	
123	General (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.0

Type	Description (Basis)	Differential	Factor	
152	Works and Services (C)	District	17,200,000.00	0.00
175	Pest Management (A)	Selwyn	442.1962	
176	Pest Management (L)	Selwyn	15,600,000.00	0.0
214	Uniform Annual General Charge (U)	District	1.00	
215	Water Race (Amenity) Rate (U)	District	1.00	
249	Water Supply Minimum Charge (U)	Restricted	1.00	
297	Transport and Development (C)	Greater Christchurch	17,200,000.00	0.0
333	Swimming Pools (U)	Zone 3	3.00	
341	Community Board (U)	Malvern	1.00	
352	Freshwater Management (C)	Selwyn-Waihora Water Zone	17,200,000.00	0.0
380	Canterbury Museum Levy (U)	District	1.00	
401	Biodiversity Land Drainage & River Works (U)		1.00	
Total				

History

Year	Land Value	Capital Value	Annual Rates
2022/2023	$15,600,000	$17,200,000	$28,832.45
2021/2022	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$24,539.35
2020/2021	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$23,114.75
2019/2020	$11,100,000	$12,500,000	$22,331.05
2018/2019	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$16,185.00
2017/2018	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$14,699.00
2016/2017	$6,500,000	$8,000,000	$14,148.55
2015/2016	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,706.40
2014/2015	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,609.30
2013/2014	$1,775,000	$2,385,000	$6,181.00

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Details of submitter No: 1370 - Michelle Webster

Submitter:	Michelle Webster

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Michelle **Last name:** Webster

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Feedback

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We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Delay building new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrading public transport infrastructure until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be more clear.

Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

Consider other areas that have no public transport at all eg rural Malvern, How about a bus from Springfield through to town collecting folk along the way even if it was once a week or fortnight for those that don't drive to access appointments or shopping etc

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

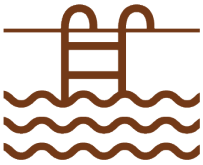
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Reluctantly i agree. there is already a good facility just enhance it more, not a whole new development as indicated by the misleading question

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?

The question is deceptive and misleading, unfortunately wider Selwyn will get an untruthful impression.

A million dollar upgrade utter nonsense Used less! What a joke the council has the hours open, limited so much its barely accessible.

This wonderful facility has been an asset to Sheffield since it was built 70 years ago.

The takeover and subsequent running down by council with the ultimate goal of closure is terrible, the lack of maintenance when rates are taken for its upkeep are criminal.

Give it back to the good people of Sheffield to manage as they did so very well.

from recent research other councils support their local pool committees in running these smaller facilities very successfully.(same depth and size)with actually little cost or imput, they help them.

More often than not locals have greater knowledge and commitment to local assets than staff an council will ever have.

Under the misconception that the council would to a better, cheaper ,more efficient job of looking after these cherished facilities, rural towns were duped of the right to manage any asset when clearly time has proved the opposite.

Private Engineers Reporting indicates that the Tub leak is easily repaired, so too all other ownership issues leave as is.

After two extremely supporting public meetings, I feel confident the Sheffield people have far greater skill & capacity to take it forward into the future.

Along theses lines I have started a petition to be presented when i speak to my submission, due to the very short timeline from public notice of closure to now i assume understanding in the effort involved and continue on till the date i speak

Perhaps as a show of support the councilors may wish to grant the money allocated for demo to a new pool entity to begin with. Fair to say it was taken from them in far greater shape than it has been left at now.

yours sincerely

Michelle Webster

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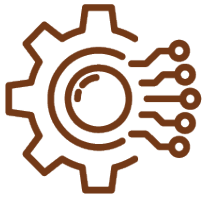
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No

Any comments?

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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

No
Any comments?

After navigating this complete shambles of a submission site. Sack the IT personal hire some techs that can actually design interface that serves the people using it!

Want to know how many more folk would submit if it was simpler? Hundreds Thousands maybe

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Do not build Whata Rau. Carry out necessary repairs to the existing Leeston Library & Service Centre building so that it can continue to be used for a limited time instead. *The existing building is earthquake prone and will likely need further significant upgrades to be used from 2035 onwards.*

Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Use money elsewhere under currant financial climate, other areas are growing more rapidly. Rural areas losing facilities whilst urban get brand new. Who pays the most rates!

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Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates:
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Funding:
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Same answer as previous question

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 1378 - Pip Moore

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Pip **Last name:** Moore

☐ Withhold my details

Prefered method of contact Email

Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

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Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, without NZTA Waka Kotahi co-funding.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $14.41
Years 4–10: $39.83
Funding:
Rates: 100%

Please add any comments you may have
Provide better transport for smaller areas beyond Lincoln & Rolleston. Have links to smaller towns to bring them into existing

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Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.

Project cost:
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Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
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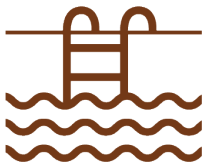
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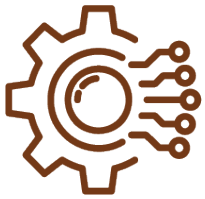
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No
Any comments?
Ratepayers should not subside business's making profit. If it truly makes economic sense, then business will/should invest.

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Any comments?

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

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We also have no ability to control future interest rates, so every loan increases risk around what future portion of rates will be committed to servicing loans, rather than essential services, or maintain existing parks, buildings, and staff wages.

Unfortunately, some of the budgetary projections rely on one factor very heavily – a growth economy. Most people are aware, nothing can grow forever. Everything reaches a maximum size of capacity. In this interdependent global world, now more than ever, we have very little ability to influence the larger economy. (We never know what events are coming – eg Covid, Earthquake, etc) When looking at future spending, loans should never rely on expected growth but look only at current income and predicted expenditure. Any population growth and subsequent increase in number of ratepayers dollars should be considered a surplus to meet unexpected expenses/events, or saved for the future, reducing the need for loans. Those moving here should expect to be part of the building up of the area, not have it ready made without their input. Historically towns grew, they saved/fundraised, then built projects to suit the population.

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Business generation is often used as an explanation for expenditure on town projects, however if the return was truly good and made economic sense, business would be investing without the need for ratepayer funding.

There is a fine balance to be met, between future proofing for potential growth, and not overburdening current ratepayers, to provide for those that are not yet here. An upgraded facility is nice to have, but if we raise loans now to provide these, it means we are less likely to have funds saved for the future, and we enter into a loan dependant system, where each project requires a loan as recent income has been paying off loans of much earlier projects. What is the cost of the interest over the term of the loan until it's paid off, versus saving now and incurring costs increases due to a delayed start? In this instant microwave society where many people live on borrowings, effectively costing them a lot in interest over the term of their life & reducing their overall lifetime purchasing power, are the council setting the right example by borrowing rather than saving? What message is being sent to the people the council is serving?

Subsequently, the council should reflect on its projects and expected outcomes. Sometimes what people want now, is more immediate gratification, and this comes at the expense of future freedom and flexibility to respond to changing circumstances. People will always want more, but as everyone living on a budget knows, what we want, and what we can sensibly afford are often different. Not jeopardising our future freedom and flexibility, or overburdening household incomes for years to come, needs to be a priority.

Households or businesses can't continue to increase spending well beyond the rate of inflation year

after year. Therefore, the Council should not consider increasing their spending beyond the rate of inflation. As the population grows, so does council income. So, if there are projects that are wanted, but are not within existing income levels, we should do without for now. Individuals cannot increase their spending exponentially without extra effort to earn additional income, no matter how much something is wanted. No business can say I want to spend more, so customers, you have to pay more just because you can't go elsewhere. This is called extortion. So why do council feel they don't have to follow the rules of good management? Care of the people also includes ensuring people can afford to live and rates remain at an affordable level.

At a time when households are tightening their belts due to budgetary constraints and subsequently putting off purchasing or upgrading things, (cars, tv's, house extensions, landscaping, appliances, etc) it's not right for the council to spend on upgrading non-essential services and pass these costs onto ratepayers who are already going without.

Increasing rates beyond the rate of inflations indicates overspending. It must be recognised that when council increases the rate by xx%, but apply it to an increased property value, it is actually a higher increase to the ratepayer than the stated % figure. An increase in capital value of a property does not equate to an equivalent increase in income. The way property values have increased exponentially compared to income does not mean the spending of council should increase exponentially.

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In theory, as the population of the district grows, the larger income base and economies of scale should see the per household rates bill come down. Not go up because we can now get bigger loans to build even more. (Unfortunately, not a single council have managed their expectations for wanting more, and achieved this reduction.) New subdivisions, paying rates today, are likely to have lower maintenance costs for a few years, so this income boost should be spent wisely rather than going towards funding loans, as when the subdivision maintenance costs arise in the future, the

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We are being advised that essential services like water, sewage and roading are already facing high increases of 27-30% well above the standard rate of inflation. Not to mention the impact of climate change on the budget. How then, can we responsibly spend on non-essential projects?

The percentage of household income spent on rates, either directly or via rent, has gone up beyond the rate of inflation over the years. It is impossible for councils to continue increasing rates at current levels year on year and not have adverse impacts on the population they are serving. It cannot grow forever, everything has a maximum. These increases are not sustainable. Those with fixed incomes should not be pushed to being unable to afford medical visits, pay for insurance, or forced to sell homes because rates are too high. This is a position some retirees are in. This is where some people are today, and with current projections it is only going to get worse. Some day, one day, the increases will have to be reined in. Why not now? Why doesn't Selwyn lead the way showing the country what is essential is the primary goal. Focus on rates affordability, and keep what's "nice to have" done in moderation, reflecting respect and consideration to household and business incomes, and as a reflection of the Counsel's care for the community? Model what people should be doing with their own budgets, focus on the essential and not build up too much debt.

Whilst businesses may want expenditure on town or development projects to help their futures, does this help every sector and household equally and fairly, or are they expecting low income ratepayers to subsidise their growth?

The Lincoln town upgrade is projected to cost $46 million. That is a large spend per head of population. How is this affordable with the current – not future - population?

The same for the Leeston and Malvern projects. The per head spend is high. This can't be an affordable or sustainable expectation to set for other centres within the district.

Are lovely new buildings like the Leeston & Malvern facilities and Lincoln Town Centre a necessity right now, or are they just nice to have, and have we saved enough to complete the project, or are we borrowing from tomorrow to pay for today?

Would a better public transport system, providing links to existing facilities be a much better option than spending big, and borrowing to pay for what we can't currently afford? Because raising rates at current projected levels should not be considered affordable.

Better public transport is already in the plan. Make sure it accommodates the areas that don't have facilities. Give smaller areas easy access to existing council facilities, and ensure the transport runs at times the population are likely to use them.

Wisdom, is not bowing to pressure of the loudest, for short term gratification with a high debt burden, but showing care for all, including the meek and the mild, and preserving future freedom and flexibility.

Whilst providing nice showy things may help with re-election, is it truly serving the community best?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

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Provide a much better public transport system, to help bring the different communities together so we have a more inter-connected population and allow for better use and access to existing facilities eg libraries and pools, and reduce the need to build new projects which increase debt and rates.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Toilet Block and lighting and irrigation should be upgraded. Upgrading car parks etc is not essential and should be done once money is saved, not by borrowing.

Attached Documents

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	SDC Long Term Plan Feedback

SDC Long Term Plan Submission - Reduce The Debt

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The percentage of household income spent on rates, either directly or via rent, has gone up beyond the rate of inflation over the years. It is impossible for councils to continue increasing rates at current levels year on year and not have adverse impacts on the population they are serving . It cannot grow forever, everything has a maximum. These increases are not sustainable. Those with fixed incomes should not be pushed to being unable to afford medical visits, pay for insurance, or forced to sell homes because rates are too high. This is a position some retirees are in. This is where some people are today, and with current projections it is only going to get worse. Some day, one day, the increases will have to be reined in. Why not now? Why doesn't Selwyn lead the way showing the country what is essential is the primary goal. Focus on rates affordability, and keep what's "nice to have" done in moderation, reflecting respect and consideration to household and business incomes, and as a reflection of the Counsel's care for the community? Model what people should be doing with their own budgets, focus on the essential and not build up too much debt.

Whilst businesses may want expenditure on town or development projects to help their futures, does this help every sector and household equally and fairly, or are they expecting low income ratepayers to subsidise their growth?

The Lincoln town upgrade is projected to cost $46 million. That is a large spend per head of population. How is this affordable with the current – not future - population ?
The same for the Leeston and Malvern projects. The per head spend is high. This can't be an affordable or sustainable expectation to set for other centres within the district.

Are lovely new buildings like the Leeston & Malvern facilities and Lincoln Town Centre a necessity right now, or are they just nice to have, and have we saved enough to complete the project, or are we borrowing from tomorrow to pay for today?

Would a better public transport system, providing links to existing facilities be a much better option than spending big, and borrowing to pay for what we can 't currently afford? Because raising rates at current projected levels should not be considered affordable.

Better public transport is already in the plan. Make sure it accommodates the areas that don't have facilities. Give smaller areas easy access to existing council facilities, and ensure the transport runs at times the population are likely to use them.

Wisdom, is not bowing to pressure of the loudest, for short term gratification with a high debt burden, but showing care for all, including the meek and the mild, and preserving future freedom and flexibility.

Whilst providing nice showy things may help with re-election, is it truly serving the community best?

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Details of submitter No: 1379 - Corey Woodward

Submitter:	Corey Woodward

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Corey **Last name:** Woodward

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

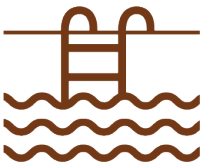
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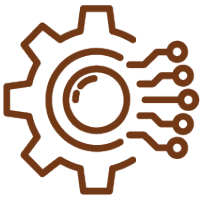
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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

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	SDC LTP Submission - 2 May 2024

My name is Corey Woodward and I'd like to state my full support for the North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group (NCEAG) submission.

I'm a horse rider, as are my wife and family. We live near West Melton. Upon taking up riding it became clear there were very few options for riding in the Selwyn District that didn't involve private property or the roadside.

As a result of this frustration Treks & Trails of New Zealand was born in 2019 - a free online map of places to ride horses through-out New Zealand. Sadly, compared to other districts, Selwyn has very few lines on the map. The West Melton Horse Forest is one of these, which is a fantastic ECan facility and is our go to ride if we don't want to drive further afield.

With such an expansive and beautiful landscape, our district has huge scope for SDC sanctioned/promoted horse trails - either dedicated or shared use - alongside rivers (flowing or not), within reserves, and utilising Unformed Legal Roads (sometimes erroneously referred to as Paper roads). I've seen shared trails working extremely well in the USA.

We are fortunate that a lot of grass road verges in Selwyn are wide and mostly maintained by the adjacent landowners to a rideable standard, creating opportunities for some riders. However, not everyone is comfortable riding beside a road for a number of reasons, including nervous horses, a new or young rider, traffic behaviour or encroachment by other infrastructure or obstacles.

We're also a cycling family and as such love to see the investment being made in growing the safe off-road cycling infrastructure in our district. However, some of these projects also reduce or restrict the ability to safely ride on the roadside.

The West Melton to Rolleston cycleway, for example, has greatly reduced the amount of room available to ride on the grass. In this case, not too many horse riders will be riding into Rolleston itself, but the horse owners in the Knights Road and Maddisons Road area have had their options restricted.

As such, I ask that Council:

A. includes horse riding representatives resident in Selwyn in the planning of infrastructure projects and other relevant reviews - I am available, as the Selwyn representative of the NCEAG, and also have the ear of over 2600 riders who follow Treks & Trails of New Zealand.

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D. Encourage use/development of Rivers, reserves, and ULR (Unformed Legal road) as riding routes, removing any obstacles such as locked gates or fences, and eventually adding signage and providing mounting blocks - concrete mounting blocks can also act as motor vehicle deterrents if necessary.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Regards,



Corey

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Details of submitter No: 1381 - fiona neale

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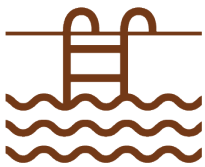
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Yes
Any comments?
If the local community want to take this on then I think that should be seriously considered

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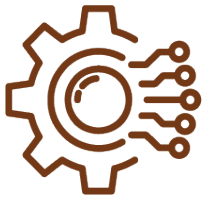
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I have a passion for enhancing facilities in Arthur's Pass and have attached a supporting document.

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

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Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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	2024 SDC LTP submission extra

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2024 SDC LTP submission.

This document is to go alongside the submission from Peter Neale

The following are some additional items I'd like to make a submission on. They are all in relation to the 2024 CAPEX file.

Stormwater; There is $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding. I suspect this is for the subway tunnel leading to the train station. This is often a problem, even more so when it freezes, which causes health and safety issues for passengers on the TranzAlpine train. Before this amount of ratepayer's money is spent, I would like SDC to look into whether it is an SDC responsibility or a Kiwirail responsibility.

Transport; I would like to see specific funding allocated to upgrade the lighting in Arthur's Pass village ASAP to enable the Village to be classified as a dark sky area. As this will involve discussions with Kiwirail, we really need SDC on board to lead those discussions. I note that Castle Hill has some allocated funding for this in the 24/25 budget. It may prove to be more cost efficient if Arthur's Pass has some work done at the same time. I note that $1.2m is allocated for district wide dark sky in 2039/40. Please pull some of this allocation forward to allow this to happen in the prime Arthur's Pass area in the 24/25 or 25/26 financial year.

Transport; I fully support the construction of a cycle trail to join the two extremes of the Selwyn District. We only need to look at how popular cycle trails are becoming around Aotearoa. This would bring in more tourism and enable new businesses to become established along the proposed route, which traverses from the highest point of the Selwyn District, Tarahaka/Arthur's Pass to the lowest point, Waihora/Ellesmere.

Halls and Community Centres; An upgrade of the heating in the Arthur's Pass Community Centre has funding allocated for 2030/31. This needs to be bought forward to the next financial year, 2024/25. In an alpine environment, suitable heating is very important, not just for those using the Community Centre, but also for the good of the building. Should the Alpine fault go with a bang as predicted, a non electric form of heating and cooking will be essential for the local Community Response team to care for stranded locals and travellers. I acknowledge that SDC have assisted with various improvements in the last 5 or 6 years. In the 20 or so years prior to that, upgrades and general maintenance of the building was generally carried out by local volunteers at no cost to the SDC. This building was at one time owned by the local Community, but was gifted to SDC ownership in the 1990's (?). Up until last year, the local Community also picked up the power bill at the facility, another saving to SDC. The current fireplace was second hand when it was installed in the 1990's, so doesn't meet any clean air regulations. When SDC consider funding for the Arthur's Pass CC, they should keep in mind, that a lot of improvements have come at no expense to SDC. Please make this new fireplace install an absolute priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

Water supply; The Arthur's Pass water supply has recently had work carried out. Multiple tanks are in place to give a large amount of storage capacity in times of turbidity of the water at the intake. We have been told multiple times that this tank farm is a temporary solution

only. I see there is funding allocated over the next 4-5 years which should provide Arthur's Pass with the promised permanent solution. A permanent solution using a membrane filter alongside the UV treatment and chlorine will take away the need for the bulk of the tank farm currently in place. Please ensure this funding remains allocated in the SDC LTP.

Other things not clearly in any specific categories;

Please continue with the push to reduce speed limits to 20kph or 30kph on Council roads in Arthur's Pass Village. The majority of Council maintained side roads in Arthur's Pass are unsealed and not suitable for the current 50kph speed limit. I would also like to see SDC support any request to Waka Kotahi to have the speed limit reduced to 30kph on SH73 through the centre of the Village.

Please continue to allocate funding for volunteer Conservation groups, in particular through the SNEF fund. This is an important part of Council's role to protect native flora and fauna. I would also like to see the continued push for a do not feed the kea bylaw, which will assist with protecting this precious taonga species.

I acknowledge that SDC already allocates funds for Arts and heritage projects and events throughout the wider SDC area. I strongly urge this funding to continue in future years. I would also like to see SDC offer support in getting the Te Papa Atawhai/DOC Park HQ (former Visitor Centre) up and running again.

Maintenance and upkeep of SDC owned gardens in Arthur's Pass are often kept maintained and tidy by local volunteers. I would like our repeated request for garden maintenance to be carried out on a more regular basis to be implemented.

In times of heavy snow fall, the local footpaths and side roads can become impassable and dangerous. The Waka Kotahi contractors clear SH73. On occasion, if time permits, they also clear the side roads at no cost to SDC. I would like to see a better system in place that gets local roads and footpaths cleared in a quicker time frame. Potentially a phone call to a local resident could be made after any significant snow fall event to ascertain what is needed.

The SDC Civil Defence staff are setting the standard for all of Aotearoa, in terms of their preparedness and knowledge. With the odds of the alpine fault rupturing in the near future getting higher, it is crucial that funding is increased to this sector so all of the Selwyn district will cope in the event of AF8 happening.

For several years requests to get the open drain along Brake Hill in Arthur's Pass Village, covered and piped have come to nothing. I would like to see this issue resolved in the 2024/25 financial year.

As a last comment, I'd like to quote from the Local Governments act, which stipulates councils should "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". I'm hoping all decisions made by the Council will be made with this in mind.

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Details of submitter No: 1385 - Mark Christensen

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Organisation:	Project Oversight Group - Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

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First name: Mark **Last name:** Christensen

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Elected Representatives
Selwyn District Council
From:

Mark Christensen
Chairperson
Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission

The Project Oversight Group (POG) of Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū (PFBP) and Towards Pest Free Waitaha (TPFW) comprises appointees of:

- Environment Canterbury
- Christchurch City Council
- Selwyn District Council
- Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust
- Department of Conservation
- Ngā Rūnanga of Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū
- Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Pest Free Banks Peninsula

The POG supports the submission of the Project Management Group (PMG) for Pest Free Banks Peninsula, and seeks that the Council's LTP provide for

- The continuation of an annual contribution of $50k per annum (inflation adjusted) to support the Pest Free Banks Peninsula elimination programme.
- Enough budget for biosecurity work to ensure biodiversity values and gains on Council owned land on Banks Peninsula are supported by ensuring capital and operational budgets are adequate for the task.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups within Selwyn when the Predator Free Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
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- Standardised biodiversity outcome monitoring and GIS system, integrated with the PFBP system.

The Project Oversight Group's role

The POG's role is to provide governance level oversight of both:

- the Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū (PFBP) Partnership; and
- groups undertaking pest control more widely across Christchurch City, Selwyn District, and Waimakariri District as part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha (TPFW) Partnership

Pest Free Banks Peninsula / Te Pākata o Rākaihautū

The POG reiterates the comments, concerns and requests of the PFBP Project Management Group (PMG) in their submission by the Chair of the PMG, Dr David Miller, dated 1 May 2024.

Towards Pest Free Waitaha

The POG recognises that there is much enthusiasm for pest control in the community across the Selwyn District. However, that community effort has to date overall been uncoordinated and has varying levels of expertise and resource. The POG has secured funding from the New Zealand Predator Free Trust for 1 year for a Community Activator who is working closely with PFBP, the agencies including the Council, and now with many individual community groups.

This is part of the work which POG has been leading on the initial planning for the Towards Pest Free Waitaha initiative. This initiative is intended to connect the community-based pest suppression activities which are part of the Pest Free Banks Peninsula/Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū vision, and to build on that experience and expertise by connecting its community-based pest suppression initiatives with others across the rest of Christchurch City and within the Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts.

Supporting these groups across the city will enable a strategic approach to pest suppression, similar to what is happening in Wellington, Dunedin and other cities.

Early and continued engagement with landowners/communities is critical. We consider that the community led, agency supported approach (adopted by PFBP) is fundamental to the

establishment and ongoing success of Towards Pest Free Waitaha. POG recommends that this model be used for TPFW.

The overall vision is to work towards implementing what would be one of New Zealand's largest landscape-scale pest suppression and elimination projects, linking Banks Peninsula with the Alps, between the Rakaia and Ashley/Rakahura Rivers.

While the POG sees the extension of the proposed Environment Canterbury targeted rate for biodiversity across the urban part of Christchurch as a critical step in bringing this initiative to life, the targeted rate, by itself, will not be enough. Specifically, priorities for additional funding which the POG considers is necessary to (in order of priority) are:

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Mark Christensen

Chair

PFBP and TPFW Project Oversight Group

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Details of submitter No: 1390 - Murray Doak

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Submission Date: 01/05/2024
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The Ellesmere Lions Club, Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc and Harts Creek Streamcare Group encourage and request the Selwyn District Council to support a new project - The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project. See supporting document.

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide Boardwalk project SDC LTP SUBMISSION 010524

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SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024 – 2034

FROM

Ellesmere Lions Club, supported by Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc and Harts Creek Streamcare Group

2 MAY 2024

The following submission provides an overview of a proposed project in the Ellesmere area of Selwyn, for consideration by the Selwyn District Council, in relation to the Draft Long Term Plan (LTP) – Selwyn District Council 2024 - 2034.

This submission encourages and requests the Selwyn District Council to support this project in the future through funding allocation, grants, and in-kind support.

1. SUBMITTERS
   Ellesmere Lions Club, Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc, Harts Creek Streamcare Group.

2. CONTACT DETAILS for SUBMITTERS
   Working Group Chair, President of Ellesmere Lions Club, c/o Murray Doak, Secretary of Ellesmere Lions Club, PO Box 57 Leeston, sec.ellesmerelc@lionsclubs.org.nz, 03 3244143, 0299431705.

3. THE PROJECT

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

We are seeking the following be included in the Selwyn District Long Term Plan. Allowance of up to $300k capital contribution for project management, design, procurement, and construction costs of a new bird hide and boardwalk, available from 2024-25. This is a new project that is not currently budgeted for within the current or draft Long Term Plan.

4. HISTORY

Waitatari Harts Creek is a renowned New Zealand fishing and treasured ecological stream that flows into Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. In the early 1990's the Ellesmere Lions Club and local anglers built a bird hide and boardwalk, linking a walking track along Harts Creek to the margin of the lake within the Harts Creek Wildlife Management Reserve. The elevated bird hide allowed for bird watching in this internationally recognised site. The gentle, family-

friendly walking track and structures have been maintained by a dedicated team of volunteers ever since. The walk crosses private farmland and enters the DoC estate.

In 2023 the structures were deemed not fit for purpose. The bird hide was dismantled, and the boardwalk is currently on an 18-month reprieve from removal. While the walkway along Harts Creek remains open, there is no visual connection to the Lake without the elevated viewing platform. A working group of interested parties convened to investigate the rejuvenation of this well-loved walkway in the south-eastern corner of Selwyn.

5. THE WORKING GROUP

The Ellesmere Lions Club is currently facilitating the initial stages of this project given its previous interest in maintaining the walkway and funding the previous bird hide.

The working group investigating and charged with progressing this project includes representatives from: Ellesmere Lions Club; Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture Inc; Harts Creek Streamcare Group, landowners, videographer. Representatives from the following organisations are supporting the working group: Auldwood Birds; Department of Conservation; Environment Canterbury; Selwyn District Council; Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee. There are several other interested parties being apprised of the project.

6. PROJECT PROPOSAL

The first working group meeting was held in November 2023. Permanent public access over private farmland is being facilitated by Ellesmere Lions through Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa Outdoor Access Commission, to be followed by improvements to the track and fencing.

Next steps for the working group include investigating design specifications for a new hide and boardwalk, negotiating responsibility for maintenance going forward, environmental work (weed removal, bank protection, riparian planting), a working budget, identifying funding sources. Initial estimates on costs for the structures alone are in the vicinity of $200K. The working group believes the project is beyond the scope of any of the volunteer organisations involved. The employment of a part-time fixed term project manager will ensure momentum in rejuvenating this much-loved recreational gem in Selwyn.

7. MATTERS FOR COMMUNITY GUIDANCE – IMPROVING WELL BEING

7.1 SOCIAL The Harts Creek Bird Hide walk is a valuable *recreational space* for Selwyn. It provides a family-friendly walk, fishing, bird watching, picnicking, exercise, and a physical connection to Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere. It features on the Selwyn website and the DOC Canterbury walks. Its existence supports Selwyn's *outdoor character and environment*, identified as key issues in feedback to SDC. It is near Leeston and Southbridge, and only a 25-minute drive from Rolleston. The drive to Harts Creek takes the urban dwellers of Selwyn through the productive agricultural area of Ellesmere, supporting the *urban-rural connection*.

7.2 ECONOMIC

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

As an internationally recognised site of ornithological significance, the Harts Creek Bird Hide walk brings national and international visitors to Selwyn, with all the accompanying *economic benefits of tourism*. A better sited, fit for purpose structure will enhance this experience.

The proposed new cycle trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere will be enhanced by having a 'destination' attraction in the southern corner of the lake. This fits the *rural walking and cycling improvements* objectives of SDC.

Locally, a trip to the walk will invariably be concluded with an ice cream or coffee stop, supporting Leeston and Southbridge businesses. SDC have *economic development* as a goal in the LTP. Visitors to Ellesmere will be able to view the Ellesmere Lions Club history board and eel feature, Lakeside Domain, Ngati Moki Marae and Hone Wetere Church, Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, and hopefully, in the future, the Selwyn Heritage Centre.

5.3 ENVIRONMENTAL
As part of the rejuvenation project, weed control, stream bank protection and riparian planting are proposed. This will build on the efforts of the Harts Creek Streamcare group and landowners' work further upstream.

Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere is a significant geological feature of the Selwyn district, one that does not always receive positive recognition. Building familiarity and connection with Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere and promoting its unique attributes as a bird and fish haven, will foster kaitiakitanga in the community.

5.4 CULTURAL
Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere, the 'food basket' of the local rununga, has cultural and historical significance to Selwyn. Interaction with this natural environment will foster understanding and kaitiakitanga. The walkway will lend itself to being an educational opportunity – information boards, school visits.

8. KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY INFORMED – RURAL WALKING & CYCLING IMPROVEMENTS

A feasibility study on a *proposed new cycle trail around Te Waihora Lake Ellesmere*, connecting to the Little River Rail Trail, is currently being funded by SDC. The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide walk will provide a 'destination' activity near the southern end of the proposed cycle trail.

9. CONCLUSION
The Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project is the perfect example of *placemaking* in Selwyn. It has social, economic, and cultural benefits to the community. It links Selwyn inhabitants to their natural surroundings and is more than just a Sunday walk destination.

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

The submitters encourage and request the Selwyn District Council to support this project in the future through funding allocation, grants, and in-kind support.

Thank you.

Waitatari Harts Creek Bird Hide and Boardwalk rejuvenation project.

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Submitter:	Barry Mackenzie

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Submission Date: 01/05/2024
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You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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Please add any comments you may have

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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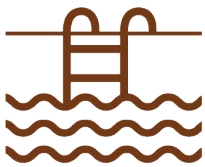
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Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?

Economic Development

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We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

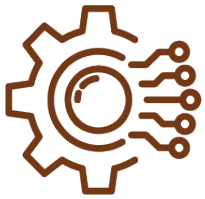


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes
Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes
Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

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I wish to submit on the Arthur's Pass water supply planned works. It is pleasing to see that there are substantial in the current LTP and I support the continuation of this programme. There are some parts of the approach that could be better. Currently there are substantial leaks in the reticulation system that affect the relaibility of the Water supply. Notably when there is a rain event, the turbidity of the Avalanche creek supply increases and trips off the water treatment plant. Due to the leaks in the reticulation system the current storage is depleted within hours of a plant shutdown. The approach to solving this issue should be 3 fold.

1) Better pre-treatment. Install a prefilter/settling tank/sand filter to prevent the turbidity increasing to the point where the plant shuts down. This could be repurposing some of the current storage tanks on the inlet side of the Treatment plant.

2) Reduce the demand. Adress the leaks in the reticulation system by replacing the sections that are of known condition, Very Poor/Poor/moderate in the next financial year. This would be approximately a total of 600 metres according to the SDC data. An audio analysis of the pipe routes would give an accurate location of current leaks.

3) Control of water storage following a Turbity or earthquake event. The system should be fitted with

a slam shut valve on the Water Supply outlet after the storage tanks. It would need to be operated by a seismic sensor or the plant turbidity sensor. This will keep the storage intact (12 tanks??) until the event has passed and the reticulation system status is confirmed. If the event if AF8 or similar, then as the storage is alongside the Community Centre, which would probably be the Community Disaster point.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, but with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.

Project cost:
Year 1: 19.24m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$53.14
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
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Please add any comments you may have

2b. Leeston Park improvements

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We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	AP Village Water Supply Capex programme submission May2025 BM

1.11 Critical Assets

The criticality model for Arthur's Pass has been updated for the 2024 AMP. The methodology of the criticality model can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview and it provides details of how the criticality has been calculated for the reticulation assets. Table 6 and Figure 6 below shows the calculated criticality for all of the assets within this scheme that have a recorded known length.

Criticality Bands		Length (m)	%
5	Low	3,021	62%
4	Medium-Low	699	14%
3	Medium	577	12%
2	Medium-High	561	12%
1	High	0	0%
0	No Class	3.22	0.07%

Table 6 - Length of Assets per Criticality Band, Arthur's Pass Scheme



Figure 6 - Arthur's Pass Water Supply Criticality

1.12 Asset Condition

The asset condition model was run for Arthur's Pass in 2024. The methodology of the model can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview and it provides details of how the model has been calculated for the pipe reticulation assets.

Table 7 and Figure 7 below shows the level of asset condition for these assets within this scheme that have a recorded known condition.

Table 7 - Condition Grading for Arthur's Pass Scheme Assets

Condition Rating	Grading	% of pipeline by length (both above ground and underground) - Jan 2024
0	No Assessed	5%
1	Very Good	18%
2	Good	63%
3	Moderate/Adequate	4%
4	Poor	0%
5	Very Poor	10%

Figure 7 - Arthur's Pass Scheme Condition



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The number of pipe faults is also measured through the asset management system.
Figure 8 shows the known historic pipe failures within this scheme.
Figure 8 - Arthur's Pass Scheme Pipe Faults



1.13 Funding Program

The 10 year budgets for Arthur's Pass are shown by Table 8.
Budgets are split into expenditure, renewals, projects and capital projects.
Expenditure and renewals have been reported on a district-wide basis in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply Overview. All figures are ($) not adjusted for CPI “inflation". They are calculated on historical data, and population growth where relevant.

Table 8 - Arthur's Pass Budget Summary

Years	Projects	Capital Projects
2024/2025	-	$474,012
2025/2026	-	-
2026/2027	-	$351,120
2027/2028	-	$1,755,600
2028/2029	-	$1,404,480
2029/2030	-	-
2030/2031	-	-
2031/2032	-	-
2032/2033	-	-
2033/2034	-	-
Total	-	$3,985,212

An explanation of the categories within the budgets are as follows below:

- Expenditure consists of operation and maintenance costs;
- Renewals are replacement of assets which are nearing or exceeded their useful life;
- Projects are investigations, decisions and planning activities which exclude capital works; and
- Capital projects are activities involving physical works.

There are two major projects for the Arthur's Pass water scheme in the LTP budget (Table 9): the second and third stages of the water treatment plant upgrade.

Table 9 - Key Projects for Arthur's Pass

Account Label	GL	Description	Year 1 ($)	Year 2 ($)	Year 3 ($)	Years 4 to 10	Funding Split *
Capital Projects	4000900171	Second stage of Arthur's Pass School Terrace WTP upgrade	$474,012	-	-	-	100% LoS
Capital Projects	4000900171	Third stage of Arthur's Pass, School Terrace WTP, membrane	-	-	$351,120	$3,160,080	100% LoS

The list of district wide projects can be found in 5 Waters AMP 2024 - Volume 2 - Water Supply .Overview

Discussion on Projects

Projects have been determined based on their:

- Relevance to the scheme
- Requirement to be completed under legislation
- Ability to bring the scheme up to or maintain the Level of Service required under council's Asset Management Policy.

Many projects are **jointly** funded by more than one scheme and activity. Each scheme pays a pro-rata share only, equivalent to the number of connections.

Discussion on Capital and Projects

Where relevant, Capital (Levels of Service) and Capital (Growth) projects have been included in the scheme financial details.
Levels of Service Projects and growth splits have been provided to ensure the costs of population driven works are clear.

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Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates:
To be determined
Funding:
To be determined

Please add any comments you may have

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parking sealed surfaces keep to a minimum

as sealing is not good for our environment

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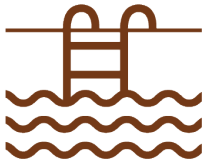
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Any comments?

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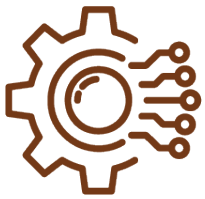
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No

Any comments?

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Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

clean up the plastics

lessen the use of glysophate chlorine and other chemicals

support our farmers do not penalize them

clean out our rivers and river mouths to prevent flooding

do not be borrowing money for future climate un necessarys it's putting us into uneccsary debt

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The most important to us is clean chemical free water and repaired roads

I was involved in bringing to attention that selwyn was about to chlorinate our beautiful water we had 800 signatures in a very short time a meeting was call at pur own cost

i would like to see a public meeting called when we know what the water regulations are going to be explainations plans and options made clear to us

called a meeting

the out cry you have had since

to take choline out is rediclous cost I understand because of the water regulators

the idea of other chemicals added to water is a medically medicating a whole population

affecting there health / well-being

can you as a council guarantee and show from studies our babies will not be harmed

I like the idea of a choline free water tap for locals to use as drinking water which will be beneficial in Lincoln will address some needs

Cholrine is a nuro toxin

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and a negative effects on lungs breathing in when showering and and absorbtion thru the skin

Can you believe our water to be that heavily chlorined in chch that plunket nurses are not recommending mothers NOT to bath babies in tap water

i will look forward to a future public meeting on WATER

Keep spending to a minimum until we know the world is in a more stable position on all other projects. We do not want our rates borrowing absorbant loans from who knows where

A reminder the country is in a Recession

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
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2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have
choose least expensive plan that is suited to residents funded by rates

2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

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Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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Please add any comments you may have

carry out plans to extend fields if that is what residents require

give a sum to the community for landscaping

those costs seem extravagant

Attached Documents

Link	File
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Details of submitter No: 1397 - Peter Neale

Submitter:	Peter Neale

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Peter **Last name:** Neale

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

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option

Please add any comments you may have
Get this project underway now, build it and the people will use it. If there's too much delay there may not be the same uptake from customers as there will hopefully be now.

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3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2 and 3 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes one indoor court.

Project cost:
Year 3: $7.07 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $5.97 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$11.67
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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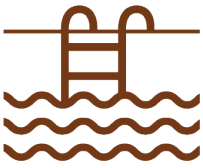
Please add any comments you may have
This will be a useful asset for the area. With the placement being in Darfield, it is close enough for residents in surrounding towns to be able to make good use of it.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

Yes
Any comments?
The new Darfield facility will be close by, so Sheffield residents can utilise that. If local Sheffield residents want to take on the

upkeep of the Sheffield pool, would gifting them the facility be an option?

Economic Development

We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



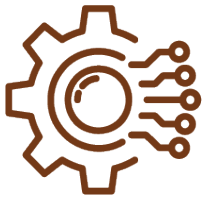
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

Digital Solutions

We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.



Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

I see a lot of wasted time with SDC contractors. If contractors can develop a more stream lined process, it will in turn save on ratepayers money.

Policy Changes

What is your view on the proposed changes to the Significance and Engagement Policy and financial policies outlined on pages 54-55 of the consultation document?

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I'm happy to leave this to the decision makers, but I can't see anything negative in these changes.

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

There are several other things I wish to make a submission on. They are detailed in the supporting document. This includes a variety of things that affect the Arthur's Pass area, both positively and negatively. I am happy to speak to

these items in front of Council.

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

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Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
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As the population increases in the Leeston region it is important to have a good fit for purpose Community facility in that area. However, I don't want to see this meaning smaller Community Centres around the District receive less funding and care as a result of this big spend.

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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	2024 SDC LTP submission extra

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2024 SDC LTP submission.

This document is to go alongside the submission from Peter Neale

The following are some additional items I'd like to make a submission on. They are all in relation to the 2024 CAPEX file.

Stormwater; There is $553,000 allocated in 2025-2027 for underpass flooding. I suspect this is for the subway tunnel leading to the train station. This is often a problem, even more so when it freezes, which causes health and safety issues for passengers on the TranzAlpine train. Before this amount of ratepayer's money is spent, I would like SDC to look into whether it is an SDC responsibility or a Kiwirail responsibility.

Transport; I would like to see specific funding allocated to upgrade the lighting in Arthur's Pass village ASAP to enable the Village to be classified as a dark sky area. As this will involve discussions with Kiwirail, we really need SDC on board to lead those discussions. I note that Castle Hill has some allocated funding for this in the 24/25 budget. It may prove to be more cost efficient if Arthur's Pass has some work done at the same time. I note that $1.2m is allocated for district wide dark sky in 2039/40. Please pull some of this allocation forward to allow this to happen in the prime Arthur's Pass area in the 24/25 or 25/26 financial year.

Transport; I fully support the construction of a cycle trail to join the two extremes of the Selwyn District. We only need to look at how popular cycle trails are becoming around Aotearoa. This would bring in more tourism and enable new businesses to become established along the proposed route, which traverses from the highest point of the Selwyn District, Tarahaka/Arthur's Pass to the lowest point, Waihora/Ellesmere.

Halls and Community Centres; An upgrade of the heating in the Arthur's Pass Community Centre has funding allocated for 2030/31. This needs to be bought forward to the next financial year, 2024/25. In an alpine environment, suitable heating is very important, not just for those using the Community Centre, but also for the good of the building. Should the Alpine fault go with a bang as predicted, a non electric form of heating and cooking will be essential for the local Community Response team to care for stranded locals and travellers. I acknowledge that SDC have assisted with various improvements in the last 5 or 6 years. In the 20 or so years prior to that, upgrades and general maintenance of the building was generally carried out by local volunteers at no cost to the SDC. This building was at one time owned by the local Community, but was gifted to SDC ownership in the 1990's (?). Up until last year, the local Community also picked up the power bill at the facility, another saving to SDC. The current fireplace was second hand when it was installed in the 1990's, so doesn't meet any clean air regulations. When SDC consider funding for the Arthur's Pass CC, they should keep in mind, that a lot of improvements have come at no expense to SDC. Please make this new fireplace install an absolute priority for the 2024/25 financial year.

Water supply; The Arthur's Pass water supply has recently had work carried out. Multiple tanks are in place to give a large amount of storage capacity in times of turbidity of the water at the intake. We have been told multiple times that this tank farm is a temporary solution

only. I see there is funding allocated over the next 4-5 years which should provide Arthur's Pass with the promised permanent solution. A permanent solution using a membrane filter alongside the UV treatment and chlorine will take away the need for the bulk of the tank farm currently in place. Please ensure this funding remains allocated in the SDC LTP.

Other things not clearly in any specific categories;

Please continue with the push to reduce speed limits to 20kph or 30kph on Council roads in Arthur's Pass Village. The majority of Council maintained side roads in Arthur's Pass are unsealed and not suitable for the current 50kph speed limit. I would also like to see SDC support any request to Waka Kotahi to have the speed limit reduced to 30kph on SH73 through the centre of the Village.

Please continue to allocate funding for volunteer Conservation groups, in particular through the SNEF fund. This is an important part of Council's role to protect native flora and fauna. I would also like to see the continued push for a do not feed the kea bylaw, which will assist with protecting this precious taonga species.

I acknowledge that SDC already allocates funds for Arts and heritage projects and events throughout the wider SDC area. I strongly urge this funding to continue in future years. I would also like to see SDC offer support in getting the Te Papa Atawhai/DOC Park HQ (former Visitor Centre) up and running again.

Maintenance and upkeep of SDC owned gardens in Arthur's Pass are often kept maintained and tidy by local volunteers. I would like our repeated request for garden maintenance to be carried out on a more regular basis to be implemented.

In times of heavy snow fall, the local footpaths and side roads can become impassable and dangerous. The Waka Kotahi contractors clear SH73. On occasion, if time permits, they also clear the side roads at no cost to SDC. I would like to see a better system in place that gets local roads and footpaths cleared in a quicker time frame. Potentially a phone call to a local resident could be made after any significant snow fall event to ascertain what is needed.

The SDC Civil Defence staff are setting the standard for all of Aotearoa, in terms of their preparedness and knowledge. With the odds of the alpine fault rupturing in the near future getting higher, it is crucial that funding is increased to this sector so all of the Selwyn district will cope in the event of AF8 happening.

For several years requests to get the open drain along Brake Hill in Arthur's Pass Village, covered and piped have come to nothing. I would like to see this issue resolved in the 2024/25 financial year.

As a last comment, I'd like to quote from the Local Governments act, which stipulates councils should "promote the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of communities". I'm hoping all decisions made by the Council will be made with this in mind.

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Details of submitter No: 1398 - penny carnaby

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Organisation:	Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: penny **Last name:** carnaby

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Organisation: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

- ◉ Yes
- ○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Attached Documents

Link	File
	BPCT submission to SDC LTP 2024
	2050EcologicalVisionForBanksPeninsula_Mar24

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Submission: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/2034: Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) Selwyn District Council

From:
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Kia ora koutou

Re: Draft Long-Term Plan 2024/34 Submission from Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT)

This submission has been prepared by the trustees and management of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) for the SDC.

BPCT supports the submissions forwarded to SDC by Dr David Miller from the Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) Management Group and Mark Richardson Chair, Pest Free Banks Peninsula Oversight group (POG).

I wish to present BPCT's submission in person and, if it is possible for the BPCT, PFBP and POG submissions to be heard following each other on the same day it would be appreciated.

1. Acknowledging the support of Selwyn District Council
BPCT wishes to acknowledge the SDC staff who work with the BPCT on the PFBP programme and the Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK) collaboration of 21 organisations on both sides of the Port Hills.

2. The work of BPCT: Celebrating community-led, council supported indigenous biodiversity and climate resilience outcomes

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot. Because biodiversity is mobile, Banks Peninsula acts as a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Greater Christchurch (including the Selwyn District) and the wider Canterbury area. Biodiversity is a public good and all current and future generations of Greater Christchurch residents benefit from its protection and enhancement.

The BPCT's model of community-led conservation with strong local council support has proven to be effective due to: the Trust's ability to work positively with landowners in way that is often unavailable to Council; low operating overheads ensuring maximum resources are directed into biodiversity enhancement; a proven ability to leverage Council/s funding to maximise other funding opportunities (e.g., $1M from MPI and $8M from PF2050Ltd secured over 7 seven year period); good science underpinning programmes that support community aspirations for biodiversity protection and

enhancement; and the Trust demonstrating local conservation sector leadership through the establishment and facilitation of collaborations of organisations and individuals working towards shared ecological goals.

The BPCT's most notable achievements during the last LTP period include:

- Celebration of 20 years as Aotearoa's only independent conservation covenanting authority, now with over 100 covenants established which legally protect high value habitat for current and future generations of Christchurch residents.
- A refreshed 2050 Ecological Vision for Banks Peninsula (attached) including two new goals focused on removal of 'transformer' ecological weeds and enhancement of native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch, and the region.
- Winner of the 2022 Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board supreme award Te Waka o Aoraki, recognising excellence in conservation outcomes.
- Finalist in the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards for leadership of the highly successful Banks Peninsula Feral Goat Eradication Programme.
- Establishment of a new Peninsula-wide Farm Biodiversity Programme to support farmers with biodiversity planning and monitoring.
- Ongoing strategic leadership and facilitation of significant landscape scale, cross land tenure, multi-partner conservation programmes (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations) e.g
    - **Te Kākahu Kahukura** 21 organisations working together to restore a thriving and resilient indigenous forest supporting an abundance of native birds, lizards, and invertebrates on the Port Hills.
    - **Pest Free Banks Peninsula** 17 partner organisations (including five BP runanga) committed to the widespread removal of animal pests across Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills).

  (note SDC is a partner organisation in both these collaborations)

2. **Response to directions signalled in the Draft LTP 2024/2034**

One anomaly in the published SDC LTP 2024-2034 seems to be that although it contains a goal that "Waikirikiri/Selwyn's whenua/land, wai/water, and kātaoka o te taiao/ biodiversity are protected and enhanced", and the Plan also mentions that climate change is one of the most pressing issues worldwide, the Plan seems to say very little about climate change mitigation and adaptation. There appear to be no environmental policies or any significant environmental directions included in the Plan.

BPCT would encourage more specific biodiversity and climate change outcomes are considered in the SDC LTP to support the considerable effort the community is already contributing to the enhancement of biodiversity outcomes in the Greater Christchurch area which links BP to the Alps between the Rakaia and the Ashley/Rakahura Rivers. It is our contention that the Council needs to acknowledge the significant work being done within its boundaries as well as alongside it and aim to work in partnership with others to protect these gains going forward.

3. **Suggested areas of support**

BPCT respectfully requests consideration of the following: (drawn from the PFBP and POG submissions):
3.1 Consideration of support for the “Predator Free Selwyn" and “Towards Pest Free Waitaha” project concepts, to dove tail with other adjacent pest projects.
3.2 Consideration of the continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Predator Free 2050 Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
3.2 Consideration of professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse Selwyn residents who are not already involved in pest control.

Concluding comments
Thank you for reading our submission. We wish to present our submission in person.

Penny Carnaby
Chairperson
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust

2050 Ecological Vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula (including the Port Hills)

October 2023

The vision:
In 2050 native biodiversity is thriving across Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. Native ecosystems underpin our resilient communities, recognising that when nature thrives, people thrive.

Ka ora te whenua
Ka ora te tāngata

Introduction

The ecological vision for Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has been developed by the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust (BPCT) with input from many partner organisations, including mana whenua, landowners, Christchurch City Council, Environment Canterbury, the Department of Conservation, and other community groups. The BPCT is proud to promote the ecological vision and acknowledges with gratitude the many contributors who assisted its development. The ecological vision is a resource to be used by the whole community and others are encouraged to adopt it, or adapt it for their own purposes.

Banks Peninsula (which includes Port Hills), with its breath-taking landscapes, diverse ecosystems and precious wildlife, has long captured the hearts of those fortunate enough to engage with this special place. The Peninsula's wide range of habitats support a remarkable biodiversity, from penguins and inanga to wētā and forest birds, from kelp forest and podocarp forest to cliff and mountaintop plants. This biodiversity has great value - as taonga, for recreation, for tourism, and for ecosystem services such as flood protection.

The challenges posed by climate change and human activities have threatened the delicate balance that sustains this ecological gem. The 10 ecological goals outlined here chart a path through those challenges and towards a thriving, resilient and biodiverse future. In adopting this vision, we can take encouragement from the progress made to date. Since the 1920s, when indigenous forest was reduced to only 1% of Banks Peninsula's area, indigenous woody vegetation has steadily increased so that today about 20% of the land is covered in regenerating native vegetation. Remarkably, despite extensive historical losses of forest, few native species were lost locally, and Banks Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Waitaha Canterbury and for Aotearoa.

The 10 interconnected goals in this vision will guide collective efforts towards the recovery of this unique area, enabling it to flourish. Success depends not on any single entity or a few, but on us all: mana whenua, landowners, agencies, conservation organisations and the wider community, working hand in hand to achieve our shared aspirations. This vision is intended to facilitate collaboration and provide new solutions to complex issues. Together, we can foster a culture of environmental stewardship, implementing sustainable land management practices, and embracing innovative conservation strategies.

On Banks Peninsula we envision a future where native species thrive and ecosystems regenerate, offering sanctuary for both resident and migratory species. The restoration of ecological corridors, the protection of critical habitats, and the reintroduction of locally extinct species will restore the Peninsula's ecological integrity, and provide inspiration for the rest of Canterbury and Aotearoa. The 2050 ecological vision for Banks Peninsula invites us to dream big, and to work tirelessly for a future where our actions today foster the thriving biodiversity of tomorrow. It is a call to unite in creating a better future.

When Nature Thrives, We Thrive – Ka ora whenua, ka ora te tāngata

Penny Carnaby
Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust Chair

The 10 Ecological Goals

This vision outlines 10 interconnected goals which collectively will guide efforts towards enhancing the biodiversity and thriving ecosystems of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula.

Goal 1: Protect all remaining old-growth forest remnants

The deeper soils on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula were once extensively covered in podocarp forest, with hardwood trees and ferns beneath the lofty tōtara, mataī and kahikatea, sometimes with miro and rimu. Sub-alpine areas were dominated by thin barked tōtara with native cedar. The south-east corner of the Peninsula had localised areas of red and black beech.

Podocarp trees were highly prized by settlers for timber, and those growing on the lowlands were among the first resources to be extracted. Forests were further cleared by burning to make land available for farming. These tree species have a lineage dating back to Gondwana. Their lives can span many hundreds of years, sequestering and storing carbon while they grow. They are important for wildlife, providing valuable food sources for even the largest forest birds, kerurū and kākā, as well as nesting and roosting sites. Older trees with holes and hollows provide nesting places for ruru, mohua, riflemen, bats and kiwi. Healthy forest soils support a rich and diverse ecosystem.

These remnant forest types are now rare, but are important windows into the previous native ecosystems. They are small fractions of what once existed, and are now mostly small, isolated patches. Often their margins are vulnerable to wind, stock damage and weed pests. Elsewhere, there are single old-growth trees which are isolated from forests and even more vulnerable to damage. These remnant trees and forests hold the genetic material of the next generation, as well as providing food and shelter for large numbers of birds, insects and other wildlife.

Now is our chance to covenant or otherwise legally protect and manage the small remaining areas of these mighty forests before they are lost. They can also be protected by restoration planting of native trees around the edges to enlarge the forest patches and provide shelter to the older trees in the centre.

Goal 2: Protect the full range of rare[1] and naturally uncommon ecosystems

From its summits down to the coasts and plains around its perimeter, Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has many distinctive geographic features supporting specialised ecosystems that are rare or naturally uncommon in Aotearoa. They have distinctive soils and climatic conditions which support uncommon flora and fauna. These ecosystems are varied and mostly small and unforested. To survive, these need protection from pests, grazing animals, introduced weeds and from development.

They include:

- Inland cliffs, scarps and tors, which are often home to threatened or rare plants and animals, such as the nationally critical Lyttelton forget-me-not, Banks Peninsula sun hebe, waitaha gecko and Banks Peninsula tree wētā.
- Wetlands, such as lagoons and estuary margins, seepages and flushes on valley floors and slopes, and ephemeral wetlands, which each have their own characteristic assemblage of plants and animals.
- Boulderfields, which create microclimates and provide refuges for native shrubs, invertebrates and lizards.
- Coastal cliffs and rock stacks, which provide nesting, burrowing and roosting sites for penguins, shags, petrels and other sea-going birds, and for lizards.
- Sand-dunes, shingle beaches, coastal turfs and sea mammal haul-out areas, which each have different characteristics suited to specific assemblages of plants, invertebrates, lizards and birds.

These special ecosystems make a significant contribution to national biodiversity.

[1] These ecosystems are now classified as naturally uncommon. See: https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/publications/naturally-uncommon-ecosystems/

Goal 3: Protect streams and coastal seas through better land management

Aquatic habitats need to be healthy in order to support the many native species that depend on freshwater and marine environments for part or all of their life cycle. Freshwater and marine ecosystems are greatly affected by the conditions on the land adjacent to them. Silty sediment chokes up streams and coastal waters, greatly reducing their ability to support life. High nutrient loads promote excessive algal growth.

Good land management can greatly reduce sediment and nutrient inputs into streams and coastal seas. On steeper slopes and near coastal margins, native forest cover helps to reduce silt run-off. The forest and its soils absorb water and release it slowly, reducing sediment movement and the risk of flooding. Appropriate indigenous vegetation along the stream margins all the way down the catchment intercepts silt and nutrient run-off, reducing sediment and nutrient overload in streams and wetlands. Overhanging trees shade waterways, reducing light and heat reaching the water, which further reduces the likelihood of detrimental algal blooms. Falling leaves and other terrestrial inputs provide food for a healthy in-stream food web that supports aquatic invertebrate larvae, tuna/eels, adult galaxids (whitebait species) and kōura/freshwater crayfish. In slow-moving wetland areas, vegetation offers further filtration and buffering, which improves water quality. Clear water then reaches the sea, promoting healthy beds of kelp and seagrass, which support nurseries of fish and other marine life.

Many of our iconic native species such as kororā/little blue penguin, tītī/petrels, spotted shags, tuna/eels and inanga/whitebait rely on the healthy state of the land, freshwater and the marine environment to survive.

Inanga and other whitebait species need good water quality throughout their life cycle

Adult inanga live in coastal wetland areas (creeks, rivers, estuaries, etc.) and feed on tiny insects that also need healthy freshwater to breed. A few days before the full moons and new moons of February to May the adult inanga travel downstream to the place where the freshwater meets the incoming seawater. They wait for the very high waters of the spring tide to carry them up into flooded vegetation on the edge of the streams where they work their way into the base of dense, grassy vegetation to lay their eggs. The eggs are hidden there, shielded from natural predators (herons and eels) and from the sun's UV, and, ideally, safe from trampling stock. They develop over the next few weeks until they are ready to hatch on the next high spring tide. The tiny larvae are carried downstream to the sea, where they feed on plankton in coastal waters for 6 months until spring arrives, when they migrate back into clean wetlands, rivers and streams.

Goal 4: Establish four large biodiversity hubs of indigenous vegetation

Fragmented forest patches have small interiors with most of the habitat being close to an edge. Edges are more vulnerable to drying winds, and to weed and predator incursion. This limits the resilience of the plants, animals, important soil-living microbes and fungal networks, especially under a warming climate, thus reducing the diversity of species that can survive, and compromising those that remain. This goal is to establish four large-scale hubs, of more than 1000 hectares each, of connected and protected indigenous vegetation. These hubs will contain old-growth and regenerating forest and naturally uncommon ecosystems, providing ecosystem resilience from summit to sea.

Establishing large hubs of continuous native habitat from summit to sea and across spurs, valleys and rocky tops enables a rich diversity of native plants and animals to thrive. They support larger populations, increasing genetic diversity. Animal species can move safely between food and water sources, and adapt as the seasons and climate change; this is particularly important for smaller species that are less able to cross large open gaps in a more fragmented landscape, e.g. tomtit, rifleman and gecko.

These areas of 1000 hectares or greater will be in various ownerships, with large parts of them likely to be in private ownership sympathetic to this goal, such as with the Wildside which has Hinewai Reserve at the core. There may be residential areas within them.

Goal 5: Enhance native biodiversity within the rural environment

Most of Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is rural, and this environment is a diverse mix of native and exotic elements. Much of the native remnant ecosystems are embedded within a matrix of primary production (agriculture, forestry, horticulture, etc.) and with areas of human habitation within it (farm houses, baches and small villages). Wildlife species move across this landscape, from mountaintop to lower country and down to the coastal margin or Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, from one bush area to the next, or from stream to lake and sea, in order to find food, to find safe shelter, to breed, and to cope with the changes in seasons and weather patterns. With the worldwide shift in climate, this habitat flexibility is becoming increasingly important.

Many native birds, such as kererū, bellbird, tūī and fantail, spend considerable amounts of time within gardens and amongst farmland, opportunistically moving with the seasons. Other smaller species, like riflemen, lizards and beetles, struggle to cross large open stretches without native cover and safe shelter from pests. Springs, streams and rivers, critical for production and settlement, are also critical for biodiversity.

Sympathetic management of the native ecosystems within the areas of primary production and settled areas is important in order to sustain native species and to build ecosystem resilience into the landscape. Developing resilience against climate change will benefit both the environment and the people that live there. There are many things that can be done. These include restoring forest corridors and other habitat connections, waterway and stream-edge restoration, sympathetic road verge management, use of native species in shelter belts, and weed and animal pest control. These actions will improve ecosystem services and bring benefits to the primary production values and to human wellbeing. Owners can choose to legally protect their areas of native habitat in perpetuity through covenanting.

Goal 6: Increase the abundance of rare and uncommon native species

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula has a wide range of native biodiversity, of varying abundance. Some native species are relatively common and are found throughout the Peninsula, such as fantails, silvereyes and black-back gulls. Some are locally uncommon, such as ruru, tūī, tītī and nikau palms. Some rare species are classified as nationally threatened, at risk or locally endemic, including hoiho, kārearea, spotted shag, Banks Peninsula tree wētā, a number of endemic moths, Lyttelton forget-me-not and Cooks scurvy grass. This goal is focused on the less common species, to increase their abundance and range. This will make their populations more secure, increase the biodiversity of areas they spread into, and enable people to encounter and appreciate them more widely than they can at present.

Many animal and plant species on the Peninsula appear to have increased in abundance over the last few decades as a result of habitat protection, pest control, and the general increase in native woody vegetation - including bellbird, tomtit, kereru and five-finger. Kororā have benefitted from localised predator control. However, increases in populations may be quite localised, and some species may still be declining or relatively neutral. All are vulnerable to loss of habitat and to increases in predators.

This goal aims to ensure that native fauna and flora become more abundant and widespread across the Peninsula. While it is focused mainly on less common species, it would also cover any common species that started to decline. For fauna that are dependent on the marine environment, such as tītī and other petrels, penguins, shags, tuna and inanga, their abundances on land will be partially dependent on what is happening in the marine environment, potentially some distance away from Banks Peninsula.

Achieving this goal relies on success in some of the other goals, and evaluation of it requires affordable monitoring methods that can detect changes in species' abundance.

Goal 7: Re-establish populations of locally extinct plant and animal species

In the past, Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula was home to some native species that are now missing. Some of these are gone forever, such as moa, South Island piopio, laughing owl and the Waitaha penguin. Other species survive elsewhere, but were lost from the Peninsula, most likely due to extensive deforestation and the impact of introduced predators and hunting. The absence of these missing species has reduced the native biodiversity of the Peninsula. Some of these are iconic species that characterise Aotearoa's unique wildlife. Restoring local populations of these species will enhance local biodiversity.

As areas of suitable habitat expand and the impact of introduced predators is reliably managed, it will become increasingly feasible to reintroduce some of these missing species from suitable nearby source populations. The Peninsula has already seen the successful reintroduction of tūī, which had become locally extinct in the early 1990s. Several invertebrate species have been successfully reintroduced to Ōtamahua Quail Island. These species are all reproducing and forming self-sustaining populations.

Further potential candidates for reintroduction could include tuatara, tokoeka/South Island brown kiwi, seabird species including pakahā/fluttering shearwater, kakaruai/South Island robin, kākā, kākāriki/yellow crowned parakeet, mohua/yellow-head, takahē and yellow mistletoe.

In general, re-establishment is most successful when the causes of the original loss have been addressed, the species' habitat needs are met and the threat from introduced predators is minimised. Since some of the species listed above nest in tree holes and hollows, and the Peninsula currently has few ancient trees with suitable holes, artificial nest-boxes could be installed as a substitute. Despite the anticipated elimination of feral predators, flightless birds may still be at risk from domestic cats and dogs and so may only be successful inside predator-proof fences.

Me he korokori tūī
How eloquent is he who has the throat of a tūī

By 2000, tūī had effectively died out from the Peninsula, with only occasional sightings of single vagrant birds. And so, the community, with Agency support and appropriate research, translocated 72 tūī from Maud Island, Marlborough Sounds, to Hinewai Reserve in 2009 and 2010. These tūī, and many of their hatchlings, have coloured leg bands so that they can be identified and their movements monitored. A team of volunteers in the Banks Peninsula Tūī Restoration Group have spent thousands of hours, observing, recording and managing this information. The work is overseen by Dr Laura Molles.

Goal 8: Eliminate or control pest animals to protect native biodiversity

Introduced mammalian pests are now widespread throughout Aotearoa and have played a major role in the extinction story. They will continue to threaten native species if left unchecked. These pests can be divided into two main groups:

- Predator pests that eat wildlife, including birds, lizards and invertebrates. These include ferrets, stoats and weasels, feral cats, hedgehogs, rats and mice. Possums eat chicks and eggs, and pigs eat eggs and invertebrates.

- Browsing pests that imperil our biodiversity by weakening the forest structures, compromising regeneration, and targeting certain plant species they find particularly palatable. These include goats, deer (red and fallow), pigs, possums, hares and rabbits. Rodents also eat plant seeds, seedlings and flowers, thus preventing native plant species regeneration.

Pest Free Banks Peninsula (PFBP) was established in 2018 by a collaboration of organisations with conservation functions on Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula. The programme is facilitated by BPCT and is a community-led agency supported initiative working towards realising the PFBP goal.

PFBP aims to eliminate all feral browsing pests across the Peninsula, and reduce all predator pests to zero, or as close to zero as possible. It may not be possible to eliminate all of these pests, e.g. rodents, however the intention is to reduce populations to a level that does not threaten biodiversity.

For it to be technically feasible, achieving this goal assumes that the tools for pest control continue to be developed.

This goal aligns with the national ‘Predator Free New Zealand 2050’ programme but is more comprehensive.

Goal 9: Eliminate or control ‘transformer’ ecological weeds

Ecological ‘transformer’ weeds are non-native plants, usually garden escapees, that can smother, outcompete and prevent natural regeneration of our ecosystems. These include pine species, sycamore, old man’s beard, banana passionfruit, Chilean flame creeper, Spanish heather, spur valerian, pig’s ear and pride of Madeira. They also threaten our native fauna that relies on healthy native ecosystems. Ecological weeds can be trees, shrubs, climbers, herbaceous, succulent, freshwater or marine plants, and can spread by many different means, e.g. wind, water currents, birds, people and other animals. Typically they are fast growing, able to outcompete our native species, or are better adapted than native plants to environmental pressures which used to be uncommon in Aotearoa, such as wildfires or soil disturbance by mammals. Some weeds (e.g. pines, gorse) promote the spread of fire, which worsens the risk to native ecosystems and to human property.

If left unchecked, such weeds can expand exponentially and become increasingly costly to control. It is therefore important to understand which weeds pose a particular threat to native habitats, ensure new ones do not establish, and that new infestations are eradicated before they spread. Understanding how they proliferate is important to understanding how to control them. Climate change is expected to increase the conditions that suit many weed species, and so controlling them now is a priority.

Goal 10: Improve native habitat corridors between the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and the rest of Canterbury

Native bird species move seasonally for food, nesting sites or in search of breeding partners and some species will populate new areas if conditions are suitable. Large bush birds such as kerurū, tūī and kaka are capable of flying large distances such as between the Te Pātaka-o-Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula and the alpine areas, foot hills and plains of Waitaha Canterbury. Smaller bush species such as bellbird, fantail and warbler move smaller distances between bush patches and their seasonal movements between the Peninsula hills and the gardens and parks of Christchurch City are well recorded. The many significant wetlands at the foot of the western and northern margins of the Peninsula attract huge numbers and species of wetland birds from far afield, some from great distances across the oceans. This goal aims to develop and enhance native habitat areas and corridors to facilitate safe movement of native species through the Peninsula, urban Christchurch and across Canterbury, and therefore help support more resilient populations of native birds.

The hills and valleys of the Peninsula that form the zone of contact with Kā Pākihi Whakateketeka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains run from the mouth of Te Roto o Wairewa Lake Forsyth round past Tai Tapu to the mouth of the Ihutai Avon-Heathcote estuary at Sumner. The Port Hills, from Gebbies Pass to Godley Head, define a substantial portion of this contact zone, and are part of the Peninsula’s connection with Selwyn District and also with urban Ōtautahi Christchurch. The Port Hills' northern slopes lost most of their forest cover in the first 600 years of human settlement, and large areas have been cloaked in native tussock for several centuries. This has reduced available habitat for forest species, such as larger bush birds. Only small remnants of old-growth forest remain, such as Ahuriri Bush, but there has been native regeneration in damper sites and Christchurch City Council and others have been undertaking restoration plantings for many years.

The risk of fire here and across the Peninsula is a consideration when restoring forest habitat. Native plantings can take many decades to establish in dry conditions but generally carry fire less easily than many exotic species if well planned. A range of protections can be considered when planting, including designating fire break areas, selecting fire resistant native species particularly for around the margins of planted areas and in home shelterbelts, ensuring clear zones around houses and powerlines, and incorporating ponds for firefighting and for wildlife habitat.

Developing networks of native habitat linking through the hills and valleys on the western and northern margins of the Peninsula to the wetlands, parks, gardens and reserves will benefit indigenous biodiversity and facilitate natural migrations. Various community-led groups are already working towards this goal, including Whaka-Ora, initiated by Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki to replenish the mauri of Lyttelton Harbour, and Te Kākahu Kahukura (TKK), supported by BPCT, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheki, Summit Road Society and Living Springs. Te Ara Kakariki is planting forest corridors on the plains.

Appendix 1: Why Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is worth protecting

Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula is an extraordinary geological region and the biodiversity jewel of Ōtautahi Christchurch and Waitaha Canterbury. Its origins as an offshore volcanic island, its large size (about 100,000 hectares, making it the largest peninsula in Aotearoa), and its location as a high-altitude, high-rainfall counterpoint to the extensive low-altitude, low-rainfall plains of the eastern Te Wai Pounamu South Island, all contribute to its distinctive characteristics. Its geological and island origins underpin the extraordinary diversity of life found upon Banks Peninsula, and have made it a hotspot for local endemism – unique species that exist nowhere else in Aotearoa or the world.

The island that is now Banks Peninsula was formed by offshore volcanic activity over a period from twelve to six million years ago. When the volcanic activity finally ceased, the craters centred on Lyttelton and Akaroa eroded into today's harbours as they were invaded by the ocean. Plant and animal life colonised the island and continued to evolve, separated from their mainland relatives. Eventually, about 20,000 years ago, the out-washed gravels from the glaciated Southern Alps of the South Island, which fanned out to form the Kā Pākihi Whakatekateka a Waitaha Canterbury Plains, reached the volcanic island and joined it to the rest of the South Island, forming the Peninsula we know today.

The eroded volcanic landform creates a remarkable diversity of microclimates, thus providing exceptional habitat diversity – from the windswept mountain tops (the highest Mt Herbert at 919m), rugged rocky bluffs, tors, coastal cliffs and islets, to the harbours and outer bays, deep fertile valley floors, streams and estuaries. On top of this intricate form, the volcanic soils, overlaid with wind-blown glacial loess from the plains, and a legacy of millions of years of burrowing seabirds depositing guano, formed rich fertile soils. With the plains joining the island to the mainland, large quantities of sand (formed from glacier-ground then river-worked rock from the Alps) constantly carried down to the sea by Canterbury's braided rivers, got transported around the Peninsula's coast by long-shore drift, settling out into pockets around the base of the new Peninsula, creating many and varied beaches, estuaries, wetlands and dune systems.

Before humans settled here, the Peninsula was almost entirely forested. On the mid to lower slopes and alluvial valley floors, lofty tōtara, matai and kahikatea (podocarps) towered over understoreys of hardwood trees and shrubs, climbers, tree ferns and ground ferns etc. The warmer coastal parts of these forests included frost-tender northern species such as nikau, kawakawa and tītoki. The higher altitude forests had native cedar and Hall's/thin-barked tōtara emerging above the hardwood tree canopy. In the coolest and wettest uplands of the south-east corner of the Peninsula, red and black beech forests out-competed the podocarp species. The rocky slopes, cliffs and sub-alpine peaks were clothed in stunted forests with diverse shrublands, indigenous herbs and grasses. These forests and the wetlands and beaches would have been raucous with birdlife, with large flightless birds like the moa, takahē and kiwi being common. Rivers and estuaries would have teamed with invertebrates and fish, and nesting seabirds would have been abundant.

With human arrival, starting about 900 years ago, a rich history of cultural and economic activity began. However, impacts of human activities accelerated, especially in the last two centuries, resulting in significant ecological and environmental damage. By 1920, the forests were reduced to 1% of their original cover, and the loss of woody vegetation caused vulnerable soils to erode and slip, leading to sediment increase in waterways. The loss of habitat, as well as the introduction of feral predators and browsers (including rats, cats, mustelids, possums, goats, pigs and deer), caused the loss of many species, including kākā, kākāriki, tītī, piopio, saddleback and tuatara. The introduction of weedy plant species also threatened vulnerable indigenous species and habitat types. Recently, however, with changing farming practices and values, native woody vegetation on the Peninsula has been steadily increasing, and about 20% of the land is now covered in regenerating forest.

Remarkably, the Peninsula remains a biodiversity hotspot for Canterbury and for Aotearoa. There is an astonishing number of locally endemic species, including seven plant species and many invertebrate species, such as cicada, wētā, beetles, moths, etc This reflects the Peninsula's origins as an island. Some nationally vulnerable species are thriving here too. Very few plant species have been completely lost from the Peninsula, and the fauna remains very diverse. Several nationally rare lizard species have sizeable populations, and there is diverse birdlife due to the range of habitats – bush, freshwater and coastal. That so many of the original native plants and animals have survived is due to the sheer size of the Peninsula, its varied topography (from damp nooks and crannies to dry rocky outcrops) and the forethought of some landowners who set aside and continue to protect small areas of original forest.

Banks Peninsula is uniquely placed geographically and ecologically as a biodiversity hotspot, a seeding node, and a storehouse of carbon for Christchurch and the wider Canterbury area.

Appendix 2: Why indigenous biodiversity is important

Biodiversity is vital for our survival. Its protection is at the heart of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, one of the three Conventions under the Rio Summit. New Zealand's National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity sets the direction for the country to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity. We are closely connected to the land and rely on nature for our food, water, health and wellbeing. For Māori, kaitiakitanga is integral to the spiritual, cultural and social life of tangata whenua, and there are specific processes and practices for looking after the environment.

No other country can protect the ecosystems, species and endemics of Aotearoa; we have to protect them. Extinction is irreversible, and environmental degradation is costly to undo.

Ecosystems and the various species and elements within them are interdependent. Nature, over millions of years of trial and error (aka evolution), established a vast diversity of species that were adapted to the local climatic conditions, soils and other environmental variables to form well-functioning ecosystems. Millions of kilometres of fungal hyphae (filaments) in the soil deliver micronutrients to plants, which in turn supply the fungi with the food they need (produced by photosynthesis). Micro- and macro-organisms, e.g. worms, feed on leaf litter and other forest debris, turning it into good quality, well aerated soil, and produce a kind of glue that helps prevent drying out and wind erosion. Above-ground invertebrates help spread propagules such as fungus spores within a wider area. Vertebrates, including birds, bats and lizards, and invertebrates, such as native bees and wētā, help with pollination and seed dispersal, in return for food in the form of nectar, berries etc., while assisting the continual renewal of the ecosystem. The more diversity, the greater the range of services that are exchanged, and the more resilient the overall system becomes.

Collectively, other 'ecosystem services' enabled by a fully functioning indigenous ecosystem include:

- The canopy and roots of native cover and a healthy soil structure help attenuate water flow and hold soil in place. This protects the soil from erosion and reduces the damage from extreme rainfall events. It also protects the soil from desiccation in sustained drought events. With climate change, these weather extremes, which threaten human property and infrastructure through flooding, slips and fires, are expected to become more common.

- At a global level, as a result of the exchange of gases by photosynthesising plants, absorbing CO_2 and releasing O_2, storing the carbon in their mass and transferring some to the soil, the biosphere regulates the atmosphere within the stable range that we all depend on.

Losing any element of a diverse ecosystem reduces its functionality and its ability to renew itself. If we restore as much as possible of the ecological systems that evolved here, we will improve the integrity of the land and the overall wellbeing of the people who live and make a living here.

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Do you wish to attend a Council hearing to present your feedback in person?

◉ Yes

○ I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

1. Public Transport

We're asking for your feedback on how Council should go forward with our public transport upgrades and programmes. In our region, Environment Canterbury provides public transport services (Metro buses) in the Greater Christchurch area. Selwyn District Council (like other local councils) is responsible for providing public transport infrastructure such as bus stops, shelters, and Park and Ride facilities.

You told us you want to see better access to public transport, particularly for our young and elderly residents.

So we want to hear from you - should we:

Build three new Park and Ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrade public transport infrastructure, but only if Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

Project cost:
Years 1–3: $4.2 million
Years 4–10: $11.6 million
Estimated impact on rates:
Years 1–3: $7.06
Years 4–10: $19.52
Funding:
Rates: 49%
NZTA Waka Kotahi: 51%

Our

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option

Please add any comments you may have
What about Darfield? Future focused

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

Malvern has no indoor sports courts and demand for these is increasing rapidly. We're planning to build a new recreation and sports facility to meet that demand. It would be developed alongside existing and future facilities in the area to create a central hub for Malvern.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield that includes two indoor courts.

Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

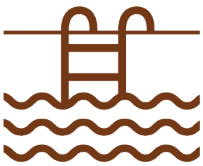
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SDC needs to be future focused here.

Matters for Community Guidance

We're looking for your guidance on a series of other decisions around the way we support our economy, invest in new technology and the future of the Sheffield Memorial Pool.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Sheffield Memorial Pool is used by less people than our other community pools and is 10 minutes' drive from the newly upgraded Darfield Pool. The pool will require $1 million in upgrades to keep open, or $290,000 to close. We're proposing to close the pool.



Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
Kia ora

Sheffield Swimming Pool

On behalf of my family, I do not support the SDC's proposed closure of the Sheffield Pool. I have a child who is neurodiverse and can't travel in a vehicle at present. The save-in-grace for the summer was the Sheffield Pool. My family swam at least once a day when the pool was open. I believe the SDC has a social licence to support our neurodiverse community. If the SDC close the pool, you are limiting our disabled community access to a vital resource for learning to swim, interacting with other community members and allowing the

freedom to be themselves.

I would like to discuss in more detail the importance of having a swimming complex in our community.

Thanks

Economic Development

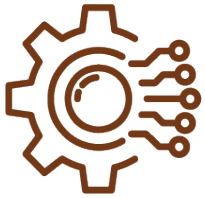


We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Any comments?

Digital Solutions



We are proposing to explore the most effective technologies that could assist us to do our best work for the community. We've budgeted $1.3million a year to do this, with the costs to be reconfirmed through each annual plan as the work progresses.

Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

Yes

Any comments?

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

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Thanks

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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2. Waihora Whata Rau - community facility and reserves upgrade Leeston

After consulting with the community, in the last Long-Term Plan we proposed a new community facility for Leeston, called Whata Rau, which would be built alongside the park, providing a 'hub' for Ellesmere where residents can gather, play, and learn.

2a. Whata Rau - new community facility

After consulting with Ellesmere residents during the last Long-Term Plan, we agreed to build a new library and community centre called Whata Rau, next to Leeston Park. This project would provide more community spaces that are needed in the area, and provide a solution for the existing Leeston library and service centre: the current facility is earthquake prone and needs significant repairs or to be replaced.

Increased construction costs and land remediation issues mean the costs to build Whata Rau have increased. Given this new information we want to hear from you - should we:

**Development contributions are collected as developments get underway. This means funds are not always available when a project starts. In the beginning, a project will be loan funded and when development contributions are paid to Council, they are used to help pay back the loan. Impact on rates for options 2, 3 and 4 take into account development contributions. Development contributions do not apply to option 1.*

Build Whata Rau next to Leeston Park as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan and using the current design and layout planned to meet the needs identified by the community. The facility would include a library, council service centre and community centre.

Project cost:
Year 1: $16.01m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$44.22
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
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Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

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2b. Leeston Park improvements

We planned to upgrade Leeston Park as part of the project to build a new community facility. Since agreeing to do that, we have completed a master plan for redeveloping the park over the next 15 years.

We want to hear from you - should we:

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Carry out the landscape improvements to extend the playing fields; replace and upgrade the playground equipment, footpaths, toilet block, lighting and irrigation; and seal the carpark.

Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Benefits of Swimming for Autism

4 Surprising Benefits of Swimming for Autism

Improving your child's concentration, mental alertness, responsiveness, and peace of mind in 30-40 minutes sounds like a dream, doesn't it? The truth is – swimming can do all of the above, and many studies confirm the benefits of swimming for autism.

Swimming isn't just a workout for the body or an energy release. It also works the mind, and its benefits outlast the time in the pool. Let's dive into the most important benefits of swimming for autism and see how you can use this incredible sport to help your child.

For more autism tips and resources, you can download your free guide here:

1. Swimming Is A Perfect Way to Calm the Mind

If you've ever tried meditating yourself, you'll know how hard it can be to sit still and let your mind switch off. Fortunately, you don't have to sit still and clear your mind to receive a meditative-like effect.

One of the first noticeable benefits of swimming is its ability to calm the mind. I've gone into swimming sessions feeling stressed and anxious and come out of the pool without a worry.

It's almost unbelievable how effective it can be at easing your mind. The bonus: you don't even have to try to do anything special — just turn up and swim.

On land, you can breathe whenever you want. You never have to think about it. To meditate, you have to keep your mind focused on your breath and attempt to pull your focus back whenever it wanders.

As a parent of an autistic child, I'm sure you can imagine the amount of focus needed for your child to do this.

When you're swimming, since you can't breathe whenever you want, you're forced to think about your breathing pattern constantly. One of the first things your child will be taught is to blow bubbles under the water and breathe as they lift their head out.

As your child progresses through the lessons, they will be taught to breathe every two or three strokes. The repetitive counting of strokes and the focus on breathing can be incredibly soothing and stop the mind from wandering and worrying.

2. Swimming Helps With Sensory Deprivation

In the water, everything feels …calmer. All the noise, feelings, and business of the outside world stop. The feeling of the water is interesting, and the way light moves through it can be fascinating.

Of course, swimming pools can also be noisy environments, and the uncertainty of the water can be overwhelming for some children. However, water seems to be a very soothing place for most children.

For children with autism, water offers resistance, pressure, comfortable temperatures, and pleasant sensory arousal. One of the main benefits of swimming for autism is that it's stimulating, but it's the right kind of stimulating.

On top of that, there's generally less social pressure in the water since class sizes are limited. It's pretty easy to ignore the world around you when you're so focused on staying above water.

Sometimes, however, swimming lessons can be hectic. Not to mention those horrible latex caps. I used to teach an autistic child who was incredibly touch-sensitive, and his parents thought he'd never wear a swimming cap.

He compared the feeling to being scratched by knives. If your local swimming lesson provider asks children to wear swimming caps, I recommend a polyester cap. They're soft to the touch and don't feel too restrictive.

To combat the hectic feeling swimming pools can have, I'd recommend booking one-on-one or one-on-two classes. They're often calmer, with not as many screaming and swimming teachers shouting over the loud kids.
Also, get a sense of how much your local pool echoes. Ive been in some pools that are far louder than others simply because of the shape of the roof. As ridiculous as it sounds, you must shout over your echo to be heard.

3. Swimming Can Improve Taking Instructions

It's no secret children on the autism spectrum can have difficulty with communication and often issues in taking instruction. It can be challenging in a classroom environment.
Swimming, or sports in general, can be hugely beneficial for teaching children how to effectively take instructions without the pressures felt in a more formal environment.
Any decent swimming instructor will always explain instructions through demonstration.
Instructions like "I want you to swim to that cone with big arms" will be followed up by the teacher demonstrating this on the poolside or another child demonstrating in the water.
It will then be up to your child to figure out how to get their body to move in the way that has been described. Sometimes, the teacher will help your child by physically moving their arms so they can experience how each movement is supposed to feel.

4. Swimming Develops Motor Skills

Not only does swimming help with taking instruction and applying instruction, but it also helps to develop your child's fine motor skills. Fine motor skills are crucial in daily activities like washing your hands, making food, getting dressed, or using a computer.
Due to the constant use of fine motor skills during swim therapy for autism, your child's mind is constantly stimulated. By the end of a swimming lesson, the children often have a sense of peace because they 've had adequate mental and physical stimulation.

How to Help An Autistic Child Embrace Swimming?

Swimming lessons for an autistic child can be highly beneficial. Helping your child learn to swim can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for both of you. But how do you teach your child with autism how to swim?

- **Choose the Right Environment**

Select a swimming pool or area that is calm, clean, and not too crowded. Autistic children may be sensitive to sensory stimuli, so a quieter and less stimulating environment can be helpful.

- **Find a Qualified Instructor**

Look for a swimming instructor with experience working with children with special needs, including autism. They should be patient, empathetic, and knowledgeable about different teaching methods.

- **Gradual Introduction**

Begin by introducing your child to the water gradually. You can start with simple activities like splashing in shallow water, pouring water over their hands, or letting them sit on the poolside with their feet in the water to get used to the sensation

- **Provide Sensory Support**

Be aware of your child's sensory sensitivities. If they are sensitive to certain textures or sensations, consider using swimwear that is comfortable for them. Some children may prefer wearing a wet suit for the added sensory input.

- **Be Patient and Stay Consistent**

Children with autism may take longer to learn new skills, including swimming. Stay patient and remain calm, even if there are challenges. Celebrate small victories and progress.
Consistency is essential for children with autism. Try to maintain a regular swimming lesson schedule so your child knows what to expect.

- **Prioritize Safety**

Ensure that safety is a top priority. Always supervise your child while in the water, and consider using flotation devices or life jackets if needed.
If you encounter significant difficulties, consider seeking guidance from a pediatric occupational therapist or a behavioral therapist working with autistic children.

Swimming Benefits Children with Autism in Many Different Ways
Teaching your child to swim moves far beyond the survival benefits you initially thought about, from breathing skills to instruction-taking, repetition, and turn-taking. All of these translate to day-to-day activities outside the pool. Of course, don't expect your child to take to the water instantly. I highly recommend you persevere, even if nothing is working.
I've seen many kids, autistic and not, cry and kick up a fuss about getting in the pool. This goes on for weeks and weeks before, suddenly, there 's a light bulb moment. They managed to blow bubbles for the first time. They managed to push off the wall on their own for the first time. They have a moment of confidence, which can make all the difference for a child with autism.

FAQs

Q: Is swimming good for all autistic children?
A: Swimming is great for autistic kids, helping them not only physically but also improving their overall well-being. Learning to swim is crucial for their safety and contributes to their overall health. Although some autistic children struggle with sensory issues connected to water, many are drawn to it for sensory stimulation.

Q: Can autistic people swim?
A: Yes, autistic people can learn to swim just like anyone else. With proper support and teaching methods, many autistic individuals can enjoy and benefit from swimming.

Q: What are the benefits of autism swim therapy?
A: Autism swim therapy provides both physical and overall well-being benefits, such as improving motor skills, speech, confidence, and cognitive processing. It helps

them learn a crucial life skill for self-protection while also enhancing their general health and happiness.

Q: What sport is autism-friendly?

A: Swimming, track and field, cycling, and soccer are great sports for kids with autism because they offer a structured and predictable setting, making children feel more at ease and secure.

Q: Do autistic people like taking baths, showering, or water in general?

A: People with autism might find taking a shower challenging because of sensory issues. The sound and feel of running water, as well as being wet, can be overwhelming for them. On the other hand, many individuals on the spectrum are drawn to water, as they find the sensation soothing and stimulating. Relationship with water depends on personal sensory preferences, so it 's best to talk to your child and a professional about it.

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Additional requirements for hearing:

Feedback

Other comments

You can provide comments on any other matters in our draft Long-Term Plan, including the projects in the Keeping Your Community Informed section on pages 44-51 of the consultation document.

You can read the specific pages in the consultation document by clicking here.

Please provide your comments in the box below.

I want to talk to the proposed expenditure on nitrates and the expenditure for the sewerage system at the marae

Do you wish to present your submission in person at a public hearing in the council chambers?

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Go Hororātā Submission LTP 2024

Since 2020, Go Hororātā has collaborated with the SDC to develop a Master Plan for the Hororātā Reserve. This process included public meetings, an online survey and multiple meetings with the Go Hororātā committee. The Hororātā Reserve Master Plan was finalised in August 2023.

Go Hororātā has been encouraged by this process and it has been a positive step forward in the community/SDC relationship. The community has developed the Hororātā Reserve for 146 years, most recently establishing a 6km walkway and a world-class equestrian Cross Country Course. It is important that the community is able to continue to being involved in the Reserves future.

The Hororātā Reserve is unique in that it caters for a wide range of activities that do not have to work around sports fields. The Reserve is used by people from all over Selwyn for horse riding, walking, cycling, tennis, target shooting, school duathlons, picnics, small and large events.

The plan's purpose is to look forward to the next 10-20 years to ensure the more than 92-hectare Reserve continues to be enhanced in ways that serve the community and wider Selwyn district functionally. It seeks to strengthen the Reserve as a multi-use recreational public space and amplify its existing character.

It is planned that work will be completed in stages and will mainly involve improvements to current features and facilities within the Reserve. A budget was developed by SDC staff with an investment in Capital projects of $1.2 million over the next 10 years. A modest target considering the budgets for other Reserves in the district. This is not just an investment in the Hororātā Community but into a public space for all of Selwyn.

2024/2025 was planned to be the most significant investment in finishing several projects that are currently half-done. These includes:

Projects	Budget
1. Complete the new toilets – including landscaping surrounds, signage, parking. This project was started in 2020 and the toilets have only just opened April 2024	$70,500
2. Removal of the old toilet block, landscaping pedestrian entrance and connection to the hall site, install of storage shed and fencing.	$55,000
3. Complete east/north perimeter walkways (the walkway was excavated in May 2023 as part of the clean-up following wind storm that caused significant tree damage). Project cost includes shingling, fencing, signage	$40,000
4. Upgrade to new main entranceways, close existing entrance which currently on a bend in the road, install new connecting vehicle access tracks	$90,000
5. Reinstatement of cross-country course and Equestrian area development. This work would see structure put in place to ensure horse riders, walkers/dogs/cyclists can use the Reserve simultaneously and address the SDC's safety concerns. Including fully fencing the trotting track for safety and establishing a new paddock for float parking (this makes it safer as it is away from the main public area, and a loose horse would be contained). Keep in mind that the SDC committed to the Cross-Country course being reinstated, and the community has been patient waiting for this project to be completed.	$105,000
6. Landscaping planting programme	$20,000
Total budget for 2024/25	**$380,500**

Go Hororātā was surprised to discover that the entire capital projects budget for the Hororātā Reserve has been excluded from the LTP 2024/25 budget. The total 10-year budget has been reduced by $247,000.00.

The budget included in the LTP does not match the Master Plan. It does not allow for projects to be completed in a logical order and it means that projects will remain half completed for another 12 months. The budget submitted was developed by staff and the community strategically to see the Master Plan implemented over the next 10 years. There has been no strategic process applied to the changes made.

Budget submitted with the Master Plan

2024 / 2025	2025/ 2026	2026/ 2027	2027/ 2028	2028/ 2029	2029/ 2030	2030/ 2031	2031/ 2032	2032/ 2033	2033/ 2034
$380,500.00	$95,500.00	$60,000.00	185,000.00	195,000.00	183,000.00	$85,000.00	$ 5,000.00	$16,000.00	$55,000.00

LTP Budget

2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2026 / 2027	2027/ 2028	2028 / 2029	2029 / 2030	2030 / 2031	2031/ 2032	2032/ 2033	2033/ 2034
$ 0.00	$356,500.00	$104,075.00	$69,000.00	$138,000.00	$126,500.00	$201,250.00	$5,750.00	$5,750.00	$5,750.00

It is important to note that items 3 and 5 are not capital projects but rather putting back what was there as part of the recovery from the storm damage and the closing of the Cross-Country Course because of SDC safety concerns.

It is disappointing to collaborate with the SDC over four years to complete a great Master Plan only to have the budget significantly changed without consultation. It is frustrating that the SDC did not communicate with the community before removing and altering this budget.

Go Hororātā requests that the $380,500.00 budget for the Capital Projects be included in the LTP for 2024/25 as submitted. If it is not possible to include the full $380,500.00 then at minimum include the budget to complete the projects that are half-finished and move the remaining budget to 2025/26. This would be $270,500 covering projects 1, 2, 3, 5.

Work with the community to get these projects completed in the most cost-effective and efficient way.

New Public Toilets

Go Hororātā expresses its disappointment in the quality of the new public toilets on the Hororātā Reserve. A project plagued with issues; it was good to see the toilets finally open. However, the quality of the toilet block is substandard – no toilet seats, not bird proofed, will fill up with dust and leaves, no way of drying your hands and the structure is showing signs of rusting already. It has been noted that no toilet seats make the toilets less accessible for the elderly and disabled.

Go Hororātā asks that the toilets be looked at as the structure will most certainly not stand the test of time and budget for remedial work allowed.

Proposal for a local Domain/Reserve Coordinator

Rural communities are feeling disconnected to their Reserve's and frustrated that they are no longer able to care for these public green spaces like they have for generations.

Since the dissolving of Council committees there has been no real plan of how the Reserves will be managed and how communities can be involved. SDC rangers are doing their best to ensure maintenance and projects are carried out but it seems that they are overwhelmed.

They have a large area to cover and cannot be everywhere they need to be at times. Communities feel that since the dissolving of the Council Community Committees, the cost of maintaining these Reserves has increased dramatically due to services previously supplied by locals free of charge like roadside mowing/removal of rubbish etc. Communities also feel then can no longer carry out community- led projects on their Reserves.

The scope of work needed to keep these reserves up to an acceptable standard is well under what was done previously due to donated time and machinery or use of PD workers. There was never a hand over of information and without buy in by local communities they won't help in future

A solution that is proposed is for the Council to employ a local coordinator who could help manage these spaces.

This person could work under Ranger's guidance too:

- communicate with Corde regarding Mowing and garden maintenance
- coordinate contractors to make sure they are carrying out jobs efficiently
- ensure, where possible local contractors are used
- carry out small fixes that we are currently paying huge amounts for outside contractors to come in and do
- Check that after storms, the spaces are safe. Check trees, pick up branches etc
- be a point of contact the community can reach out to regarding these spaces
- be the on the ground contact for bookings/events, making sure venues are ready, working with the Council bookings team
- Work with the Council and community on improvement projects on the Reserves
- Work with the Rangers to connect the Council to the communities surrounding these Reserves. Including ensuring all health and safety protocols are followed

It is suggested that the coordinator would cover Greendale, Hororātā, Coalgate, Glentunnel, Whitecliffs, and Lake Coleridge. It would be really important for this person to live in the area and have a passion for these spaces.

This system has worked with the area's Council halls and community centres. A local person was employed to coordinate these facilities. This has successfully addressed many of the communities' concerns following the committees' dissolution.

Go Hororātā request that the Council implement a local Reserve Coordinator for the next financial year. This could be done on a contract basis rather than employee with set budget and protocols in plan. A fixed term contract could be used to trial this system.