AGENDA FOR THE 2024-2034 DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN HEARINGS

TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL ROLLESTON

MONDAY 13 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM
AND
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM
AND
WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 1.00PM
AND
THURSDAY 16 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9AM (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!	

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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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 Monday 13 May 2024 and Tuesday 14 May 2024 and Wednesday 15 May 2024 and Thursday 16 May 2024 (if required)**

			Tuesday 14 May 2024	
(7 Min)	**Arrived**	**Sub #**	**Person / Session**	**Organisation**
9.00		1340	Tim Carter	Carter Group Limited
9.07		864	Lytton Volante	
9.14				
9.21				
9.28				
9.35		1504	Anake Goodall	The Christchurch Foundation
9.42			Overrun / reflection time	
9.49			Overrun / reflection time	
9.56		1079	gerard dobson	
10.03		1293	Renée Habluetzel	Kea Conservation Trust
10.10		1281	Renée Habluetzel	0.00
10.17		1485	Simon Osborne	Doyleston Resident Committee
10.24			Overrun / reflection time	
10.31			Overrun / reflection time	
10.38			Morning Tea	
10.45			Morning Tea	
10.52			Morning Tea	
10.59		1426	As above As above	Prebbleton Public Hall Society Incorporated
11.06		45	John Ridgen	
11.13		1508	Michael Jones	
11.20		1344	Fiona Bennetts	
11.27			Overrun / reflection time	
11.34			Overrun / reflection time	
11.41		921	Dean Jenkins	
11.48		754	Lloyd Clausen	
11.55		397	Julia McLean	North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group
12.02		1379	Corey Woodward	
12.09			Overrun / reflection time	
12.16			Overrun / reflection time	
12.23			Lunch	
12.30			Lunch	
12.37			Lunch	
12.44			Lunch	
12.51			Lunch	
12.58			Lunch	
1.05		1247	Chris Roberts	Ellesmere Archery Club
1.12		671	Susan Carline-Wright	Kirwee Community Association
1.19		1307	Submitter 1307 Name withheld	
1.26		1296	Paul Monk	Squash Canterbury
1.33			Overrun / reflection time	
1.40			Overrun / reflection time	
1.47		1385	Mark Christensen	Project Oversight Group - Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha
1.54		1397	Peter Neale	
2.01		1480	Sharn Nu'u	Malvern Community Board
2.08		1273	Calvin Payne	

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2.15			Overrun / reflection time	
2.22			Overrun / reflection time	
2.29		49	Kerri Gray	
2.36		1337	Letitia Lum	Te Ara Kākāriki Greenway Canterbury Trust
2.43		1086	Submitter 1086 Name Witheld	
2.50		1347	Jane West	Leeston Community Committee
2.57			Overrun / reflection time	
3.04			Afternoon Tea	
3.11			Afternoon Tea	
3.18			Afternoon Tea	
3.25		1355	Grant Clausen	Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust
3.32		1378	Pip Moore	
3.39		1242	Rupert Tipples	Lincoln & Districts Historical Society (Inc.)
3.46		967	Rupert Tipples	
3.53			Overrun / reflection time	
4.00			Overrun / reflection time	
4.07		255	Vanessa Moore	Malvern Netball and Kirwee Netball
4.14		451	Lynn Anderson	Orana Wildlife Trust
4.21		1460	Nikki Rogers	Hospitality New Zealand
4.28		1221	Grant Clausen	Selwyn Heritage and Historical Network
4.35		1068	Kirrily Fea	
4.42			Overrun / reflection time	
4.49			Overrun / reflection time	
4.56		1349	Submitter 1349 Name withheld	
5.03				
5.10		144	Debbie Henderson	
5.17				
5.24				
5.31			Hearings End	

Details of submitter No: 1340 - Tim Carter

Submitter:	Tim Carter
Organisation:	Carter Group Limited

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Tim **Last name:** Carter

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Prefered method of contact Email

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We note that the Lincoln town centre upgrades are included in the long-term plan and are currently budgeted to occur in 2024-2033. I submit that Lincoln is under capacity constraints and the Lincoln town centre upgrade should occur in a more timely fashion. Therefore, bringing forward the lengthy time frame of delivery would ease the capacity and inconvenience to the current and future residents of Lincoln, 2033 is a very long time to wait. In particular, the Spring and Gerald Street traffic signals are scheduled to occur in 2027/28. This intersection is almost near capacity, it can handle the first stage of our sections which we are commencing in September 2024, however, this will end up being over capacity well before the intersection is upgraded. It will create a traffic safety hazard and may potentially slow down the development and payment of our development contributions to the Council. I strongly urge that this be brought forward to the 2024/25 year.

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I wish to speak to this submission.

Yours faithfully

Tim Carter

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	Carter Group Submission 2 May 2024
	C18047_Context_Diagrams_20180503
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	2022__168 Carter PC82 SH-Dunns Crossing Realignment_A (002)

2 May 2024

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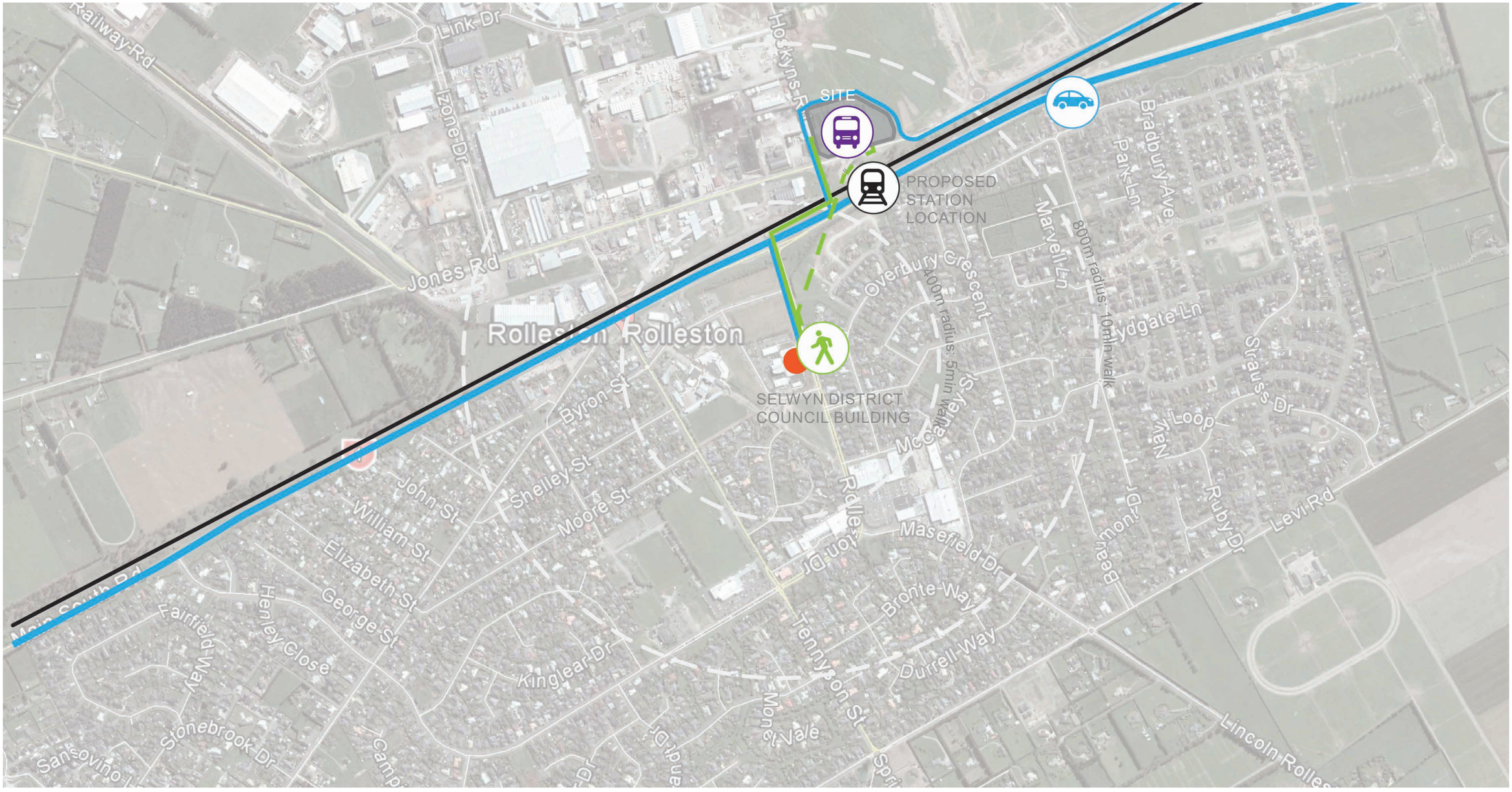
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Tim Carter
Carter Group

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IPort Park and Ride

Context Diagram



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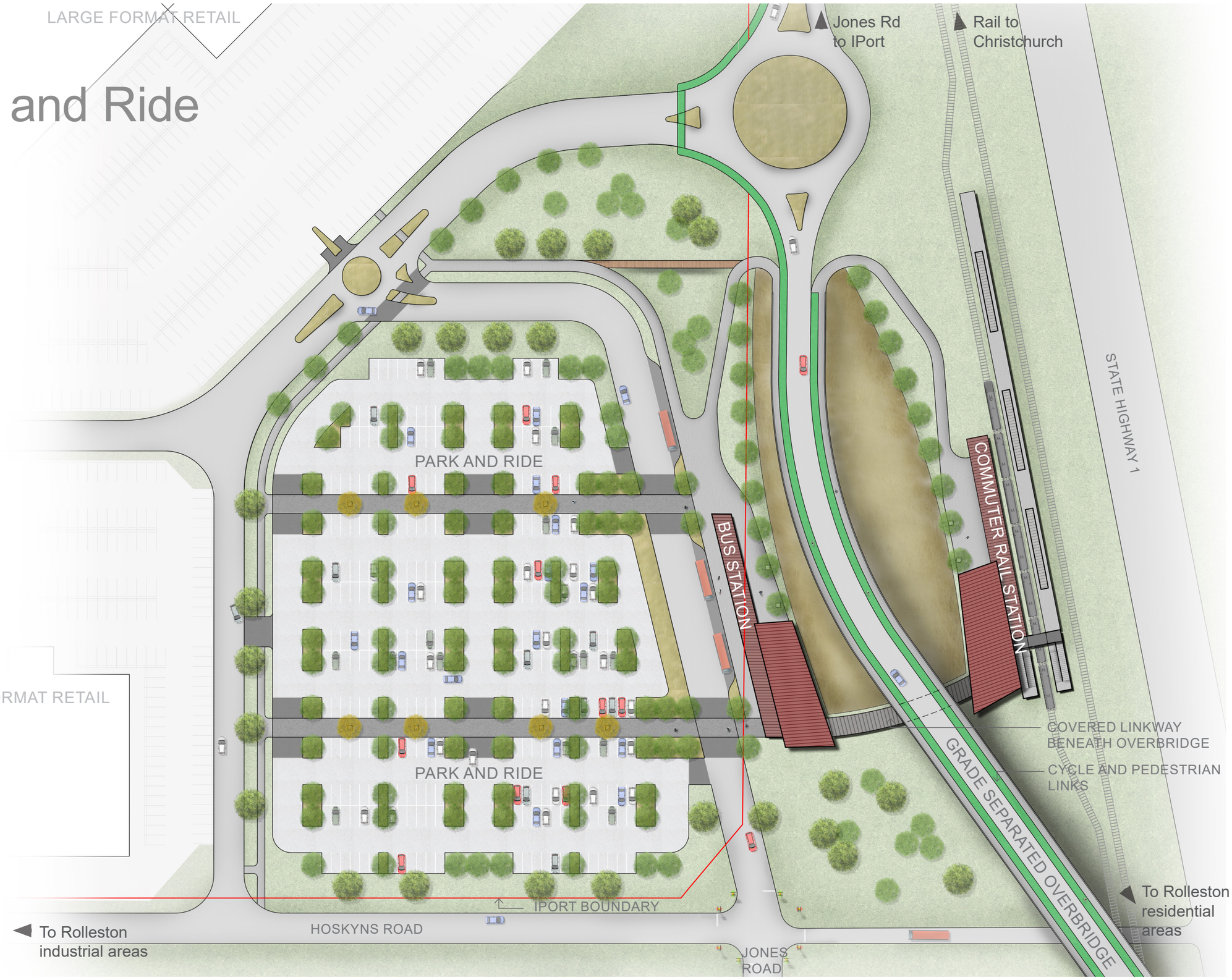
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IPort Park and Ride

Concept Plan



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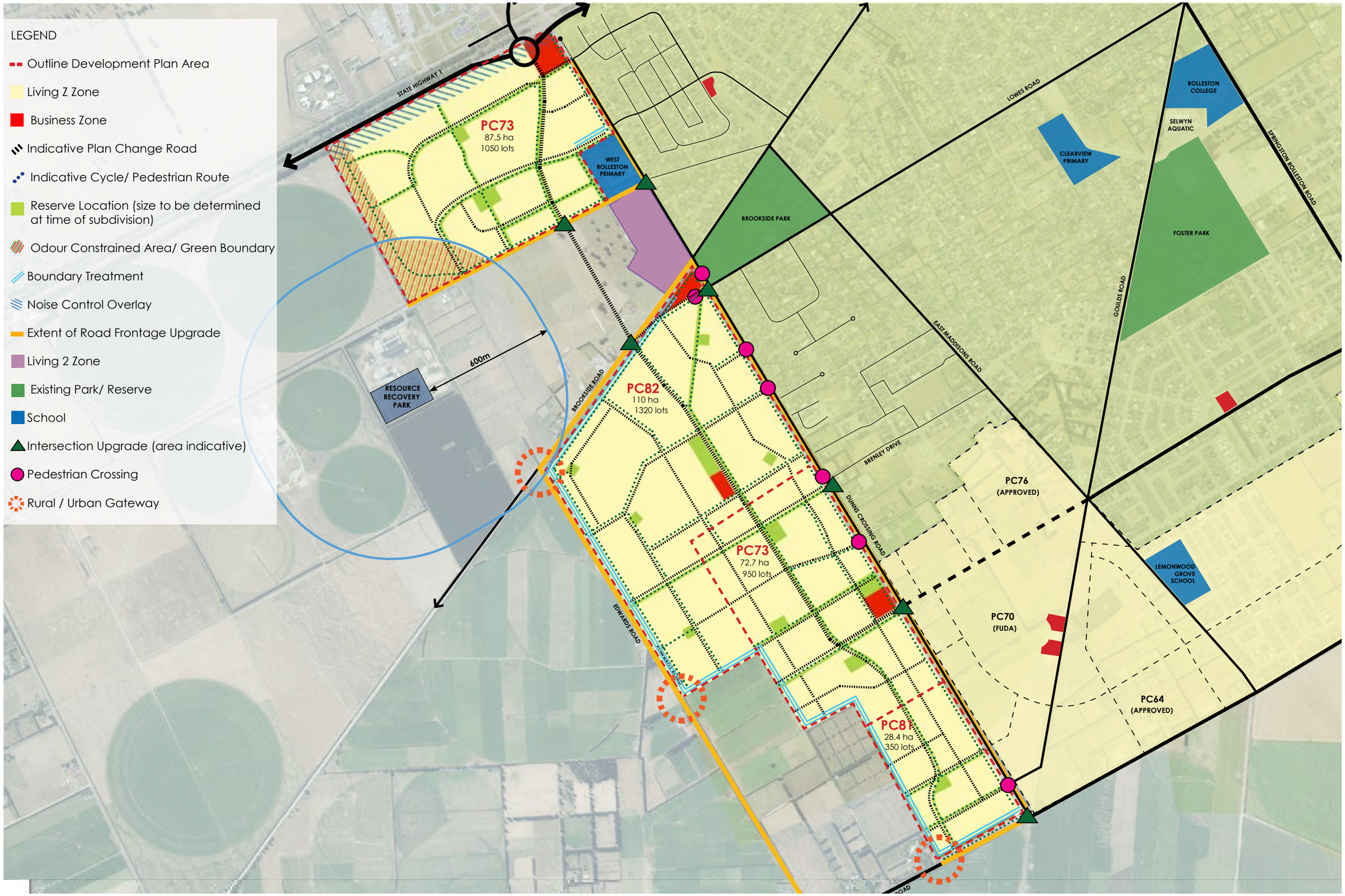
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OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PC81 AND PC 82 + PC 73

ROLLESTON WEST PLAN CHANGE

Details of submitter No: 864 - Lytton Volante

Submitter:	Lytton Volante

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 28/04/2024
First name: Lytton **Last name:** Volante

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

◉ Yes

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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:

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
with current costs of living, this is not a viable project to undertake

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

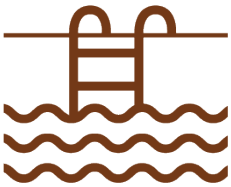
Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
None

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?
a local pool that can be walked to may be the only option for families on a tight budget

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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?
if this means profit/interest can be used to pay for projects instead of increasing rates

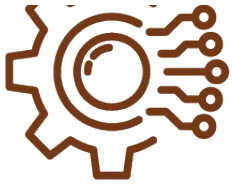
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Digital Solutions



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?

people are the best service providers

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.

the ability to opt either in or out of functions and the subsequent requirements to pay for said services is important.

Other comments

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a good form of communication is important, perhaps to save significant amounts of money, have a opt out of receiving fancy colour brochures and leaflets. stop mailing me and instead have an email or app notification for rates etc

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 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
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have
All of these small increases in rates will add together to make the rates bill insurmountable for some house holds,

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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

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Details of submitter No: 1504 - Amy Carter

Submitter:	Amy Carter
Organisation:	The Christchurch Foundation

CHRISTCHURCH FOUNDATION

2 May 2025

Long Term Plan Submission to Selwyn District Council

We are submitting to request for the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership between the Christchurch Foundation and the Selwyn District Council to establish an Endowment Fund for the Selwyn District.

For the purpose of this submission, we will refer to this as the "Selwyn Fund".

Need for alternative funding stream in perpetuity for the benefit of the Selwyn District and its communities.

The Selwyn District, with its rich history and vibrant community, has always been a place of pride for its residents. However, like any community, it faces its own set of challenges. The following points are referenced from your own publications:

1. "Residents overwhelmingly highlighted the importance of a 'sustainable Selwyn', where the district is self-sufficient with services and facilities that cater to people at all stages of life and the environment is cared for."
2. "There was a strong desire to make Selwyn a 'one-stop-shop,'— where people can work and live, without needing to go anywhere else. To make this possible, people indicated a desire for the district to become more economically innovative, and a better spread of infrastructure and services across the district."
3. "Social and Environmental wellbeing was also a strong focus for respondents, with protection of water sources (rated as a very high or high priority by 97% of respondents) and access to green spaces (rated high or very high by 94%), seen as the highest priorities."
4. "Our comprehensive approach to community development seamlessly connects Selwyn's economic growth with the perspectives and needs of our youth and ageing populations. It considers the unique needs of each group while fostering a sense of unity and shared responsibility for Selwyn's future. A Demographic Shift."
5. "We've got the direction for where people want to go, now the task is to nail down a plan to achieve what we can. To achieve the outcomes sought by the community will require extra funding. It's good to see people are realistic about that."

These quotes highlight the understanding of the challenges faced by the community and their commitment to addressing them. They also underscore the importance of sustainability, economic innovation and equity, infrastructure, environmental wellbeing, and demographic shifts in shaping the future of the Selwyn District. These are also strategic priorities for the Christchurch Foundation

As the district continues to grow, so does the need to invest in community capacity, amenity, and infrastructure. To avoid consistent increases to rates to pay for these services we urge the council to consider investing in the establishment of an alternative means of funding via a strategic partnership with The Christchurch Foundation. The plan is to launch The Selwyn Fund.

The fund would be an endowment fund focused on intergenerational transformation of the district. It can provide a sustainable alternative source of funding to address these challenges and support various initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life in our district, in perpetuity.

The capital of the fund would come from gifts from the community, and or others who have interests here or simply have a connection to the district and its people.

The operational details and establishment process would be codesigned, cofounded and jointly resourced by both parties.

This proposal is to assist with securing a commitment from council to this codesign process and establishment process.

Strategic Community Partnership with the Christchurch Foundation

We propose a strategic community partnership between the Selwyn District Council and The Christchurch Foundation. This partnership, focused on shared objectives, could leverage the resources and expertise of both entities to maximize the benefits to the community.

Selwyn is already a designated area of focus for The Christchurch Foundation. The systems for collection, management and distribution of an endowment fund are already established by our organisation and we have a proven track record of delivering impact for the betterment of our community, to national and international acclaim.

We deliver enduring transformative change for our place and people through growing and supporting smart, informed philanthropy.

We act as advisors, administrators, and project managers on behalf of our donors, and by delivering the following activity.

- Making it easier for philanthropists to give to our community by providing philanthropic advisory and administration services to support their giving.
- Supporting and growing business generosity and its impact.
- Helping those living overseas to give back to causes in greater Ōtautahi Christchurch, and wider New Zealand, easily and where able tax efficiently.

- Managing passthrough/project giving as well as endowment giving where the gifted capital is invested to generate income making funds available for distribution in perpetuity.
- Developing, find funding for, and delivering projects that are aligned to our residents' aspirations, that aren't being delivered by others, and where a champion is required to deliver outcomes that our community wants and needs to thrive. This includes when disasters strike where we collect and distribute funds in a way that builds resilience and empowers our communities and is equitable.
- Building and nurturing a thriving philanthropic infrastructure including improving the diversity and skills of those working in the not-for-profit sector to ensure that the sector is fit for future and effective.
- Acting as a catalyst bringing individuals, organisations, and businesses together to collaborate for positive change and intergenerational impact.

Launched in 2017 by Hon. Lianne Dalziel and Humphry Rolleston we are an independent charity, with a growing global network of donors and supporters.

Learn more about us here. Christchurch Foundation.

Community Foundation Model for Intergenerational Transformation

The Community Foundation model is a rational choice for supporting intergenerational transformation in Selwyn. This model is designed to pool donations into a coordinated investment and grant-making facility dedicated primarily to the social improvement of a given place. It allows for the accumulation of capital that can be invested to generate ongoing income for community projects and services. This ensures that the benefits of the fund are not just felt today, but are also passed on to future generations, thereby creating a lasting legacy.

Community Foundations are the fastest growing form of philanthropy in Aotearoa gaining gifts from individual donors (while alive or through their estate), and from businesses, to support a specific geographical area.

More can be learned here. Smarter giving for local impact - Community Foundations NZ

This link shows how the model works in a short video.

https://youtu.be/Av4h226qP8Y?si=-ZSDxkKd5_eMHv4P

Creation of a Selwyn Fund, through the Christchurch Foundation enables the community to invest in their future in a tax efficient manner, and for their gift to build the funding available to invest in community capacity, amenity, and infrastructure.

Alignment with Council's Strategic Priorities

The establishment of an endowment fund aligns well with the council's strategic priorities.

As stated in your Economic Development Strategy, the council's focus is on building local sustainability, a self-sufficient and diversified economy that enhances the competitiveness of businesses in Selwyn.

Not for profits are a critical contributor to economic development. Businesses need people to grow. People need connection to each other and community amenity to be attracted to and to remain in a community.

Not for profits are core service providers to Aotearoa's communities often delivering services and outcomes for the community that local and central government, and business can't or won't support.

Additionally, they perform a key role in creating and strengthening community connectivity and wellbeing. This often is stronger in rural communities where essential services are delivered by volunteers through charities (e.g. St John, Rural Support Trust etc).

Selwyn needs a sustainable not for profit network to support and work alongside council to thrive.

The Selwyn Community fund shows your commitment and recognition of the importance of the sector within our community.

Council is a key funder to local charities who do important work within your community, but your ability to support these organisations is limited.

Securing sustainable operational funding for key local charities is a significant issue for them, limiting their impact, which in turn places more pressure on council for funding. This need to more security in operational funding from the sector has been particularly evident in recent years due to economic pressures which have seen funding and sponsorship decrease.

Anecdotally local Selwyn charities have indicated frustration to The Christchurch Foundation at not being successful at accessing grants from our fellow funders. They feel lost within the noise of bigger not for profits based in Christchurch.

An endowment fund focused on Selwyn can, as it grows, provide a steady source of alternative funding for local initiatives and community groups that are aligned to the Council's strategic priorities.

Examples from Other District Councils

Endowment funds have proven beneficial for other councils. For instance, the Hamilton City Council has used their Municipal and Domain Endowment Funds to invest in property, with the rental income and interest earned being used to offset rates. Similarly, the Christchurch City Council's Capital Endowment Fund supports civic and

community projects, innovation, economic development, and environmental initiatives.

These examples demonstrate the potential benefits that an endowment fund could bring to the Selwyn District.

However, this in house model doesn't allow for growing the capital base. By setting up an endowment administered externally by a registered charity, additional gifts can be added, growing the pool of capital that is invested.

Community Outcomes of Local Strategic Partnerships Examples

The local strategic partnership between Momentum Waikato and their respective councils serves as a great example of how such collaborations can lead to positive community outcomes.

Momentum Waikato, for instance, has been aggressively pursuing their twin strategic objectives of leading transformational projects and building a regional endowment fund.

Their efforts have resulted in significant impact on the Waikato region today and promise to continue well into the future. Currently, they are heading the development of the Waikato Regional Theatre, and they are the lead for the Houchen Wellbeing space, as well as delivering landscape scale environmental projects alongside their councils.

Learn more here. Home | Momentum Waikato

By adopting a similar approach, and working with The Christchurch Foundation, Selwyn District Council can also drive transformational change in our community, by providing a vehicle that incentivises business and private philanthropy that works alongside Council investment to fast-track key projects.

Role of the Council

The council, with its deep understanding of the district's needs and its commitment to serving the community, is ideally positioned to help establish this fund. Your support, financial and advocacy, can play a crucial role in bringing this idea to fruition.

The contribution we respectively are requesting of the Selwyn District Council through a strategic partnership with the Christchurch Foundation would include investment in the establishment costs, support with the marketing and promotions of the Fund to the District, access to Selwyn Council Facilities for hosting of briefings and meetings and helping us identify the correction local champions including mana whenua, community influencers and business leaders to work with us on this project.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the establishment of The Selwyn Fund (an endowment fund for the Selwyn District) can serve as a significant step towards ensuring the long-term prosperity of our community.

It aligns with the council's strategic priorities and can help make Selwyn a great place to live, work, and play, forever.

Over time as it grows it will provide an impactful co-funder for the council to deliver important projects for the community, in perpetuity.

We kindly request the council to consider providing a contribution to the establishment funding and a commitment to establishing a strategic partnership with The Christchurch Foundation within your LTP.

Included with this submission are some supporting appendices.

- Vital Signs research which shows community aspirational priorities for greater Christchurch which included statistically correct representation from the Selwyn District.
- The initial briefing paper supplied to SDC re the concept in January 2023.

We would like to appear in support of this submission and are happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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Greater Christchurch's Vital Signs

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THE CHRISTCHURCH FOUNDATION

Introduction



About this report

Vital Signs® is a snapshot of life in Greater Christchurch: how we're feeling, what we're doing, and what's important to us. It measures how well we're doing on a number of key indicators, including health, prosperity, our sense of community, and how well we take care of our environment.

The report was produced on behalf of the Christchurch Foundation, a registered charity founded in 2017 and funded by donations from residents, businesses, and the Council. The Christchurch Foundation's mission is to help generous people and companies achieve their dreams for our city. This report has been designed to help the Foundation decide where to make its endowments and distributions, to provide the greatest benefit to the people of the city.

We hope this report will help charities, other foundations and not-for-profit organisations, policy advisors and our local communities to identify where together we can make the most difference. As you read it, we also hope it will inspire you to consider how you can make your own personal contribution to our wonderful city.

This report was produced using data and information collected by Research First, a Christchurch-based research agency. Information was gathered from numerous sources (annotated throughout the report), but predominantly from a large survey of Christchurch residents and interviews with key community groups and charitable organisations in the Greater Christchurch region. In a very real way, this is a report written by the people, for the people of Greater Christchurch.

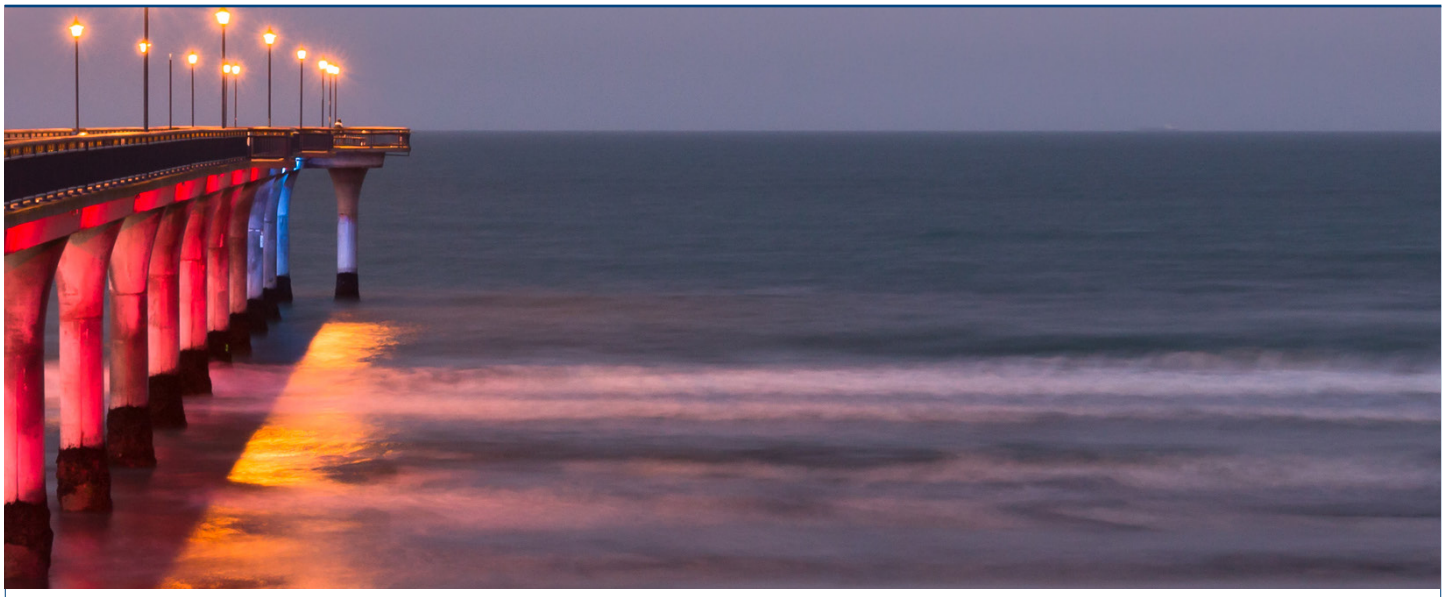
For the purpose of this report, we have used the definition of Greater Christchurch as provided by the Greater Christchurch Partnership (see greaterchristchurch.org.nz). Essentially, this involves drawing an imaginary line around Christchurch City that takes in the communities within the 'commuter belt' (approximately half-an-hour's drive from the Central City) in parts of Banks Peninsula, and Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts. Greater Christchurch therefore includes the urban area of Christchurch City and Lyttelton harbour, the area of Selwyn District north of the Selwyn River and east of Kirwee, and Waimakariri District south of the Ashley River and east of Swannanoa.

Research First would like to thank all those who contributed to this report in any way, however large or small. Across all of our research, one thing was abundantly clear, and that is the enduring resilience of our people.

Kia kaha Christchurch. He waka eke noa.

July 2019

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Introduction

About Vital Signs®

Vital Signs® is a tool used to understand the community's perceptions of the place where they live. It looks at the social, cultural, health, environmental, and economic wellbeing of the area and it identifies the key priorities according to residents. This information is then used by local organisations to identify and prioritise areas for funding. The aim is that the Vital Signs® report will be an agenda-setting tool, providing a list of priorities for communities to consider in the coming years.

Toronto Community Foundation in Canada started Vital Signs® in 2001 to help make informed decisions about grants and programming. Vital Signs® is now a global programme led by Community Foundations of Canada. Locally the initiative is led by Community Foundations of New Zealand.

In this version of Vital Signs® for Greater Christchurch we have chosen to examine five community pillars:

				
A vibrant, liveable city	**Kaitiakitanga** (guardianship of the natural environment)	**Health & wellbeing**	**Economic prosperity**	**Opportunities for all**
Getting around Arts, culture & events Regeneration of the central city	Environmental sustainability	Safety Sports & recreation Health & wellness	Housing Governance, leadership & advocacy for Christchurch Employment opportunities Tourism	Reducing inequality Belonging & engagement Learning & education Supporting children Supporting young adults Supporting seniors Supporting newcomers Supporting Māori & Pasifika Supporting rural communities

How to read this report

Each field receives a grade identifying how strongly residents believe the city is performing in that area.

The following grades are used in Vital Signs® research:

- **A** Excellent, continue the current approach
- **B** Good, but some improvements could be made
- **C** Average, more effort should be made to address this issue
- **D** Below average, more work is required
- **F** Failure, immediate action is needed

1. …
2. …
3. …

These numbers represent the **top priorities identified by the community** per area of focus.

Respondents could identify up to three main priorities, with the percentages displayed in the report representing the proportion of residents who identified that as a priority.

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About Greater Christchurch

Since 2012, Greater Christchurch has **grown by 19,082** households[1].

[1] Source: MBIE via greaterchristchurch.co.nz. Data is to September 2017.

One in three households has children present.

Unemployment sits at **4.5%** in Christchurch, in line with the national average[1].

[1] Source: ChristchurchNZ Christchurch and Canterbury Quarterly Economic Report, (December 2018)

98% speak English at home; **4%** speak Te Reo Māori; **1%** speak NZ Sign Language.

28 other languages are spoken at home, most commonly Mandarin, Hindi and French.



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of us have been here for more than 10 years.

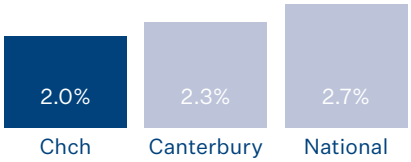
The Greater Christchurch area is home to about **486,000** people, **80%** of whom live within Christchurch City.

The population is growing by around 2.2% each year[1] and is projected to reach **550,000** by **2041**[2].

[1] Source: Statistics NZ Annual Population Estimates/CCC

[2] Source: Greater Christchurch Transport Statement 2012

83% identify as NZ European, and **7%** as Māori.



Christchurch and Canterbury GDP grew by 2.0 and 2.3 percent respectively in the year to December 2018 compared to growth in national GDP of 2.7 percent over the same period[1].

[1] Source: ChristchurchNZ Christchurch and Canterbury Quarterly Economic Report (December 2018)

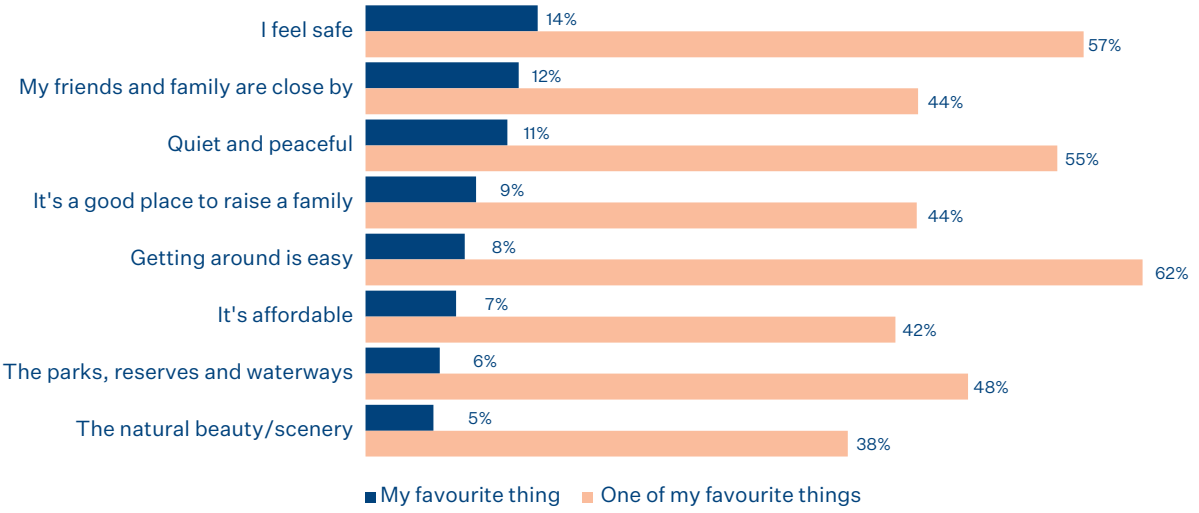
Our vital signs

Things we love about Greater Christchurch

We live in a region known for its **peaceful, community feel,** and these are the most common things we choose when asked what we like most about living here. It's an easy place to live, and for many people provides a **big city lifestyle, without the big city.**

Christchurch is also known as the Garden City, and we greatly enjoy its wide-open spaces, both the wild and the cultivated ones.

Favourite things about living in my community



Sample size n = 843. Q: What do you like most about living in your community? And, if you had to pick just one thing that you like most about living in your community, what would it be?

While we all agree on the main features, some people love different things about their local areas. Those in coastal areas are more likely to value the area's natural beauty; areas outside of the main city are seen as better places to raise a family. In the Central City, the top three features residents feel make the city unique are the Botanic Gardens, Hagley Park and Margaret Mahy Playground[1].

For Māori residents, having **friends and family** close by is the most treasured aspect of living here.

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch Survey (2018)

What's one thing that you would say about the Christchurch region that would recommend it to someone as a great place to live?

Greater Christchurch is seen as big enough to have something for everyone, but not so big as to be overcrowded and impersonal. The ongoing rebuilding of the central city has people optimistic about the future.

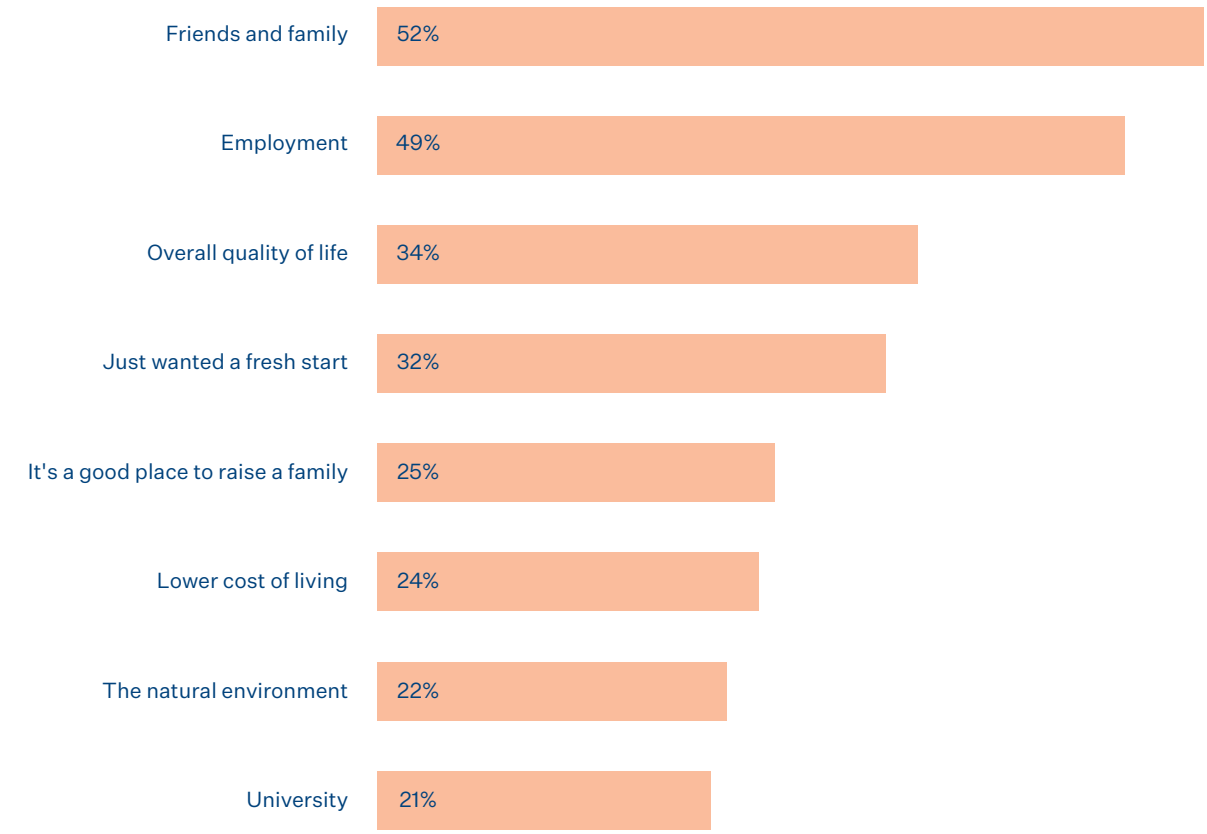
> *It has something for everyone - you can be in the centre of a new, interesting city and within a half hour be in a forest, in the hills, on the beach and in an hour be in the mountains. Where else is everything so close?"*

> *It's a beautiful and simple place to live and with much potential."*

Our vital signs

These are also **key reasons people move to Greater Christchurch** – others know that we enjoy a good quality of life. Other common reasons are for work/university, or just for a fresh start.

Reasons for moving here



Sample size n = 215. Q: What would you say were your primary reasons for moving here? Only aksed of those who moved here witihn the last 10 years.

"A city with friendly communities that offer support when needed and many events to invite people to mix and meet."

"Fantastic place to grow up in, the city will become an awesome place to work in, beaches are close, walking trails are all over the place giving fantastic views of our great city."

"There is a real sense of community, especially following two recent tragedies (earthquake and shootings). People look out for each other and value family."

"Complete package of a city, size, weather, diversity, shopping, culture, closeness to beaches and mountains."

Our vital signs

How are we feeling at the moment?

Vital Signs® is all about **community wellbeing.** When people are happy, and feel they are living a fulfilling life, they are more productive, and they treat each other better. It's a virtuous circle.

When asked which of these words describe their lives at the moment, the table on the right shows which people chose:

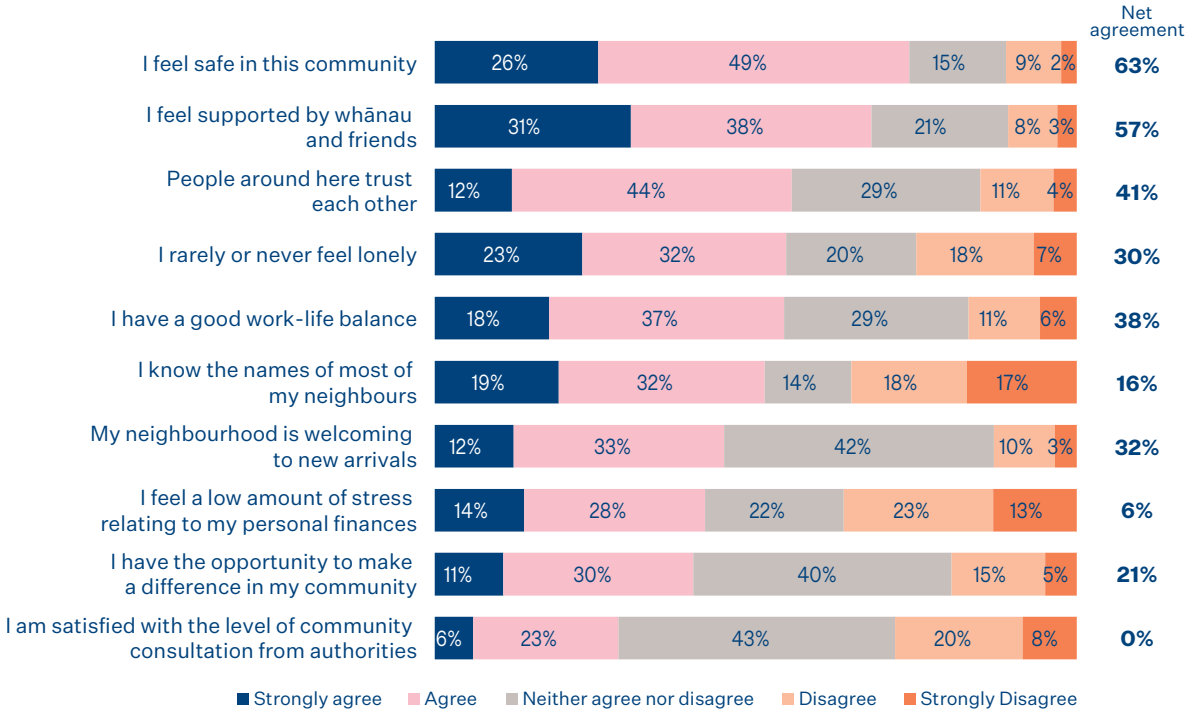
1	Optimistic	**7**	Meaningful
2	Content	**8**	Fulfilling
3	Healthy	**9**	Social
4	Active	**10**	Mindful
5	Purposeful	**11**	Stress-free
6	Productive	**12**	Spiritual

Only **11% of people didn't think any of these words applied to their lives.**

Sample size n = 843. Q: Which of these words would you use to describe your life, right now?

There are many elements to wellbeing, and a lot of them have to do with feeling a **sense of belonging and community spirit.** Below are just a few **key markers of community wellbeing.**

Agreement - markers of a good life



Sample size n = 843. Q: Please advise how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements. Net Agreement = % who agree/strongly agree subtract % who disagree/strongly disagree.

While the majority of people feel safe and supported in their community, and that they have a good balance between work and home life, one in three people feels stress over their personal finances. When it comes to feeling that they can make a difference, and that their voice can be heard, residents are on the fence.

Our vital signs

How are we feeling at the moment?

If life is a ladder with **eleven rungs**, most of us feel that right now we are standing on **one of the top four**. Confirming that we're an optimistic bunch, most of us think that in five years' time, we'll be on the **top three**.

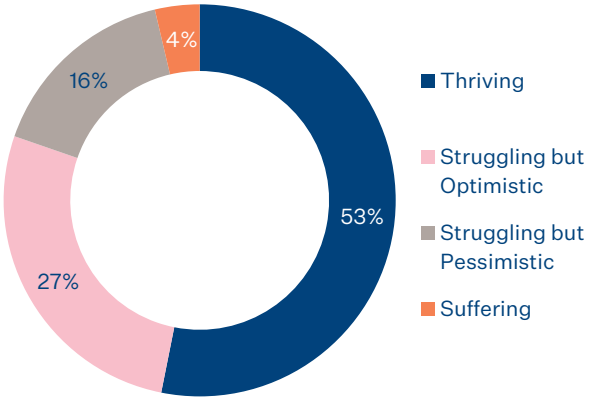
Our **average score of 6.73** means we're pretty happy – if Greater Christchurch was a country, we'd be the 21st happiest country on earth[1]. However, we're still less happy than the average person in the U.S.A. (6.88), Canada (7.18), Australia (7.18), or the rest of New Zealand (7.37).

Those of us under 25 are the most optimistic – but they also feel they're starting from the lowest rung of anyone. Conversely, those over 65 are the most satisfied of all, but all up think they'll be a little worse off in five years.

[1] According to the Gallup World Poll, 2018.

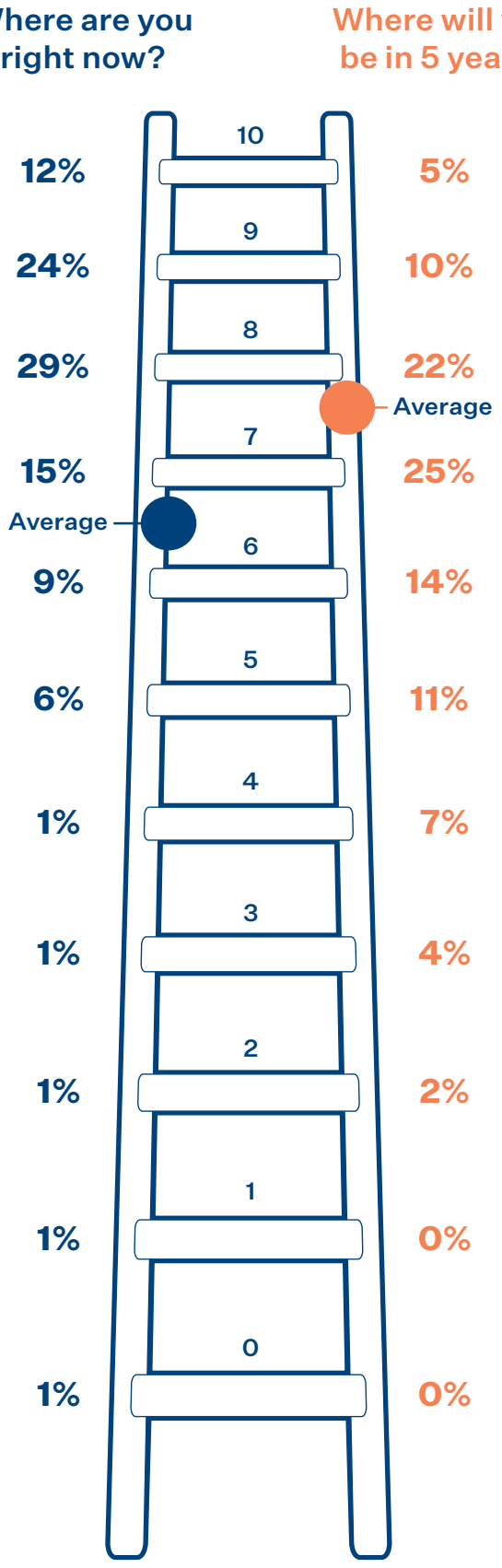
All up, over half of us are Thriving (things are good and looking even better), while 4% are Suffering (things are bad and not getting better).

The remainder fall somewhere in between.



Sample size n = 843. Q: Which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand on at this time? And which step do you think you will stand on about five years from now?

People who are Thriving are likely to cite good financial (15%) and employment (13%) prospects as the key reason. Those who are Suffering, or otherwise feel pessimistic, are likely to mention poor health or aging (30%) as the cause.



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Our vital signs

How do we rate on the things that matter?

	Health & Wellbeing	**B**	Safety	**B**
			Sports & Recreation	**B+**
			Health & Wellness	**B-**
	Economic Prosperity	**B-**	Housing	**C+**
			Governance, Leadership & Advocacy for Christchurch	**C+**
			Employment Opportunities	**B-**
			Tourism	**B**
	Kaitiakitanga (guardianship of the natural environment)	**B-**	Environmental Sustainability	**B-**
	Opportunities for All	**B-**	Reducing Inequality	**C+**
			Belonging & Engagement	**B-**
			Learning & Education	**B**
			Supporting Children	**B**
			Supporting Young Adults	**B-**
			Supporting Seniors	**B-**
			Supporting Newcomers	**B-**
			Supporting Māori & Pasifika	**B-**
			Supporting Rural Communities	**B-**
	A Vibrant, Liveable City	**B**	Getting Around	**B-**
			Arts, Culture & Events	**B**
			Regeneration of the Central City	**B-**

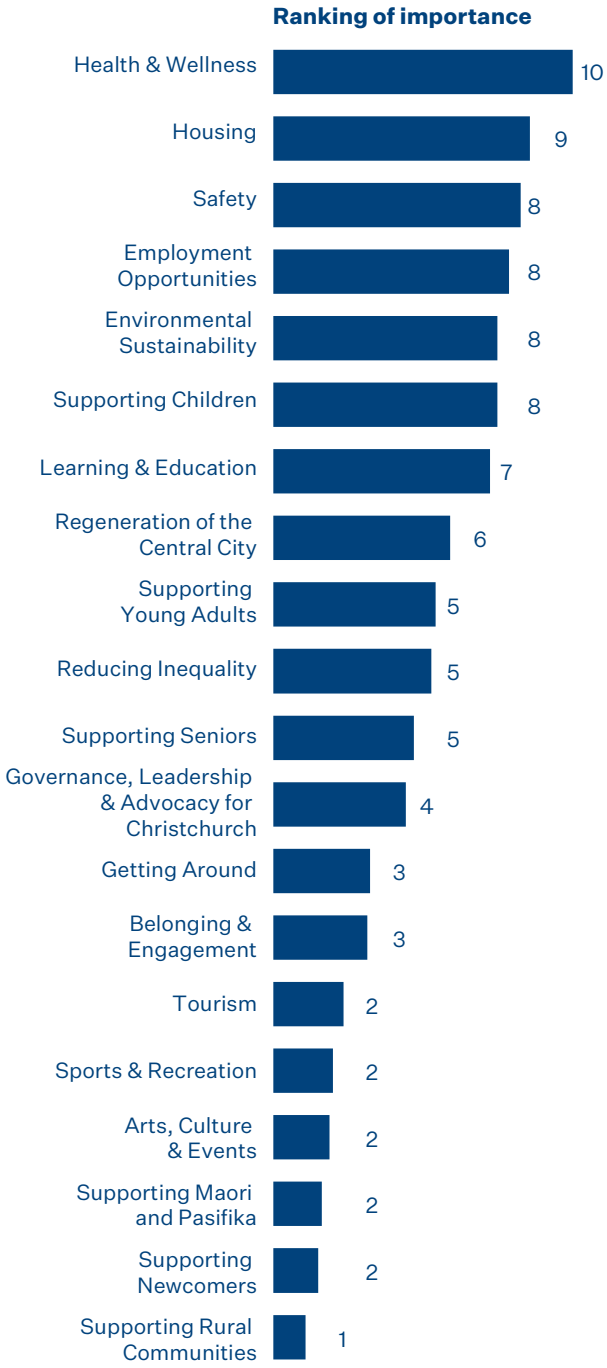


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Generally, Greater Christchurch performs solidly in the eyes of its residents, with most aspects scoring a B or B-. Mild levels of economic anxiety once again show through when it comes to rating Housing and Reducing inequality. Health & wellbeing scores best, driven by a perceived strength in sports and recreation opportunities.

Our vital signs

What are our priority areas?



Sample size n = 843.

How did we work out the priorities?

Prioritising things can be very difficult. This is especially the case when the things to be prioritised are highly emotive, or when we are faced with a long list, like the one above. This can lead to something scientists call decision fatigue – basically, if something becomes too hard, we just give up.

When it came to our survey, we didn't want people to give up. But we needed them to rank the long list of potential areas to focus on, so we could see what was most important. It's not about finding things that aren't important - as you can see, all these areas are important to Greater Christchurch – but about finding their relative importance.

So, don't think for a moment that 'Supporting Rural Communities' isn't important – it is, and to some people it's the most important area to focus on. It's just that, looking at the whole community, 'Health & wellness' is roughly ten times more important. That's what the numbers signify – this is the percentage of people who took our survey who selected each area as the most important area to focus on in future.

How did we calculate this? We used a survey technique called MaxDiff, or best-worst scaling. Everyone who took the survey was shown a grid like this...

Lowest priority		Highest priority
☐	Supporting Rural Communities	☐
☐	Employment Opportunities	☐
☐	Environmental Sustainability	☐
☐	Getting Around	☐
☐	Health & Wellness	☐
☐	Reducing Inequality	☐

...and asked to pick one area that is their highest priority, and one area that's their lowest priority, just from this set of six areas – a much easier choice than picking from a list of twenty!

They did this ten times in total, with a different set of six areas shown each time (and each area appearing exactly three times, in different sets). Looking at their responses as a whole, we were then able to calculate the relative priority order.

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RATING:
B

Health and wellbeing

Health & wellness: B-

It's no surprise that this is the highest priority area, as health and happiness are inextricably linked; 96% of Greater Christchurch residents who rate their health as 'very good' or 'excellent' report a good quality of life[1].

Greater Christchurch has had a rocky start to 2019 when it comes to health. In February 2019, a measles outbreak was declared, with 38 confirmed cases before it was declared over[2]. In June, many GPs temporarily ran out of flu shots[3]. And of course, the March 15th terrorist attack put a huge strain on both the public, and health care professionals.

Our top priorities for health and wellness:

1. Affordable access to health care **50%**
2. Better access to mental health services **43%**
3. Reducing waiting time for medical procedures **33%**
4. Improving the quality of healthcare overall **29%**

[1] Source: Nielsen/CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Survey (2018)
[2] Source: https://www.cdhb.health.nz/public-health-alert/canterbury-measles-outbreak-declared-officially-over/
[3] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/113328787/children-miss-out-on-flu-vaccine-after-13-millon-doses-snapped-up

In November 2018, Christchurch Hospital opened a new outpatient facility on Oxford Terrace.

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of Canterbury GPs offer low-cost visits to community services card holders[1].

To find a GP, you can use the Canterbury District Health Board's interactive map at cdhb.health.nz/canterbury-gp-map-2/

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/health/109615122/three-in-four-canterbury-gps-offer-lowcost-visits-for-community-services-card-holders

The Canterbury Charity Hospital, in Harewood, is the only facility of its kind in New Zealand. Staffed almost entirely by volunteers, the Charity Hospital provides surgery and other services to patients without insurance or who are unable to get electric surgery. The average waiting time for elective surgery in Canterbury is 48 days[1].

The Charity Hospital has expanded its services to include oral surgery and colonoscopies, and is looking to expand further into women's health.

[1] Source: Canterbury District Health Board (July 2018)



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RATING:

B

Health and wellbeing

Many people believe that, since the 2011 earthquakes, Christchurch has been experiencing a mental health crisis. On average, there were 11 suicide attempts reported per day in 2018[1]. One study found that four out of five primary school students exhibit PTSD symptoms[2].

Tanya Cooke, from Christchurch children's crisis care facility Cholmondeley, believes that undiagnosed and untreated mental health problems such as depression and anxiety, often as a result of the earthquakes, are leading to the breakdown of families.

However, there are signs the mental health of the region is improving: **the proportion of Christchurch residents who report negative effects from stress has been declining steadily since 2012, and now sits at 17%[3].**

1 Source: NZ Police

2 Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/96211829/four-in-five-christchurch-primary-schoolers-exhibit-ptsd-symptoms-study-finds

3 Source: Nielsen/CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Survey (2018)

In 2013, the Canterbury District Health Board and the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand launched the All Right? campaign to get Cantabrians to think about and improve their mental health and wellbeing.

The campaign now has over **50% public awareness[1].**

1 Source: Nielsen/CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Survey (2018)



In 2019, the new Central Government announced its first budget, dubbed the

WELLBEING BUDGET

which allocated an **extra $1.9 billion to address mental health across the nation**, including the establishment of a Mental Health and Wellbeing commission.

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RATING:
B

Health and wellbeing

Safety: B

72% of people in the city feel safe in their community; outside of the city, it's **88%**. In the central city, one third of people feel unsafe after dark, mainly due to drinking and drug use, anti-social behaviour, and isolated areas[1].

Our top priorities for safety:

1. Reducing homelessness and begging **36%**
2. Reducing the use of illicit drugs **36%**
3. Safer behaviour on our roads **33%**
4. Cracking down on gangs **31%**

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council Life in Christchurch Central City Survey (2019)



Residents aged 55 and over place a higher priority on cracking down on gangs, and increasing the visible police presence.



In April 2019, street racers and car enthusiasts assembled in Christchurch for the third 'Aves Invasion'. While ten people were arrested, and 30 cars were taken off the road, no injuries or damage was reported, and in general police were 'happy' with the participants' behaviour[1].

[1] Source : https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/387516/aves-invasion-event-in-christchurch-fewer-arrests-vehicle-seizures

About 1 in 5 residents support stricter gun/ weapons control.

At the first official gun buy-back event since the government announced it, on July 13th, **224** firearms and **217** gun parts were handed over[1].

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/114215888/governments-first-gun-buyback-event-under-way

Christchurch City Mission
Te Whare Mīhana Ki Ōtautahi

Spotlight – Christchurch City Mission

Christchurch City Mission , which recently celebrated its 90th anniversary, is a Christian social services agency that provides emergency accommodation, food parcels, drug and alcohol services, and educational/life skills programs for people in need.

In 2018, the City Mission provided assistance to over 45,000 people across its multiple touchpoints.



Greater Christchurch has had its share of natural disasters, from earthquakes to the Port Hills fires.

However, only 55% of households have an up-to-date emergency plan[1].

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council General Services Satisfaction Survey (2019)

Sample size: N=538; only those who selected Health & wellbeing as a key priority were asked this section

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RATING:
B

Health and wellbeing

Sport & recreation: B+

From the slopes to the seas, from our famous braided rivers to the Port Hills, Greater Christchurch residents love the great outdoors. The city has over 740 public parks and gardens. One in seven of us is a member of a sporting or recreational group[1]. However, only 42% of Greater Christchurch residents report achieving the New Zealand Physical Activity Guidelines for vigorous exercise[2].

Our top priorities for sport & recreation:

1. Making use of the Red Zone for sports and recreation **44%**
2. More affordable sports and recreation options **36%**
3. Preserving and developing parks and reserves for recreation **34%**

[1] Source: Sport Canterbury (2016)
[2] Source: Nielsen/CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Survey (2018)



The Red Zone, or Ōtākaro Avon River Corridor, is joint-owned by the Crown and Christchurch City Council. In November 2018, Regenerate Christchurch released its draft OARC Regeneration Plan, which includes multiple potential uses for the land, including a Cultural Trail, areas for water sports, and an 11-km walking and cycling path from the city to New Brighton.

Top sport and recreation activities – participation[1]

Walking	67%
Cycling	36%
Swimming	33%
Equipment-based exercise	24%
Jogging/running	20%

[1] Source: SportNZ Sport and Active Recreation Regional Profile Canterbury/West Coast Region (2013/14)

What's going on in **sport and recreation** in Greater Christchurch?

In 2018, Christchurch City Council unveiled its newest recreational facility, Taiora QEII and the accompanying Christchurch School of Gymnastics, in New Brighton

- In 2019, a hot pools facility is scheduled to open on the New Brighton foreshore
- Waimakariri District Council will open a new multi-use indoor sports facility in Rangiora in 2020
- A new 15-km 'South Express' cycleway, linking Templeton and Hagley Park, is planned to commence construction

The Crusaders are the most successful Super Rugby franchise in history, and in 2019 they won their third successive title. In the wake of the March 15th terror attacks, the Crusaders were under pressure to consider changing their name. Public opinion was divided, but the majority supported retaining the team name[1].

After significant consultation with the public and stakeholders, New Zealand Rugby announced in June 2019 that the name would be retained until at least the end of the 2020 season, with a full brand review to take place.

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/rugby/super-rugby/112186467/crusaders-name-poll-suggests-75-per-cent-of-new-zealanders-want-name-to-stay

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RATING:
B-

Economic prosperity

Housing: C+

The central government describes New Zealand as being in a 'housing crisis', with home ownership at a 60-year low due to mass unaffordability[1]. New Zealanders have the highest average spend on housing of any OECD country[2].

Christchurch fares a little better; it is considered the most affordable of the major cities in New Zealand for housing, according to the Massey University Affordability Index. The median dwelling sale price is the lowest it has been since 2014, and the median rental price is at its lowest since 2012[3].

However, it's clear that affordable housing is a major priority for our residents. Expenditure on housing and utilities in Canterbury increased by 40% between 2013 and 2016 – a much bigger increase than for food, transport or other areas[4].

Our top priorities for housing:

1. Making it easier to become a homeowner **46%**
2. Finding new ways to help people finance their homes **36%**
3. Making rental properties more affordable **30%**
4. Easing regulations to encourage the building of new homes **28%**
5. Improving the weather resistance of existing homes **26%**

1 Source: MBIE, A Stocktake of New Zealand's Housing (2018)
2 Source: OECD Better Life Index (2017)
3 Source: Urban Development Capacity Dashboard, MBIE
4 Source: Statistics NZ Household Economic Survey (2013-2016)

63% Own

27% Rent

63% of Greater Christchurch residents are currently homeowners, while 27% rent.

Homeowners are twice as likely as renters to:

- Report **low levels of stress** about their **personal finances**
- **Know the names** of most of their **neighbours**

Home ownership is **expected to decrease further**, with **71%** of demand for new housing to be met by private rentals in the city[1].

1 Source: Greater Christchurch Partnership Settlement Pattern Update 2018

As of July 1, 2019, all rental homes must have both ceiling and underfloor insulation (where it is reasonably practical do so), according to the

RESIDENTIAL TENANCY ACT.



RATING:
B-

Economic prosperity

Employment opportunities: B+

Our top priorities for employment:

1. Bringing new large employers into the region **36%**
2. Providing more support for small business development and entrepreneurs **32%**
3. Providing more opportunity for skills training **32%**

Canterbury is widely known as a food and agribusiness powerhouse, and for post-earthquake construction, but it also has significant manufacturing and IT/tech sectors[1]. Seek.co.nz is currently advertising over 2,000 jobs in Christchurch, and The Greater Christchurch Partnership projects 71,000 new jobs by 2048 – a 30% increase on current numbers.

[1] Source: https://www.cdc.org.nz/christchurch/moving-to-christchurch/

Major companies headquartered in Greater Christchurch

Kathmandu	Kathmandu
ami	AMI Insurance
Fulton Hogan	Fulton Hogan
Synlait	Synlait[1]
Foodstuffs	Foodstuffs (South Island)
Gough Group	Gough Gough and Hamer
ANZCO Foods	ANZCO Foods
tait communications	Tait Communications
University of Canterbury	University of Canterbury

[1] Headquartered in Rakaia but a major employer of residents of Greater Christchurch

Organisations providing business support and skills training in Greater Christchurch include:

CA	Canterbury Angels
He Toki	He Toki
MOA Ministry of Awesome	Ministry of Awesome
Christchurch City Mission	Callaghan Innovation
Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce	Canterbury Employers' Chamber of Commerce
MBIE	MBIE
ChristchurchNZ	ChristchurchNZ
New Zealand Trade & Enterprise	NZTE
Ara	Ara

Christchurch is one of five **'Antarctic gateway cities'** in the world, with around 100 direct flights per year[1] and ten visits from Antarctica-bound ships to Lyttleton Port[2]. Government agency Antarctica NZ, and the United States Antarctic Program are also based here.

[1] Source: https://www.christchurchairport.co.nz/en/about-us/corporate-information/gateway-to-antarctica/

[2] Source : http://www.lpc.co.nz/antarctic-season-success/

Collaborative innovation is a central theme of Greater Christchurch, with accelerator hubs including the Enterprise Precinct and Innovation Campus on Manchester St, the Vodafone Xone on Tuam St, and Lincoln Hub. For three months of 2019, a tourism-themed Lightning Lab operated out of Christchurch Airport.

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Economic prosperity

RATING:
B-

Tourism: B

Tourism is incredibly important for New Zealand; it is our biggest services export industry, and responsible for over 10% of GDP[1].

On any given day, there are 10,000 visitors staying in the city of Christchurch; 20% of them at Airbnbs and 80% at commercial establishments. About half are international visitors, and about half are domestic[2].

International tourists spent over $11 million in Christchurch in 2018[3].

Over half of all international arrivals to Christchurch Airport are Australian residents. China and the UK are the next most common countries of origin[4]. In total, over 500,000 international visitors arrive via air, and another 130,000 arrive via cruise ship at Akaroa or Lyttleton Harbour[5].

1 Source: Tourism Industry Aotearoa (2018). Includes direct and indirect contributions.
2 Source: Statistics NZ, Accommodation Survey (2018) / ChristchurchNZ Airbnb estimates (2018).
3 Source: MBIE International Visitor Survey, via ChristchurchNZ Tourism Factbook (2018)
4 Source: Stats NZ, International Travel and Migration (2018)
5 Source : Stats NZ, Cruise ship traveller and expenditure statistics (2018)



Tourists are usually very happy with their visit to Christchurch, having consistently rated their visit at **8 out of 10 or higher** since 2014[1].

1 Source: ChristchurchNZ Visitor Experience Survey (2014-2018)

Our top priorities for tourism:

1. Building a new stadium for major sporting and other events **45%**
2. Promoting Christchurch as a destination to new international markets **34%**
3. Attracting bigger artists to Christchurch for performances **32%**

Airport passengers are expected to **double by 2041** (Greater Christchurch Transport Statement 2012)

Demolition of Christchurch's earthquake-damaged stadium at Lancaster Park started in 2018. The new stadium, which could have a roof[1], is not expected to finish construction until 2023.

Meanwhile, Christchurch's new convention centre, Te Pae, is set to open in October 2020, and is already accepting bookings.

1 Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/110687673/christchurch-stadium-concept-plans-revealed

Sample size: N=259; only those who selected Economic Prosperity as a key priority were asked this section

RATING:
B-

Economic prosperity

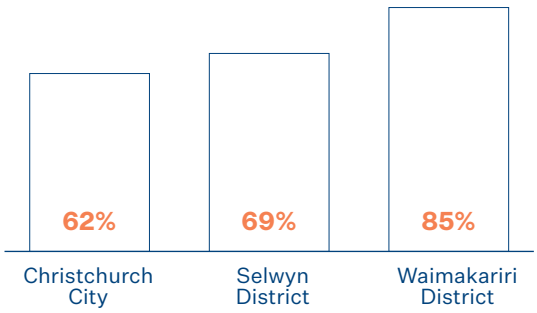
Governance, leadership & advocacy for Christchurch: C+

Top priorities for governance, leadership and advocacy:

1. Reducing rates **47%**
2. More accountability for elected officials **44%**
3. Greater transparency from authorities **40%**

In its 2018-28 Long Term Plan, Christchurch City Council approved a **rates rise of over 50% over ten years.**

Satisfaction levels with Councils amongst residents[1]:



[1] Sources: Christchurch City Council General Services Satisfaction Survey (2019); Selwyn District Council Residents' Opinion Survey (2018); Waimakariri District Council Customer Satisfaction Survey (2016).

34%

of Christchurch residents say they understand how the Council makes decisions[1].

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council General Services Satisfaction Survey (2019)

Canterbury has a long and **proud history of civic engagement**, starting with Kate Sheppard, New Zealand's most famous suffragist, who was instrumental in making New Zealand the first country to allow women to vote.

Voter turnout at City Council elections in 2016 was **39% - the equal lowest since 1992**[1].

The next elections are scheduled for 12th October 2019, and these include Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, and the Canterbury District Health Board.

[1] Source: Department of Internal Affairs via http://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/indicators/community/voter-turnout/

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Kaitiakitanga

RATING:

B-

Environmental Sustainability: B-

Our top priorities for environmental sustainability:

1. Improving/protecting water quality **50%**
2. Reducing single-use plastics **27%**
3. Improving sustainable farming, fishing and forestry practices **25%**

All areas were considered a higher priority by younger respondents than by older respondents.

Water has been a hot topic in Christchurch of late. The City Council's decision in 2018 to temporarily chlorinate the city's water supply while repairing well heads generated considerable public outcry[1], as did Environment Canterbury's decision to grant consents for two water bottling companies, Natural Resources and Cloud Ocean, to export bottled water[2].

Meanwhile, **76%** of Christchurch residents think that surface water (including streams, rivers and lakes) are in poor condition[3]. **40%** think water pollution is a 'big problem' – more than double the national average[4].



1 https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2018/05/christchurch-city-council-to-reduce-chlorine-level-in-water-following-public-outcry.html

2 https://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/news/christchurch/thousands-protest-against-water-bottling-consents-in-christchurch/

3 Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch, Natural Environment Survey (2018)

4 Source: Nielsen Quality of Life Survey (2018)

What concerns in the community do you find yourself thinking about again and again?

> *Giving away our water to overseas companies."*
>
> MALE, 25-34, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *Water quality & the fact that local residents are requested to save water while it is being bottled & sold overseas at our rate payers & tax expense."*
>
> FEMALE, 45-54, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *Need for protection from water levels in the estuary."*
>
> MALE, 45-54, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *The chlorine in our water and the effect of this i.e. erosion of hot water cylinders and water pipes."*
>
> MALE, 35-44, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *Environmental issues to do with farming and water quality."*
>
> FEMALE, 55-64, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

Sample size: N=216; only those who selected Kaitiakitanga as a key priority were asked this section

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RATING:

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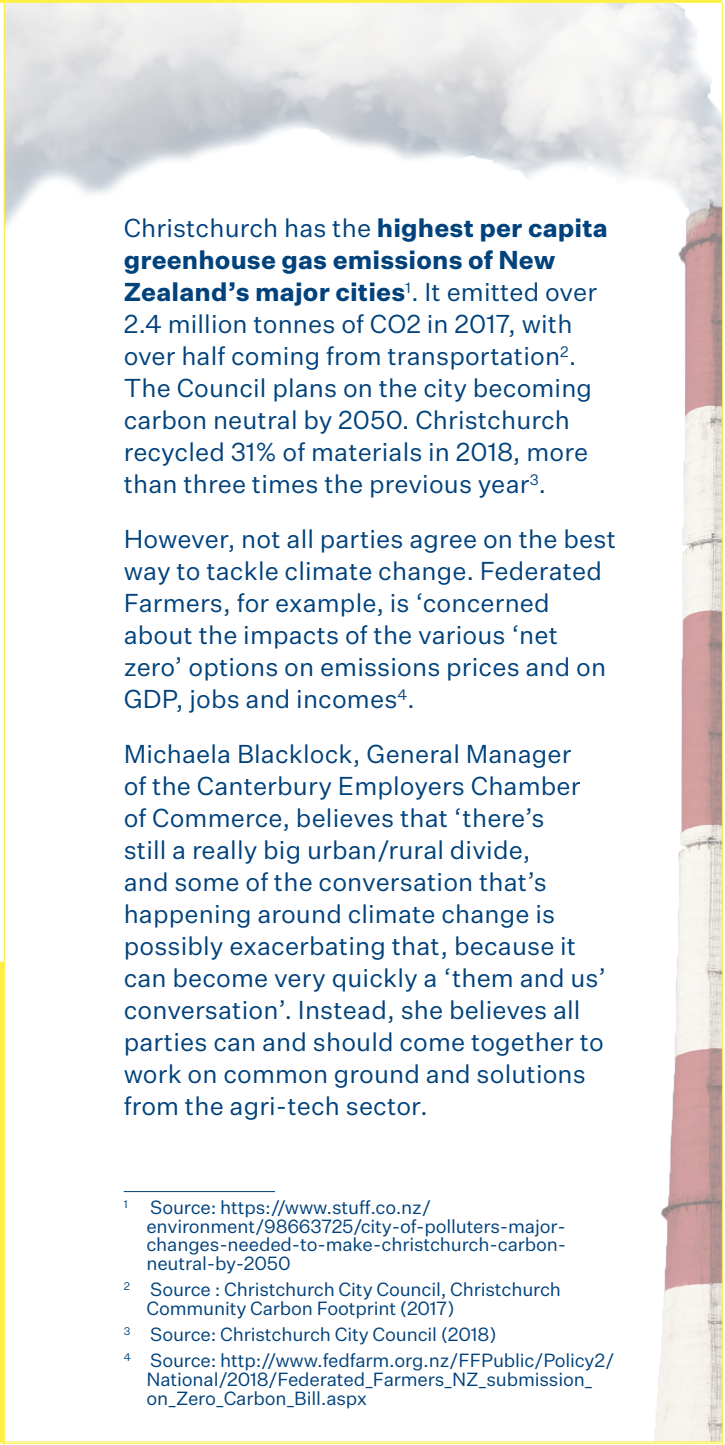
Kaitiakitanga

Twice in 2019, students in Christchurch staged a walkout en masse, seeking **urgent government action on climate change**. And they're not alone: **68%** of Greater Christchurch residents are very concerned about climate change[1]. It's no wonder, when **rising sea levels are set to endanger over 18,000 households in Christchurch by 2065**[2].

In the wake of the 2011 earthquakes, the Natural Environment Recovery Programme for Greater Christchurch was drawn up to ensure that rebuilding was done responsibly and sustainably.

1 Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch, Natural Environment Survey (2018)

2 Source: Christchurch City Council, Tonkin & Taylor



Christchurch has the **highest per capita greenhouse gas emissions of New Zealand's major cities**[1]. It emitted over 2.4 million tonnes of CO2 in 2017, with over half coming from transportation[2]. The Council plans on the city becoming carbon neutral by 2050. Christchurch recycled 31% of materials in 2018, more than three times the previous year[3].

However, not all parties agree on the best way to tackle climate change. Federated Farmers, for example, is 'concerned about the impacts of the various 'net zero' options on emissions prices and on GDP, jobs and incomes[4].

Michaela Blacklock, General Manager of the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, believes that 'there's still a really big urban/rural divide, and some of the conversation that's happening around climate change is possibly exacerbating that, because it can become very quickly a 'them and us' conversation'. Instead, she believes all parties can and should come together to work on common ground and solutions from the agri-tech sector.

1 Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/98663725/city-of-polluters-major-changes-needed-to-make-christchurch-carbon-neutral-by-2050

2 Source : Christchurch City Council, Christchurch Community Carbon Footprint (2017)

3 Source: Christchurch City Council (2018)

4 Source: http://www.fedfarm.org.nz/FFPublic/Policy2/National/2018/Federated_Farmers_NZ_submission_on_Zero_Carbon_Bill.aspx

30% of residents have **volunteered** for a conservation or environmental organisation in the last 12 months[1]. Conservation Volunteers New Zealand connects volunteers with environmental initiatives in their area.

1 Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch, Natural Environment Survey (2018)

Whaka-Ora Healthy Harbour is a joint initiative between Environment Canterbury, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Christchurch City Council, and the Lyttelton Port Company to restore the cultural and ecological health of Lyttleton Harbour.

RedBus launched its **first three electric buses in Christchurch** in June 2019.

As of July 1st 2019, **single-use plastic bags** are **banned** throughout NZ.

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RATING:

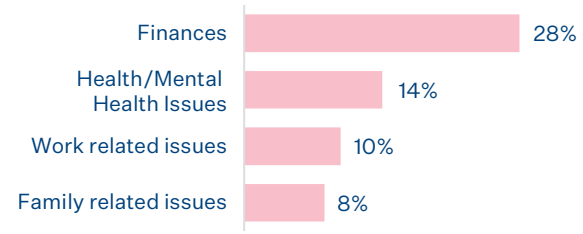
Opportunities for all

B-

Reducing inequality: C+

Financial stress is the biggest stress in residents' lives, followed closely by health issues.

What's the biggest stress in your life?



Sample size n = 843. Q: What would you say is the biggest cause of stress in your life right now?

Often these issues overlap:

> *I suffered a permanent injury and have recently been spat out the other end of a stressful and very expensive 7.5 year earthquake insurance court case."*
>
> MALE, 55-64, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *My son and I are de facto homeless. We have a flat which 70% of my caregiver benefit goes towards. But we have little left over for food. We have some agency support but feel forgotten. My son needs 24 hour care, he cannot talk, feed, toilet, nor shower himself."*
>
> MALE, 35-44 CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *I have a friend, very sick with cancer, whose medication is not funded by Pharmac so we are having to fundraise $80,000 for her."*
>
> FEMALE, 45-54, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

9% of Christchurch residents care for an ill or disabled person outside of their home[1].

[1] Source: Stats NZ Census (2013)

Financial troubles affect us all, but they especially effect those at the bottom of the deprivation scale. Unfortunately, **income inequality in Christchurch has increased 54% since 2011**[1].

[1] Source: StatsNZ, Household Economic Survey (2011-2018). Inequality is measured by comparing the median income of the 80th percentile of households with the 20th percentile.

Our top priorities for reducing inequality:

1. Promoting local adoption of a 'living wage' **36%**
2. Reducing homelessness **30%**

Sample size: N=185.

A living wage is 'the hourly wage a worker needs to pay for the necessities of life and participate as an active citizen in the community'. In 2018 it was set at $20.55[1].

[1] Source: https://www.livingwage.org.nz/

> ***Some people take more than they need***
>
> - HEATHER MILNE, FOUNDER OF CHRISTCHURCH AUNTIES, A NETWORK OF VOLUNTEERS HELPING VULNERABLE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Learning and education: B

Our top priorities for learning and education:

1. Reducing class sizes **36%**
2. Instilling a love of learning, not just teaching to pass the test **36%**
3. Making tertiary education more affordable **28%**

Sample size: N=197

Christchurch has **145 schools**, Selwyn District has **30 schools**, and Waimakariri has **25**.[1] The Greater Christchurch region is served by three universities – Lincoln University and the University of Canterbury, as well as a campus of the University of Otago, plus one polytechnic (Ara Institute of Canterbury) and numerous other organisations for further study.

$1.37 billion is being invested to build or redevelop schools in Greater Christchurch, **including 23 brand new schools**[2].

[1] Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_schools_in_Christchurch; https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/find-school/schools?district=62; https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/community/about-the-waimakariri-district/schools-in-the-district

[2] Source: ChristchurchNZ Christchurch Economic Development Strategy (2017)

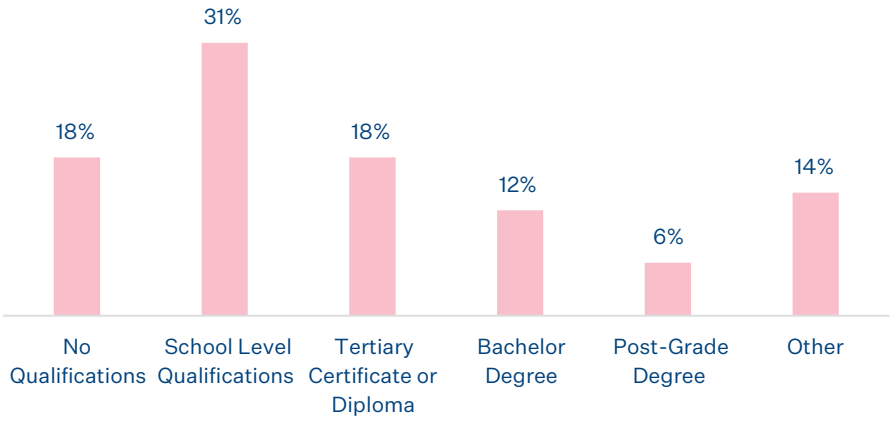
In 2011, the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) found that the median class size for secondary schools in New Zealand is 25. These findings were echoed by the OECD in 2016[1].

[1] Sources: https://www.ppta.org.nz/news-and-media/class-size-average-class-size-and-pupil-teacher-ratio-truth-lies-and-government-statistics/; https://stats.oecd.org/Index.aspx?DataSetCode=EDU_CLASS

In May 2019, a new school opened in the heart of Christchurch's CBD. Named **Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery**, it's a unique school in that it has no playground, library, or staffroom, and students are given a large amount of choice in their curriculum.



Highest Educational Attainment – Greater Christchurch



Source: Statistics New Zealand, 2013 Census via GreaterChristchurch.org.nz

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RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Supporting children: B

Our top priorities for supporting children:

1. Reducing levels of domestic and family violence **44%**
2. Enabling working parents to spend more time with their children **41%**
3. Addressing bullying in schools **33%**
4. Teaching healthier habits to children **30%**

Sample size: N=192

Flexible working is the practice of allowing employees to set their own working hours and conditions, including changed or reduced hours, job-sharing, and remote working.

According to the OECD, three out of four employees in Europe have some work schedule flexibility[1]. One British study of 1,500 employees with work flexibility found that it increases employee retention rates, and tends to make workers more productive – **often, they end up working longer hours**[2].

[1] Source: https://www.oecd.org/els/family/Be-Flexible-Backgrounder-Workplace-Flexibility.pdf

[2] Source: https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/flexible-working-hours-jobs-productivity-economy-uk-business-a8666241.html

Between July 2018 and June 2019 alone, over 5,600 children in Canterbury were affected by family violence[1]. Incidents have been increasing ever since the 2011 earthquakes, which are estimated to have had an immense negative effect on the fabric of many families across Canterbury. Between 2009 and 2017, reports of concern made to Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children in Christchurch/Rangiora increased by 45%[2].

In 2012, the Canterbury Family Violence Collaboration (CFVC) was formed, bringing together almost fifty organisations to combat this growing problem in our community.

One of the members of CFVC, Aviva, h as been around for over 45 years. Starting life in 1973 as Christchurch Women's Refuge – the first of its kind in New Zealand – Aviva offers a 24-hour helpline, as well as a host of other services for victims of family violence, including residential services, microfinance, and home security assistance. Its ReachOut service offers support for men (and others) who are trying to move towards heaving healthier relationship.

Aviva was also one of the founding partners of The Loft , a community wellbeing services hub in Linwood.



[1] Source: Canterbury Family Violence Collaboration http://www.canterburyfvc.co.nz/about.html

[2] Source: Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children (2009-2017)

Current dietary guidelines from the Ministry of Health suggest the following number of daily servings for children[1]:

	Vegetables / fruit	Breads and cereals	Milk and milk products	Lean meat, poultry, seafood, eggs, legumes, nuts and seeds
Pre-schoolers	2+ / 2+	4	2-3	1-2
Children	3+ / 2+	5	2-3	1-2
Young people	3+ / 2+	6	3+	2+

[1] Source: Ministry of Health Food and Nutrition Guidelines for Healthy Children and Young People (Aged 2 –18 years) (2012)

RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Supporting young adults: B-

Our top priorities for supporting young adults:

1. Reducing domestic and family abuse **37%**
2. Addressing bullying in schools **35%**
3. Better youth employment opportunities **33%**
4. Exposing younger adults to a greater variety of workplaces to help them to understand their options **32%**

Sample size: N=121

Christchurch's Youth NEET (not in employment, education or training) rate is **8.9%**, well below the New Zealand average of **11.1%**[1].

[1] Source: StatsNZ, Household Labour Force Survey (2018). 'Youth' is defined as people aged 15-24.

School bullying in Canterbury reached a flashpoint in June 2019 when it emerged that school students had created and shared via social media two lists of allegedly promiscuous teenagers[1]. New Zealand has the second-highest level of school bullying of any OECD country[2].

Resources available to counter bullying

- **0800 What's Up**
- **Netsafe**
- **Bullying Free NZ**
- **Youthline**

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/113873868/christchurch-list-shaming-teen-girls-created-in-retaliation-to-similar-list-about-boys

[2] Source: OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (TALIS) (2018)

YOUTH VOICE CANTERBURY

Spotlight: Youth Voice Canterbury

Youth Voice Canterbury (YVC) is Christchurch's largest youth voice network. Madeline Francis, the Chairperson of YVC, is only 20 but already has an impressive history of working with and for the youth of Greater Christchurch, including in the Education Centre at the YMCA, as well as working with partners like the Christchurch Youth Council (CYC) and 298 Health.

YVC's main focus is on providing young people with the opportunities, and skills, to participate in public life and have their voices heard. To Madeline, this is important not just for the city, but to the individual as well. She works with fellow young adults to help develop their self-awareness and find their passions and strengths.

"When you know where you came from, or whose shoulders you stand on, it gives you a greater understanding of your identity'

She's also concerned about the lack of youth-focused resources and spaces in the central city, which she believes contributes to issues such as substance abuse, crime, and poor mental health.

In 2017, the Minister for Greater Christchurch launched the Youth Space, on Manchester St in the CBD: a free, bookable youth space for meetings and events, as well as the headquarters for various youth services.

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RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Supporting seniors: B-

As is the case in developed nations around the world, the next few decades will bring massive challenges for Greater Christchurch involved with managing an aging population.

Right now, 15% of Greater Christchurch residents is aged 65 and over, and that number is expected to double by 2043[1]. One in four of them live alone. By 2048, there will be a 50% increase in the number of single person households, and 35% of all households will be aged 65+[2].

[1] Source: Statistics NZ Census 2013

[2] Source : Greater Christchurch Partnership Settlement Pattern Update 2018

It's no wonder, then, that the major concerns around supporting seniors relate to reducing levels of isolation and increasing opportunities for integration with the rest of the community,along with allaying health and financial concerns.

Our top priorities for supporting seniors:

1. Reducing levels of isolation amongst seniors **40%**
2. Providing financial assistance to seniors living on the pension **35%**
3. Improved health care for seniors **32%**
4. More opportunities for seniors to share their life skills and knowledge **28%**

Sample size: N=104

Simon Templeton, the Chief Executive of Age Concern Canterbury, believes that Greater Christchurch is not necessarily prepared to service the needs of the rapidly growing senior segment, amongst whom mental health, the environment, and dealing with large-scale cultural change are the major challenges. Keeping older people in their own homes for longer is another key focus for Age Concern.

Templeton believes that our society is **inherently ageist,** with seniors not receiving their fair share of philanthropic funding, and the media portraying old age in a negative light. To him, it's clear that not only will attitudes to ageing need to change, but **fundamental structural changes will be required to deliver more services to more people.**

Nurse Maude
Caring for the people of Canterbury since 1896

Spotlight: Nurse Maude

Nurse Maude, New Zealand's first district nursing service, was formed over 120 years ago when Sibylla Maude resigned from her position as matron of Christchurch Hospital to take up what she saw as her mission: nursing the most marginalised people in society.

While not exclusively catering to seniors, the modern Nurse Maude organisation is an immense force in senior care in Canterbury, and other parts of New Zealand. Their ever-expanding facilities in Merivale, and fleet of white cars, provides services to more than 400,000 people each year, delivering over a million hours of district and specialist nursing, home support services, hospice and community palliative care and allied support.

Around **300** families in Canterbury feature children who are being raised by their grandparents[1]. **The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (GRG) network** provides ongoing support.

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/102309147/4000-kiwi-children-being-raised-by-grandparents-and-number-rising

Did you know?
The suicide rate for males aged 85+ in New Zealand is higher than the rate for males aged 15-25[1].

[1] Source: https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/assets/Suicide/2017-2018-Annual-Provisional-Suicide-Statistics-Final.pdf

RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Supporting newcomers: B-

Greater Christchurch is undergoing significant demographic change; after many left the area following the 2011 earthquakes, the population has now been replenished and is forecast to grow fast. This, of course, means that there are new faces all the time; in fact our survey shows that one in seven residents have lived in Greater Christchurch for less than five years.

Marie McRae, from Christchurch English language college and Multicultural Learning centre PEETO, sees every day the challenges faced by new migrants. Often, newcomers are from large cities in Asia, and it takes some adjustment to get used to life, and the cost of living, in Greater Christchurch. Many hold qualifications in their countries of origin that do not apply in New Zealand. They don't necessarily know how to access essential services, and often face discrimination.

Meanwhile, the existing population faces challenges of its own in integrating with and accepting newcomers. Attitudes to diversity are becoming more favourable: 64% of Christchurch residents agree that having people with different lifestyles and cultures makes it a better place to live[1].

[1] Source: Big Cities, Quality of Life Survey (2018)

Our top priorities for supporting newcomers:

1. Increasing general levels of awareness and acceptance of cultural diversity within the city **38%**
2. Improving the types of employment opportunities available **30%**

Sample size: N=147

$10,000,000

After the March 15th attacks, there was a general outpouring of public sympathy and support for victims and their families, most of whom are recently arrived in the city. A crowd-funding page established by Victim Support raised over $10 million.

Matapopore Charitable Trust was jointly set up by Cera and Ngāi Tahu in 2014 to be the mana whenua voice in the design and rebuild of key city projects. In Te Reo, matapopore means to 'cherish' or 'value'.

Supporting Māori & Pasifika: B-

Our top priorities for supporting Māori & Pasifika:

1. Greater opportunities for Māori & Pasifika people to have a voice in decision-making **63%**
2. Greater recognition of Māori land rights and traditions **47%**
3. Improving education outcomes for Māori & Pasifika people **46%**

Sample size: N=37

Mahinga kai

Mahinga kai is a term that refers to iwi interests in traditional food and other natural resources, and the places where those resources are obtained. The term was used in the Crown's Settlement Offer to Ngāi Tahu.

Environment Canterbury use the term mahinga kai as part of engagement with farmers and growers on sustainable resource production.

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RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Belonging and Engagement: B-

It's a basic human need – the need to feel a connection to others, and feel like a part of something bigger. This engagement can be at a personal level – our relationships with those in our innermost networks – and at a community and civic level.

Our survey showed that there is still significant room for improvement on key indicators related to belonging and engagement:

% who agree that...



Sample size n = 843. Q: Please advise how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements

Residents of Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts are more likely to feel supported and part of a community than those in Christchurch city.



Feeling a sense of belonging is strongly linked to quality of life

Those who often feel lonely or isolated are less than half as likely to rate their quality of life as 'good'[1].

The average person can name 8 people whom we could confide in, and count on for help. For those Suffering, it's only 4.

[1] Source: Nielsen/CDHB Canterbury Wellbeing Survey (2018)

29% of people in Christchurch say they **don't** have enough contact with their family – higher than both Auckland and Wellington[1].

[1] Source: StatsNZ, General Social Survey (2016)

RATING:
B-

Opportunities for all

Our top priorities for belonging and engagement:

1. Reducing discrimination **42%**
2. Greater consultation with residents from authorities **41%**
3. More celebrations and positive shared experiences **40%**

Sample size: N=139

A sad characteristic of life in Christchurch is that, when we do come together, it's often as a result of a negative, traumatic event.

However, even though the subject may be sombre, these gatherings can have a positive effect on wellbeing. When asked what they like most about living in their community, our survey respondents were full of positive stories.

> *That we came together as a community after 15 March mosque attacks two houses away from where I live.*
>
> FEMALE, 45-54, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *Community feeling is stronger since the earthquakes than in most places.*
>
> MALE, 65+, LYTTELTON

> *Christchurch has the most beautiful and loving, friendly people.*
>
> FEMALE, 35-44, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *After what the city has been through over the last ten years, everyone feels closer.*
>
> FEMALE, 18-24, SELWYN DISTRICT

> *We are strong and resilient and usually look out for one another.*
>
> MALE, 65+, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

All three Greater Christchurch Councils offer multiple ways to get involved and have your say through community consultations and feedback channels. Try the websites below to get started:

https://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/

https://ccc.govt.nz/the-council/consultations-and-submissions/haveyoursay/

https://www.waimakariri.govt.nz/home (click 'Have a Say' in the top menu)

31% of us experience discrimination at least sometimes.

For those who have been here less than 5 years, it's **40%.**

For Māori & Pasifika residents, it's **52%.**

If you have been the victim of discrimination, the Human Rights Commission offers a free, informal enquiries and complaints service.

Call 0800 496 877.

NOTE:
Only those who selected 'Opportunities for all' as a key priority were asked this section. To reduce the length of the survey, not all respondents were asked about every area within this topic, hence the sample sizes being different.

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RATING:

A vibrant, liveable city

B

Regeneration of the central city: B-

For obvious reasons, this is not an area traditionally investigated in Vital Signs® projects. However, eight years on from the devastating earthquakes, it's clear that rebuilding the central city is still a priority for residents. Comments made in our survey were a mixture of pride at what has been achieved so far, and frustration that more hasn't been done.

Spotlight: Gap Filler

Gap Filler is a social enterprise that, since 2011, has been filling unused public spaces in Christchurch (and other cities) with '**experimental interventions**' designed to bring people back into the city for fun, sightseeing, and community participation.

So far, they have come up with over 100 installations. Some of the most well-known in Christchurch that are still operating include:

- **Dance-O-Mat on Gloucester St**
- **Super Street Arcade on Tuam St**

In partnership with Fletcher Living, Gap Filler has installed a range of activities called Placemaking at One Central, the large development on the eastern side of Manchester St. This includes, amongst other things, a hammock forest, a slackline park, the Detour bike track, and two giant swings.

Our top priorities for regenerating the central city:

1. Demolishing decrepit buildings **38%**
2. Improving traffic flow in the central city **36%**
3. Repairing roads, footpaths and shared areas **35%**
4. Events and festivals to bring more people into the central city **32%**

1300+

the number of buildings within the 'four avenues' that have been fully or partially demolished[1]

[1] Source: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11593195

Christchurch is known for its street art, much of which has appeared since the 2011 earthquakes. **Watch This Space** (watchthisspace.org.nz) is a charitable trust that conducts tours, and publishes an interactive map of street art. **86% of residents think street art improves public spaces**[1].

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council Life in Christchurch Survey, Arts,



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Regeneration of the central city: B-

Alongside the physical rebuilding of facilities and infrastructure, key to regeneration of the central city is bringing people back: to live, to work, to play, and to spend, within the four avenues.

To Michaela Blacklock from the Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce, it's the number one priority for the city:

> *"Part of that's about activating the central city and part of that's about continually trying to get the mix right"*

38% of Christchurch residents **would not move** to the central city[1].

Project 8011 is a Christchurch City Council initiative aimed at increasing the number of people living in the central city from the current 6,000 to 20,000 people by 2028[2].

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council Life in Christchurch Survey, Central City (2019)

[2] Source: https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/2905



In June 2019, ChristchurchNZ launched 'Baby Come Back', a retro, tongue-in-cheek campaign to encourage residents to return to central city. Starring 'twins' **Chadlee and Chatfield**, the campaign aims to 'create conversations, have some laughs, and encourage people to explore their CBD together', according to Tim Loftus, general manager of marketing, brand and communications[1].

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/113539888/christchurch-promotion-agencys-central-city-plea-baby-come-back

Going back to 2010 with the Re:Start mall, there have been a number of efforts by the private sector to revitalise the business and retail environment in the city. Recent years have seen a number of large new precincts open, including The Crossing (2017), Hoyts EntX (2018) and the precinct on the corner of Cashel Street and Oxford Terrace.

Coming soon are the Riverside Farmers Market, The Yard on Mollett St, and The Welder on Welles St. However, much of the eastern side of the CBD remains in a state of disrepair, including the proposed site of the new stadium in the area bounded by Madras, Hereford, Barbadoes and Tuam streets.

Did you know?

Most of the streets in central Christchurch are named after other cities and places in the Commonwealth.

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RATING:

B

A vibrant, liveable city

Getting around: B-

Christchurch is expanding geographically as its population grows. There is no other option, except for increasing the density of housing, and there is a large section (the Red Zone) that is uninhabitable. As the population grows and gets more spread out, ensuring accessible transport links becomes even more vital.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership Settlement Plan (2018) recommends additional greenfield housing areas be released in Rolleston, Rangiora and Kaiapoi, but it also acknowledges the challenges of servicing expansion areas with transport infrastructure.

Our top priorities for getting around:

1. Improving parking in the central city **42%**
2. Reducing the cost of public transport **42%**
3. Improving and upgrading suburban roads **34%**
4. Building a viable rail network **33%**

Those over 55 are much more likely to choose Getting Around as a key priority.



In October 2018, Christchurch City Council granted a temporary permit to American company Lime to trial the use of shareable e-scooters on city streets, and the green machines have become a salient feature of the city landscape. Despite some public concerns, the trial was a success, with three-quarters of respondents to a Council survey stating they felt that the e-scooters had had a positive or very positive effect on the city.

More than 100,000 people took over 400,000 trips over the summer, and it was extended for another year in February 2019. In June 2019, a new company, Beam, introduced a fleet of purple scooters, and a third competitor, Flamingo, is set to launch their fleet later in the year[1].

[1] Sources: https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3381; https://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3308



The perceived lack of free and convenient parking in the CBD continues to frustrate residents:

> *Street-side car parking must be retained / reinstated."*
>
> MALE, 55-64, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

> *Free Parking options or park and free ride"*
>
> FEMALE, 45-54, CHRISTCHURCH CITY

83% of all trips in Christchurch are by car; just **2%** are by public transport[1].

[1] Source: Household Travel Survey, Ministry of Transport (2018)

Just **27%** of Christchurch residents are satisfied with the condition of its roads, and **41%** are satisfied with footpaths (excluding the Red Zone)[1].

[1] Source : Christchurch City Council General Services Satisfaction Survey (2019)

In March 2019, Sumner Road reopened to traffic, reinstating a key transport link between the city and Lyttelton. The new road includes some scenic lookouts over Lyttelton Harbour. The Summit Road will remain closed to cars for the foreseeable future[1].

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/news/111588750/christchurchs-summit-rd-to-remain-closed-for-now

Sample size: N=325; only those who selected A vibrant, liveable city as a key priority were asked this section

RATING:
B

A vibrant, liveable city

Arts, culture & events: B

Our top priorities for arts, culture and events:

1. Attracting bigger artists to Christchurch for performances **36%**
2. More events that are family friendly **30%**
3. Making use of the Red Zone for special events **30%**

2018 saw the inaugural Night Glow festival in Hororata, Selwyn District, where hot air balloons masquerading as lanterns lit up the night sky. The event was repeated in 2019 and is planned to continue in future.

A 2018 survey by Christchurch City Council found that most resident felts the Council should do **more to celebrate Matariki**[1].

In 2019, a five-night celebration was held at The Arts Centre, with the city's libraries also hosting festivities and cultural events.

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch Survey, Arts, Culture & Heritage (2018)

Ever since the old stadium was closed, Christchurch has **struggled to attract major concerts, sporting matches, and events**, with Dunedin often the major beneficiary; a case in point being the three Ed Sheeran concerts over the Easter weekend in 2018[1].

Other venues, like Horncastle Arena, Orangetheory Stadium and Hagley Park, have limitations on attendance or in poor weather.

In February 2019, the Christchurch Town Hall reopened after eight years, and has hosted acts like Broods and US comedian Nick Offerman, with upcoming scheduled concerts from Drax Project, Kris Kristofferson, and Joe Bonamassa.

[1] Source: https://www.stuff.co.nz/entertainment/103420904/damn-why-christchurch-missed-out-on-kendrick-lamar

Christchurch's new central library, Tūranga, opened in October 2018. The multi-storey facility offers much more than books, featuring creative spaces, editing studios, a large children's play area, and a million-dollar interactive video wall.

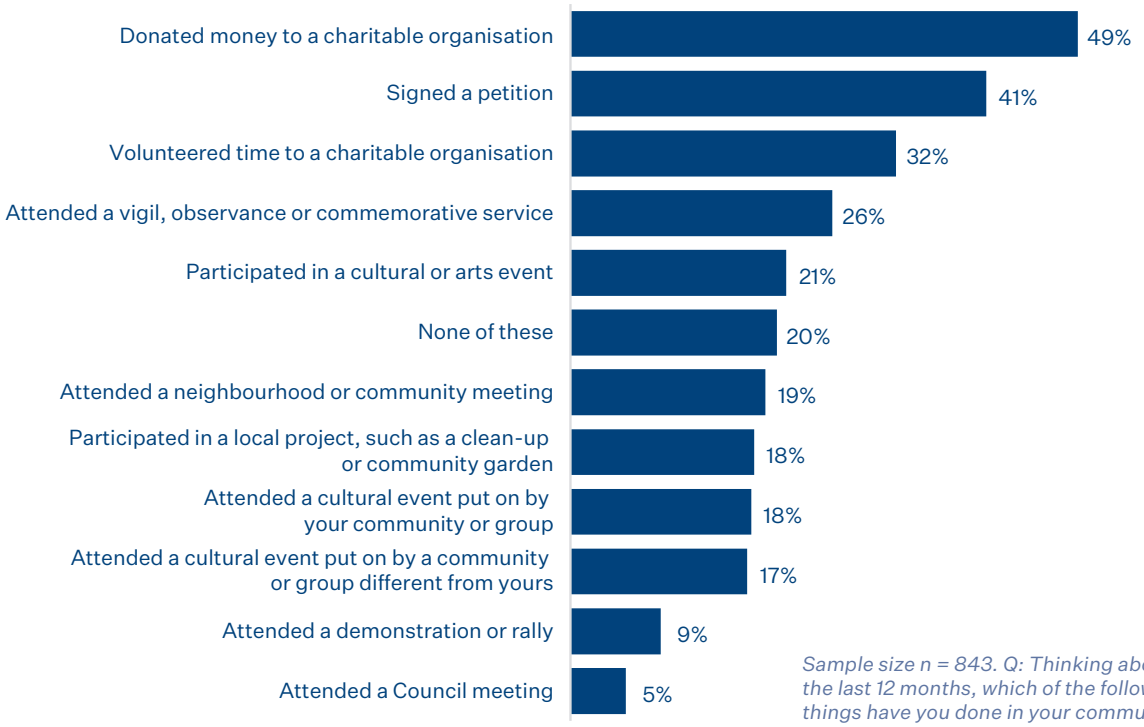


The World Buskers Festival, Lantern Festival and Botanic D'Lights were the most attended Council events in 2018[1].

[1] Source: Christchurch City Council, Life in Christchurch Survey, Arts, Culture & Heritage (2018)

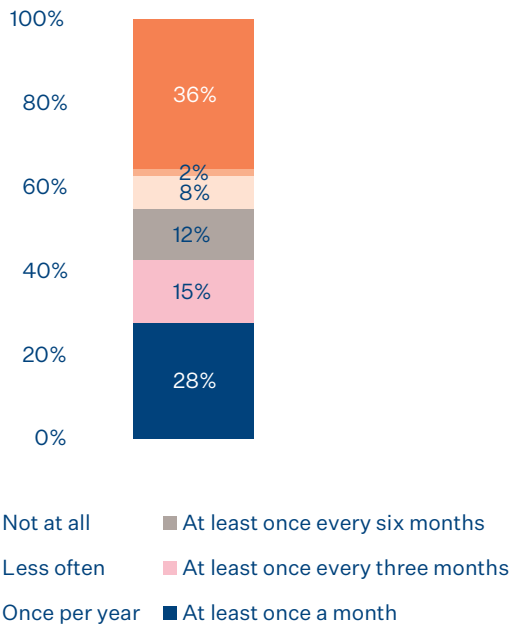
Participation and engagement

Which of the following things have you done in your community in the last 12 months?



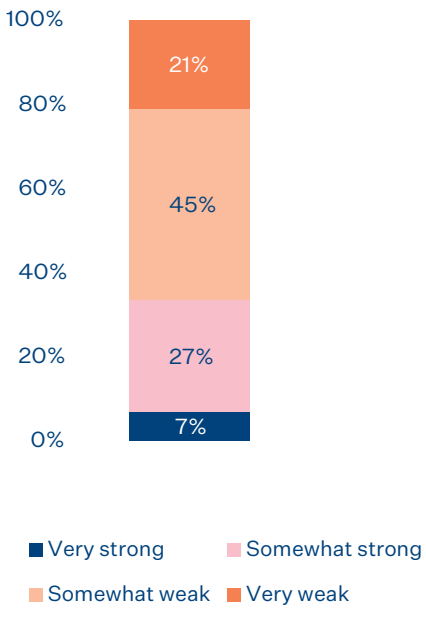
Sample size n = 843. Q: Thinking about the last 12 months, which of the following things have you done in your community?

Frequency of volunteering/donating



Sample size n = 843. Q: How often would you say you volunteer time at a charitable organisation / donate money to a charitable organisation?

Level of engagement with your local community



Sample size n = 843/560. Q: How would you describe your level of engagement with your local community? / If you wanted to become more involved in your community, would you know where to look for opportunities to do so?

Participation and engagement



When it comes to participation in public and community life, there are three distinct sections of Greater Christchurch society.

Around one in four people are very involved: they attend events, take part in civic discussions, and lend a hand or donate money frequently. This group skews a little older, is more likely to be affiliated with an organised religion, and more likely to select Kaitiakitanga as a priority.

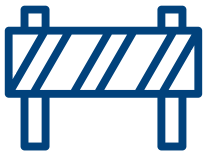
Around the same number have very low engagement and may be considered active rejectors of public participation. This leaves a significant group of people – perhaps half the population – who are open to engaging, but don't necessarily know where to begin.

Of those with weak or very weak engagement, only half say they would know where to look for opportunities to get involved.

Why is participation important?

Participation in public life is doubly valuable: it's valuable for the community, who benefit from the investment of time or money; and it's valuable for the individual. **In our survey, we found that those who are Thriving (life is good, and getting better) report higher engagement levels with their community.** According to the World Happiness Report 2019, this correlation between 'pro-social behaviour' and happiness is supported by numerous studies from around the world. Although it's not clear that volunteering causes happiness (potentially, happy people just volunteer more), several studies support the idea that donating money makes people happier[1].

[1] Helliwell, J., Layard, R., & Sachs, J. (2019). World Happiness Report 2019, New York: Sustainable Development Solutions Network



What are some of the barriers?

The experts we spoke to as part of this research were united in their agreement that Greater Christchurch, in general, is full of generous people – and also united in their opinion that more could be done to encourage and facilitate volunteering or donations. Some felt that many members of the public see the volunteering community as a clique, with some large egos. Others believe that people hold fears about volunteering, like that they will be required to commit 100% of their free time, every time, or that they don't have anything to contribute.

Mathew Mark, from Christchurch City Mission, believes he has seen a mindset shift, where people no longer wish to make general donations, but want to contribute to something that 'spins their wheels', and want charitable organisations to be accountable for demonstrating true impact.

Madeline Francis, from Youth Voice Canterbury, believes a service that connects potential volunteers with their areas of interest would be valuable. This view is backed up in our survey: 40% of people say that they have the opportunity to make a difference in their community – but 40% aren't sure. Partly this is due to being in a new area: 50% of residents have lived in their current neighbourhood for less than five years. Undoubtedly, the 2011 earthquakes and the subsequent relocation of many homes has a lot do with this, along with the natural growth of the city.

For this group – the majority of residents – the key is to **make volunteering, donation, and other participation an effortless, natural part of daily life**, so that in effect they have to choose to opt out, not to opt in.

Appendix

How was this research conducted?

The primary research method used to compile this research was an online survey, around 20 minutes long. Unless otherwise noted, all charts and figures used in this report come from this survey.

The survey was distributed via a number of methods, chiefly through an email sent to Research First's proprietary database, a telephone recruitment campaign of randomly selected residents, and via an incentivised panel. The survey was also promoted on our social media pages, and by our partners, including Youth Voice Canterbury. All respondents were awarded a modest incentive for taking part.

The survey was available to anyone who lives in the area of Greater Christchurch as described on page 5. In total, we achieved 836 completed surveys. This sample size is considered robust enough to be representative of the opinions of residents of the area. The maximum margin of error for questions answered by all is +/- 3.4% - meaning that, if you see a figure claiming that 50% of residents feel or claim something, you can be assured that the 'true' figure is somewhere between 46.6% and 53.4%%. However, please note that not every respondent answered every question. Furthermore, on occasion we have reported results amongst a sub-section of the population (like rural residents, for example). Please take note of the sample size used in each case; when the sample size is lower, the margin of error is higher.

The survey sample achieved was broadly representative of the Greater Christchurch region i.e. conformed approximately to the known proportions of the population with respect to age, gender, and location. However, weighting was required on age and gender to correct for some mild skews.

Appendix

Who took the survey?

The below tables show the breakdown of respondents to the survey in terms of the unweighted count, weighted frequency, and weighted proportion of respondents.

Gender	Male	Female	Gender-diverse	Prefer not to say	TOTAL
Unweighted count n=	363	468	3	2	836
Weighted count n=	419	419	3	2	843
Weighted proportion	49.7%	49.7%	0.4%	0.2%	100%

Age	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Prefer not to say	TOTAL
Unweighted count n=	78	150	120	138	152	196	2	836
Weighted count n=	114	162	171	149	98	147	2	843
Weighted proportion	13.5%	19.2%	20.3%	17.7%	11.6%	17.5%	0.2%	100%

Location of residence	Christchurch City	Greater Lyttelton	Selwyn District	Waimakariri District	TOTAL
Unweighted count n=	730	18	49	39	836
Weighted count n=	730	15	54	43	843
Weighted proportion	86.7%	1.7%	6.5%	5.1%	100%

Household income	Under $30,000	$30,001 - $50,000	$50,001 - $70,000	$70,001 - $100,000	$100,001+	Not sure	Prefer not to say	TOTAL
Unweighted count n=	129	125	116	117	188	48	113	836
Weighted count n=	126	121	115	118	203	52	107	843
Weighted proportion	14.9%	14.3%	13.7%	14.0%	24.1%	6.2%	12.7%	100%

As part of the research project, Research First also conducted interviews with a number of community organisations, charities, and other interest groups in the Christchurch region, some of whom are quoted in this report. We would like to once again thank all of these contributors, who generously volunteered their time.

To compile this report, a significant amount of secondary research and information was also consulted, from trusted sources such as Christchurch City Council, ChristchurchNZ, the Greater Christchurch Partnership, Nielsen, and Statistics NZ. The authors would also like to acknowledged the excellent work that has been done in Vital Signs® in New Zealand, and around the world, much of which has been a source of inspiration for this report.

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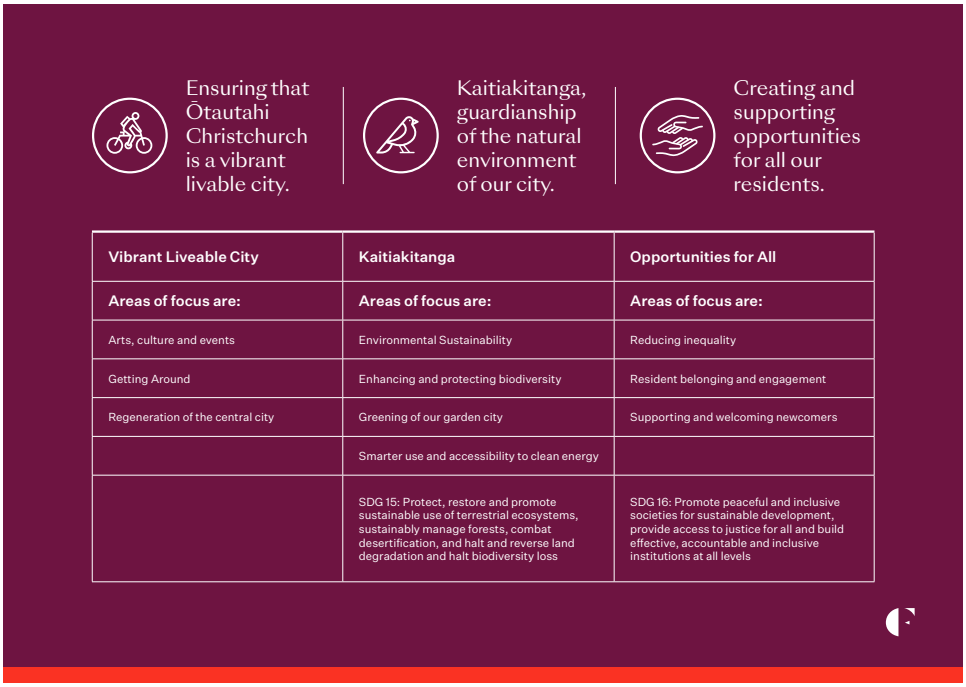
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Research Context

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In mid-2019, Research First conducted a significant piece of research, on behalf of the Christchurch Foundation, called Vital Signs. Vital Signs was a snapshot of life in Greater Christchurch at the time: how we were feeling, what was important to us, and what were the areas of greatest need. Its purpose was to help the Foundation decide where to make its endowments and distributions, to provide the greatest benefit to the city. This research combined expert interviews with a quantitative survey of over 700 residents.

One of the uses of the Vital Signs research was to inform the Foundation's 'Strategy to 2025', released in May 2020. This strategy included three primary areas of focus for the community:



One year on from the original research, a lot has changed in Greater Christchurch. Most significantly, the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated lockdown have had immediate and obvious effects on people's home lives, work, and social interactions.

Christchurch Foundation was interested in investigating the fallout from this major event, and in particular whether it has shifted the community's priorities.

A second, smaller survey was commissioned to assay whether the Foundation's stated priorities were still aligned with community needs and expectations.

Findings

2

2.1 The COVID-19 effect

COVID-19 has taken its toll. The main sources of stress in people's lives are related to work and employment (and, for younger respondents, education). The uncertainty of the economic environment is causing stress for residents, with parents particularly concerned about the welfare of their children, now and in the future.

Top causes of stress in your life right now

2020	% of respondents mentioned	2019	% of respondents mentioned
Work/employment	29%	Finances	28%
Family-related issues	22%	Health /Mental health issues	14%
Finances	17%	Work related issues	10%
Health issues	9%	Family related issues	8%
Education issues	6%	Education issues	4%
COVID-19	6%	Lack of employment	4%

Q: What would you say is the biggest cause of stress in your life right now? Coded verbatim responses. Sample size n=203.

> *Not having a job. I was made redundant. – Female, 45-54, Heathcote-Spreydon Ward*

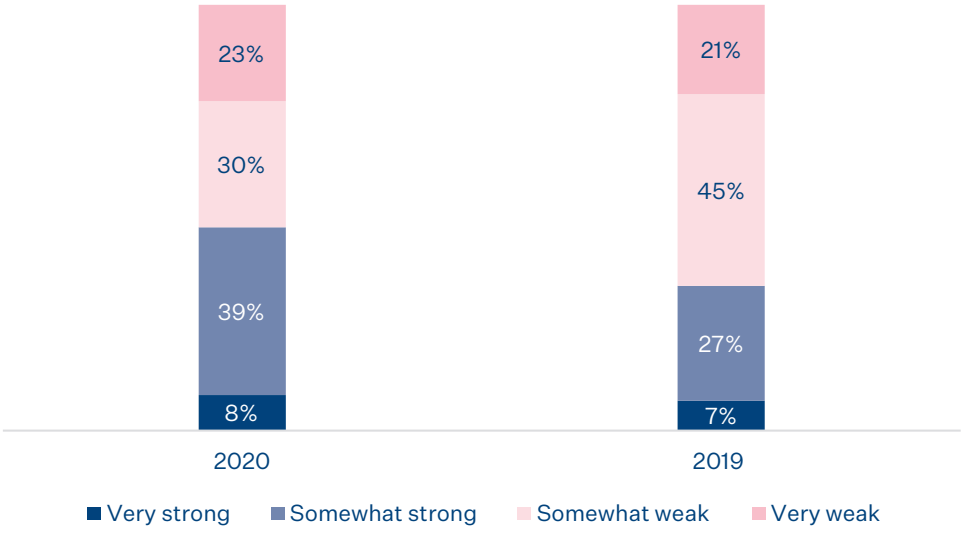
> *Just the situation with lockdown and coronavirus just the world is a bit stressful at the moment I think. – Female, 45-54, Waimakariri District*

> *Just worrying about the kids growing up. – Male, 45-54, Banks Peninsula*

> *Mixture of my family's reaction to what's going on with the changing nature of work and/or just being worried about the future of our country and whether the future will be an equitable future. – Male, 25-34, Fendalton-Waimairi Ward*

However, it's possible that the lockdown has had some positive effects on the community, with reported levels of engagement improving year-on-year.

Level of engagement with your community



Q: How would you describe your level of engagement with your local community? Sample size n=203.

Engagement remains lowest amongst those under 35, and those without children in the household.

However, COVID-19 hasn't substantially changed peoples' priorities.

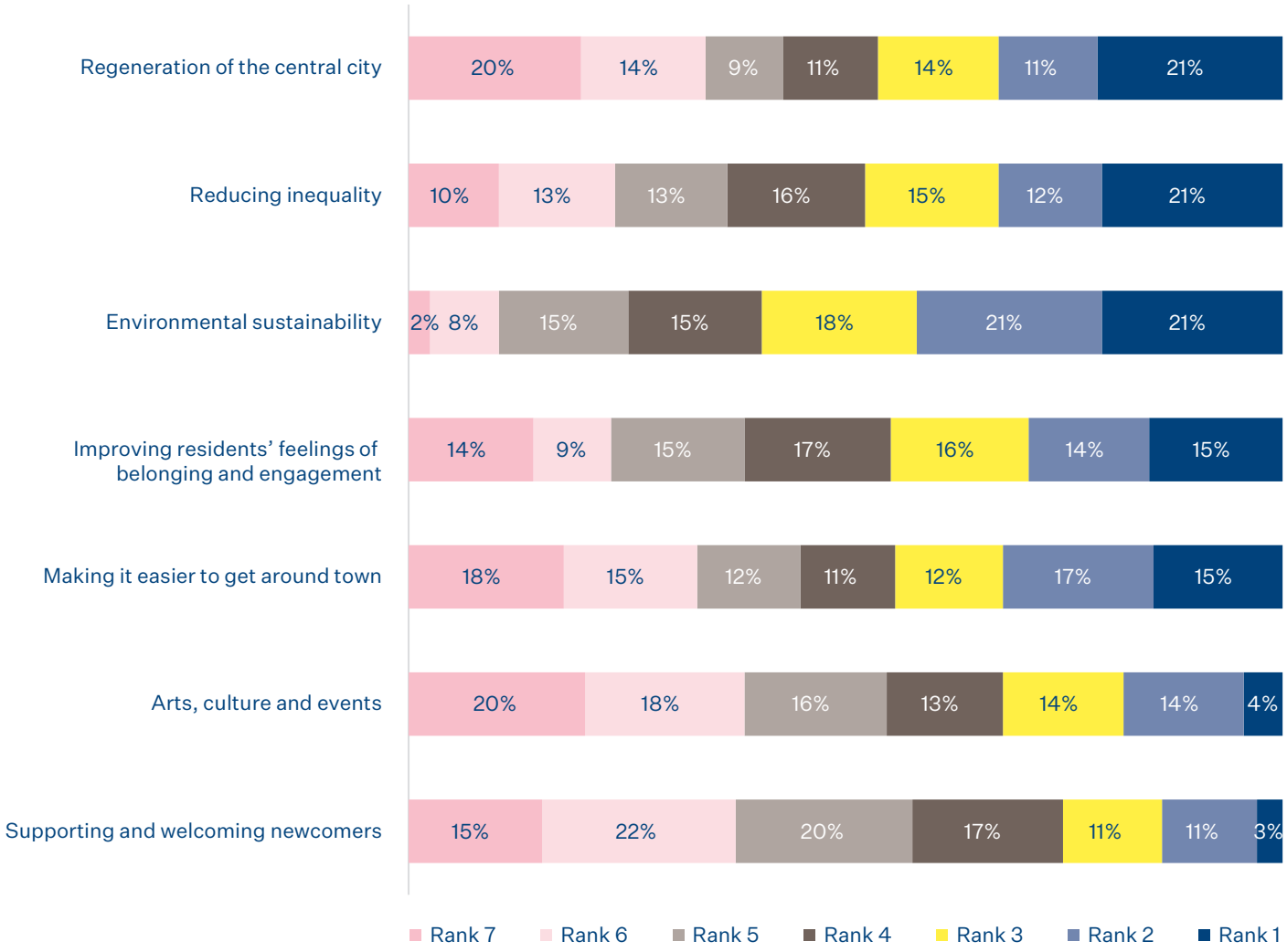
Just 19% agree that their views about the most important issues to address in Greater Christchurch have changed as a result of Covid-19 or the lockdown.

2.2 Community priorities

When asked to rank the seven key issues identified in the 'Strategy to 2025', opinion was split fairly evenly between five of them, in terms of what is most important.

Around one in five believe environmental sustainability, reducing inequality, and the regeneration of the central city to be most important.

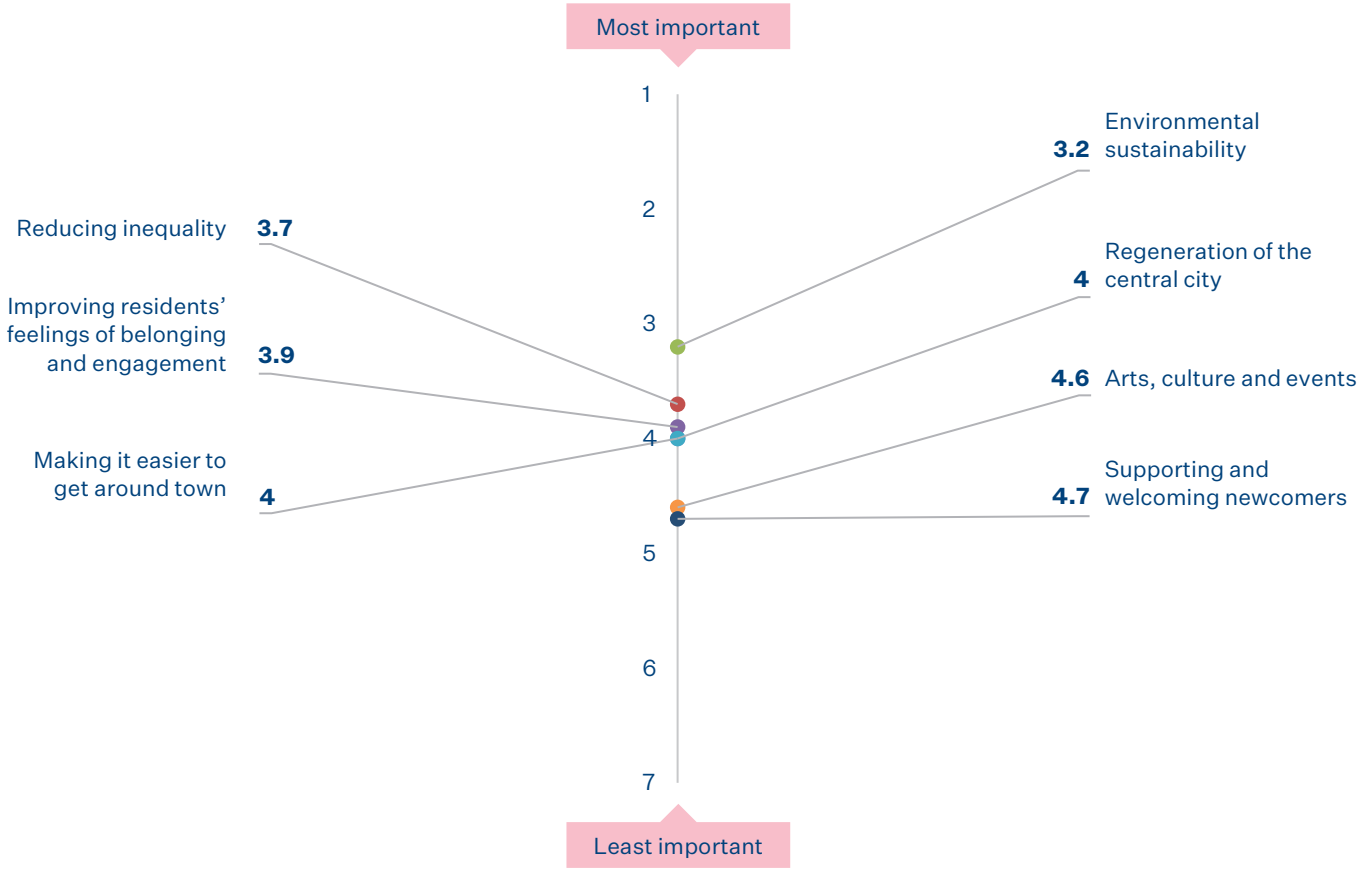
Ranking of key issues in the city



Q: We would like to ask you to rate the following issues from 1 (most important) to 7 (least important). Sample size n=203.

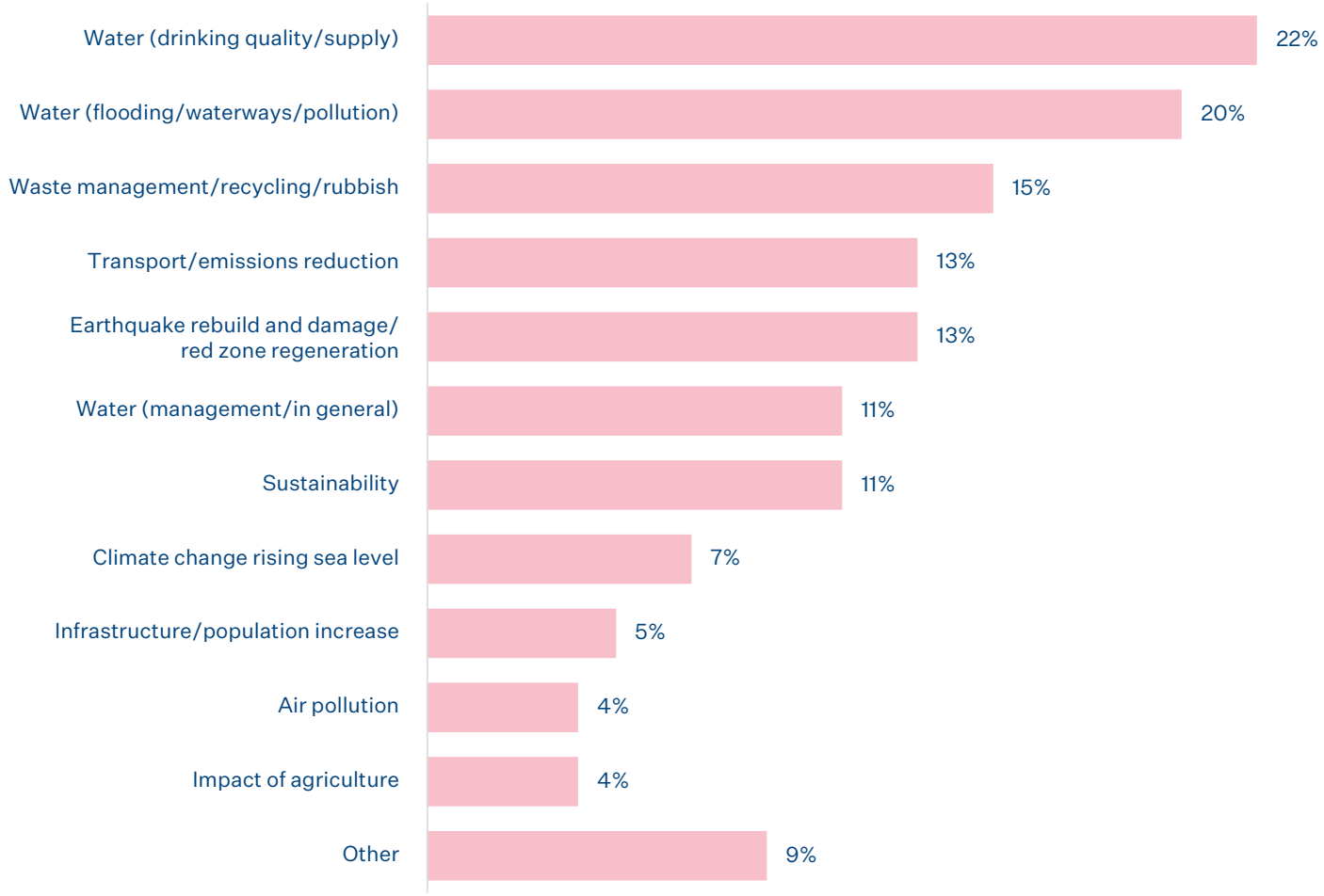
However, when looking at all the rankings, it's clear that environmental sustainability comes out on top as the key issue residents want addressed. Very few ranked this issue last, and 60% had it in their top three. This gives environmental sustainability the highest average rank.

Average rank of key issues in the city



Probing further on this issue, it's clear that water quality and waterway management are the main concerns residents have about the environment.

Main environmental challenge facing Christchurch over the next 5-10 years



Q: What do you think is the main environmental challenge facing Christchurch over the next five to ten years? Sample size n=101. Only those who ranked 'Environmental sustainability' in their top three were asked this question.

> *Water - I think we have to protect our aquifers and do something about the people trying use our water unsustainably - it has to be sustainable. – Female, 55-64, Fendalton-Waimairi Ward*

> *I live near the river so the health of our rivers should be the next most important thing - the Avon River's shot and there are a lot of other rivers that are dried up or contaminated. – Male, 65+, Burwood-Pegasus Ward*

> *Our rivers and streams are polluted, and I'm not sure our strategy is adequate enough to handle it, plus we have the anomaly of imposing water restrictions on one hand, while giving it away to other countries with the other. – Male, 55-64, Shirley-Papanui Ward*

Several other issues not included in the list are also front of mind for residents, although none stands out as more important than the Foundation's chosen priorities. It's clear that the state of disrepair of parts of the city, particularly the roads in the east, still weigh on residents' minds

> *The horribly continuous road works and alterations and lack of visible progress in so many ways. – Male, 65+, Shirley-Papanui Ward*

2.3 Christchurch Foundation

It's clear that the Christchurch Foundation has a role to play in helping the city to recover from the latest in a number of significant setbacks. However, one setback the Foundation will itself need to over come is its limited awareness in the community.

Only 25% claim to have heard of the Christchurch Foundation. This awareness level is consistent across all demographics and areas.

Research Method

3

This research is based on a survey of n=203 residents of the Greater Christchurch region, defined as those communities within an approximately 30 minute commute from the central city. This includes the Lyttelton area, and parts of Selwyn and Waimakariri District such as Rolleston, West Melton and Rangiora.

All surveys were conducted over the phone between July 1 and July 11 2020.

The survey sample can be considered broadly representative of the Greater Christchurch area, with a maximum margin of error of +/-6.9%.

Loose quotas were set and achieved on gender, age, and location within Greater Christchurch, as represented in the below table.

Survey sample

	Sample frequency (n=)	Sample proportion
Gender		
Male	93	46%
Female	108	53%
Nonbinary	2	1%
Age		
18-24	28	14%
25-34	26	13%
35-44	38	19%
45-54	38	19%
55-64	32	16%
65+	41	20%
Location		
Burwood-Pegasus Ward	24	12%
Fendalton-Waimairi Ward	36	18%
Ferrymead-Hagley Ward	29	14%
Heathcote-Spreydon Ward	35	17%
Riccarton-Wigram Ward	22	11%
Shirley-Papanui Ward	27	13%
Lyttelton area	3	1%
Selwyn District	11	5%
Waimakariri District	16	8%

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CHRISTCHURCH FOUNDATION

Briefing Paper: The Selwyn Fund

10 January 2023

Project brief	
Delivery entity	The Christchurch Foundation (CF)
Advisory group	TBC
Brief for	Development of an Endowment Fund for the benefit of the residents of Selwyn District.

Summary

The Christchurch Foundation's catchment area includes both the Selwyn and Waimakariri Districts. Residents and businesses operating within the three local authority boundaries are interwoven. Despite the interconnectivity there remains distinct identities for each of the communities. The Selwyn District is fast growing and evolving. This has seen pressure put on many of the long-standing local charitable organisations for their services, and the charitable needs of the community is also changing.

The Christchurch Foundation is a Community Foundation. The model has been extraordinarily successful in New Zealand over the last 25 years and in North America and Europe for over 100 years. The movement in New Zealand was initially established, by and continues to have the support of, Sir Stephen Tindall. More information about community foundations can be found here. A useful video explaining our model can be found here.

The Foundation's purpose is to grow philanthropy for the benefit/betterment of the communities in Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri. The Foundation is impact-led and focused on delivering long-term positive outcomes for its area's people. All its systems for collecting and distributing money, investment management, impact reporting is in place, and it is best practice.

As well as supporting corporate and legacy generosity here in New Zealand, the foundation has live programmes to support expatriates and global funders in their giving to greater Christchurch. There is a sister organization already established with charitable status in the UK and Wales, and work is underway on programmes in the United States and Australia.

Currently, there are no large-scale funding programmes, aside from what is run by the Council, specifically for the district's benefit. This is a gap, and there is a perception, from those we have talked to in the district where Selwyn charities often miss out to the higher profile entities based within Christchurch.

The Christchurch Foundation is proposing the development of a Selwyn Fund to address this need.

The fund would provide a perpetual vehicle that is specific to the district, that people and organisations can gift to, and that then provides financial support to not-for-profits based there. This would be an endowment fund, administered by the Christchurch Foundation but with a unique look and feel specific to Selwyn.

Establishment of a fund such as this is timely as we are at the beginning of the largest intergenerational wealth transfer the western world has ever seen, with baby boomers considering now what their legacy, through their estate, will be.

Additionally global trends in giving show a strong trend to place based giving, which this model would provide. For example, “I want to give to support children in Selwyn” where in the past the location has not been as important.

Nicola Grigg hosted a meeting with Amy Carter, Sam Broughton, and Grant Miller in late 2022 to discuss if there was a need/opportunity. The outcome of that meeting was that the Christchurch Foundation would develop this paper to aid in the further discussion around the potential formation of the Fund.

Recommended Approach

The Christchurch Foundation would establish a Donor Advised Fund (DAF).

They have in place the systems and expertise to do this, and a proven record of accomplishment of growing generosity for the benefit of the communities it services.

A DAF is where any money raised is invested within their portfolio so it can grow and become a long-term reliable income stream for Selwyn’s not-for-profits. The income earned is distributed to any local causes through an application process. This leaves the original fund intact so it can continue to benefit Selwyn well into the future.

The Foundation’s giving model means that invested donations go further (and forever) by enabling public generosity to have an ongoing impact in the Selwyn community.

The Fund sits in the Foundation’s main pool of investments, managed by professional advisors so it can realise the benefits of being in a larger group of funding. We use global brands like PWC for

auditing and KPMG for accounting, and reputable fund managers, so donors can be assured of financial accountability.

Prior to Covid-19 other community foundations of New Zealand typically earnt 7.5% (and up to 14%). The Christchurch Foundation takes 2% of the capital every year to help cover admin costs. Alternatively, these costs could be covered by funding from other sources as is the case with the Green Philanthropy Fund where Environment Canterbury covers the administration costs. This model is attractive to some more traditional donors who don't like supporting running costs.

The fund would have its own identity, website, social media, and marketing material, that would be supported seamlessly by the Christchurch Foundation's software and systems.

A local advisory board would be established to aid in the development of the fund, including its purpose, brand, granting process, appointment of an ambassador so that the fund is a true reflection of the district and was developed by the district, for the in-perpetuity benefit of the district.

As with DAF's, a distribution committee would be formed to decide what charitable projects receive funding. This would be made up of appointed people from the Selwyn District, along with a Christchurch Foundation Trustee and CE to ensure operational continuity.

Next Steps:

1. Establish an advisory group.
2. Identify local influencers to discuss the concept with/seek feedback from.
3. If agreed to proceed, seek founding funders/sponsors to cover the establishment costs, and potentially the annual administration costs.
4. Develop framework of the fund (purpose, gifting mechanisms, brand, collateral).
5. Secure Ambassador.
6. Secure founding gift.
7. Public launch.

Cost Estimates

Annual cost estimates excl GST		
Administration contribution	Contribution to Christchurch Foundation's financial reporting, data entry, CRM/software costs, legal costs, travel etc.	$30,000.00
Marketing	Printing, advertising, domain	$15,000.00
Events (small scale x3 pa)	simple catering, venue hire etc.	$5,000.00
	Total	**$45,000.00**

Launch specific costs (one off)		
Marketing	video, web, and social media set up, banners, pamphlets, posters	$20,000.00
Launch event	catering, etc.	$5,000.00
	Total	**$25,000.00**
Nice to have		
Selwyn Generosity Manager	Dedicated resource, on the ground, to grow the fund (.25 FTE - contractor)	$25,000.00
	Costs (internet, phone)	$1,500.00
	Total	**$26,500.00**

Annual cost estimate includes

The fee includes the following costs incurred by CF:

- Accounting and audit fees
- Transaction fees
- Legal fees
- Software licensing, website hosting, domain, CRM fees.
- Time/expertise from CF staff, trustees and probono partners

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Submitter:	gerard dobson

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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First name: gerard **Last name:** dobson

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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
we should have park and ride in the near future for lincoln. properties have already been purchased.

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 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% *

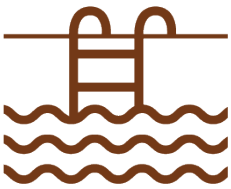
Please add any comments you may have

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?

Any comments?

Economic Development

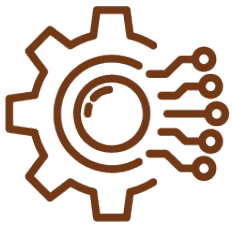
We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



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

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?

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 support the proposed 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.

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

I support in principle the selwyn district long term plan but must make submissions conerning lincoln. edward and gerald sts are used by many large trucks- consideration must be given to a heavy traffic bypass. as soon as practical gerald st from james st to vernon tce should be a 30 kph zone- 50 kph is too dangerous. the existing 58 angle parks should be retained- they are not dangerous and are a more efficient form of car parking. the lincoln park and ride proposal should be implimented as soon as practical, suitable properties have already been purchased. finally there is an urgent need for a well thought out and SAFE cycleway from ellesmere rd to springs rd. the existing "cycleways" are either dangerous or non existent. I suggest a two way cycleway on the northern side of edward st and gerald st with no vehicular parking on that side from ellesmere rd to springs rd. this cycleway (or some other form) should be a priority to keep our children, school/college pupils, university students and all other cyclists safe- it is the least you can do as a council. I am happy to speak to my submission in person, kind regards gerard dobson.

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: 1293 - Renée Habluetzel

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Organisation:	Kea Conservation Trust

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Renée **Last name:** Habluetzel

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Organisation: Kea Conservation Trust

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

Feedback

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I am attaching the Kea Conservation Trust biodiversity submission from 2023 for consideration to the LTP.

The main problem facing kea in our village is access to food which brings them close to the main road where they are often hit by vehicles or brings them into contact with other dangers such as poisons, including lead, or electrical wiring. The nature and risks of keahuman interactions and the fact that these interactions frequently occur on land that is not public conservation land, but is subject to territorial authority regulation (such as local roads, private property and council property) means that the district has a key role to play in kea protection.

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

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Kea Conservation Trust submission on SDC draft Biodiversity Strategy Final

Kea Conservation Trust Submission on the draft Biodiversity Strategy for Selwyn District

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15th December 2023

The Kea Conservation Trust was set up in 2006 to assist in conservation of wild Kea (Nestor notabilis) in their natural habitat and to increase the husbandry standards and advocacy potential of those Kea held in captive facilities within New Zealand. The Kea Conservation Trust was registered as a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005

Kea are of particular importance for the Selwyn Biodiversity Strategy because as well as being endangered and iconic they are also active off public conservation land on land that is owned, managed or regulated by Selwyn District including local roads, Selwyn District assets and on private and other land regulated under the District Plan and subject to bylaws.

The Trust is a charitable organisation with a strong community focus, which is dedicated to the conservation of kea, one of New Zealand's most charismatic flagship species. We achieve these objectives through partnerships with people and communities to research and raise awareness of kea, their habitat and the unique issues impacting on kea and our fragile NZ mountain ecosystems. We also investigate and initiate practical methods of mitigating impacts through promoting community conservation efforts and collaborating with relevant community groups and stakeholders.

KEA CONSERVATION TRUST

This information is disseminated free through our website, Facebook page, email updates to over 500 subscribers and annual reports to members, community talks and presentations, professional conferences and scientific papers, and production of free education material and promotional material (DVDs/books) for schools and community groups.

We are active in helping protect kea in the Selwyn District with a focus on managing human-kea interactions. The District is a key location for kea in New Zealand and Arthur's Pass was the venue for a recent Kea Recovery Group meeting for that reason. The first ever Kea Konvention was held in Arthur's Pass in 2017, supported by DOC

Work that the Trust does in the District includes:

- Lead removal project – A Jobs for Nature funded project to remove lead building material in areas where kea are present and which has led to lead removal from most structures in Arthur's Pass Village.
- Kea patrol – A new initiative with Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust and Fulton Hogan to help protect Kea in Arthur's Pass village. This includes cleaning up food and removing anything that could harm kea, reporting any matters of concern
- Advocating for lower speeds – supporting the Arthur's Pass community to make a submission to Waka Kotahi which includes letters of support from all local businesses, Arthur's Pass Association, YMCA, Arthurs Pass Wildlife Trust as well as Kea Conservation Trust.
- Seeking a by-law to manage kea feeding off public conservation land
- Working with Forest & Bird and DOC to transport sick and injured birds to the South Island Wildlife Hospital

In this work the Trust partners with the Department of Conservation, Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust, Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society, The Kind Foundation (formerly YMCA).

The main problem facing kea in our village is access to food which brings them close to the main road where they are often hit by vehicles or brings them into contact with other dangers such as poisons, including lead, or electrical wiring. The nature and risks of kea-human interactions and the fact that these interactions frequently occur on land that is not public conservation land, but is subject to territorial authority regulation (such as local roads, private property and council property) means that the district has a key role to play in kea protection.

The changes that the Kea Conservation Trust wants to see in the strategy are:

Acknowledgment of the organisations protecting kea

Organisations that help protect kea in Arthur's Pass include the Arthur's Pass Wildlife Trust, South Island Wildlife Hospital (SIWH) The Kind Foundation, Forest & Bird.

Inclusion of kea in the list of Special Features of Selwyn's Biodiversity

Kea should be added to section 3.2 of the strategy as a special feature of Selwyn's biodiversity. Our proposed wording is:

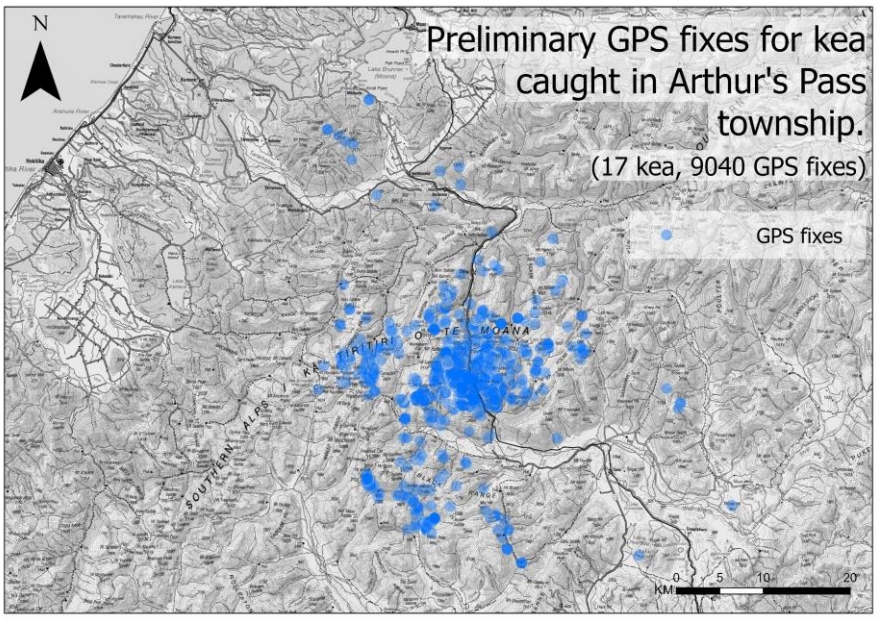
"Kea (Nestor notabilis) – Threatened – Nationally Endangered. Kea are the only mountain parrot species in the world and now number fewer than 5,000 individuals in the wild. They occur throughout the mountain lands of the District and are frequently visible in and around Arthur's Pass Village, Arthur's Pass National Park and the skifields."

Ensuring kea are acknowledged across their range

Kea should be added to the list of species in the High Country and Foothills landscape types as they utilise all of these landscapes as well as in the montane and subalpine landscape. Restoration of eastern populations of kea through improved pest control is likely to lead to more presence at the margins of the Southern Alps. Pests, lead and human interactions should be identified as key threats in all landscape types utilized by kea.

Information on the locations of kea sightings held by the Department of Conservation in relation to public conservation land in the District shows that kea have been observed from the Main Divide through to the foothills of the Kowai River valley and the uppe Selwyn River catchment: https://doc-deptconservation.opendata.arcgis.com/datasets/79ea1d1b63fa436ca8702b1d459b4e7f_0/explore?location=-43.306798%2C171.799808%2C11.54

Similarly mapping of kea caught in Arthur's Pass Village and then released with GPS trackers shows that kea travel outside the national park into the surrounding high country



Map courtesy of Jodanne Aitken, Kea Ecology PhD candidate, Lincoln University

Action to protect kea

Goal 4: There should be an action attached to Goal 4 about supporting communities to manage interaction with kea, including through the development of a bylaw to ban kea feeding on non-conservation land except for a conservation purpose and through advocacy to other agencies such as NZTA Waka Kotahi about the importance of managing kea-human interactions.

Sincerely,

Renée Habluetzel

Details of submitter No: 1281 - Renée Habluetzel

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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

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.

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

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Organisation: Arthur's Pass Historic Group

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	APHG LTP submission FINAL

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.

Details of submitter No: 1485 - Simon Osborne

Submitter:	Simon Osborne
Organisation:	Doyleston Resident Committee

Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL

Leeston 2/5/24

Submission Form – Long-Term Plan 2024-34

For Council use: submission number

Note to submitters

You do not have to answer every question. You can make a general submission or submit on matters not included in the consultation document by completing the other comments section at the end of this form. If you need extra space for your submission use additional paper (please include your name on additional sheets).

All submissions will be considered by Council before making a decision.

Anyone can make a submission. All submissions, including the names and contact details of submitters, are publicly available, as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Submissions will be used only for the purpose of this consultation process.

Submissions close at 5pm on Thursday 2 May 2024. All submissions need to be returned to the Council Rolleston office or one of our four libraries and service centres by this time to be considered. Any submissions recieved after this time will not be considered.

Submitter details

Please note: all fields marked with an asterisk (*) are compulsory

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Are you submitting on behalf of an organisation?*

☑ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of the organisation*

Dowlestan Residents Committee

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person?*

☑ Yes ☐ No

Our Big Decisions

1 What is your view on building three new Park and Ride facilities in Lincoln and Rolleston and upgrading bus stops?

- [ ] Only carry out the work if the Council receives co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.
- [ ] Carry out the work regardless of co-funding.
- [ ] Delay the work until the next Long-Term Plan when funding options might be clearer.

Any other comments?

2a What is your view on delivering Whata Rau?

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] Build Whata Rau as agreed in our 2021-31 Long-Term Plan, using the design already completed to meet the needs identified by the community.
- [ ] Build Whata Rau with additional sports courts and/or bigger community meeting spaces.
- [ ] Build Whata Rau, using a more standard, simplified design with the same floor space and cultural narrative, but without the same flexibility to meet the needs already identified.

Any other comments?

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- [ ] Do nothing. Only carry out routine maintenance to replace old and unsafe items.
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Any other comments?

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- [ ] Do not build a community recreation and sports facility at Darfield.
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Any other comments?

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Please See Attached Submission




Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Doyleston Residents Committee LTP submission

The Doyleston Residents Committee have been the custodians of Osborne Park since 1911, and of the hall since 2000 . Until the summary dissolution in 2022 we were a community committee of the Selwyn District Council (SDC).

The committee have continued to meet on a regular monthly basis and made every effort to stay engaged with the SDC. The land was gifted to the Doyleston community for the purpose of recreation and was held by the Crown. The hall was gifted and established by local community members.

All of the maintenance and planting of the grounds has been undertaken by the committee and the local community on a voluntary basis. Funding where needed has come from donations, grants and the SDC.

In recent times the SDC has been progressively centralising control of community assets (held on behalf of the community). This deliberate de-localisation has been done without any meaningful consultation with the communities involved.

Osborne Park and its facilities have been maintained and presented to a very high standard as a result of a very engaged committee and community members. Recently our groundskeeper John McCartin (who is a 2023 SDC award winner for volunteer work) has been told via a third party that he is dismissed from his job as of July 2024 and CORDE will take over. This action by the SDC is the final straw for the Doyleston community, who have suffered a diminution of mana as a result of the constant erosion of local input and engagement during the process of centralisation. The Doyleston Residents Committee are unanimously resolved in the presentation of this submission to regain our role of Kaitiaki of our park.

Our Submission

The Doyleston Residents Committee will have a formalised structure, such as an Incorporated Society or Charitable Trust.

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The Doyleston Residents Committee will in cooperation with SDC ensure proper OSH training for key personal and operate in a safe and responsible manner.

The Osborne Park facilities are currently used on a regular basis by.

Ellesmere Archery- who have their own use agreement with SDC. The Doyleston Residents Committee fully support the club's submission to the LTP.

Civil Defence-base for Doyleston and Irwell.

The Vintage Club.

Ellesmere Tennis.

Local Play Centres.

In Conclusion

The Doyleston community are highly engaged with the Doyleston Residents Committee and Osborne Park. We believe the above arrangement would continue to improve the engagement and involvement of our local community.

We see tremendous value in having volunteers run a community facility as it increases social engagement, mental health and provides an opportunity for people to work together providing community fellowship.

There would be significant cost savings for the SDC both in administration and servicing, with the day-to-day operations and responsibility being that of the local community.

We look forward to negotiating the details with the SDC.

Details of submitter No: 1426 - As above As above

Submitter:	As above As above
Organisation:	Prebbleton Public Hall Society Incorporated

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 29/04/2024
First name: As above **Last name:** As above

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

Please add any comments you may have
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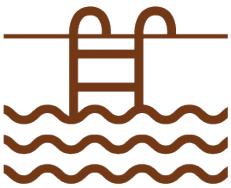
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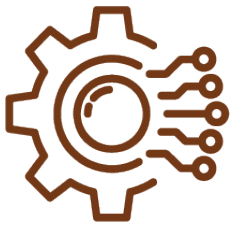


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Any comments?

Have to prioritise spending

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If it improves the speed of engagement and delivery then yes.

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

Please add any comments you may have
Greater need in Prebbleton for a new facility

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Project cost:
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Funding:
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Please add any comments you may have
Greater need in the third largest Selwyn Township of Prebbleton

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Attached Documents

Link	File
	Draft Submission

Since about 2008, Selwyn district Council has been considering a Community Facility for Prebbleton. See Council document excerpts below:

2010 Prebbleton Structure Plan

8.13. Community Facilities

'As the community grows it is likely that the existing community hall will be inadequate and a replacement facility will be required. Two potential sites for a new hall and associated car parking are on the frontage of the Meadow Mushrooms site or in the commercial zone'

The projected growth plan for this document shows a population of just under 5000 i 2041:- a figure that was reached in 2021 ie in 10yrs not 30yrs

Table 3: BERL Population and household projection

Year	2008	2011	2016	2026	2041	Total increase
Population	2121	2492	3173	4775	4962	2841
Households	702	882	1189	1816	1870	1168
Average h/hold size	3.02	2.83	2.67	2.63	2.65	

2016 Eastern Selwyn Community Spaces Plan

A 5. Fast Track and Future Proof Key Council Community Space Builds/Redevelopments Key Projects could include:

§ Rolleston Library and associated community spaces
§ Foster Recreation Park
§ West Melton Community Centre
§ Selwyn Aquatic Centre Upgrade
§ Prebbleton Community Centre

NB. All of these Fast Track projects have been completed except the Prebbleton Community Centre.

2018 Community Facilities Activity Management Plan

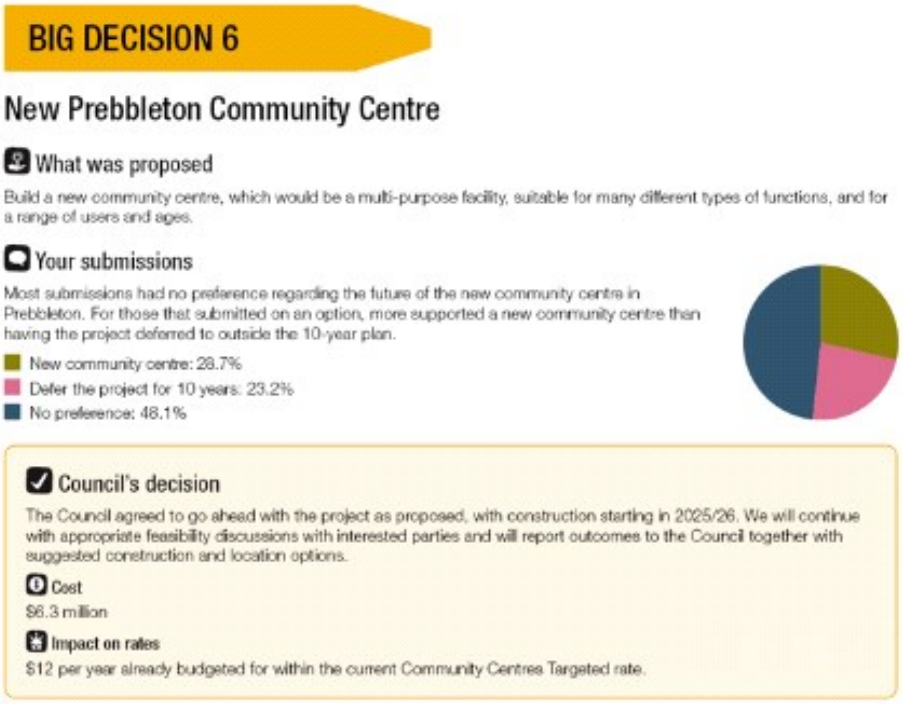
$5.5 million allocated to be built 2019 - 2021

Prebbleton – An area of significant population size and projected population growth, and the existing community hall is no longer suitable or able to cope with demand. The existing Hall is on a small site (already has maximum site coverage) and there are currently issues with a lack of on-site car parking with the facility located on a main arterial road. The Strategic Plan (2013) made a recommendation to replace this facility with a larger more flexible 'hub' facility, to cope with population growth and provide support to smaller 'local' facilities nearby (Ladbrooks, Broadfield). A site for the facility has yet to be confirmed, but options include the Prebbleton Domain where it could consolidate facilities and create a community recreation hub. There is no

area for future expansion of either the building or parking on the existing site. A larger facility would also assist with local school needs, who have outgrown their current hall. The project is currently planned for 2019-21 with an indicative cost of $5.5 million.

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Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031
$6.3 million allocated to be built 2025 - 2026



note the Council's decision was to go ahead with construction starting in 2025/26

However the draft LTP 2024-2034 no longer has a date for building this facility. There is only a mention on page 51 of planning to do further investigations on the likely costs of these facilities (Prebbleton and two new proposals in Rolleston) over the next three years, with a plan to build them between 2027-2034, if consultation is positive once plans and costs are known.

This is simply not good enough. Prebbleton has waited long enough and needs this facility now.
We expect SDC to put this project back in the LTP for 2025/26, and to do the right thing by your constituents in Prebbleton, who are feeling distinctly uncared for and poorly represented.

Details of submitter No: 45 - John Ridgen

Submitter:	John Ridgen

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 04/04/2024
First name: John **Last name:** Ridgen

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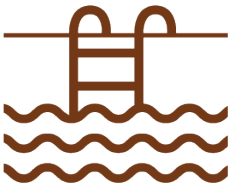
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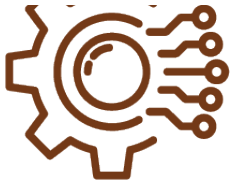
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Details of submitter No: 1508 - Michael Jones

Submitter:	Michael Jones

Submission to Selwyn District Council on a future community building to Replace the current Prebbleton Hall

I am Michael Jones a Prebbleton resident and committee member of the Prebbleton hall and make this individual submission. I will draw information from SDC long term plan, Berl information and the redacted report of Global Leisure Group.

1) The current hall is approximately 100 years old, has suffered earthquake damage and will not be usable after 2035.
2) The Hall is well used and is close to effective capacity but not suitable for the change in future community requirements, the land and premises are debt free and most operating expenses met from income with funds held on term deposit demonstrate the profitable operation over many years by an effective committee of volunteers.
3) A future community facility should have sufficient flexible divisible space to allow indoor sports as well as being useable for larger gatherings for social and other community events. Whilst a central siting is convenient there are few undeveloped sites available and most would have issues with vehicle movements as Prebbleton proximity to the motorway and the growth and proximity of Lincoln means Prebbleton's main road is increasingly busy. The lack of public transport however is unlikely to be detrimental to a site not central as a majority of residents already use or have to use own transport as there is little public transport available.
4) A new site should also have sufficient car parking with provision for bikes.
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6) Prebbleton's current population is approx. 5,500 and expected to grow to 9-10,000 over a period which is difficult to estimate in view of the likely recession and general high costs through inflation which is not reducing at a rate RBNZ considers suitable to allow interest rates to be reduced.
7) Considering population growth in the short/medium term 1-5 years a new facility is urgent and should be the number 1 priority for SDC – I will expand on this later in my submission.
8) The GLG report dated 13/9/2023 estimates a population increase of 4653-5556 in the next decade so planning for a population of 9-10,000 is reasonable. BERL estimated a population of 4775 by 2026 which is already exceeded so I suggest this gross inaccuracy questions if their report can be relied on. The GLG report also notes the proximity to Lincoln & Halswell were existing and new facilities have been built or extended but demand exceeds the supply in terms of availability so planning for Prebbleton should either be on the plus side or allow for expansion. Whilst the retirement villages have provision for residents only the café appears available to non

village residents and its likely even probable that village residents will want to participate in activities not available in the village but available in a community hall. Birth rates are falling globally and New Zealand has declined from 3.17 per female in 1970 to 1.634 in 1920/21, the implication is that Births in 1970 will produce retirement age residents in 2035 adding to an older demographic as life expectation increases currently 83 in NZ so planning should recognise Prebbleton with an aging demographic. Whilst declines in the birth rate means less younger people they still need to be catered for, I submit the outdoor sports facilities at the Domain and Kakaha Park are sufficient for Prebbleton needs for the foreseeable future. Indoor sports however require consideration as facilities are limited in current facilities and will reduce once Prebbleton Hall becomes unuseable.

9) The GLG report shows that only 4 of the 14 activities they identify as needed are catered for although a further three activities could be accommodated in the Hall with little alteration although availability may be a problem.
10) General observations/comments – SDC identified that 80%+ of Selwyn residents have a positive experience of living in Selwyn, however Springs Ward records the lowest satisfaction at 80% compared with the average of 86% and whilst this cannot be directly attributable to the lack of facilities in Prebbleton, it is possible that facilities provided in Lincoln and Rolleston are already over used so are not actually available to Prebbleton residents. SDC do identify the lower positive attitude in Springs Ward to rapid growth, road conditions and changes in the atmosphere of the township some of which are temporary although increased commuter traffic to Lincoln is likely to increase. I note that Leeston with a population of approx. 2,500 has better shopping facilities and SDC's Big Decision 7 LTP 2021-2031 is to spend $8.9 Million on a community centre and library, I have no objection that Leeston deserves that facility but the Prebbleton Hall replacement has been in the LTP since 2016 but no apparent site or building has been proposed and no effective discussion with The Prebbleton Hall committee or residents has taken place.
11) SDC in common with most other councils is under pressure to minimise rate increases which is likely to be a factor for many years to come so committing a large sum for a Prebbleton community centre is understandably one that impacts rates is difficult taking into account the Leeston and Hororata decisions totalling $11.9 million and a possibility that inflation will increase the cost substantially as happened for Kakaha Park.
12) In my opinion Prebbleton has not been given the consideration in the funding of a facility despite its population growth and now justifies a firm commitment by SDC to urgently scope a new facility. The Hall committee have discussed community involvement in terms of future requirements and if the facility should be one totally funded and implemented by SDC or if an

independent facility or joint venture is the preferred option by SDC and Prebbleton residents.

13) Should SDC insist on being the funder and implementer of building a new facility then the Hall committee probably has little input but notes the West Melton facility is not providing the facilities of the community according to unverified feedback.
14) The Hall committee welcomes an informal and open discussion on how best Prebbleton and its community can be served with a facility that meets current needs and future proofing for the foreseeable future

This is my personal submission and does not claim to represent the Prebbleton Hall Committee who I understand will make their own submission. I do wish to present this submission and speak to it before the council with further comments on the current LTP and any further information or developments that have come to light.

1/5/2024

Details of submitter No: 1344 - Fiona Bennetts

Submitter:	Fiona Bennetts

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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

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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
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% *

Please add any comments you may have

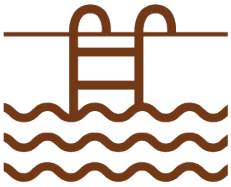
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Matters for Community Guidance

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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).

Economic Development

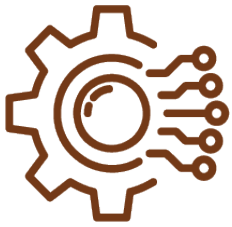
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Do you support the Council investing in better technology solutions to improve our services to the community?

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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- 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.
- I support the investigation of public transport improvements in addition to the services that Environment Canterbury provides, while also pushing ECan to provide more routes between towns, e.g. hubbing off Rolleston out to Prebbleton, West Melton, Kirwee and Darfield; linking Tai Tapu to Lincoln and Halswell; and providing on-demand services in other small towns like Coalgate etc. The 80 and 81 ECan buses need to go more frequently as these are often full at peak travel times. I have also spoken to my submission to ECan about this and the need for far greater coverage and frequency in Selwyn District.
- Please ensure any new or upgraded parks or sports and recreation facilities include adequate bicycle parking (ideally a Locky Dock) in appropriate locatoins (e.g. beside the toilets).

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

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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, 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

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Construction only eevery gets more expensive. It's better to meet current and future demand as best as can be predicted now.

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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% *

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.

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 921 - Dean Jenkins

Submitter:	Dean Jenkins

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 29/04/2024
First name: Dean **Last name:** Jenkins

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Prefered method of contact Email

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◉ Yes

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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:

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:
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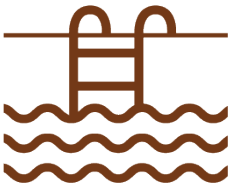
Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
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Funding:
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No
Any comments?
darfield pool is way to busy and to many people use this all resdy.
we know the $1 million price you have put on this is wrong. You brought the pool off the community for $1 and now you want to close.
what a joke.
give our pool back that dose so much for our kids. Many generations have lernt to swim in this pool.

Economic Development

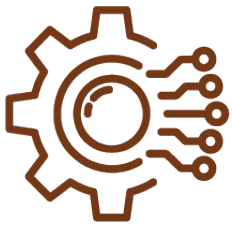


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Project cost:
Year 1: $3.05m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$10.46
Funding:
Rates: 100%

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Project cost:
Years 1-10: $3.4m
Estimated impact on rates :
Included in current rates
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
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Our budgeted option

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Details of submitter No: 754 - Lloyd Clausen

Submitter:	Lloyd Clausen

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 27/04/2024
First name: Lloyd **Last name:** Clausen

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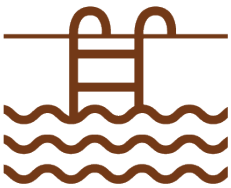
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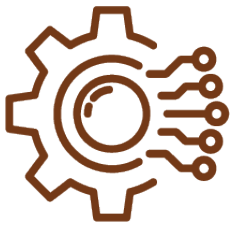
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Project cost:
Year 1: 15.21m
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$42.01
Funding:
Rates: 80.5%
Development contributions: 19.5% *
2024/25
2025/26
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32

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2033/34

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This building is a Community Centre and Library not a Library with some meeting rooms. A Community Centre is a place where the Community comes together for a multitude of reasons, including meetings, Weddings, funerals, birthdays, public functions recognizing people of the community, concerts, recitals, craft, active recreation, health and well-being activities, drama, Senior Citizens Day club etc. This facility must take into account this is fifty-year plus building. It needs to be able to house at least 150 people sitting down having a meal or 200 to 300 at a function, and a kitchen large enough to cater for such an event. The kitchen needs to be larger than a range, refrigerator, dishwasher, sink and two meters of bench. [(*Community Halls have been key to the quality of life and resilience of many early settler communities and still are in many rural communities and towns that make up Selwyn. Federated Farmers) Selwyn Community Centres, Halls and Community Libraries Network Plan (2020) - Global Leisure Group]*

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Details of submitter No: 397 - Julia McLean

Submitter:	Julia McLean
Organisation:	North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 18/04/2024
First name: Julia **Last name:** McLean

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Organisation: North Canterbury
Equestrian Advocacy Group

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North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy group (NCEAG)

North Catherbury Equestrian Advocacy Group

Selwyn District Council

Long Term Plan 2024

Submission

The North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group (NCEAG) was formed in 2024 to advocate for horse riders to ride to the summit of Mt Grey Maukatere, which involves crossing a small section of commercial forestry land.

NCEAG has now grown to take on a broader role in advocating on behalf of horse riders in the Hurunui, Kaikoura, Waimakariri and Selwyn districts.

It sits under the umbrella of the New Zealand Equestrian Advocacy Network (NZEAN) with a shared vision that horse riding on public land in New Zealand is preserved for future generations, and that we retain, regain, and improve equestrian access nationwide. NZEAN is a national charity.

NCEAG request to be a stakeholder in the 2024 LTP and any other relevant Selwyn District Council reviews. We will serve as a point of contact for regional and local councils to support and provide guidance on horse riding on public land.

NCEAG ask for equal inclusion, consideration and funding for recreational horse riding with respect to infrastructure planning, design, and construction. We request inclusive shared path trails (existing and future) that provide safe spaces and places for people to actively participate in, and enjoy, their chosen recreational activity.

NCEAG asks that the Selwyn District Council develop a Walking and Riding Strategy that is supported by an advocacy group made up of key community and advocacy representatives in horse riding, walking, and cycling. An example of this in working is the Hurunui District Council's *Hurunui Trails Trust*.

NCEAG ask that the Selwyn District Council support road safety messaging to educate the public and keep horses and their riders safe on roads. This to be included in the Regional Transport Plan. A campaign to educate and advise drivers of the importance of passing horse riders slowly (20km) is recommended. NZTA Road to Zero 2020-2030 has no mention of horse riders.

NCEAG ask that the Selwyn District Council take a proactive role in ensuring unformed legal road access is retained and to work with the equestrian community on any identified areas of improved public access.

Did you know?

There is no definition in the New Zealand Transport Agency literature to define Vulnerable Road User.

"According to the World Health Organization, a "vulnerable road user" (VRU) is any "non-motorist" road user in the role of a pedestrian, a highway worker, a person riding an animal, a stranded motorist, a skateboarder, roller skater, a scooter, or a cyclist, to name a few (Ameratunga, Hijar et al. 2006)."

We ask that Selwyn District Council to seek clarity on behalf of the equestrian community on 'vulnerable road user' status.

As it stands, the New Zealand Transport Authority labels horses as 'other road user' and consequently horses are not listed as a user group of shared pathways.

Pedestrians and cyclists are treated as vulnerable road users. Alternative shared pathways are provided for by the NZ Transport Authority.

The horse community therefore relies on the goodwill of regional and local councils to fund bridleways or give permission for pathways to be shared use. There is no co-funding arrangement that exists between Waka Kotahi and councils to provide safe alternative pathways for horse riders as there is for cycling and walking projects and programmes. Sadly, this has led to many councils Walking and Cycling Strategies not including bridleways or providing for horse riders in their communities.

Bridleway is a physically separated off road path for horse riders for which motor vehicles do not have access. Cyclist and pedestrians may have shared access.

It is here NCEAG wishes to acknowledge the vision and planning that has gone into spaces and places like Baynons Brake Horse Park, Cust Domain, Hanmer Springs Heritage Forest, Hororata Domain, Pegasus Bay Coastal Reserve & Waikuku Beach, Rangiora Show grounds, Sefton Domain, Eyreton Domain, Silverstream Reserve, St James Conservation Park, and West Melton Forest Horse Park. These spaces are either specifically created for, or welcome horse riders.

Horse riding promotes health and wellbeing. It is an active, healthy, inclusive and a social recreational pursuit chosen by many in both North and South Canterbury. In addition, it allows people of all ages and abilities to explore and enjoy our great outdoors.

There is the opportunity for councils to explore the economic development of equestrian tourism within the Tourism Strategy. We know there is an untapped and unique tourism opportunity for the Canterbury region. It could be as easy as creating a place for travelling horse riders to stay, ride and explore.

The horse-riding community brings much needed revenue to farmers, feed merchants, saddlery outfitters and outlets, vets, trailer/float/truck companies, farriers, haulage companies, fuel stations, car dealerships, construction companies for barns and stables - strengthening local economies.

Conclusion

It is important to the equestrian community that North Canterbury remains a place where we can continue to value and engage in the recreational pursuit of horse riding. To be able to continue this

we need to be **included** in all planning of parks, open spaces and any connections between our individual communities and coastline.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce our group to you and to share our areas of focus, and passion.

We sincerely hope you will welcome this opportunity and our efforts to engage with Selwyn District Council elected members and staff. We trust this will be the start of a positive and proactive relationship and that we will all see the benefits of the recreational horse-riding community being included and taking an active role in decision making.

Kind Regards,

North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group

Chair Julia McLean

Secretary Calan Leyendecker

Working Group members Andrea Rigby, Karen Legg, Maree Clapham, Roisin Magee and Jhonathon Appleby

Hurunui Trails Trust
P.O. Box 13
AMBERLEY 7441

25 April 2024

Selwyn District Council

Dear Councillors,

Re: Long Term Plan 2024-34/Mō te Mahere Pae Tawhiti 2024-34 - Support for submission of North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group

On behalf of the trustees of Hurunui Trails Trust (HTT), I wish to express our unqualified support for the submission of the North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group (NCEAG) to Council's 2024-2034 Long Term Plan.

HTT was incorporated in 2009, and since 2017 has been the designated agent for the implementation of Hurunui District Council's 'Walking & Riding Strategy'. The purpose of the Strategy is to provide strategic direction to encourage and promote the development and maintenance of walking and riding trails throughout the Hurunui District to deliver a broad range of social, cultural, economic, and environmental benefits, for both residents and visitors. HTT provides governance, guidance and practical support to community groups throughout the district on how to approach, fund, build, maintain and promote walking and riding trails.

As such, the core elements of NCEAG's submission are entirely consistent with both the purpose of HTT and achieving the objectives of the Hurunui Walking & Riding Strategy. In particular, we support the following elements of the NCEAG submission:

- Council actively supports the preservation of horse-riding on public lands for future generations, and that equestrian access is retained, regained, and improved;
- Council provides for equal inclusion, consideration and funding for recreational horse riding with respect to infrastructure planning, design, and construction;
- Council supports road safety messaging to educate the public and keep horses and their riders safe on roads;
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Furthermore, we wish to strongly endorse NCEAG's proposition that recreational horse-riding is an increasingly important contributor to broader community wellbeing and prosperity.

In closing, we thank Council for receiving this expression of HTT's support for the Long-Term Plan submission of the North Canterbury Equestrian Advocacy Group.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jeff Dalley
Chairman
Hurunui Trails Trust

Kia ora Julia.

Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa, the Outdoor Access Commission is the Crown agent responsible for providing leadership on outdoor access issues.

Our role is to provide advice on free, certain, enduring, and practical access to the outdoors.

We administer a national strategy on outdoor access, including tracks and trails. We map outdoor access, provide information to the public, oversee a code of responsible conduct in the outdoors, help to resolve access issues and negotiate new access.

Much of our work focuses on active transport. We support the creation, maintenance, enhancement, and promotion of active transport, for recreation, for safety, health and wellbeing, for a shift to more sustainable travel. The creation, maintenance, enhancement, and promotion of recreational access for walking and cycling has been our principal focus, but we have also engaged with equestrian interests to support their access interests. Access for horse riding has unfortunately often been overlooked as a legitimate requirement. For example, we are aware of instances where horses have been excluded from unformed legal roads. We are also aware of where traditional horse access on road verges has been prevented by the creation of pathways exclusively for biking and walking.

Shared pathways involving horses is not without it's challenges. However, with planning and education, shared pathways or adjacent separate bridlepath solutions can be found.

Herenga ā Nuku supports Equestrian Advocacy Groups seeking legitimate public access.

Nga mihi

Geoff Holgate

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Details of submitter No: 1379 - Corey Woodward

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Corey **Last name:** Woodward

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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

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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.

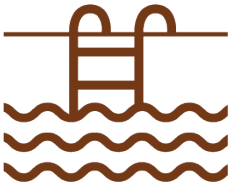
Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

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?

Any comments?

Economic Development



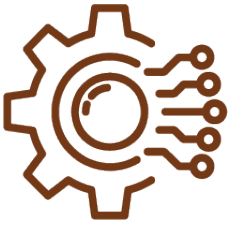
We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

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

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?

Attached Documents

Link	File
	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.

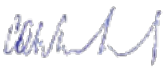
B. includes horse trails in the planned activities within the new Regional Park on the outskirts of Rolleston. With the eventual size of the park there should be scope for meandering bridle trails that can intersect and/or run parallel to foot and cycle trails. This works well in Bottlelake Forest for instance, and to a lesser degree in the West Melton Forest (less intersections, not less well)

C. Consider the impacts on roadside riding when planning new infrastructure and develop road safety messaging around passing speeds and distances.

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

Details of submitter No: 1247 - Chris Roberts

Submitter:	Chris Roberts
Organisation:	Ellesmere Archery Club

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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

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Organisation: Ellesmere Archery Club

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

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

Our Submission

Our submission is that we lease a portion of Osborne Park close to the hall at a minimal rental to build a new indoor range. Our proposal is to dismantle a 12.6 x21m building on the land obtained by Selwyn District Council for the development of a district park in Levi Rd and relocate it to Osborne Park. This building would be extended to approximately 40m, have a concrete floor and a number of roller doors down the side to allow access if community organisations or clubs wish to make use of the building. The side of the building facing the park would have new iron on it, with the original iron being used on the fence side of the extension. We wish to ask the council for a contribution to the costs of dismantling the building and relocating to Osborne Park and fund raise the required amount of money to extend the building to approximately 12.6m x 40m as per the attached drawings. This size building will allow us to accommodate a majority of our members, and there will be no need to transport our equipment. We would also like to have the council provide seed funding towards the cost of the extension and to obtain this, are happy to forgo the upgrade to the lights at Osborne Park which we applied for through the Doyleston Community Committee 3 years ago, as long as this is not to the detriment of any other users of the park.

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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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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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
Funding:
Rates: 71.4%
Development contributions: 28.6% *

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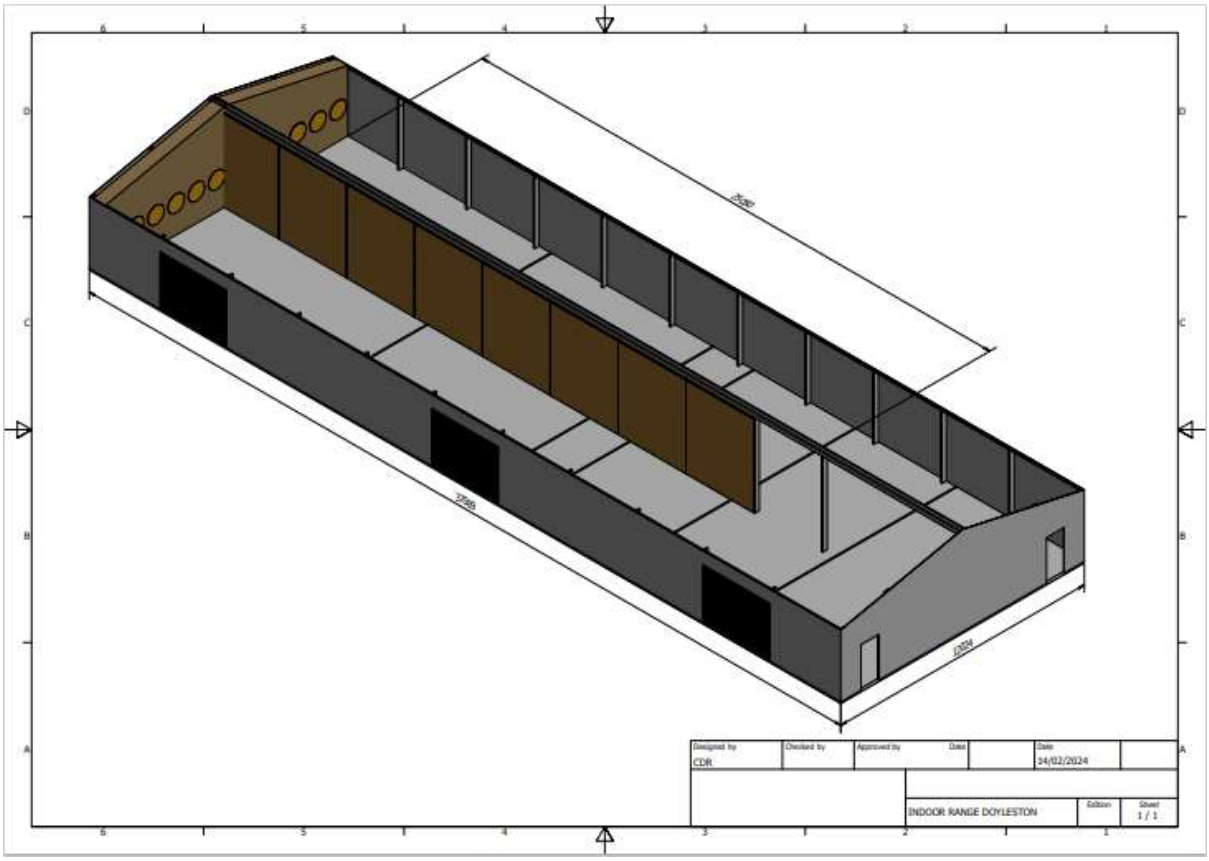
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Proposed Location Indoor Range



Proposed Indoor Range

Details of submitter No: 671 - Susan Carline-Wright

Submitter:	Susan Carline-Wright
Organisation:	Kirwee Community Association

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 25/04/2024
First name: Susan **Last name:** Carline-Wright

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Organisation: Kirwee Community Association

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On behalf of the Kirwee Community Association we wish to submit the following for consideration in the Long Term Plan:

1. There is provision in the financials for Stormwater remediation in Kirwee, but we request that a proper study by an engineer be made of potential risk areas in Kirwee, and that stormwater remediation be targeted to those areas. For instance, a larger culvert pipe for the water race beside 1485 Courtenay Road - the current water race culvert pipe under the road is inadequate and floods every year, creating flooding in the grounds and garage at 1485 Courtenay Road, and also across the road itself. We also would like the study to include the water race in Hoskyns Road opposite the Courtenay A&P Grounds as we feel this is inadequate especially where it turns and runs under the road opposite 1750 Hoskyns Road.

2. The intersection of SH73/West Coast Road and Courtenay Roads is now very busy with the

increased number of cars coming from Darfield and within Kirwee itself (due to population growth), and the addition of cars accessing the carpark of Thirsty Acres restaurant and cafe. We would ask for provision (along with Waka Kotahi) of either a. traffic lights b. a roundabout or c. a right-turning lane in SH73 (heading West) into Courtenay Road as we feel there will be a fatality unless traffic can be controlled in some manner. (map attached).

3. We would like the Council to assist us in asking Waka Kotahi to lower the speed limit on SH73/West Coast Road through Kirwee to 50km/h (from 70km/h). There are several hundred PO Boxes housed in the Kirwee Challenge building and cars pull in and park, and then have to turn around across SH73. There are also many pedestrians (including children and dogs) that use the footpath from the township to the Challenge and as many drivers (especially trucks) do more than 70km/h it is becoming less safe on this stretch of road. (map attached as above).

4. We are currently fundraising to build an ANZAC Memorial in the Kirwee Reserve and have been advised to submit for part of the cost, being $20,000, to be included in the Long Term Plan. Currently we have no gathering place to hold an ANZAC Day service in Kirwee or a central place to display the names of local soldiers lost in both World Wars, so a centralised Memorial has become a focus of our community.

5. We also have been asked to comment on the quality of the consultation - many have found it confusing with questions worded in a leading manner (the Representation Review being a prime example). We know from previous consultations that the Council always has a favoured option despite asking for feedback, so could we suggest that in future there be three options, with the Council declaring which option is their preferred (rather like the ECAN submission process). It would then be much more clear, honest and open.

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

Attached Documents

Link	File
	Map of SH73 and Courtenay Roads intersection



Map of SH73 and Courtenay Roads intersection

(Kirwee Challenge above, site of PO Boxes)

Details of submitter No: 1307 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
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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

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

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Link	File
	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: 1296 - Paul Monk

Submitter:	Paul Monk
Organisation:	Squash Canterbury

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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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.

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Attached Documents

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	Squash Canterbury and Squash NZ - Selwyn DC LTP FINAL

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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.

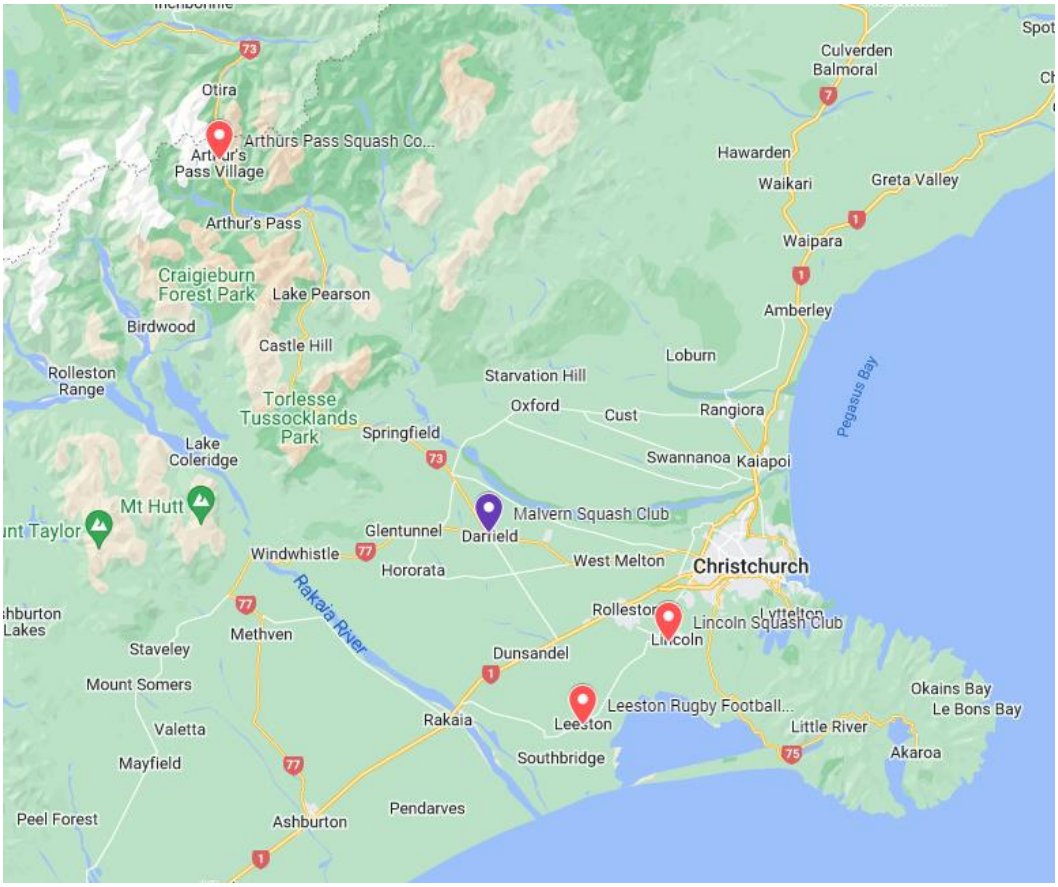
Currently in the Selwyn district we have four squash facilities, one that is run by an affiliated club – Malvern Squash Club and three that are not affiliated – Arthurs Pass Squash Courts, Lincoln Squash Club and Leeston Rugby Club.

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.
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.

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

Details of submitter No: 1385 - Mark Christensen

Submitter:	Mark Christensen
Organisation:	Project Oversight Group - Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
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Organisation: Project Oversight Group - Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha

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Please provide your comments in the box below.

Please see attached submission.

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

Attached Documents

Link	File
	POG submission to SDC LTP 2024

Submission from the Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha to Selwyn District Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034)

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.
- $30k for the provision of strategic planning and operational advice to the POG from 1 July 2024.

- Professional communications advice to the POG from 1 July 2024, including how best to engage with/enthuse residents who are not already involved in pest control.
- Professional pest control advice from 1 July 2024 on planning for the upscaling of a partly central government funded elimination project across Selwyn District, building on and linking with PFBP.
- Professional ecological advice in the 2024/2025 financial year on ecological regeneration priorities within the district as part of the Towards Pest Free Waitaha area (similar to the Banks Peninsula Ecological Vision), as a precursor to more formal community and landowner engagement on ecological regeneration priorities beginning in the 2025/26 financial year.
- 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:

- Continuation of the salary of the Community Activator from 1 March 2025 to support the community groups when the Trust money ends, and funding for at least a second similar position from 1 July 2025.
- The provision of strategic planning and operational advice to the POG from 1 July 2024 to support the development pf Pest Free Selwyn as part of Towards Pest Free Waitaha.
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- Standardised biodiversity outcome monitoring and GIS system, integrated with the PFBP system.

The Project Oversight Group of Pest Free Banks Peninsula and Towards Pest Free Waitaha **requests to be heard in support of this submission and that we present a combined submission with Dr David Miller of the PFBP Project Management Group**.



Mark Christensen

Chair

PFBP and TPFW Project Oversight Group

Details of submitter No: 1397 - Peter Neale

Submitter:	Peter Neale

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?

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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
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% *

Our
budgeted
option

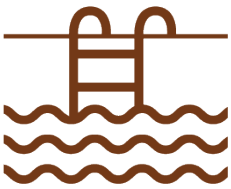
Please add any comments you may have
This will be a useful asset for the area. With the placement being in Darfield, it is close enough for residents in surrounding towns to be able to make good use of it.

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



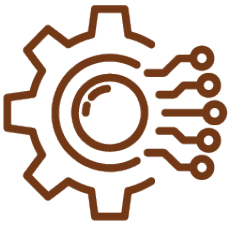
We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.

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:

**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
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Our budgeted option

Please add any comments you may have

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.

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

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.

Details of submitter No: 1480 - Sharn Nu'u

Submitter:	Sharn Nu'u
Organisation:	Malvern Community Board

Malvern Community Board Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 submission for consultation

The purpose and content of this submission is to communicate the recommendation and feedback of the Malvern Community Board in relation to the Selwyn Long Term Plan 2024-2034, in support of the Malvern residents.

The board submits in support of the following communities and their submission points:

- Go Hororata
    - Proposal for a local Domain/Reserves Coordinator
    - Reinstatement of original LTP budget
- Greendale Residents Group
    - Flooding remediation by landowners
- Sheffield/Waddington Residents Group
    - Sheffield Memorial Pool returned to the community
- Darfield Residents Association
    - Pedestrian crossings outside the local schools
    - Dechlorinated water station
- Kirwee Residents Association
    - ANZAC Lane
- Windwhistle
    - Roading
- Other
    - Refuse Station

The community board also has their own views which are expressed at the end of this submission.

Proposal for a local Domain/Reserves Coordinator

The Malvern Community Board supports and recommends the communities being enabled to maintain their local parks & reserves if it benefits the community and allows for greater enjoyment of their environment.

Reinstatement of LTP funds for Go Hororata

The Malvern Community Board supports and recommends the reinstatement of original LTP funds for Go Hororata as specified in the community groups submission.

Flooding remediation by landowners

The Malvern Community Board supports the Malvern landowners in their pursuit of autonomy to do what needs to be done to protect their land of unnecessary damage from flooding due to swollen rivers and flash flooding during severe weather events. The board recommends this alternative solution to local flooding be adopted by council and endorsed to other interested parties, e.g. mana whenua, Ecan, etc.

Sheffield Memorial Pool

The Malvern Community Board supports the retention of a pool facility in Sheffield. We agree that the Darfield pool is not a viable alternate solution for the Sheffield/Waddington and even Springfield communities.

We support the retention of the war memorial.

We support the community's exploration into alternative solutions and request the council seriously consider working alongside the local representative groups to reach a conclusion that would benefit all interested parties.

We support the pool opening for the 2024/25 season.

We recommend that the current decision to close the pool as stated in the long-term plan be abandoned to allow for further consultation.

Pedestrian Crossings

The Malvern Community Board supports pedestrian crossings being placed in high-risk areas for children and youth in the Darfield Community, specifically adjacent to the schools and that consultation be considered with the schools and community to ensure the safety of the children, especially given the rapid growth and expansion contributing to more traffic of and through the Darfield township.

5 Waters

Dechlorinated Water Stations

The Malvern Community Board supports dechlorinated water stations in the townships as the residents see fit and that the SDC assist the communities in implementing these water stations by way of consent and/or provision of required permits to instal either at their cost or through use of existing rates.

Nitrate levels

We would like to draw attention to the health implications of the nitrate levels in the Malvern Water supplies. We recommend the council consider prioritising an investigation into what could be a major heath issue. This concern comes off the back of the free water testing that was performed by Greenpeace in Darfield in April 2024.

ANZAC Lane

The Malvern Community Board supports the request by the Kirwee Community Committee, that ANZAC Lane be included in the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 for funding of this war memorial.

Speed Limits around schools

The Malvern Community Board supports and recommends the lowering of speed around the Malvern schools to 30km during school hours.

Windwhistle

The Malvern Community Board supports the replacement of a stop sign at the intersection of Leeches Rd and SH77 and that the council prioritise engagement with Waka Kotahi to ensure this is done for the safety of the community and others. Not a recent fatality on this intersection.

We also support the finishing of the widening of Leeches Rd.

Refuse Station in Malvern

The Malvern Community Board supports and recommends a refuse station with recycling capabilities in the Malvern area.

Malvern Community Board feedback

Existing projects

The Malvern Community Board would like for the council to review and prioritise carry forward projects that are still outstanding from the previous LTP, in conjunction with the current LTP consultation.

General

The Malvern Community Board opposes the Alps to Sea cycleway.

We think it is more important for the wider Malvern Community to have an aquatics and sports/events centre in Darfield in this LTP.

Details of submitter No: 1273 - Calvin Payne

Submitter:	Calvin Payne

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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

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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

3. Malvern Recreation and Sports Facility

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

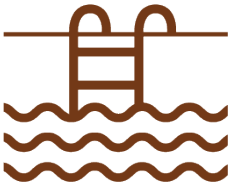
Project cost:
Year 3: $11.28 million (minus $1.10 million already included in the last Long-Term Plan. Total left to fund is $10.18 million)
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
$19.91
Funding:
Rates: 57%
Development contributions: 43% *

Please add any comments you may have

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Do you support the closure of Sheffield Community Pool?

No
Any comments?
Please hand the pool back to the community to run, support and manage?

Economic Development

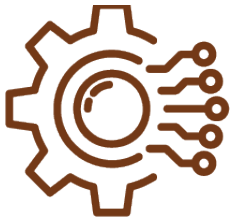


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No
Any comments?

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

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Estimated impact on rates:
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Submitter:	[REDACTED]

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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

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Prefered method of contact Email

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

◉ Yes

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Additional requirements for hearing:

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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

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I believe that Park and Ride facilities may be beneficial however, there is limited information to demonstrate the return on investment, and the impacts to the ongoing maintenance for these new locations. These facilities will not reduce the number of drivers on the road, will cause disruption, and are proven to not have a significant impact on climate emissions. Community

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Project cost:
None
Estimated impact on rates (per year):
None
Funding:
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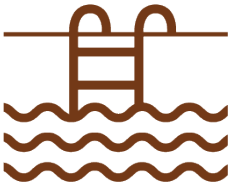
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Whilst this is a great idea, we can be smarter during costly times. We have outdoor courts that can be used in the area that we could improve first, and provide some cover. We also have schools that have indoor courts that we could collaborate better with to seek to use their courts for certain activities. Again, the ROI on 11 million is not clear.

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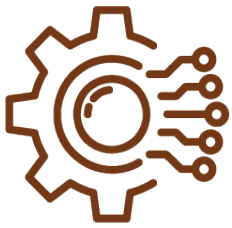
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

Yes

Any comments?

I would like to know how the $9mill is being spent. If it is for a strategic paper and monitoring of the strategy, I would be incredibly disappointed. These things get affected by government change and could easily become a waste of money.

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In my mind, this may not be enough. The current digital services provided a lack luster.

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What concerns me most is the LTP does not provide any information about how we will be adopting these policies, and the impact to the rate payer. This is not as transparent as it could be and seems a bit ingenious about time and money spent by council.

Other comments

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I appreciate this communication. This could be provided in this format far more regularly to inform the community.

I am also concerned about the lack of interest in Health within the keeping community informed. We have no discussion points about health care facilities and increased access to health care. Our

enrolment and doctor retention issues in the district and reduce rural access to health care services. There is no discussion about climate resilience in the region and improvements we could make to support climate change and adverse events in the region. We are incredibly infrastructurally focused despite the aspirations of the council.

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Do what we can with what we have. Again - there is no transparency about the use of the community facility and how it will make a return on investment. There is no clear view on how the facility could be used to help reduce rates in the future. Other councils long term plans are closing down facilities suggestive of hard times to come during a recession. I would love to see more creative ideas from council about how our infrastructure could be used more creatively to "make money" within our communities to support their improvement.

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

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Advertising showing use of SDC logo.

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:

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- 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.

Key contacts:

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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



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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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Greenway Canterbury Trust:
Selwyn District Council Grant 2023 – 2024

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
Otahuna	Suzanne and Peter Conley	$1,500		$1,500
Tai Tapu	Lisa and Ro Phelan	$1,000		$1,500
Burnham	Geoff Booth	$1,000		$1,000
West Melton	Tony Hogg	$1,000		$1,000
West Melton	John Allan / Nut Point Centre	$1,000		$1,000
Malvern	Pippa and Henry Deans	$500	$1,000	$1,500
Springfield	Catherine and Jeremy Ross	$500	$1,000	$1,500
Springfield	Bron Faulkner	$500	$1,000	$1,500
Springfield	Daniel Williams		$1,000	$1,000
Springfield	Springfield School		$1,000	$1,000
	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: 1086 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: [REDACTED] **Last name:** [REDACTED]

☑ Withhold my details

Prefered method of contact Postal

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.

I have attended three meetings, two meetings with 4 members of staff and still no clearer. Each time Ive asked for a plan or something visual and none of that was possible. It is difficult to comment on the 2019 plan. The main street, Gerald Street, isn't very wide. As much as I want to see it safer for cyclists as I am a cyclist, its going to make it difficult for vehicles. There doesn't seem to be enough room. Just keep one cycle way going both ways (library side), west side. This leaves the side that has the parking, able to keep their businesses easily accessable for their customers.

I suggest large roundabouts at either end, intersection of Birches and James Road, the other intersection at Springs Road across from Lincoln Uni. I think lights at West Belt.

For environmental reasons where water can drain through the ground, leave some of the areas proposed for parking as grass and with some trees where practical or the grid system, like Halswell Library. Im sure with some creativity there can be some clear indicators as to where people can park.

All of these ideas are made with the aim to reduce spending and anything that isn't completely necessary like lights and new technology should be shelved until the next long term plan.

All planning for Selwyn needs to be reduced to keep our debts down. With everything happening in the world and its instability, it makes sense at this time to be frugle. If you have to be borrowing money to service ongoing costs then it doesn't make good financial sense to borrow excessively. $21.4 million to $46 million is an excessive jump in costs. Aquiring further tenders would be good to brings costs down to a more realistic level.

Currently there is a cost of living crisis and some people cant afford a major increase in their rates. Consideration needs to be made for the rate payers.

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

Attached Documents

Link	File
No records to display.	

Details of submitter No: 1347 - Jane West

Submitter:	Jane West
Organisation:	Leeston Community Committee

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

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 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
2026/27
2027/28
2028/29
2029/30
2030/31
2031/32
2032/33
2033/34

Please add any comments you may have
Please refer to the supporting documentation.

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:

**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.*

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
Please refer to the supporting documentation.

Attached Documents

Link	File
	SDC LTP - Leeston Community Committee Submission
	Supporting Information - SDC LTP 2024-34 - Leeston Community Comittee Plan Submission

Link	File
	Survey Feedback

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.

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.

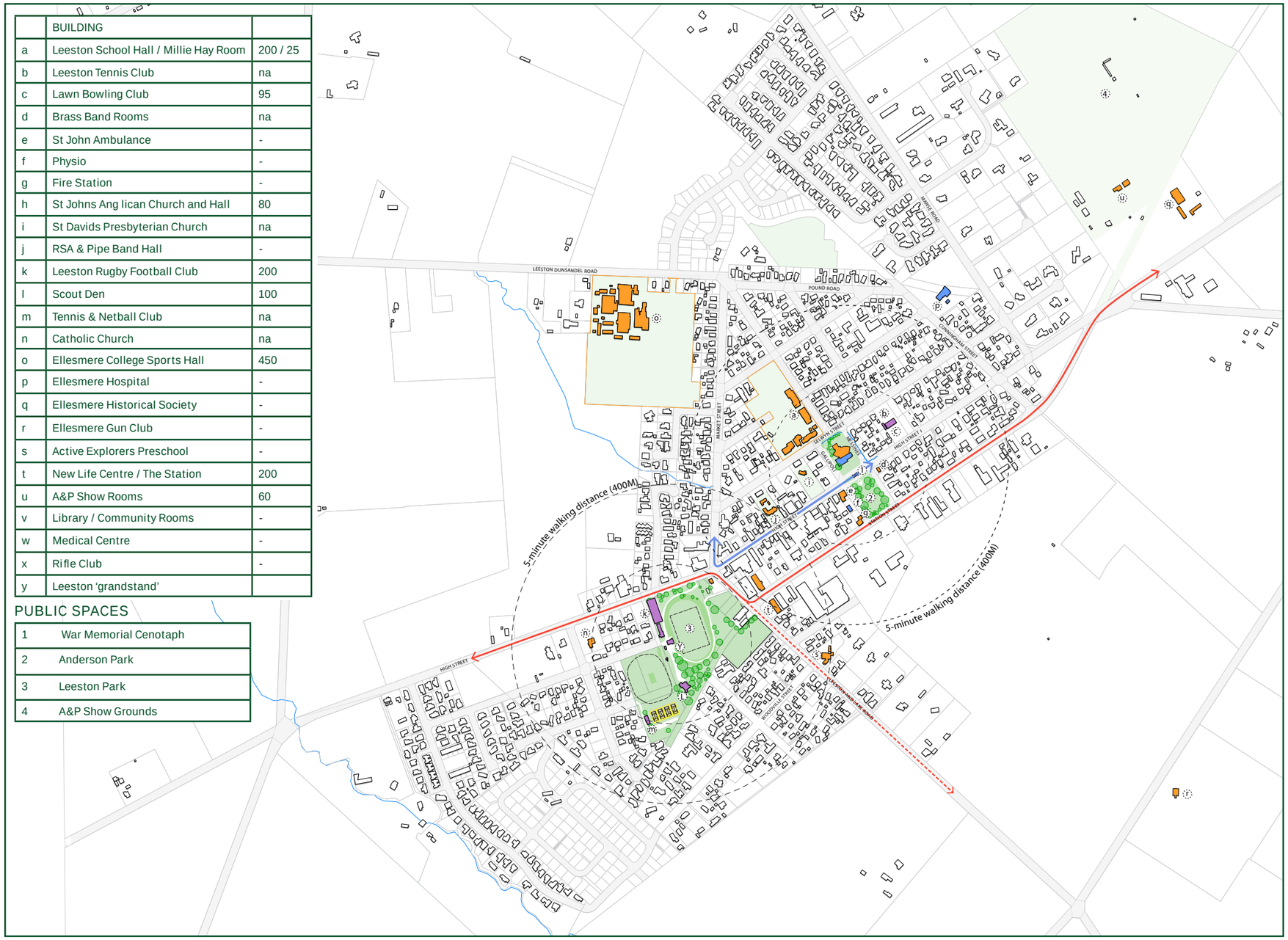
1. Leeston Park Enhancement
The LCC supports the planned upgrade of Leeston Park. Leeston Park is a large reserve with a number of existing amenities, established trees and huge potential. We feel that the current scope of the enhancement requires further refinement. It is recommended that the 'Concept' 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

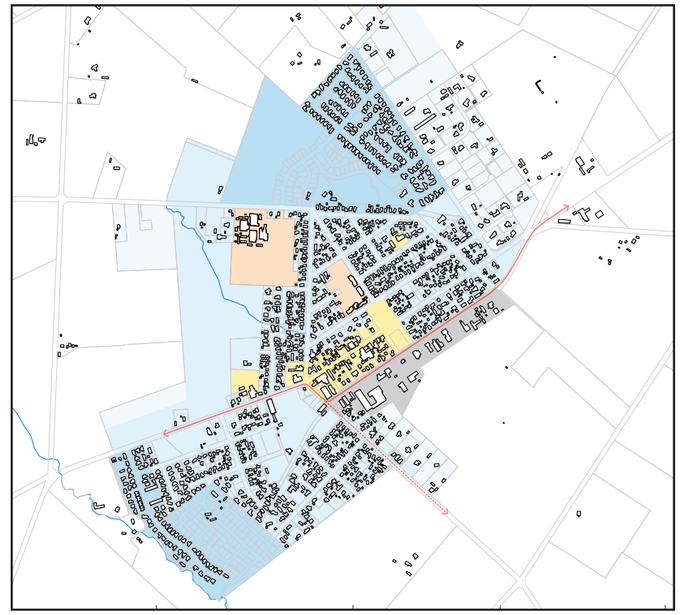
	BUILDING	
a	Leeston School Hall / Millie Hay Room	200 / 25
b	Leeston Tennis Club	na
c	Lawn Bowling Club	95
d	Brass Band Rooms	na
e	St John Ambulance	-
f	Physio	-
g	Fire Station	-
h	St Johns Ang lican Church and Hall	80
i	St Davids Presbyterian Church	na
j	RSA & Pipe Band Hall	-
k	Leeston Rugby Football 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



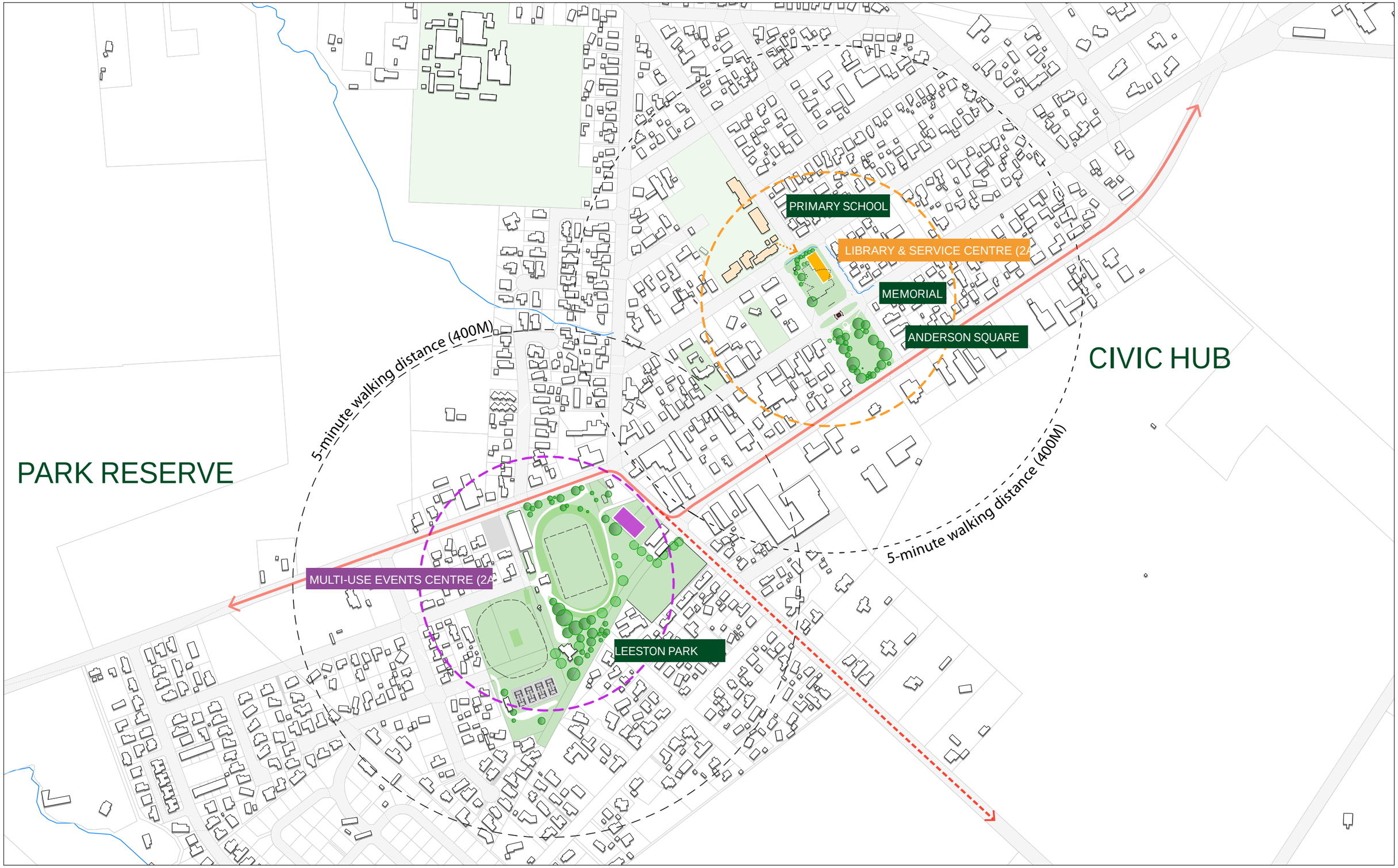
LEESTON TOWNSHIP SPATIAL FRAMEWORK

KEY: EXISTING FACILITES

- SPORTING
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- MEDICAL
- HEAVY VEHICLE BYPASS
- MAIN COMMERCIAL STREET
- 5-MINUTE PEDESTRIAN WALK (400M)

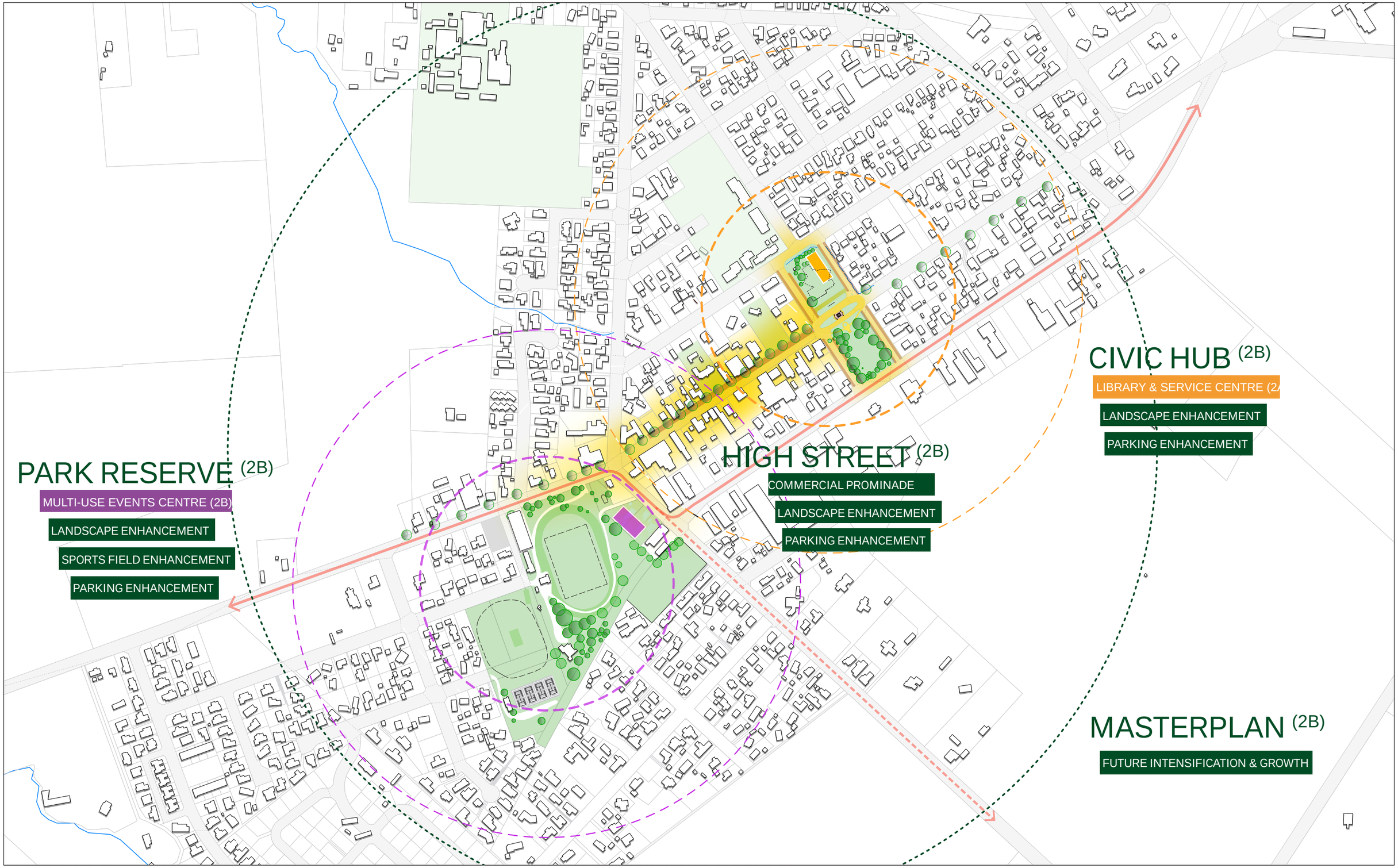
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- EDUCATION
- LIVING 2 (RESIDENTIAL RURAL)
- LIVING 1 (RESIDENTIAL)
- LIVING LXA (FUTURE RES.)



WHAKATAUKA NUI 2A WHATA RAU
LIBRARY & SERVICE CENTRE + MULTI-USE EVENTS CENTRE

LEESTON COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SUBMISSION
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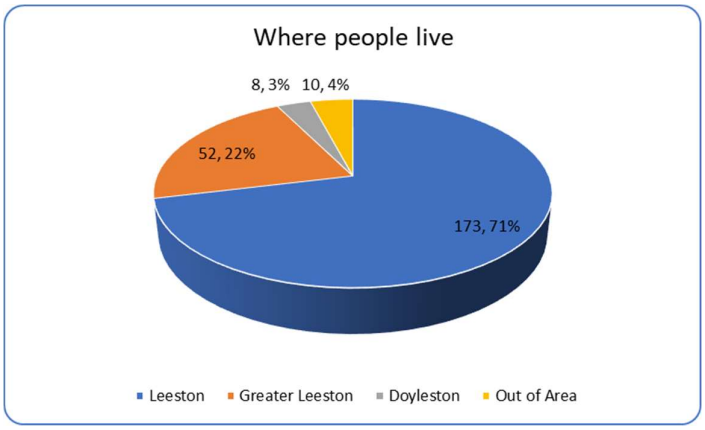
WHAKATAUKA NUI 2B LEESTON PARK IMPROVEMENTS ENHANCEMENT & REQUEST FOR MASTER PLAN

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Community Centre / Library

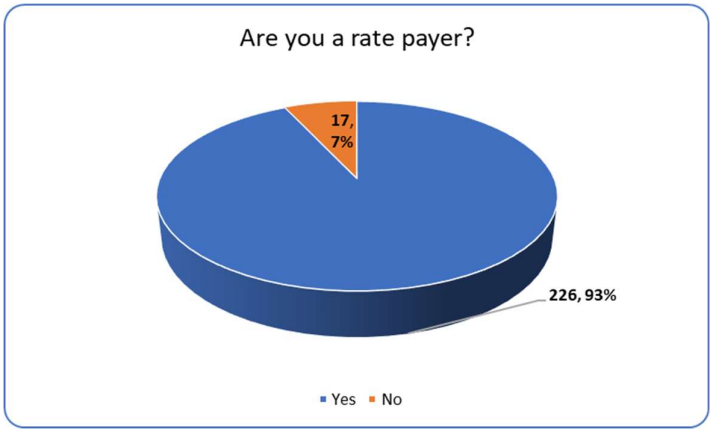
Where people live

Leeston	173
Greater Leeston	52
Doyleston	8
Out of Area	10
	243



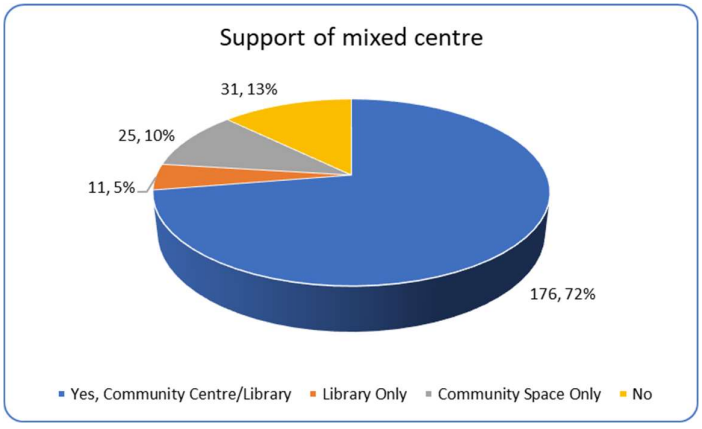
Are you a rate payer?

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No	17
	243



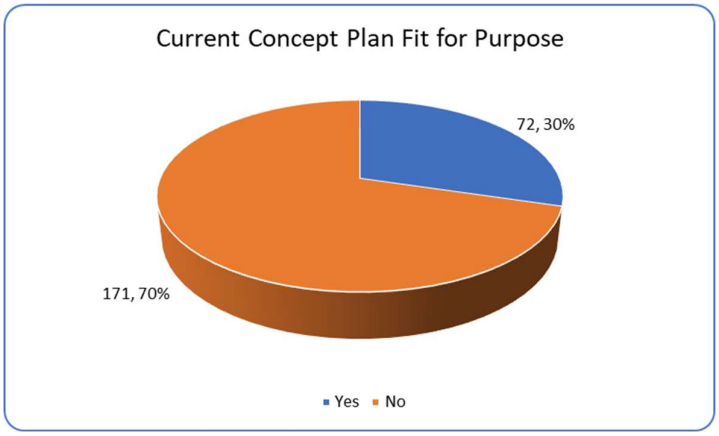
Support of Mixed Community Centre

	Support new mixed Community Centre
Yes, Community Centre/Library	176
Library Only	11
Community Space Only	25
No	31
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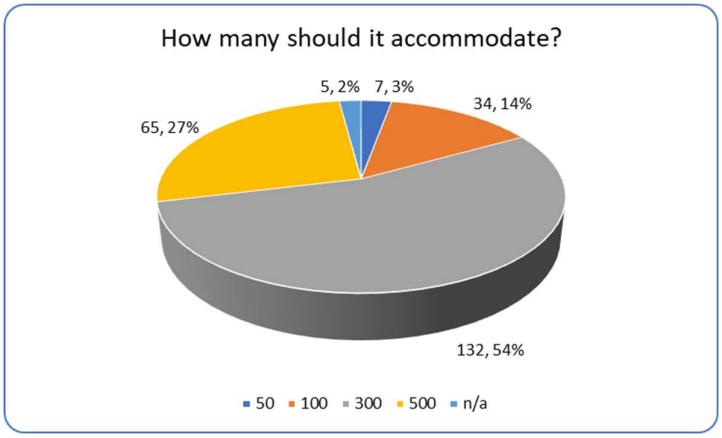
Is the current proposal fit for purpose?

	Current Proposal fit for purpose
Yes	72
No	171
	243



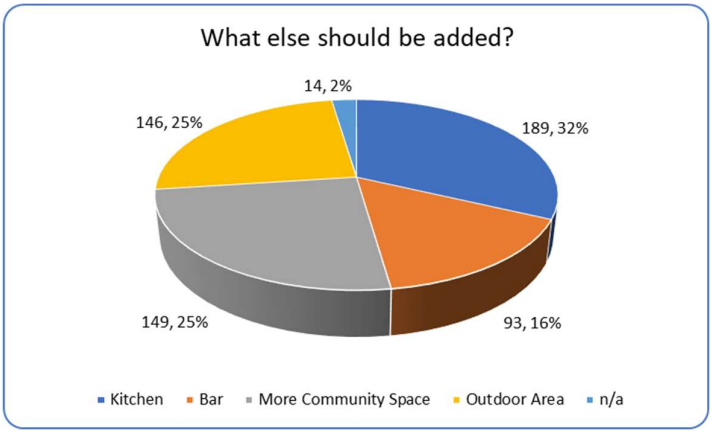
How many does the centre need to accommodate?

	How many people does it need to accommodate
50	7
100	34
300	132
500	65
n/a	5
	243



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***

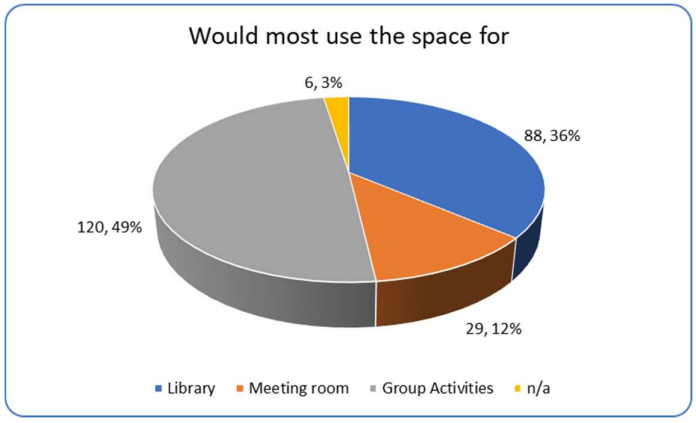
Separation between children & adults ***1***

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
	243



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***

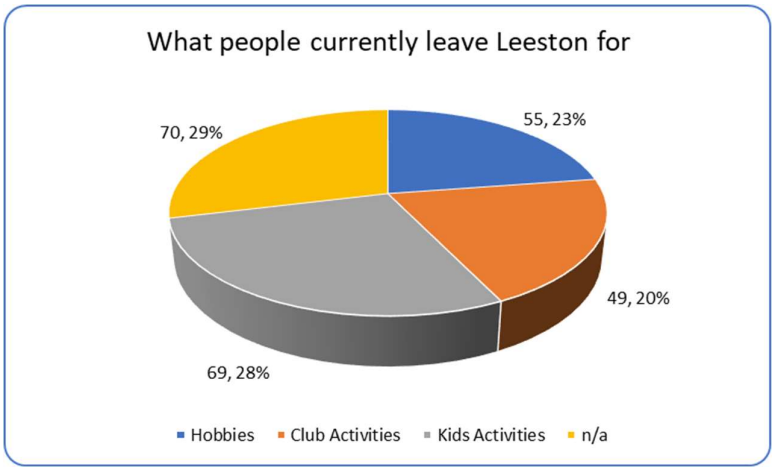
Medical ***1***

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***

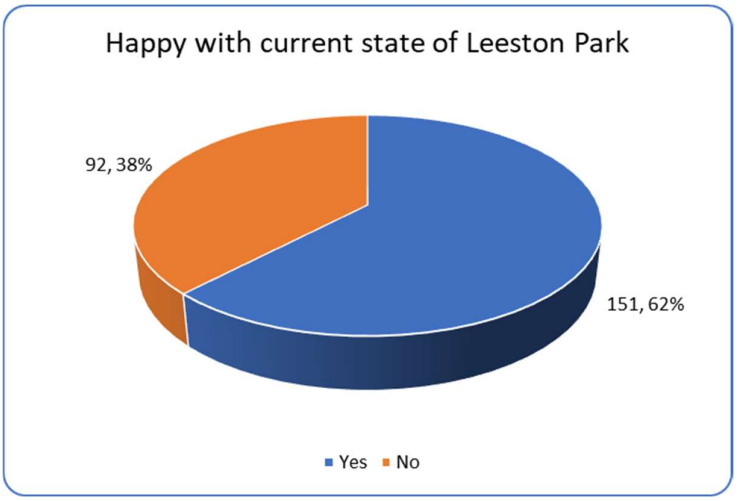
Voluntary work ***1***

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

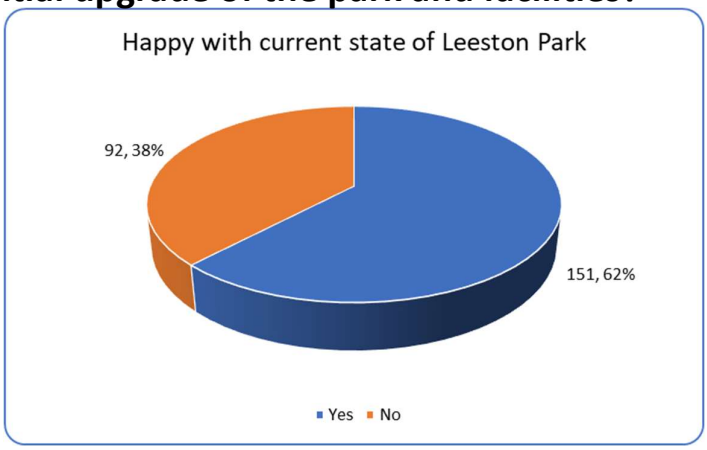
More shade needed 1
Pavilion needed for netball and cricket 1
Rifle club building needs upgraded 1
Need to separate older and younger children 1

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

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***

<u>Landscaping</u>
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***

<u>Other Comments</u>
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***

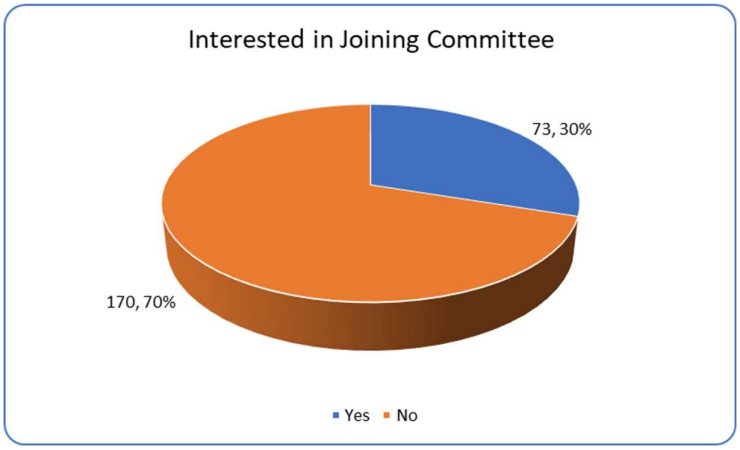
Include: Café, Up to date Noticeboard 2
Only build if population is minimum of 3,000 and guarantee 1,500 unique local residents and 1,500 non-resident visitors 1
What will happen with the old Library.....1
Listen to locals / Community Consultation 7

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
	243

14 of those you said yes did not Provide name or contact details



Details of submitter No: 1355 - Grant Clausen

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Organisation:	Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Grant **Last name:** Clausen

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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 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

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
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.

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
	EHPT Submission to LTP 2024

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 promoted the

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

towards this project

The support we have received from the local community has been incredible, but i

we need

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Details of submitter No: 1378 - Pip Moore

Submitter:	Pip Moore

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 02/05/2024
First name: Pip **Last name:** Moore

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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, 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

council facilities e.g. pools and library.

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

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

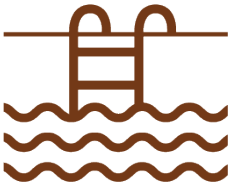
Please add any comments you may have
Don't borrow but save for it first. Then build it.

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?

Economic Development

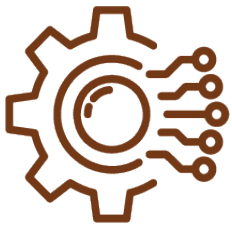
We are proposing to play a more active role in our district's economic development. We have budgeted $9 million over 10 years to support the Economic Development Strategy that we have co-designed with Selwyn businesses.



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

No
Any comments?
Ratepayers should not subside business's making profit. If it truly makes economic sense, then business will/should invest.

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?

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

Please provide your comments in the box below.

When looking at the long term plan for a council, the first priority should always be to look at the primary purposes of council, and ensuring these are met, before moving onto the other functions.

The primary and most important function is to provide quality essential infrastructure to the people of the district. e.g. Quality potable water, safe sewage, rubbish management, safe roading, parks, etc. At no time should spending on "nice to haves" (e.g. Leeston & Malvern facilities and Lincoln Town upgrade) ever impact the primary roles or cause excessive debt. Funding should therefore be prioritised accordingly. This means rates collected today should first be spent on essential services for today, along with saving for any upgrades required, or, replacement as essential services reach their end of life.

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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:

**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 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
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.

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	SDC Long Term Plan Feedback

SDC Long Term Plan Submission - Reduce The Debt

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The primary and most important function is to provide quality essential infrastructure to the people of the district. e.g. Quality potable water, safe sewage, rubbish management , safe roading , parks, etc. At no time should spending on "nice to haves" (e.g. Leeston & Malvern facilities and Lincoln Town upgrade) ever impact the primary roles or cause excessive debt . Funding should therefore be prioritised accordingly. This means rates collected today should first be spent on essential services for today, along with saving for any upgrades required, or, replacement as essential services reach their end of life.

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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
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Additional requirements for hearing:

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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.

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   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.

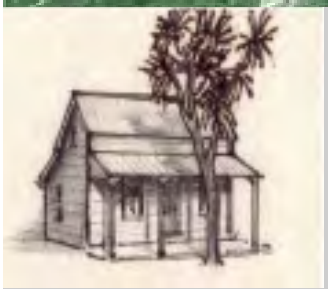
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	Lincoln Historical newsletter 58 march 2023
	Derek Hayes Liffey email
	Liffey Cottage Plan pdf snipped
	Liffey Estimates of costs 2024
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Editorial
Preserving Lincoln's charm

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.

Rupert Tipples
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Editors

SUBMISSION ON PART A, VARIATION1 OF THE PROPOSED SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN

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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'.

LINCOLN

'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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Liffey Cottage

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.

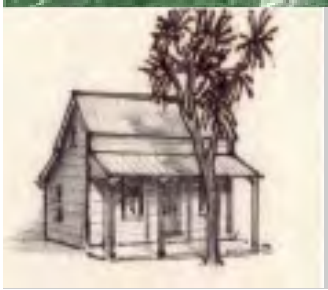
2. Josie Jay (nee Martin) painted Liffey Cottage in water colours soon after the wind storm of 1973. The storm caused some damage and destroyed the veranda railing. This does not appear in the painting but appears in other photographs. The painting is also still in our possession.

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



Repainted Liffey Cottage 2022 - Rupert Tipples

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Editorial

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.)

VERNON CLARK ONZM 1923-2022

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

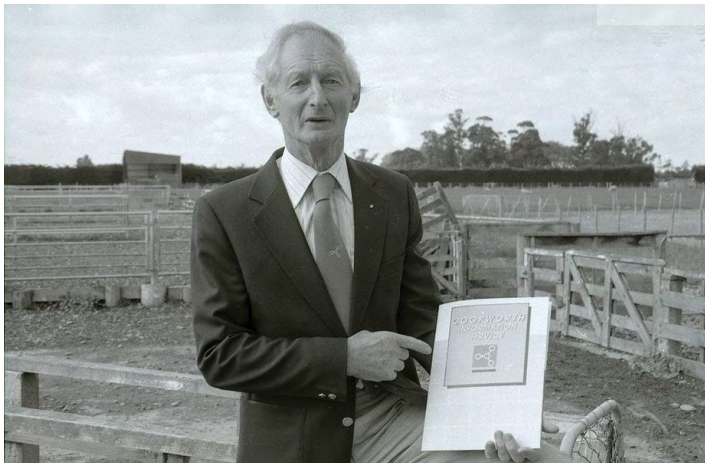
Rupert Tipples
President, 20 March 2023.



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
https://livingheritage.lincoln.ac.nz/nodes/view/313590027



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

Heritage Protection submission update May 2023

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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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,

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Reunion of 'Bed-pushers' 27-29 April 2023

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

Centenary of Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall

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.

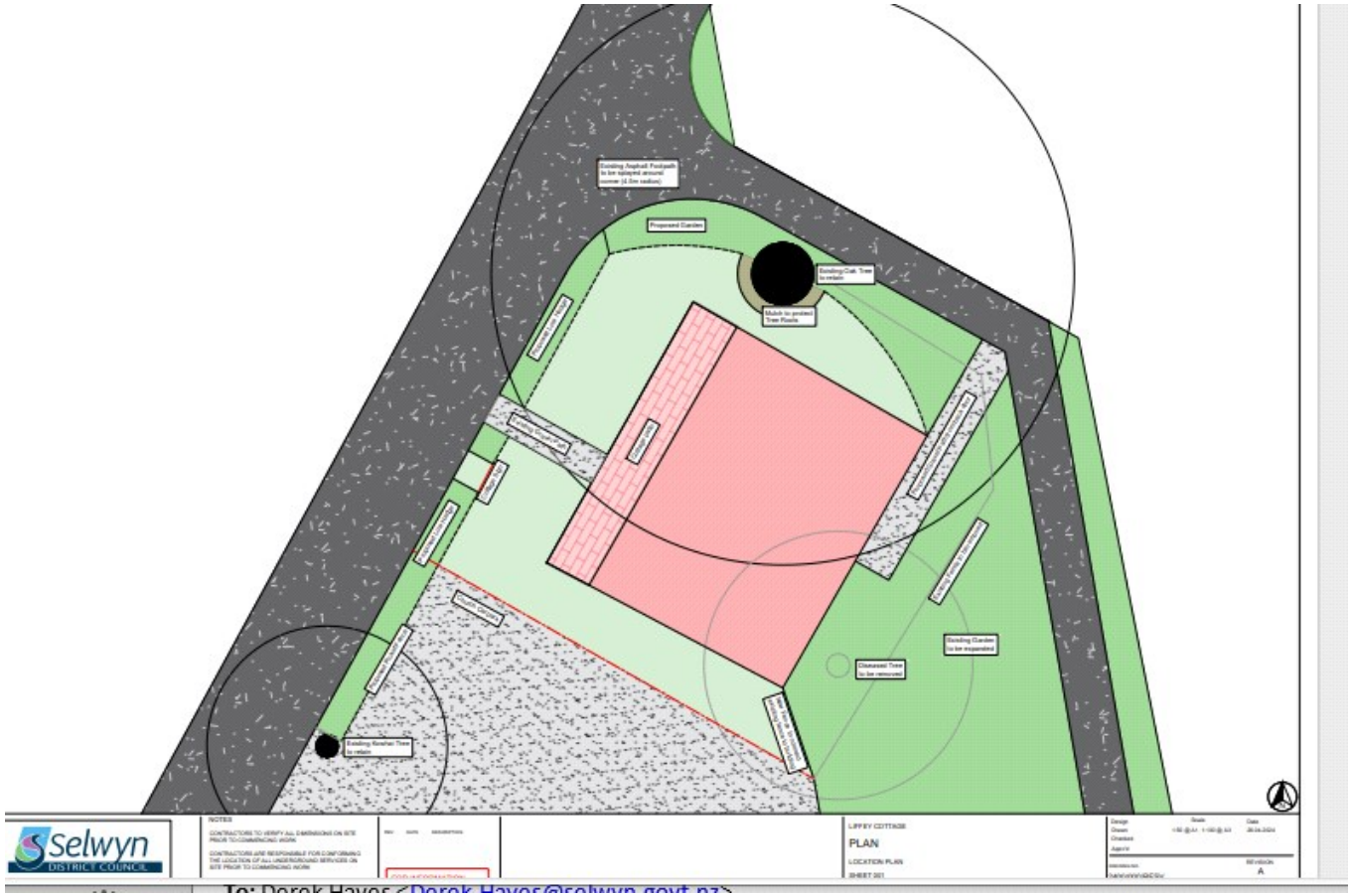
Rupert
Apologies for the delay – not sure if you have submitted on the LTP as yet, or were waiting on this still?

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


Existing Asphalt Footpath to be splayed around corner (4.5m radius)
Proposed Garden
Existing Oak Tree to retain
Mulch to protect Tree Roots
Existing Kowhai Tree to retain
Diseased Tree to be removed
Existing Garden to be expanded
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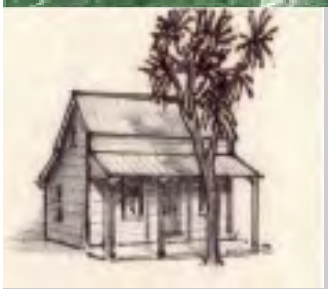
Liffey Cottage Landscape Upgrade Cost Estimate

#VALUE!

Code	Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Rate	TOTAL	Comments
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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		L.m	20	$ 25.00	$ 500.00	Pricing based of West Melton carpark extionsion
7	Tree Removal	include stump grinding	no.	1	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	Pricing based of RTC carpark 4 + 5
8	Make Good to Surrounds	Make good to any damage made to surrounding grass, asphalt, planting or other items. Grass needs to be well established with temporary 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	

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Editorial

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.

PRESIDENTIAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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.

Heritage Award Application – Selwyn District Council 2023

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!"

FIELD TRIP TO TERRACE STATION 29 OCTOBER 2023



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)

ANOTHER HERITAGE FEATURE - 'THE SPRINGS' WATER TROUGH: "...ROBUST, FIT FOR PURPOSE, VERNACULAR"

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



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

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?

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 c 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.

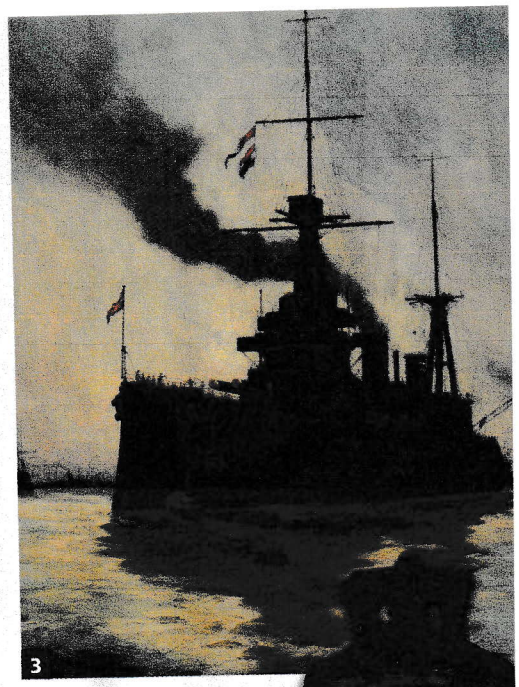
Gail Romano, associate curator history at the Auckland War Me Museum, says if an item doesn't

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


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ROYAL AIR FORCE
AIRMAN'S PAY BOOK
IDENTITY PASS AIR FORCES IN INDIA
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(d) Duty on which employed
(1) This pass is not transferable and is to be produced on demand.
(2) In the event of its loss the Commanding Officer is to be notified immediately.
(3) This pass is the property of the Air Forces and is to be returned to the issuing authority when ceasing to serve or on discharge.
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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.

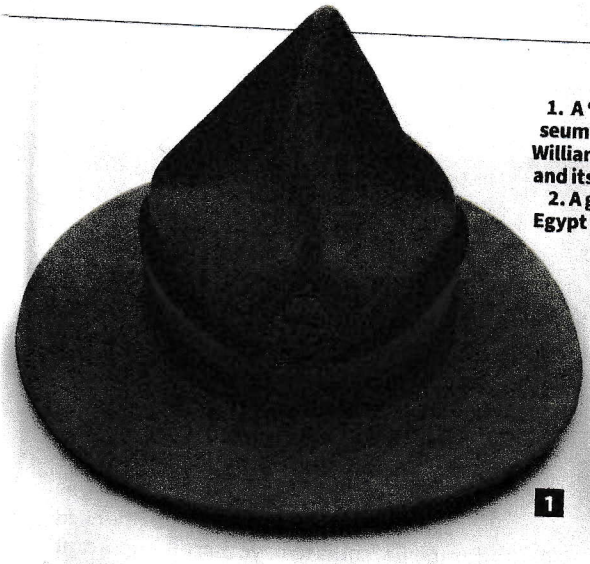
"With the original owners now departed, the taonga can become contentious within whānau.

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.

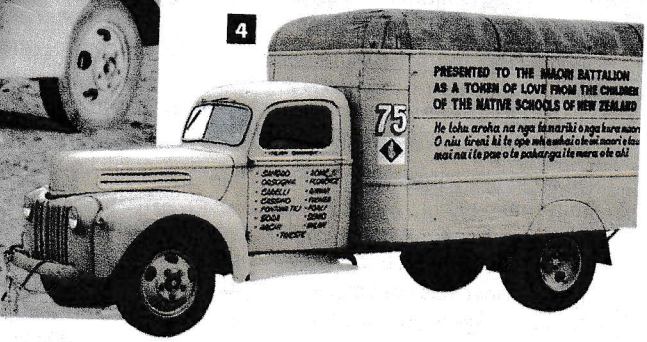


1. A "lemon squeezer" hat at Papakura Museum. The hat was designed by Gallipoli hero William George Malone to improve rain run-off and its use spread to the NZ infantry brigades. 2. A guitar carried by Private Cess Laurie in Egypt and Italy in WWII, now held by the Toitū Otago Settlers Museum.





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.



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.

NATIONAL ARMY MUSEUM, NEW ZEALAND

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.

"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. ▮

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

WIGRAM AIR FORCE MUSEUM; ROYAL AIR FORCE

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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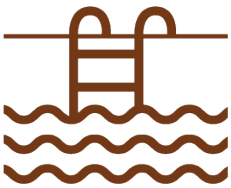
Feedback

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?

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.

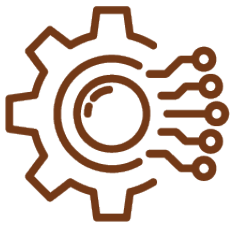


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

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?

Digital improvements are fine but they have to be user friendly. Most Council forms are awful to work with, and make no provision for 'saving. the form and continuing its completion later. That should be standard practice.

No digital forms should be unleashed on the pubic until their customer friendly status has been checked

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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.

History and Heritage

I congratulate SDC on improving their performance in this area, in supporting the work of the community's volunteer organizations in the area. This has been from the appointment of relevant Library staff, supporting improvements to historic buildings in the community, developing interactive township trails etc.

On-going work is required on two of these in Lincoln - Pioneer Hall, which is 150 years old this year, and Liffey Cottage next to the Union church. That has been detailed by SDC landscape officers led by Derek Hayes (See attached email). For Liffey Cottage that is estimated to cost some $10,000. A further sum is required to protect the historic contents of Pioneer Hall with appropriate blinds. These are estimated to cost some $2,000.

An important development has been the expanded role of the Selwyn History and Heritage Network (SHHN). Over the last two years that has injected $50,000 p.a. into the community's history ventures, largely through the volunteer organizations of the sector. Improving that amount to cope with inflation would be highly desirable.

The eHive historic artifact cataloguing system has been a great initiative connecting Selwyn Historic

Collections to the WWW, and thus making the individual items' details searchable and available worldwide. It is my belief that this eHive system should be taken on-board by the Council's Libraries. It will need some on-going funding, which the Libraries are best placed to manage. The need for on-going volunteer input of artifact details will continue - a direct financial contribution by volunteers to the Council.

Finally, there is the issue raised at SDC's Council Meeting on 3 April 2024, the proposed Regimental History Centre (RHC) at Burnham. In my opinion this could be a key centrally placed facility, which could overcome the problems of the current 'unsafe' (Earthquakes) and leaking structure at Burnham Camp. The question is whether SDC should proceed with a feasibility study, which would be required to obtain a Central Government contribution. That would be appropriate as the Army is financed by Central Government not local. If agreed to and proceeded with such a development just off State highway 1 would be a major boost to local and international tourism as well as preserving major historical artifacts vital to understanding the role of the citizen army in the development of Kiwi culture. An alternative project at Leeston, well off the main tourism routes and farming rural/focused is replicated across the country, which Burnham cannot be. At Arthur's Pass, while still important and on a major tourism route, the proposals relate to National Park developments and are thus the primary responsibility of the Department of Conservation.

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

Attached Documents

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	Derek Hayes Liffey email
	Liffey Cottage Plan pdf snipped
	2024-01-16-LDHS-minutes

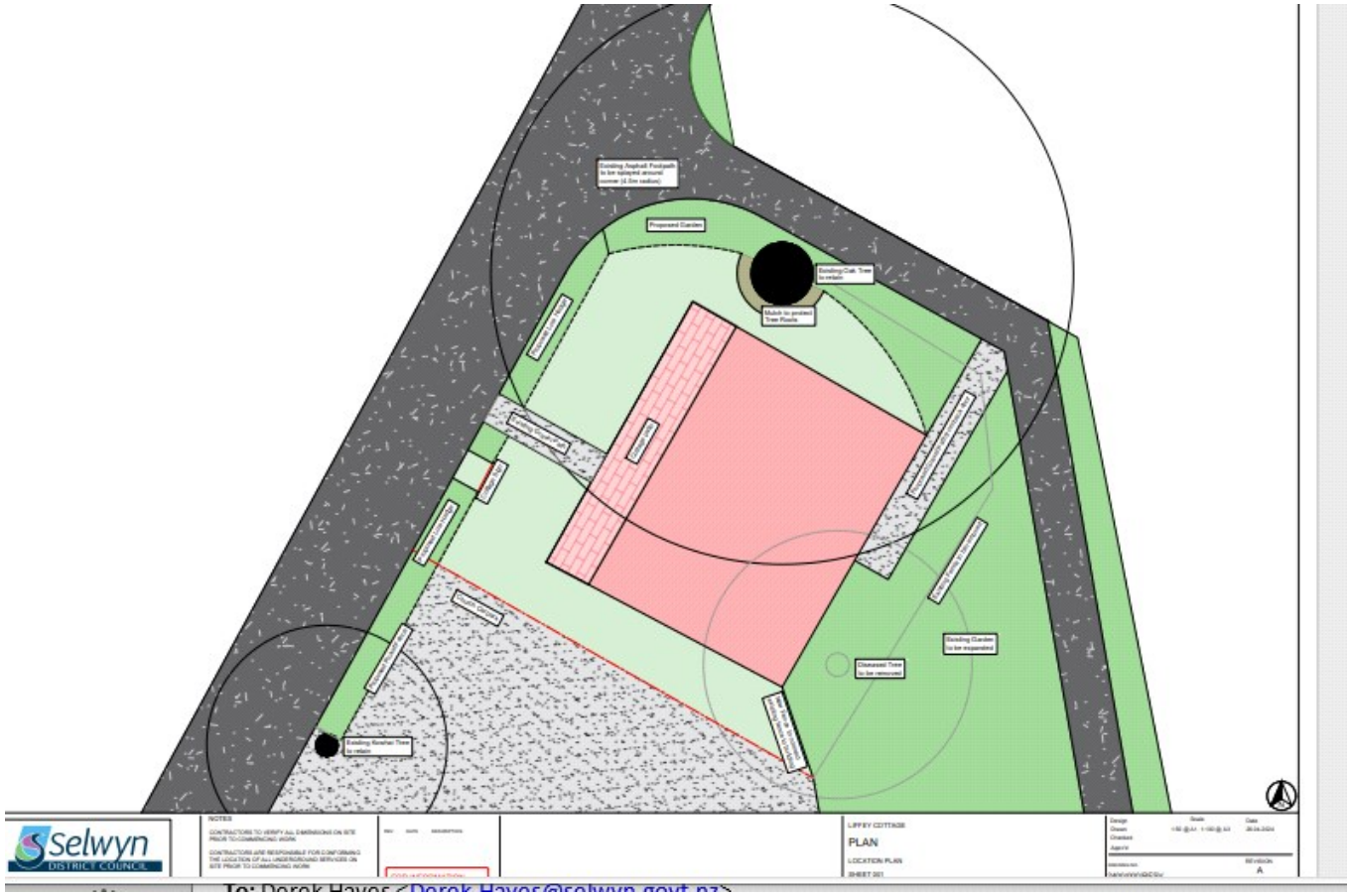
Rupert
Apologies for the delay – not sure if you have submitted on the LTP as yet, or were waiting on this still?

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


Existing Asphalt Footpath to be tapered around corner (4.5m radius)
Proposed Garden
Existing Oak Tree to retain
Mulch to protect Tree Roots
Existing Kowhai Tree to retain
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Existing Garden to be expanded
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Details of submitter No: 255 - Vanessa Moore

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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.

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 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% *

Please add any comments you may have

There is a high demand for indoor facilities, for all sports & community events in the Malvern area. With the population growing by the month its important this because a priority to be able to provide sports options for everyone & with climate change indoor facilities is the perfect answer. I believe it would be a valued asset to our area.

Attached Documents

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Details of submitter No: 451 - Lynn Anderson

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ORANA SUBMISSION ON SELWYN DRAFT LTP 2024-34

- Orana contributes internationally, nationally and regionally to nature conservation.
- The Park delivers benefits socially, economically and environmentally for Canterbury and is a key regional asset, hosting up to 200,000 visitors each year.
- Selwyn District Council contributing long term funding of $190,000 per annum will help secure all these benefits in an incredibly cost effective way.
- Please be part of the Park's positive future by including Orana in the LTP.

Orana Wildlife Park

For more than 48 years, Orana Wildlife Trust has operated Orana Wildlife Park, an internationally recognised zoo. We make significant contributions to six key DOC recovery programmes for NZ taonga species (e.g. kākāriki karaka) along with participating in 20 conservation breeding programmes for exotic endangered species. Orana educates and inspires people to care about environmental issues. We are here for the enjoyment and well-being of the community and visitors to Canterbury. Orana positively contributes to the Council's Community Outcomes in the Draft LTP, especially *"Environmental well-being"*.

What we need

It costs over $100,000 each week to care for Orana's precious animals. A minimum of $1.5M per annum of operational funding support is crucial to ensure the on-going future financial sustainability of Orana Wildlife Park. We propose that that the Christchurch, Waimakariri and Selwyn Councils collectively provide funding via a small targeted rate in recognition of the Park as a significant community asset for the region. We urge Selwyn to provide a minimum of **$190,000 per annum** (i.e. approximately $8 each year or 67 cents each month per rate-payer). We acknowledge the situation facing Council, so propose LTP funding of:

- $65,000 for the 2024-25 year;
- $130,000 in 2025-26;
- $190,000 for the 2026-27 year and $190,000 inflation adjusted from 2027-34 onwards.

Why do we need these funds?

- Orana will be in severe financial difficulty in less than two years without increased local government operational funding support.
- COVID was a silver lining, as central government funding bought time, but we cannot prevent an inevitable financial demise without increased local Council assistance.
- The Trust's budget is managed on a 'critical expenditure only' basis with an unsustainable projected loss of >$1.5M for the 2023-24 year and beyond, without allowing for critical maintenance expenditure that we continue to fundraise for.
- Operating a world class zoological facility is expensive. The same high costs apply regardless of lack of income, given our responsibility to care for our animals 24/7.
- The Park operates in a commercially astute manner, pursuing all opportunities to generate additional revenue, but it is a reality that the high costs of operating a world-class animal welfare accredited zoo means that financial sustainability from trading activities alone is impossible, as evidenced by other major city zoos globally.
- Admission prices cannot keep pace with inflation and the continual rising costs of operation. It is not practical to dramatically increase admission prices as we need to remain affordable and competitive. Until 2018, visitor income covered 90% of annual operating costs; visitor income now covers only 65% of annual operating costs.



Orana Wildlife Trust is committed to the conservation of wildlife diversity on this planet. Our aim, along with being dedicated to the conservation of endangered species and the welfare of our animals, is to provide education, recreation and enjoyment to the public.

Risks of not securing a minimum of $1.5M in operational funding per annum

- **Financial sustainability** – The future viability of Orana Wildlife Park remains at risk.
- **Deferred maintenance** – Many of our old buildings and infrastructure require major maintenance to ensure the risks of visitor dissatisfaction and failures of infrastructure are mitigated. The current budget does not allow for this, so even with additional funding support, the Park will continue to separately fundraise to complete this crucial work. This impacts our ability to raise funds for new projects that in turn drive visitation.
- **Specialised staff** – Poaching of our technically skilled team remains a serious issue, as there is a limited pool of experienced staff within New Zealand. Having appropriately qualified and experienced staff is an absolute requirement to maintain our MPI zoo registration. Paying fair salaries is essential to retain our awesome people.

Orana is a lean, mean operation

- Orana operates in a commercially astute manner with a tightly controlled budget.
- Other major New Zealand zoos enjoy significantly higher levels of local government support. For example, Wellington Zoo, a similar size to Orana, receives $4.1M per annum (over 50% of OPEX); $1.29M in renewals funding and CAPEX of up to $2.5M per annum on a project by project basis from their local Council.
- Orana separately raises 100% of funds for capital projects to make it an even greater regional facility (e.g. $6M for the Great Ape Centre, home to Aotearoa's only gorillas and $700,000 from Jobs for Nature that will further enhance our 185 hectares of land as a critical habitat for some of Canterbury's threatened species).
- We do not seek Selwyn District Council support for capital projects. We have proven expertise at being able to raise funds for new developments (e.g. $1M has been raised to construct a new NZ Conservation Centre later this year).

Importance of Orana Wildlife Park

- Orana is a crucial facility for the well-being of the whole Canterbury community as a positive outdoor activity for individuals and whānau to enjoy on their doorstep. The Park provides fantastic volunteering and work experience opportunities.
- Increasing visitors to Canterbury is crucial for economic growth. Orana plays an important role as one of the region's key tourism attractions. For example, results of a 2023 Orana Visitor Survey demonstrate that Orana drives visitation to Canterbury. 20.1% of respondents said they visited Orana because they were visiting Christchurch and 4.7% of travelers said the reason they visited Christchurch was to visit Orana.
- Canterbury has an internationally recognised zoo achieved at little cost to the rate-payer (i.e. $25M has been raised from outside sources to build Orana over 48 years).

Orana desperately needs increased funding support. We urge the Council to include the Park as a budget line item in the LTP, considering Orana is a strategically, socially and economically important and environmentally significant asset for Canterbury.

We thank the Selwyn District Council for the opportunity to submit on the LTP.

I would like to speak to this submission at a public hearing please.

Ngā mihi



Lynn Anderson MNZM
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Details of submitter No: 1460 - Nikki Rogers

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Organisation:	Hospitality New Zealand

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TO SELWYN COUNCIL

SUBMISSION ON

LONG TERM PLANS 2024-34

29 April 2024

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About Hospitality New Zealand:

1. Hospitality New Zealand ("Hospitality NZ") is a member-led, not-for-profit organisation representing approximately 2,500 businesses, including cafés, restaurants, bars, nightclubs, commercial accommodation, country hotels and off-licences. We have a 122-year history of advocating on behalf of the hospitality and tourism sector.

2. This submission relates to the Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

3. Enquiries relating to this submission should be referred to Nikki Rogers, Regional Manager – Central South Island, at Nikki@hospitality.org.nz and 027 667 4584.

General Comments:

4. Hospitality New Zealand welcomes the opportunity to comment on Selwyn Council's Long-Term Plan 2024-34. We have a number of general concerns on issues that we believe will rear their head in the next ten years. These include Local Alcohol Policies, and short-term rental accommodation. Whilst these are not under consideration in the current long-term plan, we believe there is merit and opportunity in consideration around these.

Local Alcohol Policies (LAPs)

5. Selwyn Council is currently undergoing a review of it's Local Alcohol Policy. So far Hospitality New Zealand has not been asked for any input into this review but we believe that it is important that there is an industry voice included in considerations before a draft recommendation is put out for consultation. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with the council through this process.

6. Alcohol laws in New Zealand aim to reduce the harm caused by the excessive or inappropriate consumption of alcohol. We believe that well run on-licensed environments are the safest place for people to consume alcohol in NZ. Hospitality New Zealand is committed to delivering training and skill development across the industry to further enhance host responsibility in this sector.

7. Prior to the implementation of the Sale of Liquor Act in 1989 there were about 3000 licenses in NZ and since then the number of licenses has increased to just over 11,000. Conversely, liquor consumption in New Zealand has decreased 22% since 1986. Therefore, increased access (more licenses and more places to purchase alcohol) has not translated into higher consumption.

8. We believe a holistic approach needs to be taken to support safer drinking in New Zealand. We believe councils have many options available to address alcohol harm while maintaining the community and economic benefit of hospitality. Some of these tools include:
   - National settings under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act.
   - District Licensing Committees and their discretion around approving licenses, and the ability to issue infringement notices and license suspensions for noncompliance.

- Accords and stakeholder agreements to drive inner city safety improvements. Ashburton has a very active Alcohol accord led by ACADS.
- Host responsibility training: eg Responsible Service of Alcohol (HNZ), ServeWise (HPA).

9. Hospitality NZ will work with you to ensure regulatory agencies enforce the Act as it was written and intended, not attempting to use functions of the Act such as appeals to meet their own policy preferences.

10. We will also consider appropriate amendments to the LAP system, cutting down on the time and financial cost of implementation, and/or deferring to DLCs to administer appropriate restrictions, and mitigate further unnecessary expense being incurred by local councils, associations and individual businesses in the establishment of LAPs.

Short-term Rental Accommodation (STRA)

11. The STRA sector has grown rapidly and it is now a key part of the tourism industry in New Zealand. Rapid visitor growth and a lack of commercial accommodation development in many of the busiest tourist regions have also created increased demand for STRA. While competition in any sector is healthy, the unregulated nature of STRA presents an uneven playing field vis a vis traditional commercial accommodation providers.

12. Commercial accommodation operators are seeking a fairer playing field around rates and regulations, particularly targeted at STRA properties that are whole-of-house rentals operating more than 90 days a year. The STRA sector operates mainly in residential areas, only pays residential rates, operates with less regulation, and often escapes appropriate taxation.

13. In some parts of the country, the preference for rental property owners to convert to Airbnb or similar, is resulting in a lack of available long-term rental accommodation for workers and families, and impacting on the community feel of suburbs.

14. Some Councils such as Rotorua and Queenstown have made moves to define STRA accommodation in their District Plans, so these providers – when occupied above a certain number of visitor nights – are deemed to be commercial operators and would be subject to commercial rates and regulations. Nelson and Christchurch have made similar moves – however, enforcement remains the issue.

15. At a Central Government level, we are advocating for the creation of a national register of short-term rental accommodation properties, and ensuring appropriate health and safety and compliance requirements on peer-to-peer house letting is set at a national level, removing the need for local councils to come up with the rules and moving towards fair regulation of STRA operators.

16. Hospitality NZ will work with you to define commercial accommodation in your area in a way that captures whole-of-house STRA listings and ensure rates are appropriately collected from these businesses.

Other areas of opportunity

Tourism Infrastructure Funding

17. We recognise that tourism and hospitality use and benefit from a wide variety of mixed-use infrastructure. Despite some Government funding, tourism areas are still experiencing a large funding shortfall, primarily for infrastructure heavily relied on by tourists in towns and regions with a small ratepayer base. This has led to councils considering rates rises or bed taxes to fund infrastructure and tourism promotion.

18. We do not support the current ad-hoc way some councils are looking to impose levies and rates (and taxes if they are allowed to). This can significantly increase the cost to visitors in some areas, shift pressures of visitor numbers and infrastructure to neighbouring councils, and carry an impact for particular businesses.

19. Instead, a national strategy for tourism value capture and distribution of those funds is needed, allowing a source of funding for local government to use on relevant infrastructure and tourism activities, and avoiding the piecemeal region by region approach. Along with a number of parties, we are working at a national level to address tourism funding – in the meantime we do not see a council-by-council approach as conducive to a national, equitable approach.

Nighttime Economy

20. As 24-hour economies gain traction around the world, Hospitality New Zealand believes there's an opportunity for Aotearoa to follow suit. Following the infamous Sydney lockouts, New South Wales Government has developed a 24-hour Economy Strategy aimed at building a vibrant and strong 24-hour economy where the principal activity is not about the consumption of alcohol. The strategy covers things like integrated planning to encourage collaboration, diversification of night-time activities, enhancing mobility and connectivity around the clock, and changing the narrative around being open at night. The long-term 24-Hour Economy Strategy also envisages "playbooks" and support services to help businesses navigate grants and licences, more affordable spaces for the arts sector, simpler liquor licencing and a review of live music and noise regulations.

21. Hospitality NZ believes this type of strategy holds some opportunities for New Zealand communities, and would welcome the opportunity to work with your council to explore how this could look in your area.

22. Whilst the Selwyn district may not look towards a 24-hour economy, a late night time strategy holds opportunity for growth. Particularly in the CBD area of Rolleston the Council should consider a forward looking strategy to ensure that there is an entertainment precinct worthy of NZs next City and not held back by restrictions that are more suitable to sleepy towns.

23. Considerations such as liquor bans in hospitality precincts to prevent side-loading, making more council space available for encroachment of hospitality businesses, supporting a vibrant night time economy with public transport and spaces for taxis and ridesharing can all be

beneficial to the development of precincts. Consideration should also be put into defining a CBD area in any future local alcohol policy to allow for the better development of night time activity to support a growing population. Selwyn has an opportunity to lead NZ in this area and increase its appeal as a fun and vibrant district.

Event Strategies

24. We also actively encourage the ongoing development of events programmes in the region. Events promoting the area and encouraging visitation contribute significantly to the local economy and encourage spend in our venues and accommodation providers.

Conclusion:

25. We thank Selwyn Council for the opportunity to provide input into the consultation.

26. We would be happy to discuss any parts of this submission in more detail, and to provide any assistance that may be required.

Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

Submitter Details

Submission Date: 01/05/2024
First name: Grant **Last name:** Clausen

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Organisation: Selwyn Heritage & Historical Network

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

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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.

The Selwyn Heritage & Historical Network are submitting to this Long Term Plan with regard to:

The Selwyn Heritage Plan (2023-27)

eHive Project and Administration of Licences

Community History Fund, review, increase, annual commitment

Heritage Funding $20 District Wide Rate.

Our Submission is as attached with two Supporting Documents

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

Attached Documents

Link	File
	SHHN Submission to SDC L T P 2024 the final
	SHHN eHive LTP 2024

Selwyn Heritage and Historical Network
Submission to Selwyn District Council Long Term Plan

April/May 2024

The Selwyn Heritage and Historical Network, (SHHN) represents the Museums, Historical Societies, and Charitable Trust registered Historical organisations in the Selwyn District.

They have been operating as a united district wide group, working together in its present form since 2019 for the preservation of our district's history and as a recognised lobby group to the Selwyn District Council.

We would like to comment on:

1. **The Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan (2023-27)**
2. **eHive project and administration of licences and high-level management to maintain the Museums of Waikirikiri Selwyn community**
3. **Community History Fund, review, increase, annual commitment**
4. **Our previous district wide rate proposal for heritage funding**

Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan

Due to SHHN promotions through the last Long Term Plan process, the District Council moved to establish a Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan.

Nicola Sutton was commissioned to research and advise Council in this regard. Her findings were well researched and complete and showed a definite requirement from council to support Heritage & History.

The Plan was agreed & confirmed to action on 14th December 2022.

The SHHN would like to thank the District Council & Staff for their commitment to assisting the district's passionate historians in their volunteering work to preserve and promote our history to the residents locally, and visitors regionally, and internationally.

We note that since the Plan's adoption, we have enjoyed increased interaction with the Heritage & Content staff & Library staff, having partnered with them and contributed to their work on various programmes such as Township Trails, Selwyn Stories and the development of the history cases at Te Ara Atea etc. Groups have seen an increase in enquiry from the public and schools & have worked on important projects between our groups. This has been a very positive experience for everyone .

We would have welcomed the Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan being listed as a supporting document for the Long Term Plan process – heritage values should be included at the heart of planning & operations across this fast growing District.

eHive

The SHHN appreciated the development of the Community History Fund (an initial $50,000) which in the first year satisfied those that applied to it, mainly due to only a few applying, this however allowed for a very important development, the purchase of 10 licenses for a 5 year period for eHive, allowing both cataloguing & management of, as well as online access to thousands of the district's significant historical images, articles & objects.

This in itself, is one of the best outcomes thus far due to the commitment of some dedicated volunteers in the various groups of the Network.
This group is holding regular information and learning meetings
Please remember these individuals travel for these meetings and spend hundreds of hours cataloguing at their own cost and volition to develop access to the Museums of Waikirikiri Selwyn collections for the betterment of the District.

The SHHN would like to see that the Selwyn District Council Library staff take over the administration of the licensing and high-level management for eHive, which will need attention in about 2 years' time. (2026)

Community History Fund

The Community History Fund was extended in the 2023 – 24 Annual Plan with the same cap of $50,000 - it was oversubscribed.
The Fund has again been extended with the same $50,000 this year, once again being oversubscribed, a number of our groups have been disillusioned and are struggling with their operating costs and insurance commitments.

It is obvious that the level of funding to assist the heritage sector falls behind what is required to assist these volunteers.
It was recognised in the adopted plan that there would need to be a review in the 2024 – 2034 Long Term Plan to assess the need and funding level to the Community History Fund, as stated this has shown to currently be undervalued.

District Wide Rate Proposal

In the last Long Term Plan the SHHN promoted the introduction of a $20 District Wide Rate, this would have seen sufficient funds available to borrow significantly to complete some 'big ticket projects' in the District, also leaving enough annually to fund what the current History Fund is designed for and repay the loan and the interest payments.

The SHHN would like to be informed officially of the probability or not of a district wide rate, and if not, the reasons for that.

The SHHN ask Council to significantly increase its commitment to funding the district's heritage & history groups, either with a District Wide Rate or in the interim by increasing the Community History Fund to a level that meets the current needs of the groups requiring its offerings.

The SHHN also ask Council to move forward with the Vision, Goals, and Strategic Outcomes and the Action Plan identified in the Selwyn Strategic Heritage Plan

The Selwyn Heritage & Historical Network members encourage Councillors and Staff Members to visit our museums and societies from Arthurs Pass to Springston South Soldiers Memorial Hall and all in between, to understand the level of commitment that is shown by all of the volunteers in the district so they can put the value of this in perspective. Many of the groups require financial assistance apart from their operating costs.

For and on behalf of the Selwyn Heritage & Historical Network,

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eHive Cataloguing

Submission to the 10 year Selwyn District LTP.

The eHive Cataloguing Program , 5-year license purchased from the first SDC History Grant.

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Current Situation

In the application to the first Selwyn District Council (SDC) History Fund , $50,000 grant, I proposed that a 5 year subscription and a guarantee from the SDC of a further 5 year extension, of a New Zealand "cloud based" cataloguing program, eHive, be granted. The purpose of the program is to enable the groups to catalogue the items that they have in their museums and archives and allow Selwyn District residents and the rest of the world to access this information.

$12,840 was allocated to the care of the Dunsandel Historic Society on behalf of most of the members of the Selwyn Heritage and History Network. No guarantee of a second 5-year extension was given by SDC at the time.

Ten 5-year Bronze subscriptions to a New Zealand cataloguing program, eHive, were purchased for Arthurs Pass, Ellesmere Historical, Selwyn Heritage Centre, Glentunnel, Dunsandel, Hororata, Terrace Station, Homebush Museum, Lincoln, and Prebbleton. Burnham Regimental has decided to stay with Past Perfect as their version is not "cloud" based and they do not have internet access. The more than 25,000 records of Ellesmere Historical Society (EHS) will remain on Past Perfect as it would be very expensive to convert them to eHive. However digital versions of 5000 of the photographs that the EHS holds are on eHive.

This initiative was the sole application to the first History Fund allocation that spanned the history groups in Selwyn. Because the program requires a certain level of digital skill, it has encourage d co-operation between the groups . The Selwyn eHive group has had an introduction by a staff member of Vernon the company, who support eHive. To date, the Selwyn users have had three further, very well attended, self-help meetings lead by Adriana DeGroot from Lincoln and Districts Historical Society.

A Selwyn-wide "Community" of eHive users has been formed so that all the catalogued items in the 10 Selwyn sites can be searched simultaneously.

Approximately $1000 of the $12,840 remains unspent and I obtained permission to retain the money for the Taumutu Runanga to receive a subscription as the SDC was keen for them to join the group of eHive users. To date I have had no word from Taumutu.

The next 5-year period

The 10 groups that have 5-year subscriptions will need to be funded by 2026 to make sure the money is available to continue the subscriptions, otherwise all the voluntary effort that people have put into cataloguing their museum items will be lost and that would be unthinkable.

It is difficult to accurately estimate how much the new subscriptions would cost.

EHive subscriptions are based on US$ and the current conversion is around 0.6. The price is GST exclusive. Using December 2023 data, a 5 year Silver subscription is $NZ2588 and a Bronze $NZ1035.

At the moment the Ellesmere Historical Society has approximately 5000 records (all photographs digitised over 20 years) on its Bronze license site and has another 2-3,000 photographs which will need some attention before they are added. The limit for the Bronze license is 5000 records. Thus EHS will need a Silver subscription if it is to add the additional records .

How many extra groups will want to join the eHive group in the next few years is difficult to judge, but my guess it will not be more than 2 or 3.

Making a thorough job of putting the records onto eHive is a very time consuming activity and it is difficult to judge how many of the 10 current users will reach 5000 records or exceed the data allocation for a Bronze subscription by the end of the 5-year period. I can only judge from the current total of public records on each site. Some groups have very valuable items which they do not want to advertise as it might increase the risk of theft, and these records are therefore not put online but are nevertheless catalogued and add to the count of records on each site .

While Ellesmere Historical Society has 5000 photographs and Dunsandel Historic Society has 2000 photographs on eHive, only 3 of the of the other 8 sites have more than 500 public records on eHive, currently. My guess is that only Ellesmere will need to upgrade to a Silver subscription at the end of the first 5 years.

Not allowing for inflation or increases in the cost of ”cloud” storage or changes in exchange rates, 11 Bronze subscriptions and 1 Silver subscription would amount to $13,973. Perhaps one could say “under $20,000” which would serve until 203 1.

Suggested Involvement of the Selwyn District Libraries (SDL)

At the moment the SDL runs two programs that are designed to enhance the access of people in Selwyn District (and the rest of the world) to the historical treasures of Selwyn.

Township Trails is an application that can be downloaded onto cell phones and is designed to be a guide to the historic sites as you travel around a settlement or group of historic sites . Currently Glentunnel, Hororata, Prebbleton and Lincoln have functioning trails and there are more settlements that are building trails.

Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri Selwyn Stories (Selwyn Stories) is a multimedia database (Recollect, NZMS) that can be used for historical data and contemporary items as well. As an example , Dunsandel has over 100 (approximately 500 word , with pictures) stories about its history on the site and these stories can be accessed easily by locals and by the rest of the world.

eHive is the third complementary program telling people about the items of historical interest that are held by the museums and archives in the Selwyn District.

For the initial stages of eHive, the Dunsandel Historic Society acted as the "bank" for money from the Community History Fund but there might be merit in the SDL taking over the funding of the program and the high level administration . Volunteers from the museums and archives would still have control of their individual sites and would keep up their efforts to add more records as they have done in the past. Perhaps, as with Selwyn Stories, a MOU between the SDL and SHHN could be signed.

Local history groups tend to have a high proportion of older people as members. While these people have the interest and time to devote to history, many are not very conversant with IT matters. Overarching support by SDL , who will always need to employ people to manage Selwyn Stories and Township Trails, would mean that eHive would always be cared for, and this would be of great benefit at times so that the work of the volunteers is not lost.

Members of the eHive Group of the SHHN are in support of the SDL taking a role as a high level administrator of eHive and will need to present a proposal to the SDL for their consideration if the SDC endorse this suggestion in their LTP.

Recommendation for the LTP

That the LTP make provision for sufficient funds to be available through the Selwyn District Library to allow the purchase of a second 5-year subscription for eHive users in the Selwyn District and allow the Selwyn District Library to take over high level management of the program if they agree to this suggestion.

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Submitter:	Kirrily Fea

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:

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
public transport is the future for reduced carbon emmsions if it is easily accessed, affordable and reliable and electric.

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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 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% *

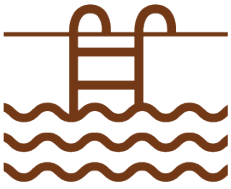
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Matters for Community Guidance

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.

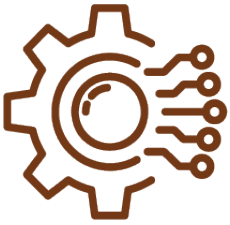


Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

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?

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.

The changes appear to be acceptable.
However in regards the Significance and Engagement Policy I'd like to see SDC engage more effectively with stakeholders, listen and take their views more seriously when making decisions, rather than engage with them and continue down a predetermined path regardless of engagement outcomes.
Although I strongly support co-governance, I'd like to see more detail from Ngai Tahu when making statements which negatively impact on others rather than using broad explanations of mana whenua, ability to practice mahinga kai and the health of water bodies. When people are being negatively affected by decisions based on their impact on these Ngai Tahu rights its important to include details of how Ngai Tahu are being impacted in order to obtain stakeholders support and understanding. Not using details creates social discourse.

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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Please provide your comments in the box below.

1. Protect the Historical value of Upper Selwyn Huts

The Mayor says in the Long Term Plan that "we're focussed on looking after what we already have" - how about you look after us!

> 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.

I am requesting this historical significance be recognised and for the Upper Selwyn Huts to be listed as an historical site on the District Plan and for the term for us being here to be extended to protect this history.

2. District wide rates

I'm asking for Upper Selwyn Huts to be put on DWR for Water and Sewer.

For the following reasons:

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

(b) We have already paid for the water upgrade.

(c) We should not be discriminated against and should be treated like everyone else in the district. We are tired if being treated differently and as second class citizens.

(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 fund the full amount. This was proposed in 4.12.4 of the SDC "Upper Selwyn Huts Future Occupancy Strategy" report dated 04/03/2024.

(h) The cost and operational charges for the pipeline continue to change so being on the DWR would give the community certainty. It would also mean that if people choose to leave the settlement early the cost will not increase for the remaining owners.

(i) Additionally we also request that our reticulation system be replaced by SDC as they have been responsible for this since 1989 and have had ample time to replace this.

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

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.*

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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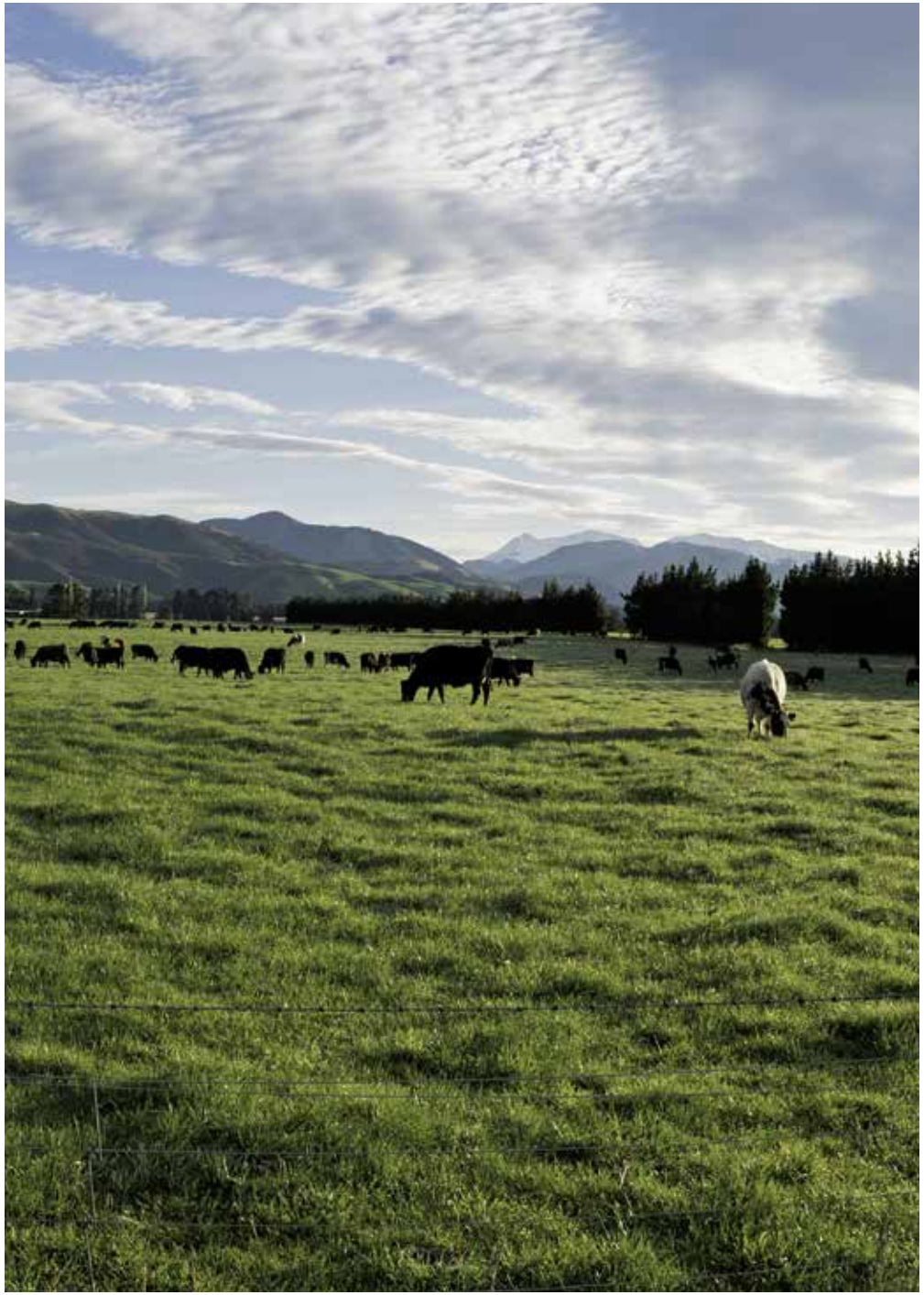
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Have your say - we welcome your submission by 5pm Monday 4 May 2015
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Faringdon subdivision in Rolleston

Introduction

Selwyn District is booming. For the past seven years Selwyn has recorded the fastest population increase of any New Zealand territorial authority. The district has also had the strongest economic growth in New Zealand for the past two years.

Selwyn's population today is around 50,000 people (as at January 2015) but by the end of this Long-Term Plan in 2025, we expect that Selwyn will be home to 67,000 people. The levels of growth reflected in this plan are substantially higher than in previous Long-Term Plans.

Our high levels of residential and business growth place demands on the Council to invest in new facilities and infrastructure, and complete future planning work across the district. Many of our existing facilities and infrastructure will need to be upgraded.

Investment in our roading network is essential as traffic volumes on our roads are increasing at a faster rate than our population growth, while heavier vehicles are also using our road network for construction and farming activities. We also want to provide more cycleways and ensure people have access to good public transport services.

As the profile of our population changes, many residents are also looking for a greater range of local services and facilities. Improved community facilities will benefit everyone living in Selwyn and will help ensure that the district remains an attractive place in which to live and work.

These investments come at a significant cost to the Council and the community. The services and facilities we build now must have the capacity to cope with a booming population, and serve not just today's residents but also future generations.

This Consultation Document sets out the Council's plans for tackling these challenges, and investing in our community over the next 10 years.

In the following pages you'll find details of some of the significant proposals and projects ahead of us including:

- a move to district-wide rating for water and wastewater services, and for community centres, halls and reserves
- major investment in roading including improved access and connections to the Christchurch Southern Motorway, and a road bridge connecting Rolleston township with its industrial area over State Highway 1 and main railway line
- new sports and community facilities to support a range of recreation activities across the district
- upgrades to water and wastewater schemes to provide for our growing population
- a new library for Rolleston
- roading upgrades in Rolleston town centre

There's also information on some of the projects, investments and upgrades planned in your local area, and on how these proposals will affect your rates.

While rates will need to increase above the rate of inflation to pay for the proposed new community facilities and road improvements, the level of increase will be tightly managed and rate levels will remain reasonable. Inflation has an impact on everyone and we expect our costs to rise by more than one-third over the next 10 years. This increase is likely to be higher than the headline Consumer Price Index because the services we provide are very different from the 'basket of goods' used to calculate that index.

The Council is forecasting average rate rises per ratepayer of less than 5% per year over the next 10 years (this is a combination of an average annual general rate increase of 6% and average annual targeted rate increase of 3.9%). Increases for individual ratepayers will vary.

Message from your Mayor

Planning together for the next 10 years

Thank you for taking the time to read *Towards '25* – our consultation document for the 2015-2025 Long-Term Plan.

This document is a different way of presenting our key projects and issues for the coming decade, and has been brought about by changes last year to the Local Government Act. What hasn't changed, however, is the importance of hearing from you – our residents.

With this document we are embarking on a consultation process which is your opportunity to influence the Council's work programme and priorities over the next 10 years. In past years, many positive and worthwhile ideas have come from your submissions, and we look forward to again hearing your views and receiving your feedback.

We have many challenges ahead of us as we look to ensure that Selwyn is well placed to respond to the continuing growth in population and economic activity that we have seen in recent years – and which we expect to continue, albeit at a reduced rate after the earthquake rebuild period is completed.

The projects and proposals set out in these pages aim to provide the infrastructure, services and facilities our growing population will need in this and future generations, while ensuring residents' rating contributions are fair, affordable and equitable across the district.

Keep in mind that some of these proposals are based on our current growth estimates. If these estimates were to change, then the timing of implementing some projects may also vary.

On behalf of the Council I invite you to engage with us in this important planning initiative. Read through this document, look at the other supporting information, and please send us your feedback and suggestions.

Kelvin Coe.

Kelvin Coe
Mayor



Mayor Kelvin Coe, outside Selwyn District Council Building in Rolleston

About *Towards '25* – this Consultation Document

Every three years local councils prepare a Long-Term Plan which sets out the range of activities the council proposes to undertake over the coming 10 years, and the community outcomes those activities aim to achieve.

It also outlines how activities will be funded, and provides for community input into setting the priorities and directions for the decade ahead.

This Consultation Document is a vital part of the development of Selwyn District Council's 2015-2025 Long-Term Plan. It provides information for the community on the significant issues and choices the Council is facing, the major projects proposed during the next 10 years, and how these might affect your rates.

The Council is now asking for your input. In this Consultation Document we outline proposals for investment in new roads, infrastructure, community facilities, our water network and improvements to townships. We are asking you as Selwyn residents to share your views on whether you support these proposals. Your feedback will be considered by the Council as part of its decision-making on the Long-Term Plan.

A number of supporting documents are available to provide more detailed information on the proposed projects, infrastructure developments and funding options outlined in this Consultation Document. See page 65 for details.

The Long-Term Plan sits alongside a range of other plans that help the Council and the community work together to plan for the district's future development.

These include:

- Selwyn 2031, the District Development Strategy, which was adopted in 2014 after public consultation. Selwyn 2031 will help guide the Council's decision-making as the district grows and develops, and ensure that Selwyn continues to prosper and people who live here continue to enjoy a high quality of life. You can find more information about Selwyn 2031 online at **www.selwyn.govt.nz**
- Area Plans for Malvern and Ellesmere – as part of the Selwyn 2031 programme, the Council will begin developing these plans this year in consultation with local communities. The plans will look at where shops, businesses and community facilities could be located in the future
- Annual Plans – in between the three-yearly plans, the Council consults with the community on its annual work programme and budget, including any proposed changes from what was signalled in the Long-Term Plan
- Masterplans for key projects such as Rolleston town centre and Foster Recreation Park. These provide guidelines on how the specific areas will develop over the coming decades. They have been developed through public consultation processes and several projects outlined in this document will contribute to the Master Plan goals

Have your say – make a submission

Anyone can make a submission on this Consultation Document. You can make a submission using the form printed in this document (see page 63), or by using the online submission form at **www.selwyn.govt.nz.**

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 4 May 2015.

Community forums

A number of community meetings will be held at locations across the district during the consultation period. These are open to the public and give residents a chance to hear more information about the proposals outlined in this document, ask questions and seek clarification. For details and timetables for these meetings, please see the Council website: **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25.**

Public hearings

Public hearings on submissions to the Consultation Document will be heard by the Council on 21-22 May 2015. If you wish to speak about your submission at a hearing, please indicate this on the submission form.

25 March 2015
Council adopts Towards '25 Consultation Document for consultation

2 April 2015
Public consultation opens on Towards '25 Consultation Document

April 2015
Community forums during consultation period

4 May 2015
Public consultation closes

21-22 May 2015
Public hearings on submissions

28-29 May 2015
Council deliberations on submissions

24 June 2015
Council formally adopts Long-Term Plan 2015-2025

At work in your community

Council activities and how your rates contribute

The range of services Selwyn District Council provides in your local community is vast.

Whether it's the water you use to brush your teeth, the local roads you drive on to work or to get to shops, the community halls you meet in, the pools and parks where you play, the libraries where you can stimulate your mind, services that support residential and business development, promotions that bring tourists and visitors to the district, the water races that keep land irrigated and stock watered, regulatory functions that keep food outlets clean, the trucks that carry your rubbish away or 101 other essential services … residents use and interact with Council activities 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Council's activities are grouped into eight significant activity areas:



Community Facilities

These activities have a major impact on the social and cultural quality of life for the district's residents, while enabling the retention of the best elements of its natural environment.

Activities include recreation and neighbourhood reserves, cemeteries, public toilets, community centres and halls, swimming pools and libraries.



Community Services

These activities provide and promote a wide variety of services and facilities that make Selwyn District a great place in which to live, work and play. We do this through working with the community to plan, provide/facilitate and promote activities.

Activities include community development services, recreation programmes, youth activities, business and tourist promotion activities, community research and social policy, and emergency preparedness including rural fire services and civil defence.



Democracy

This activity covers the costs associated with the Council's democratic process. This includes Councillors' and Community Board members' remuneration and the cost of providing them with professional advice and support, as well as the cost of organising elections every three years. It also covers certain grants made by statute to support the Council and a levy imposed by the Canterbury Museum.



Environmental Services

These activities work to protect the community from a variety of risks and to enhance the quality of the built and natural environment in which we live. This includes ensuring that actions taken by people in the district are law abiding and in accordance with community expectations.

Activities include building control, District Plan administration, environmental health, monitoring, strategy and policy, and animal control.



Transportation

The Council provides a 2,440 kilometre transportation network that covers the length and breadth of the district. This transportation network, when combined with the State Highways, provides a range of roading linkages that enable Selwyn residents, businesses and visitors to work and play in the district.

Activities include sealed and unsealed pavements, bridges, footpaths, kerb and channel, traffic signs and street lighting.



Solid Waste Management

This activity provides services for managing waste in the more populous parts of the district, covering more than 15,000 households (June 2014 estimate). Waste is mostly collected through a system of rubbish, recycling and organic kerbside collections, along with the Pines Resource Recovery Park.

Activities include kerbside collection, transportation and disposal to landfill, transport of recyclables, and the operation of the Pines Resource Recovery Park.



Five Waters Services

The Five Waters activities provide safe, clean water for households, removes sewage and flood water in a way that protects the health of the population and natural environment, provides water for livestock and drains certain land so that it is usable.

Activities include community water supplies, land drainage, urban stormwater, rural and urban water races, and community wastewater schemes.



Izone Southern Business Hub

Izone is a 190-hectare industrial park being developed by the Council at Rolleston. Since opening in 2001, the Council has purchased additional land to accommodate growth and demand for industrial land within Selwyn. Izone is designed to provide employment within the district. A secondary goal is to provide a financial return to the Council.



Funding Council's activities

The majority of these activities are funded by the rates contribution made by Selwyn residents each year. This contribution is made up of a combination of general rate and targeted rates. Other sources of funding include fees and charges, development contributions, subsidies and grants.

The general rate is levied on the basis of capital value on the property on all rateable properties. It provides the net funding for all Council operations that are not financed by targeted or special rates.

The general rate provides funding for a wide range of Council services and facilities including:

- planning (fees and charges also contribute to this activity)
- administering the Building Act (fees and charges also contribute to this activity)
- cemeteries (fees and charges also contribute to this activity)
- council internal operating costs (Community Boards are funded by targeted rates)
- economic development
- community development (external funding also contributes where available)
- public toilets
- swimming pools (also funded from targeted rates)
- transportation (New Zealand Transport Agency subsidies also contribute)
- community centres and halls – support services
- forestry
- property
- parks and reserves (some reserves funded by targeted rates)
- civil defence and rural fire
- regulatory functions (fees and charges also contribute to this activity)
- animal control (fees and charges also contribute to this activity)



Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston

The general rate also includes a Uniform Annual General Charge component, which is not related to property value.

Targeted rates are used where a Council service or facility provides a benefit to a particular group of people or location. They are levied on properties within a designated area, to fund the costs of services and facilities that are specific to that area.

Targeted rates provide funding for services including:

- local libraries
- community boards
- water supply
- wastewater
- water races
- stormwater systems
- community centres and halls
- reserves
- swimming pools
- transportation (repairs and resealing)
- refuse and recycling

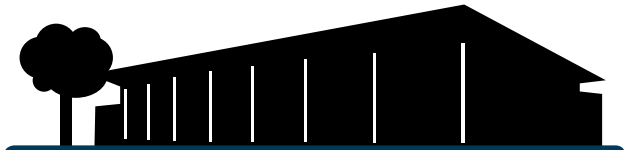
Note that this Consultation Document includes proposals for water supplies, wastewater, community centres and reserves, previously funded through targeted rates, to be funded from a district-wide rate.

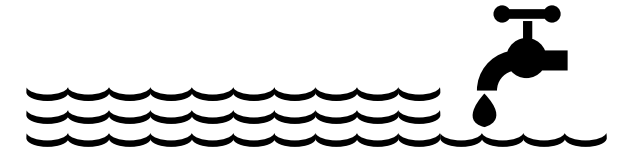
10-year funding overview

These pages set out a snapshot of the Council's major activities and how these will be funded over the next 10 years.

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

For more detailed information on the budgets for these activities, see the supporting documentation at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**

Area of Spend	Capital Spend *(including renewal)*	Operating Spend *(excluding depreciation)*	How Costs Are Funded		Rates Spend per $100
 COMMUNITY FACILITIES	$105.9m	$178.5m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	76% 24%	$26
 COMMUNITY SERVICES	$2.6m	$29.3m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	95% 5%	$5
 DEMOCRACY	$0	$42.1m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	99% 1%	$6
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	$0.2m	$116.9m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	44% 56%	$8

Area of Spend	Capital Spend *(including renewal)*	Operating Spend *(excluding depreciation)*	How Costs Are Funded		Rates Spend per $100
 TRANSPORTATION	$155.6m	$113.7m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	54% 46%	$18
 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	$3.9m	$93.3m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	70% 30%	$11
 FIVE WATERS SERVICES	$99.0m	$154.9m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	73% 27%	$26
 IZONE	$10.8m	$8.2m	RATES OTHER SOURCES	0% 100%	$0

Selwyn District 2015

5,400
BUSINESSES
OPERATE IN SELWYN

14,400
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES WORK IN OUR DISTRICT

DISTRICT POPULATION
50,000

POPULATIONS AT A GLANCE

- Rolleston's population is **12,800**
- Lincoln's population is **5,600**
- Leeston's population is **2,200**
- Darfield's population is **2,900**
- Prebbleton's population is **4,100**

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

22% OF OUR DISTRICT'S POPULATION IS
UNDER 15

STAGE 1 OF THE **CHCH SOUTHERN MOTORWAY HAS REDUCED TRAVEL TIMES BETWEEN**
Rolleston and central Christchurch in non-peak traffic
BY AROUND 5–10 MINUTES

Selwyn District 2025

2 NEW SCHOOLS
WILL HAVE BEEN OPENED

Rolleston High School
Rolleston West Primary

DISTRICT POPULATION WILL BE APPROXIMATELY
67,000

POPULATIONS AT A GLANCE

- Rolleston's population is **18,200**
- Lincoln's population is **9,300**
- Leeston's population is **2,900**
- Darfield's population is **3,600**
- Prebbleton's population is **5,200**

16% OF OUR DISTRICT'S POPULATION WILL BE
AGED 65 OR OVER

FOSTER RECREATION PARK
SELWYN'S LARGEST SPORTS PARK, WILL HAVE BEEN OPENED

THE COMPLETED **CHCH SOUTHERN MOTORWAY WILL REDUCE TRAVEL TIMES BETWEEN**
Rolleston and central Christchurch in non-peak traffic
BY A FURTHER 5–10 MINUTES

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

Sources include Selwyn District Council, NZTA, Statistics NZ



Looking towards the Southern Alps near Darfield



District-wide rates for water and wastewater, community centres and recreation reserves

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. For community centres and recreation reserves the proposed approach also recognises that people use these facilities not only in their local area, but in other parts of the district.

This proposed change may affect your rates. While you may pay more than you do now for one service, you may find that another change means you pay less.

Water and wastewater

From July 2015 the Council is proposing to adopt a new approach to paying for water and wastewater services.

The proposal is to introduce a standardised district-wide rate for water and wastewater, so that most people pay the same for these services, no matter where they live. Only properties connected to a Council water or wastewater supply (or properties with the ability to connect to a Council supply) would pay the rate.

Currently, charges for water and wastewater vary across the district. Under the existing rating system targeted rates are set for water and wastewater based on the cost of providing the service in a particular area.

Water charges currently range from $225 for water in Lincoln to $1,500 for properties in Raven Drive. Wastewater charges range from $425 for Southbridge properties to $2,246 for a small number of properties in Sunshine Terrace in Arthur's Pass. In smaller townships, the cost of providing these services tends to be higher as the cost of upgrading and maintenance is spread across a smaller group of ratepayers, and costs are also higher in more remote locations.

The proposed change recognises that residents throughout the district receive similar levels of water and wastewater service and should therefore pay a similar charge for this service.

It also recognises that service standards are increasingly being determined by government legislation and regulations. Under the proposal, basic services would remain affordable for rural communities in the future, especially when changes to legislation will require upgrades to a number of smaller water and wastewater supplies. The Council's view is that the whole district benefits from ensuring everyone has access to good-quality water and wastewater systems at an affordable cost.

The proposed district-wide rate for 2015/16 is $350 for water and $500 for wastewater. This change would result in some households paying less than they do now, and some households connected to smaller water and wastewater supplies would pay substantially less than they do now. Other ratepayers, often people living in larger towns, may pay slightly more as a result of this change. Some households may pay a different rate to the district-wide rate – for example, where water metering exists, where there is a historic loan against the property or where properties are connected to a restricted water supply.

The Council will also investigate connecting some water supplies to larger schemes, to lower the cost of providing this service. This can create savings – for example, water-quality testing only needs to be carried out on one scheme rather than two.

Scheme integrations to be investigated include:

- connecting Armack Drive to the Rolleston town supply
- connecting the Johnson and Jowers Road supplies to the West Melton supply
- connecting the Burnham supply to the Rolleston network (this project is already under way)
- connections between the Darfield and Sheffield networks
- connections between urban and rural schemes



A Council staff member checks on the controls at a water pump station

Water meters

Where properties also pay for all the water they use through water meter charges, for example, in Rolleston, households will pay a lower district-wide 'base' water rate than in other areas to recognise this.

Where full water metering exists, the base rate for 2015/16 will be $200; this is the same fixed charge that Rolleston households pay now. This reduced rate has been set at a level so that, when it is combined with the 12-month water meter charges for a household with water use of 375m^3 per year, the household would pay the same as the district-wide rate of $350. Residents in areas where water meters are used may pay more or less depending on whether their water use is higher or lower than the allocated household allowance and how much they pay in water meter charges.

The Council is also planning to progressively complete installation of water meters at all Selwyn properties connected to a Council supply over the next few years. Currently around 60% of properties connected to a Council water supply have meters installed, including all new subdivisions. To promote good water management the Council reserves the right to impose a charge for water use above the standard allocation of 375m^3 per year for properties that do have meters in place but are charged the $350 base rate. These are often commercial businesses or large sections.

Currently metering works well in Rolleston where around 60% of the cost of providing water is met through a fixed charge and 40% of the cost is met through water metering. Metered charges allow people to have some control over how much they pay for water and also encourage people not to waste water.

This helps to manage the costs of this service, as the demand for new infrastructure to provide extra capacity is reduced.



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Proposed new water rates and charges

	Base rate	Metered usage charge
Fully-metered township supply	$200	$0.40 / m^3
Partially-metered township supply: metered connection	$350	$0.40 / m^3 (for usage above 375m^3)
Partially-metered township supply: non-metered connection	$350	No usage charge

Note: properties provided with a restricted connection from an urban township supply will be charged a base rate of $175 (dwelling rate) and a per water unit charge of $175.

Loans

If a ratepayer has an existing loan for a wastewater or water scheme, this loan will continue under the new system under the same terms as before. Loans were raised when households had the option of paying in a lump sum for capital works or connection costs in the past or raising a loan against their property and paying off this cost over time. The Council considers that it would be unfair for households who made lump sum payments to subsidise households who chose to pay off the same costs over time.

Rural restricted water supplies

Some water supplies have restrictions on the amount of water available. This allows smaller water mains to be used in these areas, reducing costs for properties connected to these supplies. Hororata, Hororata Acheron, Malvern Hills and Te Pirita are restricted water supplies. No changes are proposed to the way water charges are levied on properties connected to these supplies, and these properties will not pay the district-wide rate at this stage. Consideration will be given to including these supplies in the district-wide rate in future.

Proposed district-wide rate for urban water compared with existing targeted rates

Proposed new $ rates for urban water	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Rate (incl GST) fully metered township supply		200	207	214	220	227	233	240	248	255	263
Fully metered charge per m^3		0.40	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.49	0.51	0.52
Rate (incl GST) partially metered[1] township supply		350	360	371	382	394	406	418	430	443	457
Partially metered charge per m^3 >375m^3		0.40	0.41	0.42	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.48	0.49	0.51	0.52
Alternative Option: retain targeted rate *Projected $ rates are shown below (Incl GST)*											
Armack Drive water supply	540	680	857	1,080	1,361	1,715	2,161	2,723	3,431	4,322	5,446
Branthwaite Drive water supply (fully metered)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Arthur's Pass water supply	590	650	700	750	800	850	900	950	1,000	1,050	1,100
Burnham water supply	700	800	900	1,000	1,200	1,300	1,500	1,700	1,900	1,900	1,900
Castle Hill water supply	750	805	863	927	994	1,067	1,145	1,228	1,318	1,414	1,517
Darfield water supply	375	392	410	429	449	470	491	514	537	562	588
Doyleston water supply	350	400	450	500	500	525	525	525	550	550	550
Dunsandel water supply	525	600	650	700	750	750	750	750	790	790	790
Edendale water supply (fully metered)	381	417	457	500	548	600	657	719	787	862	944
Johnson Road water supply	410	474	547	632	730	843	973	1,124	1,298	1,500	1,732
Jowers Road water supply	770	932	1,127	1,364	1,651	1,997	2,417	2,924	3,538	4,281	5,180
Kirwee water supply	500	520	540	561	583	605	629	654	679	706	733
Lake Coleridge water supply	425	499	587	689	810	952	1,118	1,314	1,544	1,814	2,132
Leeston water supply	250	275	300	325	350	375	375	375	400	400	400
Lincoln water supply	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225
Prebbleton water supply	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Raven Drive water supply (fully metered)	1,500	1,635	1,782	1,943	2,117	2,308	2,516	2,742	2,989	3,258	3,551
Rakaia Huts water supply	365	385	385	400	400	425	425	425	425	450	450
Rolleston water supply (fully metered)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Upper Selwyn Huts water supply	60	77	98	124	159	202	258	329	419	534	681
Sheffield/Waddington water supply	425	450	500	550	600	700	800	850	850	850	850
Southbridge water supply	360	400	425	425	450	450	475	500	500	500	500
Springfield water supply	510	550	575	600	625	650	700	750	800	900	950
Springston water supply	300	340	450	500	500	550	600	600	600	650	650
Tai Tapu water supply	400	450	450	450	500	525	525	525	525	550	550
Templeton water supply	550	650	700	725	750	800	800	800	850	850	900
West Melton water supply	450	475	500	500	525	525	550	550	575	575	575

1: In partially metered supply areas some households will have a meter and other households won't. Those that have a meter and use more than 375m^3 will pay a user charge.

Proposed district-wide rate for wastewater compared with existing targeted rates

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Proposed district-wide $ rate *(incl GST)*		500	543	555	569	582	597	613	628	645	663
Alternative Option: retain targeted rate *Projected $ rates are shown below (Incl GST)*											
Arthur's Pass sewerage scheme	2,246	2,706	3,261	3,929	4,735	5,705	6,875	8,284	9,982	12,029	14,495
Castle Hill sewerage scheme	454	480	508	538	569	602	637	674	713	754	798
Doyleston sewerage scheme	650	653	657	660	663	666	670	673	676	680	683
Lake Coleridge sewerage scheme	1,000	1,083	1,173	1,270	1,376	1,490	1,614	1,747	1,892	2,050	2,220
Leeston sewerage scheme	630	660	691	724	758	794	831	871	912	955	1,000
Lincoln sewerage scheme (incl ESSS)*	540	575	572	570	568	567	567	566	566	565	565
Prebbleton sewerage scheme (incl ESSS)*	535	570	567	565	563	562	562	561	561	560	560
Rolleston sewerage scheme (incl ESSS)*	500	535	532	530	528	527	527	526	526	525	525
Southbridge sewerage scheme	425	446	469	492	517	542	570	598	628	659	692
Springston sewerage scheme (incl ESSS)*	430	465	462	460	458	457	457	456	524	618	751
Tai Tapu sewerage scheme	575	587	598	610	622	635	648	660	674	687	701
Templeton sewerage scheme	1,190	1,269	1,352	1,442	1,537	1,638	1,746	1,861	1,984	2,115	2,255
West Melton sewerage scheme (incl ESSS)*	460	495	492	490	488	487	487	486	486	485	485

**ESSS (Eastern Selwyn Sewerage Scheme)*

Figures include inflation for years after 2016/17.

What are the options?

The Council could keep the existing rating system, where rates are set for water and wastewater based on the cost of providing the service in a particular area. As similar service standards are required for all schemes, this generally means that smaller schemes face higher service costs as they are spread across a smaller number of ratepayers. Over time, costs for many smaller schemes would increase significantly as these schemes require upgrades, often to meet regulated standards. If improvements are not affordable for rural communities there is a continuing risk that water contamination may occur from time to time and boil-water notices would need to be issued for some rural schemes.

For larger schemes, costs are generally lower as these schemes benefit from economies of scale, although as shown costs may increase over time, often because the amount of money set aside for renewing parts of these systems is less than required for ageing systems.

A further option is to use a capital value-based charge rather than a fixed rate per property for recovering the costs of providing water and wastewater. The Council does not consider rating for water and wastewater on the basis of capital value to be a fair rating system as there is no direct link between the value of the property and the service provided.

have your say

Do you have any comments on the introduction of a district-wide rate for community centres, halls and recreation reserves?
See question 1 on the submission form.


Glentunnel Community Centre

Community centres and recreation reserves

A new district-wide rate for community centres of $75 and recreation reserves of $65 is also proposed to replace current targeted rates from 1 July 2015 onwards. The change would mean that everyone would pay the same towards the cost of providing and operating community centres and recreation reserves throughout the whole of Selwyn.

At present, charges for community centres and recreation reserves vary across the district, with 24 different community centre and hall rates, and 22 rates for recreation reserves. Under the existing system, targeted rates are set for community centres and recreation reserves based on the cost of providing the service in that area. The rate reflects the decisions local management committees make, with input from the community, about what levels of service they want to provide. Community centre rates currently range from $20 in Springston to $230 in Lincoln.

Currently the wider community interest in a community centre project is recognised by way of a 10% grant from Council reserves.

Some communities and residents do not currently pay a community centre rate, for example in Leeston, Motukarara and Weedons, as well as a small number of rural properties. Under this proposal these properties would also pay the new rate. Recreation reserve charges range from $17 in Halkett to $100 in Courtenay where only 39 households fund this rate.

The change is proposed to recognise that community centres and reserves are often used by people outside the area that is funding this service. For example, Lincoln Event Centre is used by people across Selwyn but is partially funded by Lincoln ratepayers. Many facilities in rural townships are also valued by the wider community, such as Southbridge Hall which is a good example of an art deco building that has recently been refurbished and has a high heritage value.

Local recreation reserves are also often used by Selwyn residents from other communities. Reserves at Weedons, Rhodes Park in Tai Tapu and Whitecliffs are examples of this. When Foster Recreation Park is developed in Rolleston, it will be used by sports teams from many areas of Selwyn.

A district-wide rate is also designed to support facilities and reserves across Selwyn by making funding available to allow improvements where there is the greatest need for investment. This could include facilities and reserves in both rural communities and larger townships where population growth is creating demand for new facilities or parks. In rural areas where a small number of ratepayers support a facility or reserve, the introduction of a district-wide rate will help ensure that the cost of maintaining these remains affordable.

What are the options?

There are several options available to fund these services. The Council could retain the current targeted rating system where rates are set locally based on the cost of providing local community centres or halls and recreation reserves. Tables showing what the targeted rates would be are included in the following pages. This model allows for a strong link between local communities and these services, with communities getting the service they are prepared to fund. However, it could be argued that this funding option does not adequately recognise that users may come from across the district; for example, there is no charge for visitors to walk in a local recreation reserve. This model also takes a local view of a service, rather than looking at how facilities and reserves operate across the whole of Selwyn.

The Council also considered a funding model where eastern Selwyn (Selwyn Central Ward and Springs Ward combined) pay a fixed rate for their community centres and reserves based on the cost of providing these services in eastern Selwyn, and other areas pay a local targeted rate – as they do now. This model would recognise that many people living in Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, West Melton, Tai Tapu, Weedons and the surrounding areas often travel to nearby areas to use community centres or reserves. However, this model does not recognise that people also travel across the district to use these services. Equally this model does not support facilities in smaller communities when they wish to invest in or improve local facilities.

A further funding option is for the costs of this service to be recovered through a capital value-based charge rather than a fixed rate per property. As with water and wastewater, the Council does not consider rating for community centres and recreation reserves on the basis of capital value to be a fair rating system as there is no direct link between the value of the property and the service provided.

Proposed district-wide rate for community centres and halls compared with existing targeted rates

Community centres and halls	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Proposed district-wide rate *(incl GST)*		75	85	94	105	116	130	146	165	186	210
Alternative option: retain targeted rate *Projected $ rates are shown below (Incl GST)*											
Broadfield	60	63	66	68	72	75	78	82	85	89	93
Broadfield Loan	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
Castle Hill	60	62	63	65	67	69	70	72	74	76	78
Darfield	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Doyleston	22	24	27	30	34	37	41	46	51	57	63
Dunsandel/Mead	30	35	41	48	56	66	77	90	105	123	144
Dunsandel Loan	131	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117	117
Glenroy	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36	36
Glentunnel	31	36	42	49	57	67	78	92	107	126	147
Glentunnel Loan	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
Greendale	23	28	30	35	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
Greendale Loan	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140	140
Greenpark	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Halkett	112	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	129	79
Hororata	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Killinchy	70	79	90	101	115	130	147	166	187	212	240
Ladbrooks	41	42	43	44	45	46	48	49	50	51	52
Lake Coleridge	90	95	99	104	110	115	121	127	134	141	148
Lakeside	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Lincoln	230	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243	243
Prebbleton	23	23	24	24	25	123	124	125	125	126	127
Rolleston	85	88	90	93	96	99	102	105	109	112	115
Rolleston Sports Facility	-	-	-	-	-	100	115	132	151	174	199
Sheffield/Waddington	45	47	50	52	55	58	61	64	68	71	75
Southbridge	70	71	71	72	73	74	74	75	76	77	77
Springston	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30	32
Tai Tapu	75	82	90	99	108	119	130	143	157	172	188
Tawera	80	87	94	102	111	121	131	143	155	168	183
West Melton	35	42	51	61	73	88	106	128	154	185	222

Figures include inflation for years after 2016/17

Please note that Arthur's Pass, Courtenay, Irwell, Kimberley, Kirwee, Leeston, Motukarara, Rakaia Huts, Sedgemere, Springston South, Te Pirita, Templeton (Claremont) and Weedons do not currently pay a community centre and halls rate, but would pay a district-wide rate under the proposed district-wide rate.

Proposed district-wide rate for reserves compared with existing targeted rates

Reserves	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Proposed district-wide rate *(incl GST)*		65	68	72	75	79	83	87	91	96	101
Alternative option: retain targeted rate *Projected $ rates are shown below (Incl GST)*											
Castle Hill	45	53	61	72	84	98	114	133	155	181	212
Courtenay	100	125	155	193	240	299	372	464	577	719	895
Coalgate/Glentunnel	40	46	53	60	69	80	91	105	120	138	158
Dunsandel/Mead	35	41	49	57	68	80	94	111	131	154	182
Hororata	46	51	57	64	71	79	88	99	110	123	137
Kimberley	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
Kirwee	73	79	86	93	101	110	119	130	141	153	166
Kirwee - Pavilion Upgrade	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
Leeston	40	42	43	45	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
Lincoln Park	45	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
McHughs Plantation zone 1	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24	25	25
McHughs Plantation zone 2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Osbornes (Doyleston)	30	32	35	38	41	44	48	51	56	60	65
Prebbleton	70	72	74	77	79	82	84	87	89	92	95
Rhodes Park (Tai Tapu)	65	76	88	103	120	139	163	189	221	257	299
Rolleston	85	137	139	141	143	146	148	150	153	155	158
Sheffield/Waddington	55	59	63	67	72	77	83	88	95	101	108
Southbridge	45	46	46	47	48	49	49	50	51	52	53
Springston	40	43	47	50	54	59	63	69	74	80	86
Weedons	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
West Melton	60	62	63	65	67	69	71	73	75	77	79
Whitecliffs	35	39	44	49	54	60	67	75	84	93	104

Figures include inflation for years after 2016/17

Please note that Arthur's Pass, Broadfield, Darfield, Glenroy, Greendale, Greenpark, Halkett, Irwell, Killinchy, Ladbrooks, Lake Coleridge, Lakeside, Motukarara, Rakaia Huts, Sedgemere, Springston South, Springfield (Kowai Pass), Templeton (Claremont) do not currently pay a reserves rate, but would pay a district-wide rate under the proposed district-wide rate.

have your say

Do you have any comments on the introduction of a district-wide rate for community centres, halls and recreation reserves?
See question 1 on the submission form.

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Bealey Road, near Greendale

Roading and transportation

Selwyn's transportation network plays a critical part in the district's economy and is essential for people to be able to access employment, shops, services and recreation areas.

As the district has grown, the number of vehicles on Selwyn roads has increased even faster than the population. Vehicles now travel over 300 million kilometres a year on Selwyn roads, an 80% increase since 2001, while the district population grew by 71% over the same period.

Commuter traffic is also increasing – between 2006 and 2013 the number of people commuting to work in Christchurch from Selwyn increased by 44%. More heavy vehicles are also using our roads, including milk tankers, trucks transporting materials for subdivision construction and vehicles accessing new business areas. Freight volumes in Selwyn are expected to almost double over the next 30 years.

Since the Canterbury earthquakes, former Christchurch residents have moved to townships close to Christchurch such as Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton and West Melton. Formerly quiet rural roads are now experiencing more traffic than they were designed for.

This growth is putting significant pressure on the roading network and substantial investment will be required over the next decade to upgrade our network in eastern areas of the district. This is in addition to the routine maintenance work needed to prevent roads from deteriorating through wear and tear caused by increasing traffic, including heavy vehicles.

The Council is planning to respond to these challenges by:

- increasing expenditure on road maintenance and renewals
- undertaking major roading improvements to improve access to and across State Highway 1 at Rolleston and improving links to the Christchurch Southern Motorway at Prebbleton
- upgrading streets and intersections in Rolleston
- investing in developing new cycleways

Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 2

Construction of Stage 2 of the Christchurch Southern Motorway is expected to begin in 2016 and be completed in 2019.

This will extend the motorway from Halswell Junction Road to north of Hoskyns Road at Rolleston. The new route will reduce travel times between Selwyn and Christchurch, as it is expected that it will take less than 15 minutes to get from central Christchurch to Rolleston.

Improvements are needed to the Prebbleton roading network to cater for increased traffic as people access the new motorway interchanges at Shands and Marshs Roads. New roundabouts will be installed and roads will be widened along a number of key roads connecting to the new motorway.

New roundabouts are planned at:

- Springs Road and Hamptons Road (in 2016/17)
- Shands Road and Hamptons Road (in 2018/19)
- Shands Road and Blakes Road (in 2020/21)

The Council also plans to widen these roads:

- Hamptons Road (between Springs and Shands Roads) in 2018/19
- Trents Road (between Lindsay Drive and Shands Road) in 2021/22
- Ellesmere Road (between Lincoln Tai Tapu Road and Trices Road) between 2024 and 2026

Funding this project

The total cost of these improvements over 10 years is $11 million (in 2015/16 dollars). Discussions with New Zealand Transport Agency are planned on what funding assistance it may provide. We are assuming that NZTA will help fund these improvements but funding has not yet been agreed. Based on the assumption that NZTA will contribute funding, the Council's share of the cost of the work is $6.8 million and initially this will be funded by borrowing. Borrowing costs for the project are equal to a 2% increase in the general rate – this will build up to around $24 per year for a $500,000 property by the year 2024/25.

What are the options?

Selwyn's existing local road and intersection layouts will not have sufficient capacity for the increasing traffic accessing the motorway in future. Without these roading improvements more congestion and vehicle crashes are likely to occur at these locations. Multi-agency transport studies have looked at a range of options and have identified the need for these roading improvements as the most appropriate response to the scheduled construction of Stage 2 of the Christchurch Southern Motorway.

have your say

What are your views on improvements to upgrade major routes connecting to the Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 2 extension?
See question 2 (a) on the submission form.



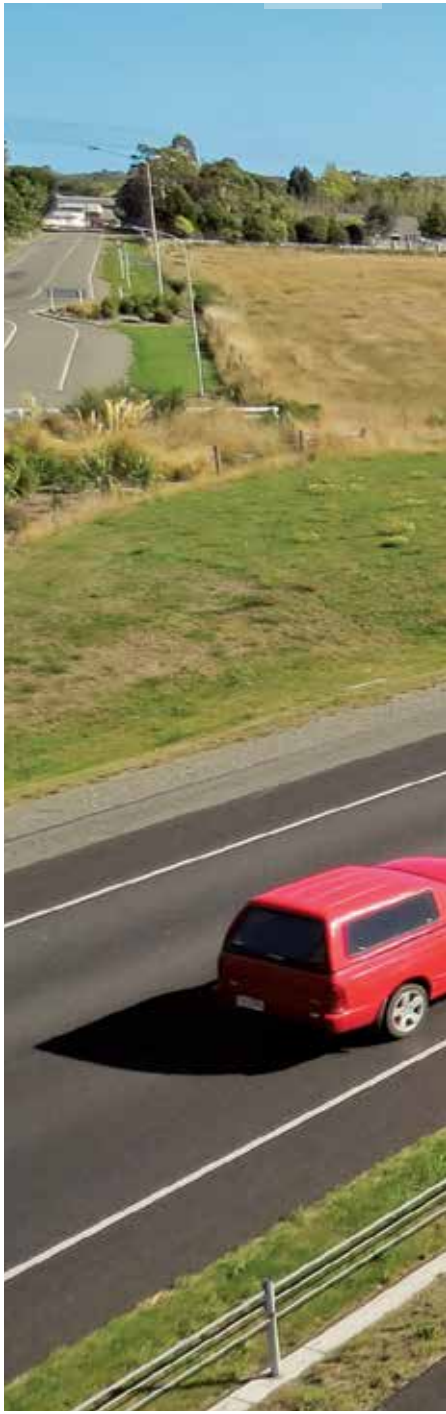
Springs Road and Hamptons Road intersection



Shands Road and Hamptons Road intersection



Shands Road and Blakes Road intersection





The Christchurch Southern Motorway



Connecting Rolleston across State Highway 1

As population and traffic growth continues in Rolleston, a safe, efficient connection between the town centre and industrial areas will become critical for all types of traffic.

Traffic volumes on State Highway 1 between Rolleston and Christchurch are expected to increase significantly over the next 10 years. Currently around 20,000 vehicles travel along the state highway between Rolleston and Christchurch each day. By 2023 this is expected to reach around 30,000 vehicles.

Over the same period Rolleston is expected to grow from its current population of around 12,800 to 20,000 by 2030. It will also continue to attract people to shop and work there from other parts of Selwyn. Rolleston's industrial area will become increasingly important as both an employment and economic centre for the district, as produce and products from other areas in Selwyn are transported to and from this area. A good transport connection between the town centre and its western industrial areas will be needed for motorists as well as other road users.

It is proposed to develop a new road bridge, or 'flyover', over State Highway 1 and the main railway line, to enable vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and buses to move quickly and safely between these areas, and beyond to Christchurch. This has been identified to cater for significant changes in traffic volumes and movements around Rolleston, associated with the planned completion of Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 2 extension in 2019 – which includes a new motorway interchange at Weedons Ross Road. It will also cater for the continuing growth of Rolleston's residential and industrial areas and the upgrade of Rolleston's town centre.

The flyover will be relatively long, as it needs sufficient height to safely clear both the state highway and the railway line. It would connect Rolleston Drive/Kidman Street and Hoskyns Road/Jones Road in a diagonal line. Planned for 2022/23, the flyover would include two traffic lanes with separated walking and cycling lanes. Large roundabouts would be installed at the intersection of Rolleston Drive and Kidman Street and at Hoskyns Road/Jones Road as part of the proposal. The flyover benefits not only Rolleston but also the wider district in providing an important access point to the new motorway to Christchurch from further afield eastern and western areas.

Before the flyover eventuates, some more immediate upgrades will be necessary at the Hoskyns and Jones Road intersection. This would also be in conjunction with improving the operational performance of the existing local and state highway network where possible between the Council and NZTA. Although this will help manage increasing traffic volumes, it is not a suitable long-term solution for the area.

Improvements are also needed at Tennyson Street and Brookside Road to improve access to Rolleston town centre. The high-priority state highway intersection upgrades identified for the next 10 years are:

- Tennyson Street and Brookside Road (2018/19)
- Walkers Road, Dunns Crossing Road Roundabout (2019/20)
- Hosykns Road Slip Lane Izone Access (in conjunction with flyover)

The Council also plans to widen Jones Road between Weedons Ross Road and the industrial areas in 2020/21, or earlier if improved access is required in response to the development of adjoining business land.



Indicative layout of proposed flyover

Funding this project

The total cost of these improvements over 10 years is $39.6 million (in 2015/16 dollars). Discussions are taking place with NZTA on what funding assistance it may provide. We are assuming that NZTA will help fund these improvements, but funding has not yet been agreed. We are also assuming that some funding will be provided by land developers in the form of development contributions. Based on these assumptions, the Council's share of the cost of the work is $13.5 million and initially this will be funded by borrowing. Borrowing costs for the project are equal to a 5% increase in the general rate; this will build up to around $50 per year for a $500,000 property by the year 2024/25. If funding from NZTA and development contributions is not available, the Council would reconsider whether the flyover and the other improvements could proceed.

What are the options?

Multi-agency transport studies have looked at a range of options and have identified the need for these roading improvements as the most appropriate response. Formal discussions are occurring with NZTA and developers over planning and funding the final form of these works. In the case of the flyover, the main driver is that the existing traffic signals on State Highway 1 at Rolleston Drive and Hoskyns Road will not cope with this increase in traffic, with the result that vehicles would experience long queue times. This will create safety issues which may result in access to the highway being closed at these intersections by NZTA, requiring traffic to detour 7km from the town centre to Izone using local roads. More trains are also expected to use the Hoskyns Road rail crossing which will add to vehicle queues.

The opening of the Christchurch Southern Motorway extension is likely to change travel patterns across the district. For example, people travelling from Darfield to central Christchurch may find it faster to travel via the new motorway to central Christchurch than via existing routes. Without improvements, significant congestion around the southern access points to the motorway is likely to occur.

Good walking and cycling facilities will help connect the township with the industrial areas as more people live and work in Rolleston. The flyover concept includes integrated walking and cycling facilities. The alternative of separate facilities solely for pedestrians and cyclists, such as an underpass, would be a relatively expensive option.

Other options for replacing the existing traffic signals have been assessed extensively over a period of several years by an inter-agency group, but have been found to be impractical or more expensive than the flyover option, which has been tested through a new transportation model that forecasts future traffic volumes. The position of the main railway line and railway station next to the highway also limits the available options for undertaking large road realignments and intersection improvements.

have your say

What are your views on a connection (flyover) between Hoskyns Road, State Highway 1 and Rolleston Drive?
See question 2 (b) on the submission form.

Funding road maintenance and renewal

Funding the maintenance and renewal of our expanding transportation network over the next decade presents a major challenge for Selwyn.

In addition to growing traffic volumes, the size of the transportation network, which includes roads, footpaths and other assets such as bridges, kerb and channel and streetlights, has also increased as new subdivisions are developed and these assets are handed over to Council to manage.

In 1999 our transportation network was valued at $200 million and is now valued at $640 million. A larger roading network means more money needs to be set aside to replace assets as they wear out. For example, the Council is planning to reseal around 75km of its existing sealed road network per year to ensure roads continue performing and do not deteriorate through wear and tear.

In July 2014, the Council introduced a targeted transportation rate of $60 per household to help meet the rising costs of roading repair and renewal work, and meet community expectations that residents did not want to see further deterioration in the roading network.

This extra funding is being used to increase the amount of resealing carried out and to reconstruct sections of some roads that had experienced significant damage.

In this Long-Term Plan the Council is proposing that this targeted roading rate would continue in the future at a rate of $60 per rateable unit (household). This will allow the Council to continue investing in road repairs and resealing so that roads can be kept at an acceptable standard as traffic volumes increase.

Funding this project

The Council is proposing that the targeted roading rate of $60 will continue. This will contribute to funding road repairs and reseals, along with any supporting national funding assistance.

What are the options?

The Council's main roading activities are subsidised by NZTA through funding allocations across all road controlling authorities. The level of funding provided is not keeping pace with the demands on our roading network. The Council seeks to increase funding from NZTA through its negotiated three-yearly agreed work programme, which attracts a 51% subsidy from NZTA.

The targeted rate enables Council to carry out work beyond what would normally be affordable through national funding assistance. If this funding does not continue, the standard of the district's roads would reduce over time, with more potholes, edge damage and damaged sections of road occurring. This would result in more wear and tear on vehicles, slower travel times and a reduction in road safety which could contribute to more crashes occurring.

have your say

What are your views on the level of investment planned on roading maintenance and renewal, including the continuation of a $60 targeted roading rate?

See question 2 (c) on the submission form.





Road resealing, Main Rakaia Road

Other transportation projects

The Council is also planning to continue to expand the district's cycleway networks. The aim is to provide a network of safe off-road cycleways alongside increasingly busy roads that will connect main townships together, particularly in eastern Selwyn.

Cycleways between Lincoln and Rolleston, and between Springston and Lincoln, are currently being developed. New cycleways considered to be a high priority by the Council are planned for:

- Glentunnel to Coalgate (2015/16)
- Leeston to Doyleston (2016/17)
- Rolleston to Templeton (2018/19 to coincide with the extension of the Southern Motorway)

The total cost of these cycleway projects is $0.8 million (in 2015/16 dollars). More localised township walkways and cycleways will be developed in new subdivisions.

Community facilities

Community facilities benefit Selwyn's population by providing places where people can gather, where new residents can meet others, and where adults and children can take part in a range of fitness, social and recreation activities.

Selwyn's population growth – particularly in eastern Selwyn which includes Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton and West Melton – is increasing the demand for new community facilities.

Currently the district has a relatively high proportion of children and a lower proportion of older people compared with the rest of New Zealand, but the proportion of people aged 65 and over is forecast to rise in the future.

In some areas there is also a need to replace local facilities that may have been damaged in the earthquakes, or are coming to the end of their useful lives.

What are the options?

In this Long-Term Plan the Council is proposing to invest in new community facilities and major parks. Alternatively it could choose not to fund new facilities or let existing facilities decline. If declining facilities are not replaced, it is likely that they would become unsafe, community use would decline and the facilities would need to be closed.

If the Council does not develop major new parks, the amount of open space available to the community would not increase to meet the growth in our population and the rapid growth of sports participation in the district. Equally, the Council could invest in building more facilities or parks than we have proposed in this plan but this would result in a higher rate increase.

Impact of new recreation facilities on the proposed district-wide rates

New recreation facilities	Construction	Impact on district-wide rate $ per year *(incl GST)*
Rolleston indoor sports complex	2019/20	43
Prebbleton community centre	2020/21	14
West Melton community and recreation centre	2016/17	14
Dunsandel community centre	2015/16	8

Note the rates impact includes the impact of both borrowing costs and operating costs.





Artist's impression of the new Dunsandel Community Centre

Recreation facilities

The Council is proposing to make substantial investment in several facilities:

Rolleston indoor sports complex

This facility is planned at Foster Recreation Park. It would provide two courts for sports such as basketball, netball, volleyball and other activities. A fitness centre is also proposed. The proposed facility will be adjacent to, and will complement, the indoor sports facilities provided in the new Rolleston High School.

Funding this project

The total cost of the complex is estimated at $7.5 million (in 2015/16 dollars), of which $3.25 million would be funded from reserve development contributions, $3.75 million from borrowing (paid for by the proposed district-wide rate) and the balance from other non-Council funding sources such as external grants.

Prebbleton Community Centre

A new community centre is proposed in 2021 to service this rapidly growing area and to replace the existing facility which is ageing and will not have the capacity to meet future demands.

Funding this project

Construction will cost $4.5 million (in 2015/16 dollars), of which $1.8 million would be funded from reserve development contributions, $2.1 million from borrowing (paid for by the proposed district-wide rate), $290,000 from property sales and the balance from other non-Council funding sources such as external grants.

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

A new multi-purpose community and recreation centre is proposed for completion in 2017. The existing community centre is too small for this growing township and may also require earthquake strengthening.

Funding this project

Construction is estimated to cost $5.5 million (in 2015/16 dollars), of which $2.5 million would be funded from reserve development contributions, $2.2 million from borrowing (paid for by the proposed district-wide rate), $129,000 from existing funds held and the balance from other non-Council funding sources such as external grants and club/partner contributions.

Dunsandel Community Centre

A new $2.9 million (in 2015/16 dollars) sports and community centre is planned to provide spaces for community and sports club activities. This will replace the previous facility which had to be demolished due to earthquake damage.

Funding this project

$660,000 would be funded from reserve development contributions and other special funds, $1.2 million from borrowing (paid for by the proposed district-wide rate), $300,000 from insurance funds and the balance from other non-Council funding sources such as external grants, club/partner contributions and community fund raising. *(Note that design work is currently being prepared for this project as it was approved following consultation on the previous Long-Term Plan and therefore no submissions are sought.)*



Reserves

The Council is also proposing to invest in improving or developing reserves in Selwyn.

Areas where significant investment in reserves is proposed include:

Foster Recreation Park

The Council plans to continue the development of this park for sports competition and training, community events, and walking and cycling. This will include the development of sports fields, lighting installation, landscaping and planting, and the creation of walking and cycling paths, car parks, amenity buildings and playgrounds for children and young people.

Funding this project

The cost of this project is $9.25 million (in 2015/16 dollars), to be staged between 2015 and 2025. The majority of costs for the project ($7.8 million) would be funded by the Council from reserve development contributions to recognise the growth needs with the balance funded from the proposed district-wide rates ($1.05 million) and external grants of $430,000.

Large-scale park

The Council is considering purchasing land for a large-scale park to be located near Rolleston. As the district grows there will be increasing demand for more space for recreation and sports activities at district and regional levels. This park would provide space for a variety of recreation activities which may include mountain-biking, walking and equestrian activities and also provide for future sports needs.

Funding this project

The cost of this purchase is estimated to be $8 million and it is expected the land would be purchased in 2017 and then held for development at a later time. $2 million would be funded from reserve development contributions, $730,000 from land sales and the balance of $5.3 million from the proposed district-wide rate. The impact on the district-wide rate of this purchase would be an increase of around $23 per ratepayer. This increase is not currently built into the forecast level of the district-wide rate.

Aquatic facilities strategy

The Council is also intending to begin work on an update to the Aquatic Facilities Strategy in 2015. This strategy will help to identify what investment in pools is required in the future – including whether there is demand to develop another learn to swim pool at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre or alternative locations.

Other facilities

Investment on a smaller scale in other community facilities and reserves is also proposed. See Local Projects (page 46) for information on these proposals.



Parekura Park in Rolleston

have your say

What are your views on planned investment in community facilities and reserves?

See question 3 on the submission form.

Earthquake-prone buildings legislation

A significant issue that the Council is anticipating making provision for during the period of this plan relates to earthquake-prone buildings. The Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Bill, which is currently before Parliament, introduces significant new requirements for managing earthquake-prone buildings.

In its current form, the Bill would require the Council to complete a seismic assessment of all commercial buildings and multi-unit, multi-storey residential buildings within five years. The cost of completing these assessment would be substantial if the Council is required to pay for these, and this cost has not been included in this Long-Term Plan.

Property owners would be required to strengthen or demolish buildings assessed as being earthquake-prone, within 15 years of the assessment being completed. Any Council-owned community facilities or buildings considered earthquake-prone would also need to be demolished or strengthened within that timeframe. The Council has been working through a programme to complete seismic assessments for all Council and community facilities. This assessment programme should be completed by 2016.

Buildings found to be earthquake-prone could be strengthened, demolished or closed. The Council has allowed a provisional budget totalling $1.5 million for earthquake strengthening work on Council and community facilities and buildings, in the first five years of the Long-Term Plan.

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Five waters

The Council provides five waters services to residents and landowners across the district:

- potable (drinking) water
- wastewater
- stormwater
- water races
- land drainage schemes

These services are provided through a total of 81 separately rated schemes across the district. In eastern townships, high population growth requires the Council to invest in developing extra capacity for water and wastewater assets.

The Council is proposing to change how wastewater and water are funded in the future, by introducing standard district-wide rates for these services – see pages 12 to 16 for more information.





Rhodes Park in Tai Tapu

Drinking water – major projects

Major projects proposed include:

Eastern Selwyn capacity improvements

Water source improvements are proposed to provide increased capacity for Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton, including the development of new wells, reservoirs and pump stations. The costs of these improvements (in 2015/16 dollars) are:

- Rolleston $9.8 million, scheduled between 2016 and 2025
- Lincoln $4.2 million, scheduled between 2016 and 2026
- Prebbleton $5.8 million, scheduled between 2015 and 2025

Funding these projects

As these projects are to provide additional capacity for new homes, they will be funded by development contributions paid by land developers.

Other projects

In West Melton as a consent condition of the new Wilfield subdivision, the developer is required to provide an additional bore which will provide extra capacity for the township.

The installation of ultraviolet (UV) units in the Hororata Acheron and Springfield schemes is also proposed, which will help improve water quality for users.

Filtration upgrades are proposed for Hororata Acheron, Sheffield and Springfield water supplies which will also improve water quality.

Additional bores will be installed at Darfield to provide more capacity.

Projected district-wide rates for water and wastewater are shown on pages 12 to 16.

Projected rates for stormwater, land drainage and water races are shown in the full draft Long Term Plan, available online at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**

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Wastewater – major projects

Major improvements proposed include:

Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant

Additional infrastructure development is proposed at the Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant, which currently services Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston and West Melton townships. The treatment plant was designed so that the treatment capacity can be progressively increased to cope with population growth. Between 2015 and 2025 Pines III upgrades will be started including a bioreactor, UV lamps, four blowers, and an additional clarifier and irrigation pump. The cost of these improvements is $29 million, to be funded largely from development contributions.

Prebbleton

A pipeline from Prebbleton to the Pines Treatment Plant is to be developed in 2015/16. Currently wastewater from Prebbleton is transported to the plant via a pipeline through Lincoln, but as Lincoln's population grows this existing pipeline will not have capacity to transport Prebbleton's wastewater.

Ellesmere Wastewater Treatment Plant

An upgrade of the Ellesmere Wastewater Treatment Plant is planned to provide the scheme with more capacity to cope with future growth. Design of the upgrade will start in 2016, with completion of a new irrigator in 2017 and further improvements made from 2023.

For further consideration: Darfield wastewater

Darfield does not have a Council-operated wastewater system, and individual property owners have installed their own septic tanks. A working party has been set up to investigate whether a Council wastewater network should be developed for Darfield. Further consultation and support from the community would be required for this proposal to progress and the establishment of a Council wastewater system is not included or funded in this plan.





The Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant near Rolleston

Stormwater – major projects

Leeston stormwater upgrade

In Leeston a new flood diversion channel is proposed to be developed between 2015 and 2018, with the final stage of work on the Harmans Road drain taking place in 2022/23.

A survey of Leeston ratepayers was undertaken last year on options to upgrade the stormwater system; 77 percent of those who respond to the survey said they supported work being undertaken on the stormwater system.

The preferred option was to create a stormwater bypass to divert stormwater away from the town centre. A swale would connect the Leeston Creek to the Cunningham Street culvert through the block of land known locally as the Martin block. Drains from the stormwater reserve on Country Lane to culverts at the show grounds would be widened and deepened, culverts at the showgrounds would also be upgraded along with key sections of the Tramway Reserve Drain to carry additional water. The drain along Harmans Road would also be extended and widened to divert water to the west side of the township. The improvements to the stormwater system are designed to cope with a one in 50-year rain event by improving the capacity of drains and other infrastructure in heavy rain. Existing pipes in Leeston are sized to carry a one in two-year rainfall event and newer pipes can cope with a one in 10-year rainfall event. Some flooding will still occur in Leeston when very heavy rainfall occurs due to the capacity of pipes; however, the amount of flooding is expected to reduce noticeably if this stormwater upgrade is completed.

Funding this project

The cost of upgrade is estimated at $2.15 million or $185 per household, repaid over 20 years.

Ongoing maintenance work in Leeston is also planned in the future such as increased open drain maintenance to minimise flooding in the township. It would be funded through rates.

What are the options?

Two stormwater diversion options were consulted with residents in 2014, as was the option of doing nothing. The other option considered was doing only the Leeston North Bypass and not extending and widening the drain along Harmans Road. The cost of this option was estimated at $1.55 million. The community asked the Council to investigate the Harmans Road extension as a cost-effective way of diverting water from the surrounding rural land away from the town. There is also the option of not making any improvements. In this case the type of flooding that affected the town in 2013, although rare, could recur in years where exceptionally high rainfall occurs within a short period. Other options were also considered during investigations but were not preferred.

have your say

What are your views on planned improvements to Leeston's stormwater system (to be funded from a targeted stormwater rate paid by Leeston properties)?

See question 4 on the submission form.

Other projects

In Lincoln further stormwater improvements are planned which would divert water away from Rosemerryn and other new subdivision areas to the new stormwater wetland on Ellesmere Road, with work to be completed in 2015/16. This project would cost $300,000, funded from the targeted rates.

In Tai Tapu, a flood pump and a fast response service is being established for when there is a risk of flooding in the township. An increase in Tai Tapu's stormwater rates reflects an improved level of service.

Stormwater rates impacts

The Leeston township land drainage and stormwater rates are proposed to be merged to allow greater flexibility in the undertaking of maintenance work.

Stormwater rates in Castle Hill are expected to increase significantly due to the high maintenance costs of servicing this location and the small number of properties contributing to the rate.

In many areas, stormwater rates are expected to stay at levels similar to current rates as few new projects are planned. These schemes are: Arthur's Pass, Darfield, Dunsandel, Edendale, Glentunnel, Hororata, Kirwee, Lake Coleridge, Prebbleton, Rakaia, Rolleston, Southbridge, Springston, Templeton and Whitecliffs.

In Doyleston a moderate rate increase is proposed which reflects slightly higher maintenance costs for this scheme.





Stormwater reserve in Leeston

National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management

The Government recently made changes to the existing National Policy Statement for Freshwater. These require regional councils to develop regional plans for fresh water.

Regional Plans must create freshwater areas across their regions and identify the values communities hold for water (including how their communities want to use water – for example, for irrigation or swimming). Regional councils then gather water quality and quantity information and decide the water quality objective or goal for each value the community has chosen based on the economic, social, cultural and environmental impact on that community. The final step is for the community to assess how, and over what timeframes, those goals are to be met.

As part of this process, regional councils may need to account for all water taken out of rivers, lakes and groundwater, and the sources and amounts of contaminants going into these water bodies. For district councils this could have significant implications for the way stormwater is managed in the future.

Until Environment Canterbury develops its plan with rules for the Canterbury region, Selwyn District Council cannot accurately forecast the financial impact of these changes and these have not been factored into this Long-Term Plan.

Water races

The development of the Central Plains Water Scheme is likely to result in a progressive decrease in demand for stock water races in the Malvern scheme and part of the Ellesmere scheme.

The Council has begun discussions with irrigators on the Ellesmere and Malvern schemes. The option of closing parts of these schemes will be considered and any potential closures will require consultation with individual users. The Haldon water race and the down-gradient network supplied by this intake is one race that is identified for closure. Parts of this race may stay open to enable flow to be used for environmental enhancement. Some water race closures may be initiated by ratepayers and will require consultation with users and the wider community.

The Council is also in discussion with Central Plains Water as some areas of the existing network sourced from the Kowai River could be used by the scheme to transport irrigation water, which would generate income for the water race scheme. This concept requires further community consultation which will also cover how any income received by the Council could be fairly used either to reimburse scheme users or fund works on the network.

No other major proposals are included in this 10-year period, but a number of smaller, local projects are proposed.

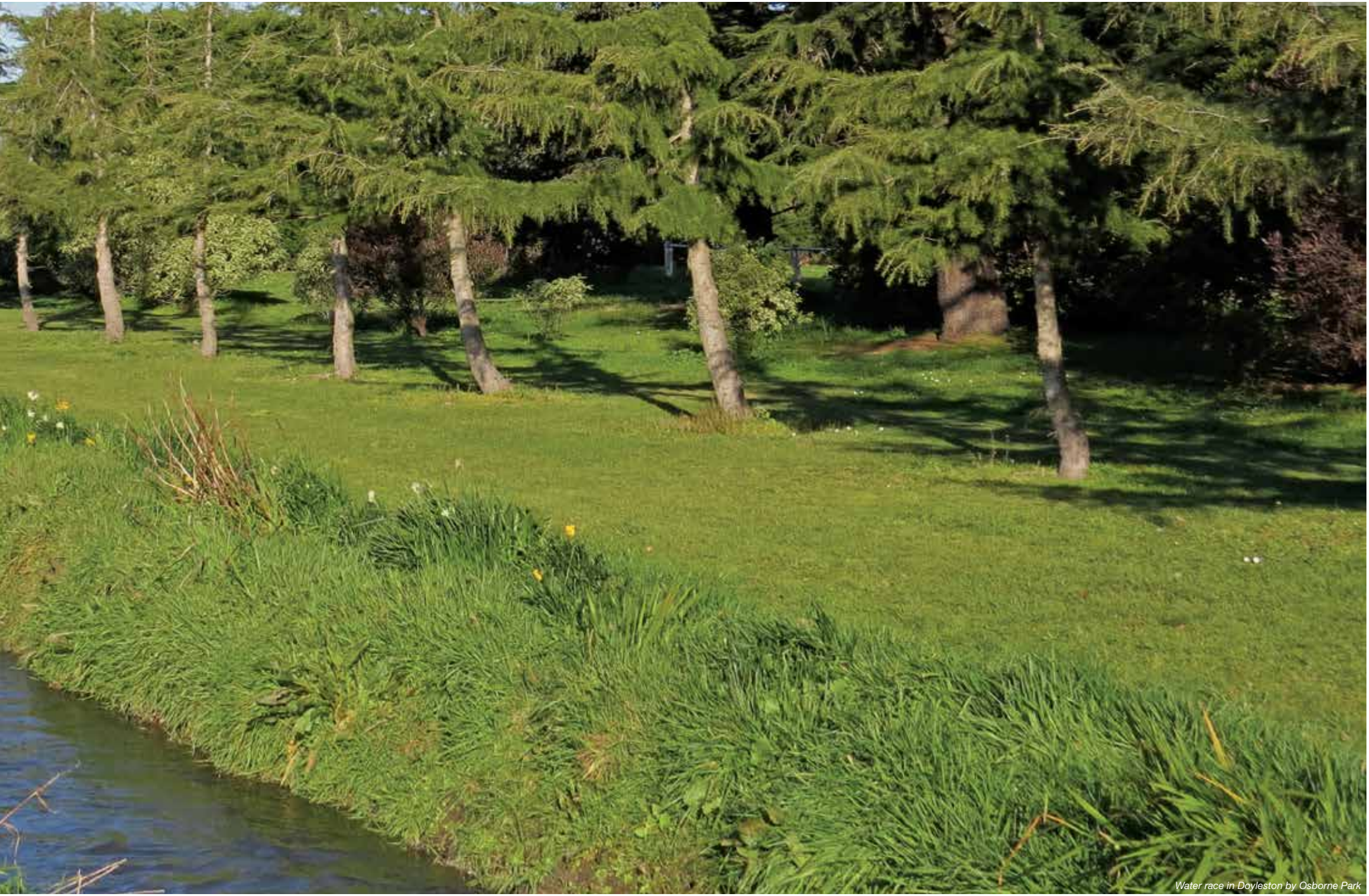
The installation of fish screens will soon be trialled and installed in later years if they prove successful. Installation of fish screens for Ellesmere and Malvern, a requirement of resource consents is budgeted for and has resulted in an increase in the rates in these schemes. No significant works are planned on the Paparua water race scheme and cost increases reflect increasing maintenance costs. The Council is planning to continue working with Environment Canterbury and key stakeholders to make consented environmental enhancements while carrying out other work on stock water races.

A $500,000 remedial works project is proposed on the Kowai tunnel and other significant structures in the Malvern scheme to extend asset life. The Kowai tunnel carries water from the Kowai River to Malvern water races. The replacement of the tunnel itself is expected to be very expensive (around $35 million), so further investigation will be required to determine whether the tunnel should be closed or replaced, and what other options are available to the Council.

Land drainage

The land drainage rating structure is currently under review. The Council will manage this process on a local basis and will consult with local communities where appropriate.





Water race in Doyleston by Osborne Park

Rolleston town centre projects

One of the most important elements in Selwyn's future prosperity will be ensuring that Rolleston, as the district's largest town, continues to be seen as a desirable place to live, work and visit.

Rolleston's population is expected to increase from some 12,000 now to around 20,000 by 2030. With population growth, the new motorway and the continuing expansion of Izone, Rolleston will become increasingly important as a hub for business, shopping and an entry point to the new motorway and crossing point from eastern to western areas of Selwyn.

Changes to Rolleston's town centre will also make it easier for people to work and live in Rolleston and visit the town for shopping, business services and recreation. Improvements to roads, community facilities and parks are needed so that our roads and facilities can cope with the town's growing population and activity.



Central Rolleston

A new library

A new library is planned for Rolleston, to open in 2019. At present the town's library is located in the Rolleston Community Centre. It is the most visited library and issues the most items in our district, but at only 300m^2 occupies the smallest area of any library in Selwyn. The current library was opened in 2000, when Rolleston had a population of less than 2,000 – compared with the current population of 12,000. The library does not meet New Zealand Standards for Public Libraries as it is too small for the population it serves.

The new library would be designed as a 2,200m^2 facility, at a cost of $16.2 million (in 2015/16 dollars) and will meet the needs of the predicted population of Rolleston (18,000) in 2025. This would allow the library to display a larger range of books, magazines and other items. It would provide more space for reading, research and internet use, as well as meeting rooms, a technology suite and spaces for children, young people and older adults. The flexible, multi-purpose facility would become an important community gathering place and have capacity to host a wide range of events and activities, from story time sessions to live music, book clubs, 'read more' programmes and school holiday activities.

Additional space would also allow for the delivery of computer and technology classes, job seeker training and other learning activities. It would be able to host exhibitions and provide a central research space with ready access to local history archives, providing a wider range of research and technology opportunities than other libraries can offer.

As a landmark building on Tennyson Street, the new library would attract people into Rolleston town centre and encourage them to visit nearby shops and relax at the Rolleston Reserve. The library would become the largest library in Selwyn – it would serve as the centre of operations for the Selwyn library network, and would be able to be used by people from across the district.

Funding this project

The cost of this project is estimated at $16.2 million. The Council proposes to contribute existing libraries' cash reserves and $5.5 million from the Izone business activity towards funding all of the 2,200m^2 library complex, and the district library rate would remain at $180 per household.

What are the options?

The Council has the option to invest in a new library, or not to invest in a library, or to invest in a smaller library than is planned currently. The existing library is already much too small for the population it serves and Rolleston will grow rapidly in the future. If the Council did not invest in new facilities, the existing shortage of space for customers to read, use computers, access the internet and carry out research would become worse. The library would also be unable to host larger community programmes and events. People using the library would only have access to a limited range of books, magazines and other items due to a shortage of display space.

The Council has also considered building a smaller library building of 1,400m^2 at a cost of $10.5 million. This size is slightly smaller than New Zealand Standards for Public Libraries would recommend for Rolleston's current population, but is significantly larger than the existing library building which is 300m^2. A 1,400m^2 building would provide additional space for displaying books, reading and research and events. However, as Rolleston is expected to grow rapidly, a library that was built only to service the current population would need to be expanded and added to in the future as the town grows.

The Council considers that it is more economic to build a larger library that has the capacity to cope with maximum future population growth, rather than making additions in the future to a smaller library.

If the new library were not to proceed, it may be more difficult to get new shops to relocate to the new shopping area in central Rolleston and shops may instead choose to locate in different areas, making it difficult for people to access services in their local area.

have your say

What are your views on the proposed development of a new library?
See question 5 (a) on the submission form.

Community centre for Rolleston

A replacement for the current Rolleston Community Centre is not included in this 10-year Long-Term Plan (it is currently scheduled in 'year 11' – ie 2025/26). A number of other, related changes and projects must be taken into account before a decision is made on replacing this facility.

An indoor sports stadium and fitness centre is planned to open in 2019, attached to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre at Foster Recreation Park. This would enable sport and fitness activities currently occurring at the Rolleston Community Centre to relocate to this new venue. The library would also move out of the Rolleston Community Centre which would create more space for community activities. Facilities at the new Rolleston High School and new primary schools may also be available for wider community use. Further research is planned to gather information on the future provision and demand for space for recreation, sports and community activities in Rolleston that will not be catered for by the indoor stadium or library developments.

Once this research has been completed, further consultation will be undertaken on where community activities should be located in the future in Rolleston. These activities could be located as part of the library (which would mean that the cost of the library complex would rise from $16.2 million) or they could stay at the current Rolleston Community Centre site.

There is also the potential for complementary commercial activities such as a cinema, café, children's indoor play facility or boutique shops to be part of the new library complex, if an extension was built. The Council has not included funding for developing this space in this plan, as it is considered appropriate that business owners meet this cost.

Roading

As part of the Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan, a central shopping area is planned for Rolleston. This core retail area would encompass the eastern side of Rolleston Drive between the Warehouse, the New World supermarket and the north-eastern portion of Rolleston Reserve which has been identified as a location for a new library, playground and some commercial activity. This zoning would enable this area to become the Rolleston town centre's hub shopping area.



Changes are planned to Tennyson Street to create a new 'main street' for Rolleston when retail shops begin to move to this area. This upgrade is needed to provide for the extra traffic using the street and to create areas with attractive paving, street trees, and parking for people visiting the town centre, library and reserve. A key part of the upgrade will be piping the existing water race south from Rolleston School to Lowes Road so that a footpath can be installed along this side of the road to improve pedestrian safety.

New sections of road are also needed to provide connections for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists visiting the town centre. This includes the extension of Moore Street from Tennyson Street to Norman Kirk Drive, and the extension of Wordsworth Street to Tennyson Street. The Wordsworth Street extension will provide a new section of slow speed road which will provide access to the reserve, library and new retail areas. An extension from Markham Way to Norman Kirk Drive is also planned, to provide a walking and cycling link through this area. Traffic calming works will be undertaken along this extension.

Future public car parks are identified off Tennyson Street to the north of the reserve and off the Wordsworth extension near Rolleston Drive. A 'park and ride' facility may be developed next to the Council headquarters if there is demand for this service from commuters and the concept is supported by Metro bus services. These parking projects are not included in the Long-Term Plan as the Council will be assessing demand for parking before committing to this work.

An overall increase in traffic will also put more pressure on existing key intersections in the town centre that will need to be upgraded to ensure they are safe and efficient for all types of users. The Tennyson Street/Rolleston Drive, Masefield Drive/ Rolleston Drive and Lowes Road/Tennyson Street/Springston Rolleston Road intersections will be upgraded with traffic signals which will include pedestrian crossing facilities.

New roundabouts are planned at Tennyson Street/Kidman Street, Tennyson Street/Moore Street and Levi Road/Lowes Road/ Lincoln Rolleston Road/Masefield Drive. The creation of a cycleway along Rolleston Drive towards the state highway and upgrades to pedestrian crossing facilities have been brought forward to 2015/16 to improve safety for children using these areas.

Proposed timing of Rolleston roading projects			
Tennyson/Kidman Street roundabout	2015/16	Norman Kirk Drive pathway	2019/20
Rolleston Drive pathway and crossings	2015/16	Traffic signals Tennyson Street/Lowes Road//Springston Rolleston Road	2019/20
Tennyson Street upgrade stage 1 (Kidman Street to Moore Street)	2016/17	Traffic signals at Rolleston Drive/Tennyson Street	2020/21
Traffic signals Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive	2017/18	Tennyson Street Upgrade Stage 2 (Moore Street - Rolleston Drive)	2021/22
Tennyson/Moore Street roundabout	2018/19	Wordsworth Street extension	2022/23
Moore Street extension	2018/19	Town centre signage	2023/24
Moore Street/Markham Way/Norman Kirk Drive intersection	2018/19	Lowes Road/Levi Road/Masefield Drive roundabout	2023/24
Markham Way extension	2019/20	Tennyson Street Upgrade Stage 3 (Rolleston Drive - Lowes Road)	2024/25
Markham Way traffic calming	2019/20		



Tennyson Street will become Rolleston's new main street

The proposed flyover that will connect Rolleston over the state highway and railway line is a key improvement to help connect the town centre roading network to main routes. The rest of the upgrades proposed will help cope with the extra traffic using the flyover, accessing the state highway or visiting the town centre.

Funding this project

The total cost of these improvements over the 10 years is $19.1 million (in 2015/16 dollars). This will initially be funded by borrowing. Borrowing costs for the project are equal to a 6% increase in the general rate – this will build up to around $68 per year for a $500,000 property by 2024/25. The Council will seek development contributions to help fund this project.

What are the options?

Traffic volumes in Rolleston are expected to increase significantly as the town's population grows and more shops and services locate in the town centre. If the Council does not invest in roading improvements, it is likely significant congestion problems will occur around the town centre area which would cause delays for vehicles and safety issues for pedestrians and cyclists. As many more people are expected to be walking around the town centre area as it becomes a major shopping area, this area needs to be redesigned to encourage motorists to travel slowly. Some intersections may also become unsafe as their current design is not suited to higher traffic volumes, and more crashes may occur if waiting times become too long for vehicles and drivers start taking risks to get through intersections.

Parks and public spaces

The Council is proposing to make landscaping improvements to Rolleston Reserve. A public square would also be developed.

Part of the park along Tennyson Street would be used for commercial shops and the location of the new library, but around half of the existing park area would remain. A new children's play area is also planned at the Reserve.

These improvements to Rolleston Reserve and the development of the library are designed to help make this area the heart of Rolleston and attract people to visit and spend time in these areas. Rolleston also has a rapidly increasing family population which creates demand for new areas that offer activities for children and families.

Funding this project

The cost of redeveloping Rolleston Reserve and constructing the square is $6.6 million, to be undertaken in 2017-2019. This project would be funded by $2.7 million from reserve development contributions, $3.3 million from land sales revenue generated from the sale of the former reserve land for commercial development, and the balance of around $600,000 by the general rate. This equates to around $2 per year for a $500,000 property.

What are the options?

The Council could choose not to invest in these improvements. Without improvements to the park this area would be less attractive to people to come and visit central Rolleston for shopping, to visit the library and to use the park.

have your say

What are your views on planned improvements to roading, parks and public spaces in central Rolleston?

See question 5 (b) on the submission form.





A new playground is planned for Rolleston Reserve along with other improvements

Local projects

In addition to the major proposals and projects outlined in the previous sections, the Council is proposing to continue investment in a range of new facilities and services, facility upgrades and other community projects in local areas across Selwyn.

Some of the local projects planned over the next decade are shown below. This is not a complete list of all projects the Council has planned.

have your say

Do you have any comments on these proposed local projects?
See question 6 on the submission form.



Ellesmere Ward

- Begin area plans in 2015 for Ellesmere to identify appropriate zones where shops, businesses and local facilities could be located in the future
- Extend footpath along Manse Road in Leeston between Country Lane and Selwyn Street in 2015/16
- Purchase and develop land for an extension to Southbridge Park to provide additional sports space and relocation of tennis courts (2016-2020)
- Upgrade or replace reserve toilets at Lakeside in 2015/16
- Extend and develop Leeston Park from 2016 to 2021 and resurface courts in 2018/19
- Complete the upgrade of changing facilities at Southbridge Pool in 2015/16
- Restore cemetery pit so it can be opened to the public for use as a recreation area (in 2016-2018)
- Upgrade or replace toilets in Leeston at RSA block in 2022/23
- Upgrade or replace toilets on Southbridge main street in 2015/16
- Complete headstone repairs as a result of earthquake damage at Bishops Corner, Killinchy and Ellesmere Public cemeteries by 2016
- Investigate provision of a community centre for Leeston
- Leeston stormwater upgrade (refer to page 36)



Southbridge Pool



Leeston main street

Malvern Ward

- Begin area plans in 2015 for Malvern to identify appropriate zones where shops, businesses and local facilities could be located in the future
- Continue developing McHughs Forest Park between 2015 and 2022, including developing a loop track, installing educational signage and adding picnic tables
- Develop land for sports use at Kirwee Domain (2022-2024)
- Upgrade or replace amenities building at Whitecliffs Domain in 2015/16
- Develop a new toilet at Lake Lyndon in 2015/16
- Upgrade the wastewater system at Glentunnel Holiday Park and provide additional public toilets in Glentunnel in 2015/16
- Upgrade Grain Shed Reserve toilet at Darfield in 2024/25
- Develop sports facilities at Darfield Domain including a new netball court in 2015/16
- Upgrade toilets at Lake Coleridge to provide disabled access in 2021/22
- Provide funding assistance to replace/renew items at Darfield Pool over the next decade, including filters
- Complete headstone repairs as a result of earthquake damage at South Malvern, Kirwee, Kimberley, Waddington and Kowai Pass cemeteries by 2016



McHughs Forest Park


The Council is planning to extend or improve a number of local reserves

Selwyn Central Ward

- Extend and develop West Melton Reserve between 2015 and 2020
- Reconfigure the space used by the library at Rolleston Community Centre into a meeting/activity room once a new library is built in Rolleston (2017-2019)
- Redevelop Brookside Park to cater for changes in use (2016-2020)
- Redevelop Weedons Domain in 2015-2017, including a new pavilion/community facility, upgrading the cricket grounds and tennis courts.
- Extend Broadlands Drive to new high school at Rolleston and create a new roundabout at Springston Rolleston Road (2015-2017)
- Develop footpath along Dunns Crossing Road in 2015/16 for children and families to access new Rolleston West School
- Undertake Lowes Road Development Contributions works in 2021/22
- Extend the car park at Selwyn Aquatic Centre in 2016/17


Selwyn Aquatic Centre


Brookside Park

Springs Ward

- Upgrade the roundabout at Springs Road, Ellesmere Junction Road and Gerald Street – the timing and nature of the upgrade is dependent on how the nearby university area develops and on funding being obtained from development contributions or developer agreements
- Extend Prebbleton Reserve and create a new sports park (2015-2024)
- Extend Lincoln Domain (2016-2020) and resurface netball courts at Lincoln
- Provide funding to support the development of a new or upgraded community facility in Tai Tapu (2016-2018)
- Upgrade and strengthen sports pavilion at Rhodes Park in Tai Tapu in 2017-2019
- Provide funding assistance to Prebbleton Pool to replace/renew items, including funding for filters
- Extend and develop Springston cemetery between 2017 and 2019
- Make improvements to entrance and parking area at Shands Road cemetery between 2021 and 2024 and develop a burial area with a natural environment in 2015/16
- Upgrade toilets at Liffey Reserve in 2019/20
- Develop new public toilets
- Complete headstone repairs as a result of earthquake damage at Prebbleton cemetery by 2016


Lincoln Domain


Shands Road Cemetery

Projects not funded in this plan

In this section we have listed major projects not funded in this plan, where we think these will be of particular interest to local communities.

While they are not funded, you can make a submission supporting or opposing the inclusion of these projects in the plan. Note, however, that reinstating or adding new projects will usually result in an increase in your rates.

Park and ride facility

Cost: $3.8m

The establishment of a park and ride facility on vacant land on Norman Kirk Drive, next to the Council's Rolleston headquarters, was indicated in the Rolleston Town Centre Masterplan, and originally planned for 2019-2023. The Council has now prioritised other roading projects and this project has been deferred. It will be considered for funding at a later date.

Impact on your rates: funding this project from the General Rate would add around $11 to the rates for a $500,000 property from 2024/25.

Learn to swim/programme pool

Cost: $2.5m

This development of another learn to swim pool at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre has not been funded in this plan. The Council is planning to review the district's aquatic facilities over the next year. This review will look at the current district provision of recreational (and educational) pool space, the viability of the pools and the long-term plan for each pool, taking into account future demand. As part of this review, the case for an additional learn to swim pool at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be considered.

Impact on your rates: it is intended that this project will be self-funding, and will not result in a rates increase.

Council office extension, Rolleston

Cost: $4.5m

An extension to the Council's Rolleston headquarters to accommodate additional staff in response to rapid population growth in the district was originally planned for this 10-year period, but has not been funded during this plan. The Council has instead decided to maximise the use of the current building by reconfiguring internal space where required.

Impact on your rates: funding this project from the general rate would add around $17 to the rates for a $500,000 property.

Rolleston Community Centre

Cost: Costs to be identified

Refer to page 41 for information on this project. The development of a new Rolleston Community Centre has not been funded in this plan.

Impact on your rates: the cost of this project has not yet been identified.

Lincoln bypass

Cost: $10m

This project was proposed as part of Selwyn 2031 strategy. The development of a bypass for Lincoln has not been funded in this plan, as the estimated cost of a southern bypass running from Weedons Road to Lincoln-Tai Tapu Road is high, and traffic models have indicated that the bypass would receive a relatively low level of use.

Impact on your rates: funding this project from the general rate would add around $40 to the rates for a $500,000 property if it were to be constructed.

have your say

Do you have any comments on these projects? If you support or oppose any of these projects being funded please let us know.
See question 7 on the submission form.



Izone Business Park

Changes to financial policies

The way in which Council activities are paid for is determined by its financial policies and the Council is proposing changes to two key policies: the Revenue and Financing Policy and the Development Contributions Policy. A summary of the proposed changes is set out below.

More information and copies of the two policies are available at the Council's website **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**

Proposed changes to the Revenue and Financing Policy

The Revenue and Financing Policy sets out our approach to funding Council activities including who pays for what and why. The policy aims to fairly distribute costs between ratepayers, customers and land developers depending on who benefits from services.

The existing revenue and financing policy was developed more than 10 years ago in response to changes to legislation at that time. Although it has provided an adequate basis for funding decisions, it is in need of a refresh to clearly explain the Council's funding choices. The revised policy seeks to better explain the Council's funding policy and to allow some greater flexibility in its application, but does not seek to make any fundamental changes of approach. It is not seeking to move responsibility for funding from one group to another.

The main changes proposed are to:

- include overarching guidance on the Council's approach to funding (the five steps for funding operational expenditure and four steps for funding capital expenditure)
- clarify why the Council has chosen funding sources
- move away from specific percentage splits between funding sources to the use of broader categories. For example, the existing policy may specify that an activity is funded 95% from the general rate and 5% from user charges. The proposed policy will state that the general rate provides a high level of funding for the activity (in the range 80-100%) and that user charges provide a low level of funding for the activity (in the range 0-20%). The aim of the change is to reflect that specific percentages are unlikely to be achieved in practice and a range is more realistic. The change allows more flexibility in the policy, but is not designed to shift funding towards or away from funding sources.

Note on financial information

Purpose of preparation

The purpose of the prospective financial information is to inform the community about the Council's financial plans and may not be appropriate for other purposes.

Cautionary note

The prospective financial statements are based on assumptions. Actual results are likely to vary from the information presented and the variations may be material.

The prospective statement of financial position is based on an updated projection of the opening statement of financial position as at 1 July 2015 and is not based on the Annual Plan 2015. There is therefore a difference between the closing equity and cash balances shown for the Annual Plan 2015 and the opening equity and cash balances in the Long-Term Plan forecast. The differences arise because the Annual Plan opening balances reflect the Council's actual results for 2014 and updated information in relation to the 2015 forecasts.

have your say

Do you have any comments on proposed changes to the Council's Development Contributions Policy?
See question 8 on the submission form.

Proposed changes to the Development Contributions Policy

This policy decides how much land developers pay towards the cost of providing the additional community facilities (including roads, water systems, wastewater systems and reserves) required for a growing population. Recent legislative changes require councils to review and amend their development contributions policies and the changes proposed reflect the outcome of the review.

The main changes proposed are:

- updating of the policy to reflect recent amendments to the Local Government Act 2002, including the introduction of new principles that all councils must take into account when developing a development contributions policy
- the removal of charges for headworks (that is, the cost of the initial construction of water and wastewater schemes)
- the removal of the section on roading works adjacent to subdivision – in future, cost recovery for such works will be dealt with through the consenting process
- revised catchments for reserves and roading (catchments are the geographical areas to which specified development contribution charges apply)
- more detail on the calculation of household unit equivalents (the calculation of the number of development contribution charges that apply to non-residential developments)
- a revised approach to the calculation of reserve development contributions. In the existing policy the charge is based on a proportion of the value of the land whereas in the proposed policy the development contribution will be a fixed dollar amount
- the introduction of new development contribution charges for water in Lincoln, Prebbleton and Rolleston to provide new capacity
- an increase in the development contribution for roading to part-fund the proposed improvements to the network required as a result of growth



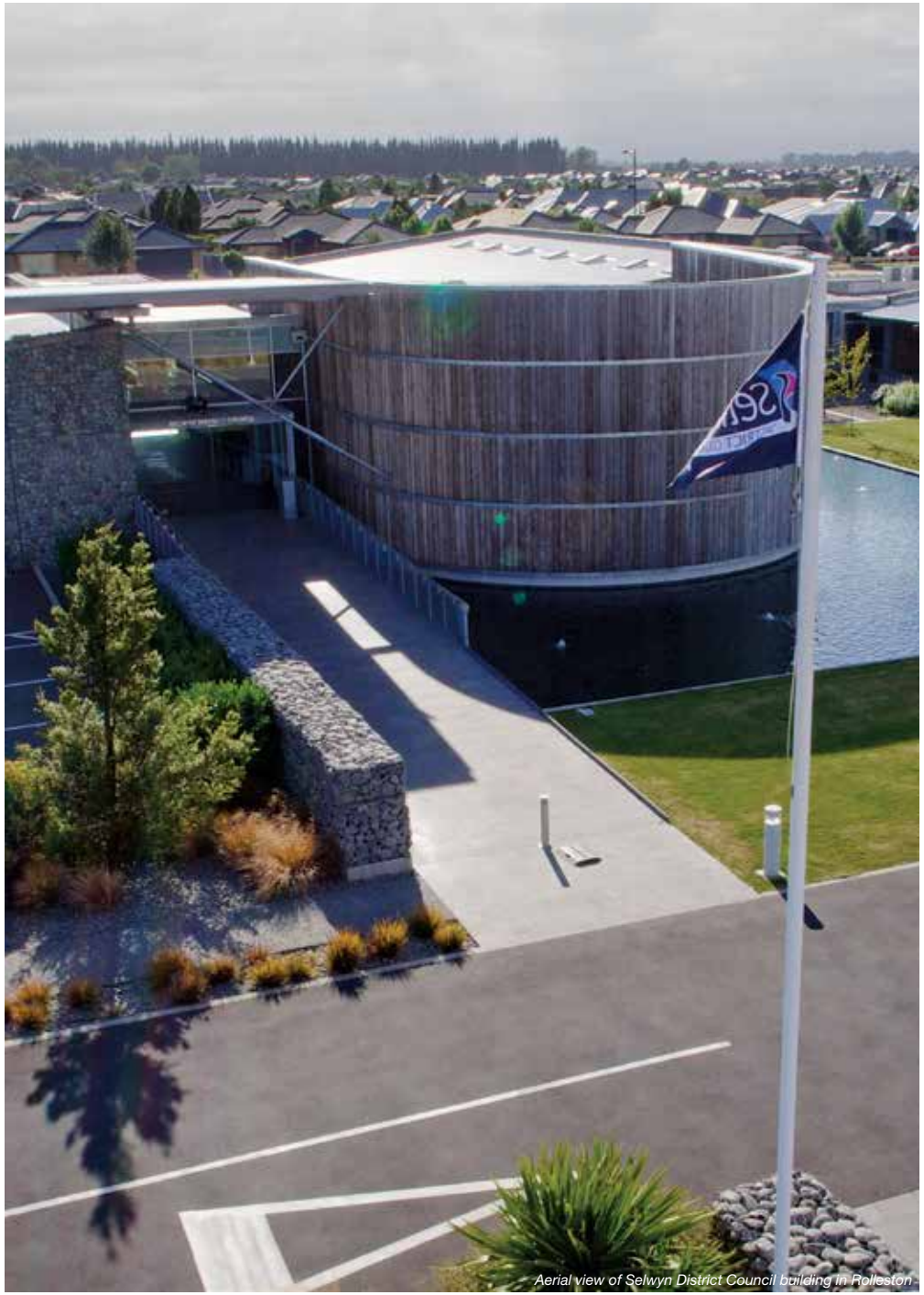
Stonebrook subdivision in development

Charges for environmental services

The Council charges for a range of environmental sevices including resource consents, planning, building consents, regulatory, health and dog registration.

The Council is proposing a small number of changes to its schedule of chargeable costs for environmental services.

Details of the proposed charges are shown in the draft Long-Term Plan, which is available at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**



Aerial view of Selwyn District Council building in Rolleston

Financial Strategy

Introduction

The Financial Strategy guides the way the Council makes decisions over income, expenditure, borrowing and investments. It helps explain how we plan to balance our books and summarises the implications of our plans for ratepayers.

In doing so it links the decisions the Council makes on what services it will provide to how they will be paid for.

In developing our Long-Term Plan we aim to remain in a strong financial position and be fair in deciding the amount that current and future ratepayers, customers and developers pay for services they receive.

The Council is in a sound financial position after a time of extraordinary population and business growth. Our financial results have been positive, borrowing is within our specified limits and we retain a range of investments. Although this growth is very positive for the district, and results in an increase in the number of ratepayers, it does put increasing pressure on our water and wastewater systems, roads and community facilities. Responding to this pressure will require substantial additional expenditure. It is the funding of this expenditure that is the major financial challenge for the Council, and for ratepayers and developers, over the next decade.

The scale of the expenditure required, particularly the roading links to the new Christchurch Southern Motorway, the development of Rolleston town centre and improving access to State Highway 1, means that the Council has had to look at all options to fund this work. It is proposed that these major projects are funded from a combination of existing cash reserves, surpluses being generated by Izone, rate increases, contributions from developers and external sources including the New Zealand Transport Agency. If cash reserves or surpluses from Izone were not used, rates would need to increase to a level that would be unaffordable for many ratepayers.

The Financial Strategy includes the use of the following cash reserves and anticipated surpluses:

- cash reserves $10 million
- Izone surpluses $15.5 million

The cash reserves are from the sale of the Selwyn Plantation Board assets. Although the cash currently generates interest income, using these funds to pay for capital expenditure will help reduce the amount of borrowing needed in the future.

Izone surpluses are a result of the success of this development. To date there have been no commitments on how this surplus can be used and this money can be used to fund projects without increasing rates. However, once spent, the funds will not be available for other projects. After the $15.5 million commitment proposed in this Long-Term Plan, Council estimates that a further $24 million may be available for future use.

Using cash reserves and Izone surpluses in this way is equal to a rate reduction of $70 for a $500,000 property by 2023/24.

Rate levels and limits

While rates will need to increase above the rate of inflation, the level of increase will be tightly managed and rates will remain reasonable.

The level of borrowing will also be controlled so that it will not unreasonably burden future ratepayers.

The Council is forecasting average rate rises per ratepayer of less than 5% per year over the next 10 years (this is a combination of an average annual general rate increase of 6% and average annual targeted rate increase of 3.9%). Legislation requires councils to set a limit on rate increases. The limit set by the Council is that the average rate increase should not exceed 8% in any one year. These are average increases per ratepayer across the district and the actual increase for individual properties may exceed these amounts.

The first chart on the right shows the forecast for average rates per ratepayer and average annual percentage increase over the next 10 years.

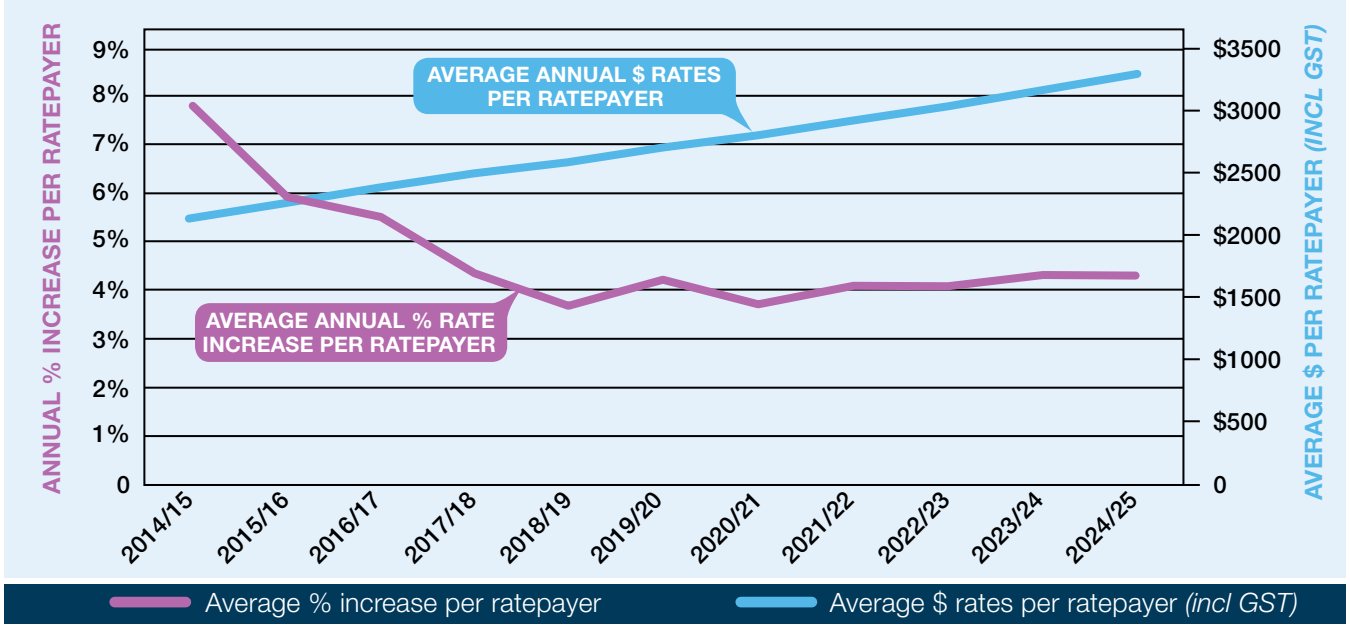
Borrowing

Net borrowing is forecast to increase from around $24 million to a peak of $77 million over the period of this plan; this is well within the Council's debt limit of $184 million.

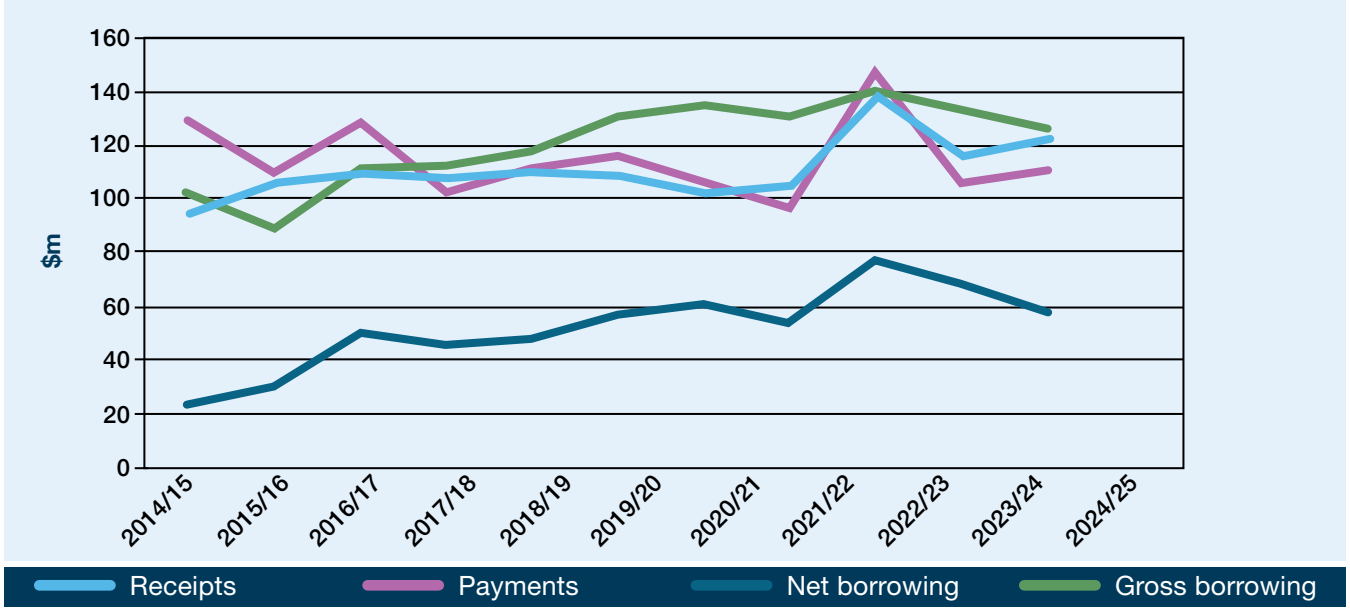
Additional borrowing will be used to help fund major capital projects. We are satisfied that the forecast level of borrowing is affordable and will not overburden future ratepayers. Much of the debt is funded by development contributions from land developers, lease income from the Council's commercial properties and targeted rates for community facilities.

Our Financial Strategy is illustrated in the second chart on the right. It shows how forecast receipts, payments (capital and operating) and borrowing will track over the next 10 years. The chart shows that when payments are higher than receipts, borrowing increases and when receipts exceed payments, borrowing decreases. In the early years of this plan, borrowing increases because of a shortfall in receipts, but as receipts increase and rise above payments, borrowing can be repaid. Without the increases in receipts arising from rates, the level of borrowing would continue to increase and require large rate rises and/or expenditure cuts in the future to meet interest costs.

Average rates and average rates increase for Selwyn 2015-2025 (including inflation)



The Council's forecast receipts, payments and borrowing 2015-2025 (including inflation)



Revenue, expenditure and net assets

The forecast level of revenue, expenditure, annual surplus and net assets for the period of this plan is set out below.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	Annual Plan	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP	LTP
	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000	$'000
Revenue											
Rates	35,691	41,570	45,884	49,736	53,372	56,659	59,899	63,455	67,278	71,420	75,786
Development contributions	17,138	13,752	12,429	12,308	6,179	6,344	6,291	6,550	8,608	6,846	6,835
Subsidies and grants	4,819	6,321	7,544	6,654	9,778	8,842	9,590	7,589	20,230	8,271	8,680
Vested assets	10,455	23,100	22,149	19,099	10,568	13,899	10,178	7,834	9,631	10,032	8,963
Other revenue	29,449	31,148	33,752	32,209	34,887	31,962	25,308	26,185	27,090	28,082	29,430
Total Revenue	97,552	115,891	121,758	120,006	114,784	117,706	111,266	111,613	132,837	124,651	129,694
Operating Expenditure	80,847	86,958	88,757	92,982	95,827	99,890	102,624	105,352	110,025	114,836	118,475
Surplus/(deficit)	16,705	28,933	33,001	27,024	18,957	17,816	8,642	6,261	22,812	9,815	11,219
Net Assets	1,345,989	1,325,445	1,369,873	1,399,306	1,430,361	1,461,458	1,472,687	1,494,195	1,538,430	1,551,023	1,580,364

Conclusion

The Council's financial policies aim to be prudent and fair to current and future ratepayers. Current ratepayers pay for the services they enjoy, including a contribution to the cost of replacing infrastructure they use. The cost of expanding our infrastructure to allow for new residents is partly paid for by developers. All ratepayers, current and future, pay for the costs involved in improving the quality of services. This funding approach will enable the Council finances to remain in good health over the next 10 years and will also enable the Council to invest in infrastructure and services to benefit the community.

Rating examples

The following tables show the proposed changes to annual rates from 1 July 2015 for a sample of typical properties in the Selwyn District.

Full details of the proposed rates for next year are available on the Council's website **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**, or you can contact Council by phone (347 2800 or 318 8338) or email admin@selwyn.govt.nz to request a copy of the rating information.

Locations	Capital Value	2014/15	2015/16	2015/16
	$	$	$	% movement
Armack Drive	450,000	2,798	2,642	-5.6%
Arthur's Pass	260,000	1,475	1,413	-4.2%
Burnham	355,000	2,410	2,090	-13.3%
Castle Hill	440,000	2,295	2,046	-10.9%
Coalgate	300,000	1,433	1,521	6.1%
Doyleston	360,000	2,144	2,133	-0.5%
Dunsandel	260,000	2,170	1,986	-8.5%
Edendale	540,000	2,080	2,097	0.8%
Glentunnel	420,000	1,581	1,673	5.9%
Hororata	345,000	1,734	1,830	5.5%
Johnson Road	570,000	2,179	2,072	-4.9%
Jowers Road	620,000	2,579	2,265	-12.2%
Kirwee	500,000	2,296	2,255	-1.8%
Lake Coleridge	220,000	2,774	1,999	-27.9%
Rakaia Huts	240,000	1,267	1,431	12.9%
Sheffield	287,000	2,008	2,007	-0.1%
Springston	385,000	2,378	2,632	10.6%
Southbridge	300,000	2,397	2,535	5.8%
Tai Tapu	560,000	2,988	2,846	-4.7%

Major Townships	Capital Value	2014/15	2015/16	2015/16
	$	$	$	% movement
Darfield	370,000	2,118	2,174	2.6%
Leeston	350,000	2,519	2,795	11.0%
Lincoln	560,000	2,771	2,860	3.2%
Prebbleton	540,000	2,613	2,733	4.6%
Rolleston	550,000	2,609	2,645	1.4%
West Melton	620,000	2,786	2,833	1.7%

Rural	Capital Value	2014/15	2015/16	2015/16
	$	$	$	% movement
Lincoln	2,325,000	3,120	3,345	7.2%
West Melton	4,875,000	8,063	8,529	5.8%
Darfield	7,750,000	10,851	11,690	7.7%
Greendale	9,550,000	13,508	15,197	12.5%

Commercial	Capital Value	2014/15	2015/16	2015/16
	$	$	$	% movement
Rolleston (Commercial Property)	13,150,000	12,766	13,299	4.2%

Note: these values are based on capital value, which is used for rating purposes, and does not reflect market values. Information on your capital value is shown on your rates demand, or visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/propertysearch

Infrastructure Strategy

Introduction

As part of its planning process, Selwyn District Council is required to prepare an Infrastructure Strategy, setting out key issues the Council anticipates over the next 30 years and the proposed priorities for its infrastructure programme.

This section provides a summary of the strategy, which can be seen in full in the supporting documentation at **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25.**

Selwyn district is experiencing significant and sustained growth which requires investment in infrastructure to support the delivery of services. While this is reflected in the strategy through a focus on growth-related projects, it also keeps the focus on the need to maintain and renew the existing asset base. The programme outlined in the strategy represents a 'just in time' approach, with many projects working in combination to provide an efficient and effective approach.

The strategy includes estimates of operational and capital costs which have been derived from the asset management planning process. The financial forecasts are estimates and the reliability of the forecasts decreases beyond 10 years and towards the 30-year planning horizon.

The Council has elected to include community facilities in this Infrastructure Strategy. Although this is not required by the Local Government Act 2002, the activity is regarded as significant enough to be included. Some large community facility capital projects are being considered over the 30-year timeframe, and including these projects helps provide a more complete view of the infrastructure management issues ahead.

Council's priorities

At a high level, the Council's priorities – in no specific order – are to:

- manage the impacts, including transportation impacts, of rapid population growth
- achieve compliance with legislation and consents
- ensure the district is attractive for residents
- reflect inter-generational benefit in the funding of large projects
- implement Selwyn 2031 and the Masterplans already consulted on
- continue to develop community facilities including community centres, halls and reserves
- fund and provide water supplies and wastewater schemes
- implement the rationalisation of the water race network

The Council acknowledges there is a range of views within the community on priorities across the district. These are associated with the Council's role in providing for growth in developing areas, alongside other communities in the district with older infrastructure. Other priorities include implementation of plans where the community has had input and has expectations of future implementation. This highlights the need for the Council to plan for the long term, communicating the priorities and timing of its response to the community.




Council contractors at work

Asset and Service Management Strategy

In providing services to residents and visitors through the use of infrastructural assets, the Council's Asset and Service Management Strategy is to:

1. maintain the existing networks (including 'routine' renewals)
2. implement upgrades required to meet legislative and regulatory compliance
3. consider the level of demand for services and plan increases or reductions accordingly (actions and timeframes)
4. ensure vested assets are appropriate and of the standard required
5. undertake asset renewals through coordinated programmes

This approach recognises the relatively new assets that comprise Selwyn's networks, and the small proportion of assets requiring renewal in the near future. The performance of assets is generally satisfactory and maintaining these is the priority so that services to the community are not compromised. Monitoring the condition and performance of assets remains important while the emphasis is on responding to growth, to ensure that the assets are not deteriorating prematurely and renewal plans remain appropriate.

Significant infrastructure issues

The main drivers of the Council's infrastructure programme include levels of service, the replacement of existing infrastructure, and growth. For most activities the Council's priority over the next 10 to 20 years relates to the rapid growth in the eastern portion of the district. The following section sets out the key issues in each activity area where the Council has a combination of projects programmed over the life of the strategy.

Water

- Adequate urban water supply for Prebbleton
- Adequate urban water supply for Lincoln
- Adequate urban water supply for Rolleston

Renewal of existing assets will be the largest expenditure item over the next 30 years.

Sewerage

- Adequate wastewater treatment for growing communities

Increasing treatment and reticulation assets to meet growing demand for service will be the largest expenditure item over the next 30 years.

Stormwater

- Addressing flooding risk in Leeston township

Land drainage

- No significant projects planned

Water races

- Meet resource consent conditions and provide suitable ecological management
- Ensure intakes function adequately

These projects sit alongside consideration of the future of the water race network as irrigation expands across areas served by the water races.

Roads and footpaths

- State Highway 1 access at Rolleston township/Rolleston industrial zone
- Rolleston town centre implementation
- Prebbleton/Christchurch Southern Motorway Stage 2 linkages
- Lincoln township improvements

While there is a considerable programme proposed to address the impacts of growth, asset renewal (particularly reseals) remain the greatest portion.

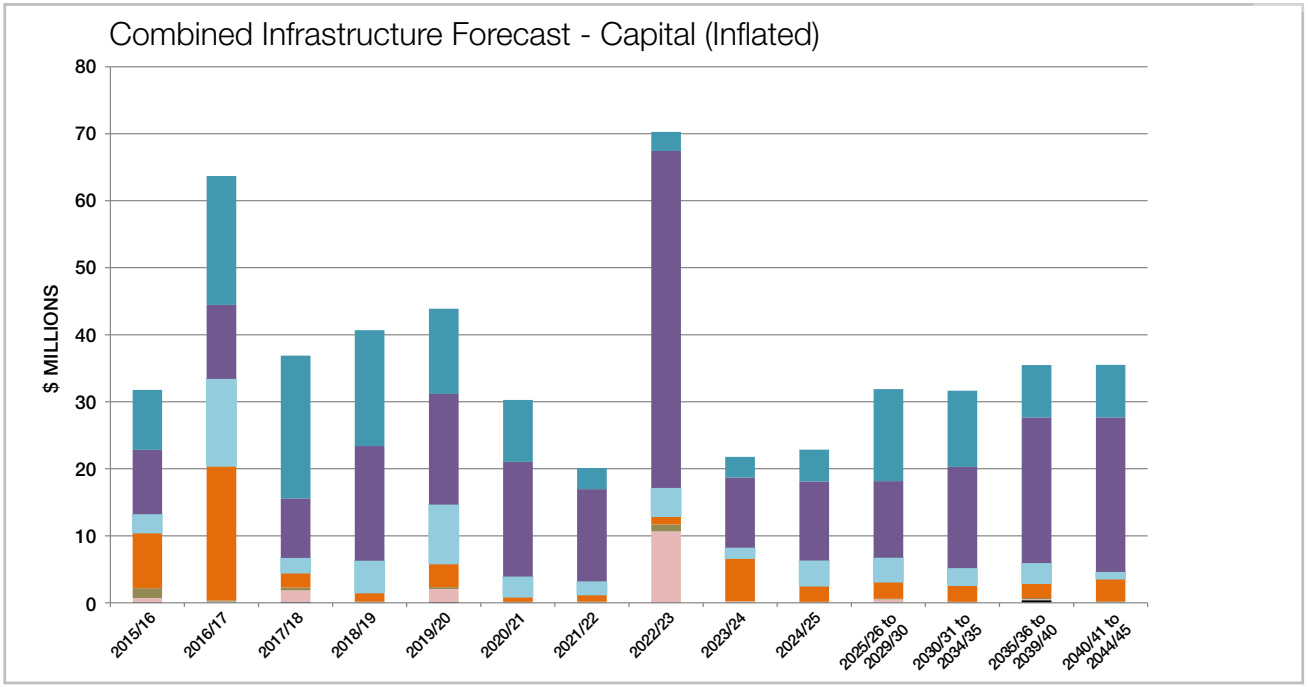
Community facilities

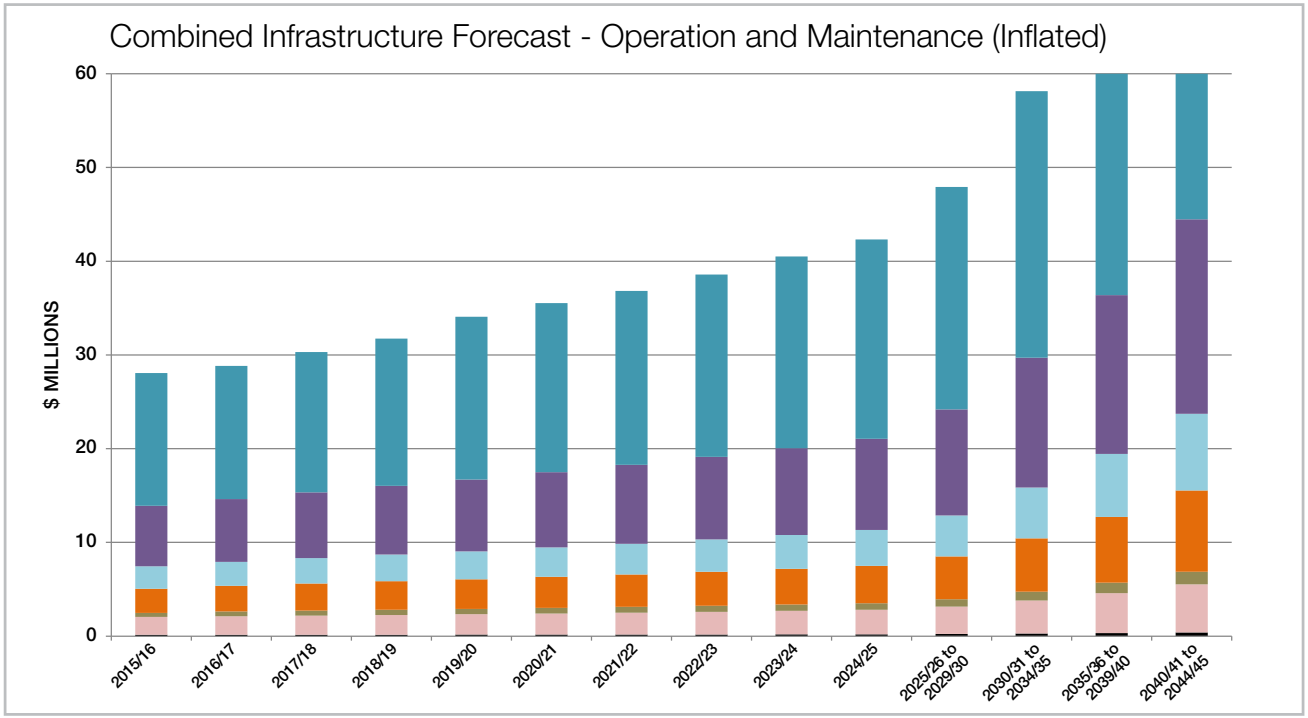
- Rapid growth of the population in the district means there is inadequate supply of open space
- Rapid growth of the population in the district and increasing expectations mean there is inadequate supply of facilities
- Cemetery space becomes limited
- Selwyn District Council building capacity (Rolleston) becomes inadequate

The Council has recognised the importance of this activity in attracting and retaining residents, and acknowledges the importance of community facilities keeping pace with growth in terms of community wellbeing. For this reason growth-related projects comprise the largest portion of the programme.

Expenditure forecasts

The following expenditure forecasts provide an indication of the proposed spending.





Key

- Community facilities
- Roads
- Water
- Sewerage
- Stormwater
- Water races
- Land drainage

Independent auditor's report on Selwyn District Council's Consultation Document for its proposed 2015-25 Long-Term Plan

AUDIT NEW ZEALAND
Mana Arotake Aotearoa

I am the Auditor-General's appointed auditor for Selwyn District Council (the Council). Section 93C of the Local Government Act (the Act) requires an audit report on the Council's consultation document. I have carried out this audit using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand. We completed this audit on 25 March 2015.

Opinion

In my opinion:

- the consultation document provides an effective basis for public participation in the Council's decisions about the proposed content of its 2015-25 long-term plan, because it:
  - fairly represents the matters proposed for inclusion in the long term plan, and
  - identifies and explains the main issues and choices facing the Council and district, and the consequences of those choices and
- the information and assumptions underlying the information in the consultation document are reasonable.

Basis of Opinion

We carried out our work in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, relevant international standards and the ethical requirements in those standards.[1]

We assessed the evidence the Council has to support the information and disclosures in the consultation document. To select appropriate audit procedures, we assessed the risk of material misstatement and the Council's systems and processes applying to the preparation of the consultation document.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the publication of the consultation document.

Responsibilities of the Council and auditor

The Council is responsible for:

- meeting all legal requirements relating to its procedures, decisions, consultation, disclosures, and other actions associated with preparing and publishing the consultation document and long-term plan whether in printed or electronic form;
- having systems and processes in place to provide the supporting information and analysis the Council needs to be able to prepare a consultation document and long term plan that meet the purposes set out in the Act; and
- ensuring that any forecast financial information being presented has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

I am responsible for reporting on the consultation document, as required by section 93C of the Act. I do not express an opinion on the merits of any policy content of the consultation document.

Independence

We have followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate those of the External Reporting Board. Other than our work in carrying out all legally required external audits, we have no relationship with or interests in the Council or any of its subsidiaries.



John Mackey
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Christchurch, New Zealand

[1] *The International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) 3000 (Revised): Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information and The International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3400: The Examination of Prospective Financial Information.*



Storm water reserve near Lincoln



Community forums

A number of community meetings will be held at locations across the district during the consultation period. These are open to the public and give residents a chance to hear more information about the proposals outlined in this document, ask questions and seek clarification. For details of these meetings, please see the Council website: **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**

Public hearings

Public hearings on submissions to the Consultation Document will be heard by the Council on 21-22 May 2015. If you wish to speak to your submission at the hearings, please indicate this on the submission form.

25 March 2015
Council adopts Towards '25 Consultation Document for consultation

2 April 2015
Public consultation opens on Towards '25 Consultation Document

April 2015
Community forums during consultation period

4 May 2015
Public consultation closes

21-22 May 2015
Public hearings on submissions

28-29 May 2015
Council deliberations on submissions

24 June 2015
Council formally adopts Long-Term Plan 2015-2025

Making a submission

How to have your say

Selwyn District Council is now seeking your feedback on the proposals and projects outlined in this Consultation Document for the next 10 years.

Consultation on the Consultation Document is open from **Thursday 2 April 2015.**

You can make a submission:

Online by visiting **www.selwyn.govt.nz**

By post
Freepost 104 653
Long-Term Plan Submissions
PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

By email scan or email your completed submission form to **longtermplan@selwyn.govt.nz**

In person you can also drop in the form to the Council offices in Rolleston, or to any Council library or service centre

Facebook informal comments can be made using the Council's Facebook page: 'Selwyn District Council'

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

Submissions must be received by 5pm, Monday 4 May 2015



Submission Form – Towards '25

For Council use: submission number

Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL

Please indicate your views on the following proposals.

You do not have to complete every question. To make a short general submission please complete question 9 'Other comments'. If you need extra space for your submission use additional paper (please include your name on additional sheets).

Title:* _____ First Name: _____ Last Name:* _____

Address:* _____ Postcode:* _____

Town:* _____ Contact Number:* _____

Email: _____

Are you making this submission for an organisation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please state the name of organisation: _____

Do you wish to attend a hearing to present your submission in person? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Preferred time: Thurs 21 May 2015 ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening

Fri 22 May 2015 ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon

Submissions must be returned by 5pm, 4 May 2015.

This submission can be returned to: Freepost 104 653, Long-Term Plan Submissions, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

Submissions can also be emailed to: longtermplan@selwyn.govt.nz or made online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25.

* *Required fields*

1. Rating changes

Do you have any comments on the introduction of a district-wide rate for water, wastewater, community centres and halls and recreation reserves? *(see pages 12-19)*

2. Roading

a) What are your views on improvements to upgrade major routes connecting to the Christchurch Southern Motorway stage two extension? *(see pages 22-23)*

b) What are your views on a connection (flyover) between Hoskyns Road and Rolleston Drive? *(see pages 24-25)*

c) What are your views on the level of investment planned on roading maintenance and renewal, including the continuation of a $60 targeted roading rate? *(see page 26)*

3. Community facilities and reserves

What are your views on planned investment in community facilities and reserves? *(see pages 28-31)*

Note: all submissions are public. All information in your submission will be included on papers which are available to the media and the public. Your submission will be used only for the purpose of the Long-Term Plan.

4. Leeston stormwater improvements
What are your views on planned improvements to Leeston's stormwater system (to be funded from a targeted stormwater rate paid by Leeston properties)? *(see page 36)*

5. Rolleston Town Centre Projects
a) What are your views on the proposed developed of a new library? *(see page 41)*

b) What are your views on planned improvements to roading, parks and public spaces in central Rolleston? *(see pages 42-44)*

6. **Local Projects**
Please refer to the list of projects on pages 46-47. Please indicate if you have any comments on these projects.

7. Unfunded Projects
Please refer to the list of projects on page 48. If you wish to support or oppose any of these projects being funded please specify.

8. Development Contributions
Do you have any comments on proposed changes to the Council's Development Contributions Policy? *(see page 50)*

9. Other Comments
If you wish to comment on any other matters please do so here.

Supporting information

A number of supporting documents are available which provide additional information on the proposals outlined in this document.

These documents include:

- Draft Long-Term Plan 2015-2025

This sets out in detail the Council's proposed activities, funding strategies, financial and other information for the 10 years 2015 to 2015.

There are several documents within the plan that provide comprehensive information on proposals and strategies:

- Financial Strategy
- Infrastructure Strategy
- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Development Contributions Policy
- Funding Impact Statement
- Schedule of Charges for Environmental Services
- Community Facilities Activity Management Plan
- Transportation Activity Management Plan
- Five Waters Activity Management Plan

These documents can be accessed on the Selwyn District Council website: **www.selwyn.govt.nz/towards25**



Neighbours gather in Ryelands Drive, Lincoln



Selwyn District Council
PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

Details of submitter No: 1349 - [REDACTED]

Submitter:	[REDACTED]

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

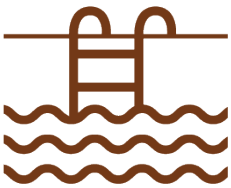
Please add any comments you may have

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.

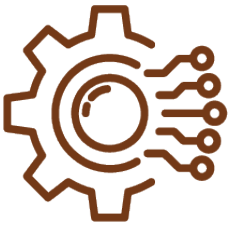
Do you support the continued development of an economic development strategy?

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?

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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.*

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

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:

**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 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%

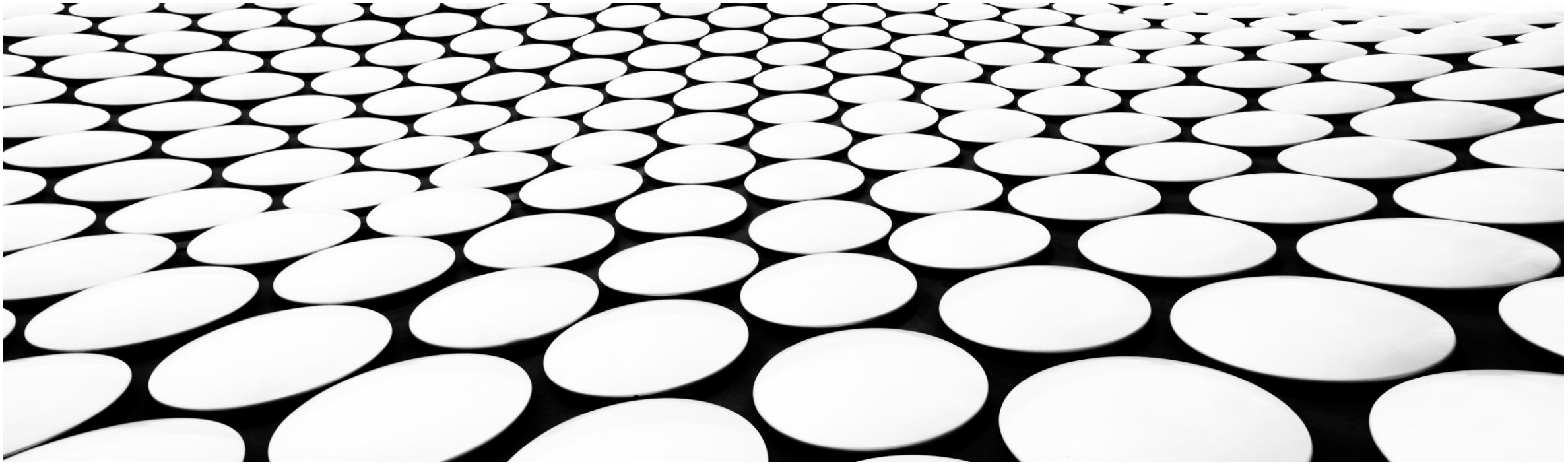
Please add any comments you may have
Unfortunatley, other basic services are needed - sewage, water, transport

Attached Documents

Link	File
	2024 Selwyn District Council – LTP Feedback - DPP

2024 SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL – LTP FEEDBACK

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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

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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.

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

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

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.

* Own analysis of SDC data

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

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

COUNCIL HAS DEFINED A VERY BROAD ASPIRATION FOCUSED ON WELL-BEING.

THIS ROLE REACHES ACROSS MOST OF THE MASLOW HIERACHY OF NEEDS

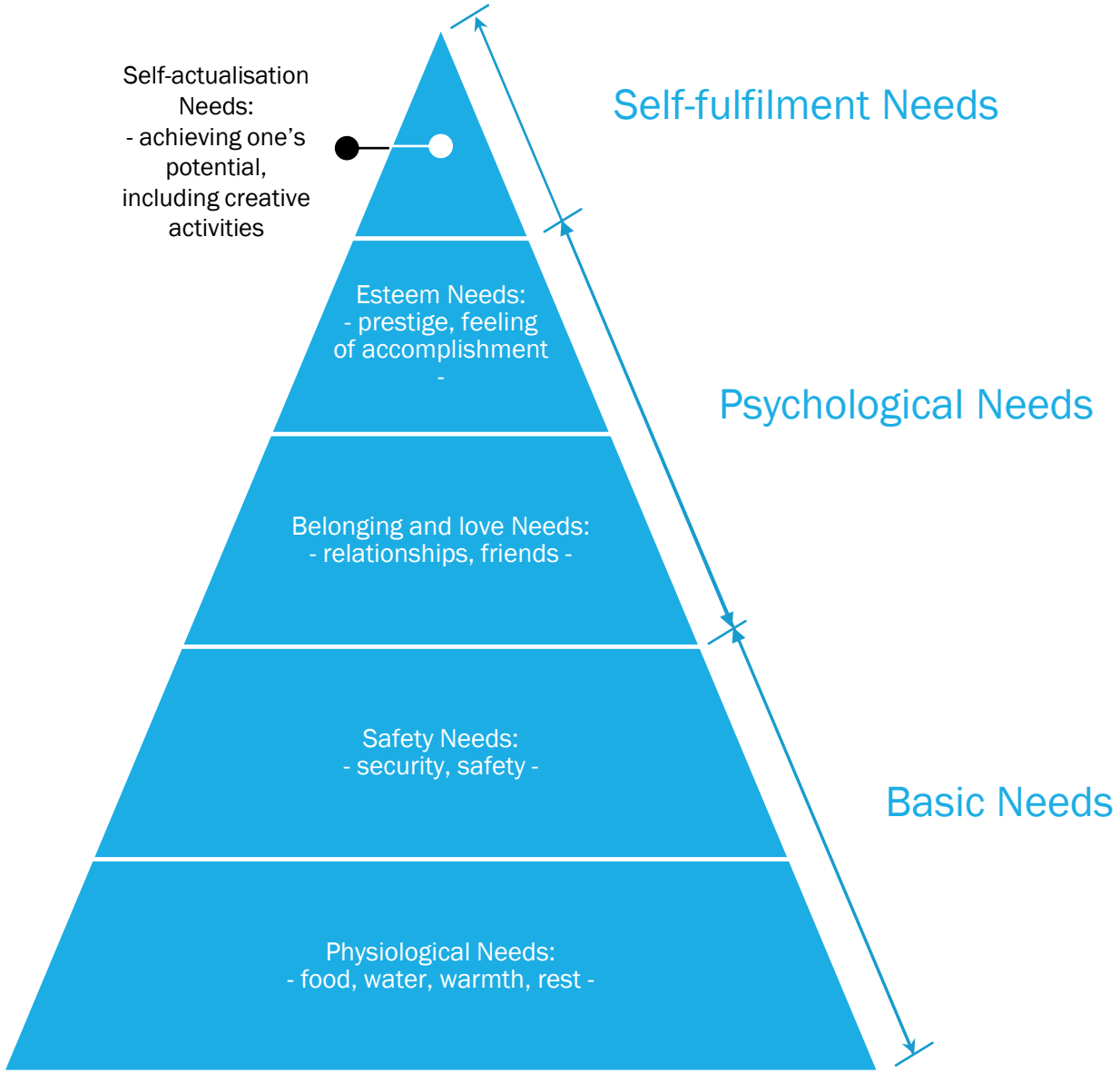
Improving our well-being

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.

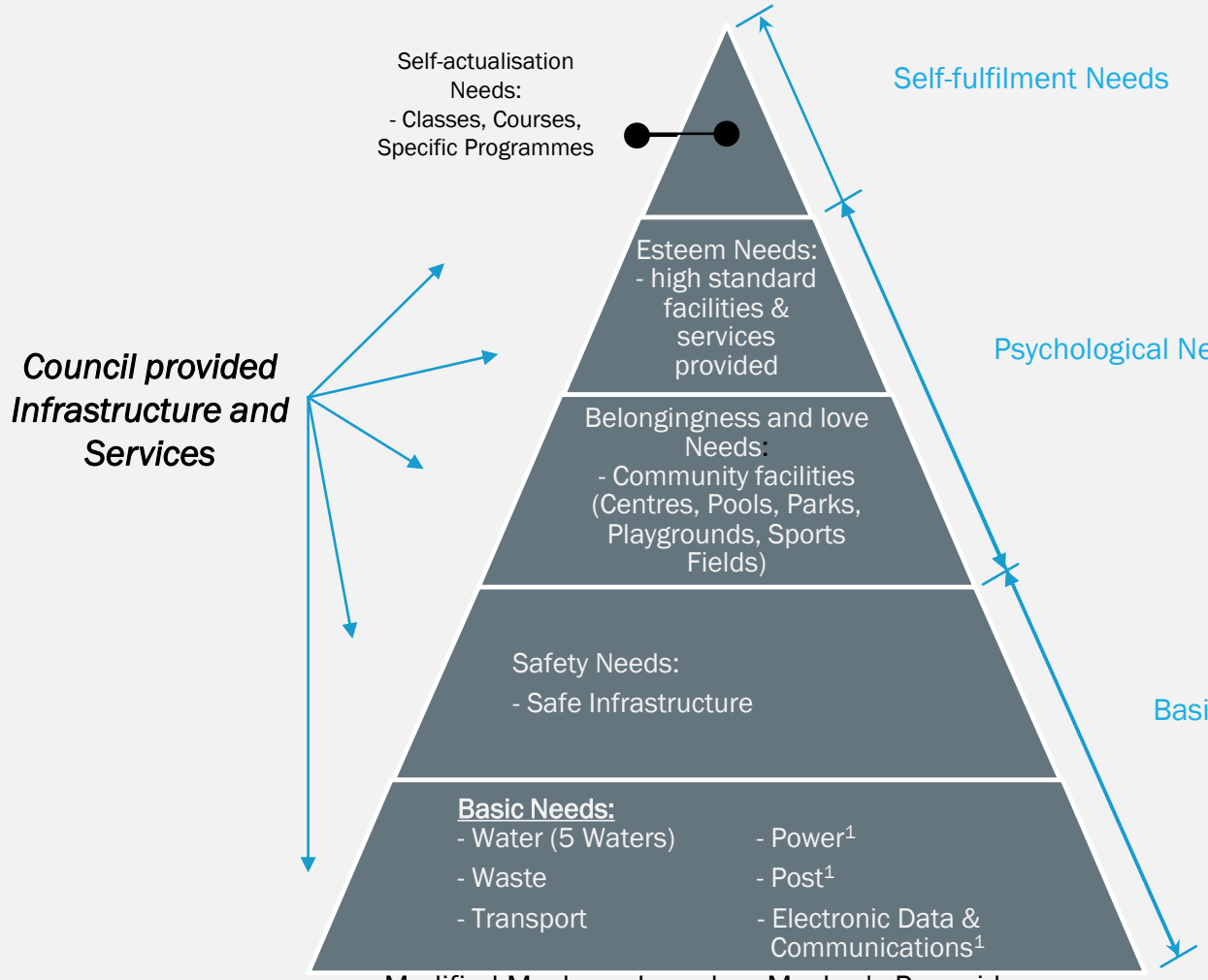
It's important to note that our Council is just one of several organisations that contribute to well-being in our community. Government and non-government agencies, along with many other groups, also have a part to play, but we play a role in advocating, facilitating, and supporting these across Waikirikiri 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

MATCHING COUNCIL SERVICES TO THESE NEEDS SHOWS A VERY BROAD FOCUS



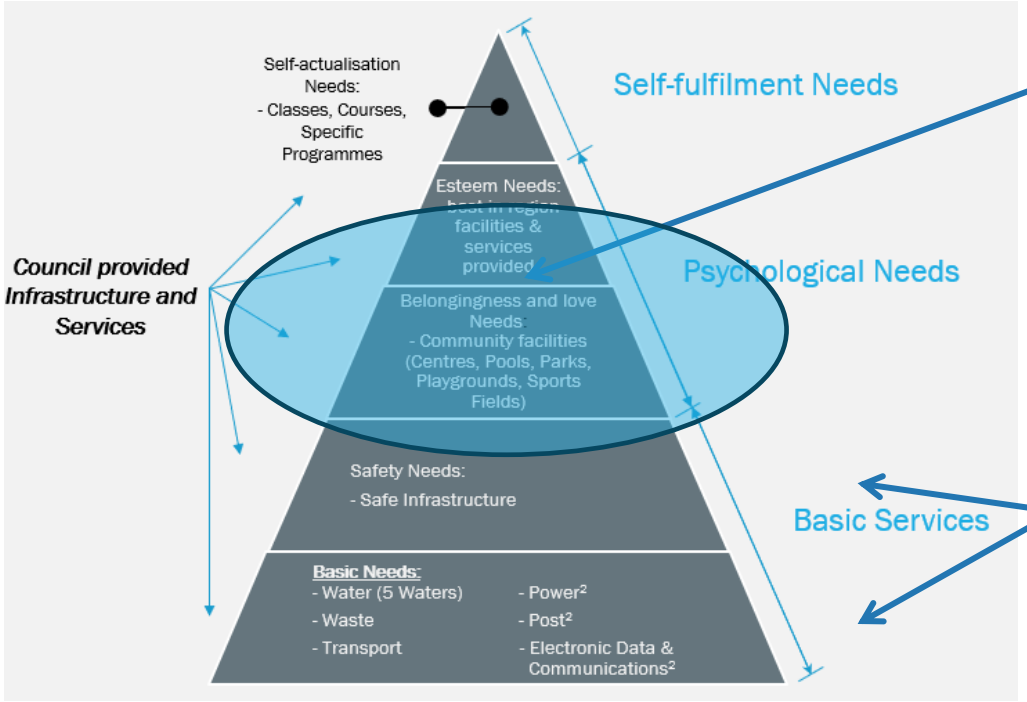
Modified Maslow - based on Maslow's Pyramid

Deficit Needs

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[2]

1. Outside SDC scope 2 https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abraham_Maslow

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

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

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

COUNCIL MUST ACTUALLY SUPPORT LINCOLN. (TO SIMILAR LEVELS ACHIEVED FOR ROLLESTON). LIMITED PREVIOUS INVESTMENT MAKES THE GAP AT LINCOLN EVEN GREATER, MADE POTENTIALLY WORSE BY APPARENT UNDER-ESTIMATION OF GROWTH

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

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"

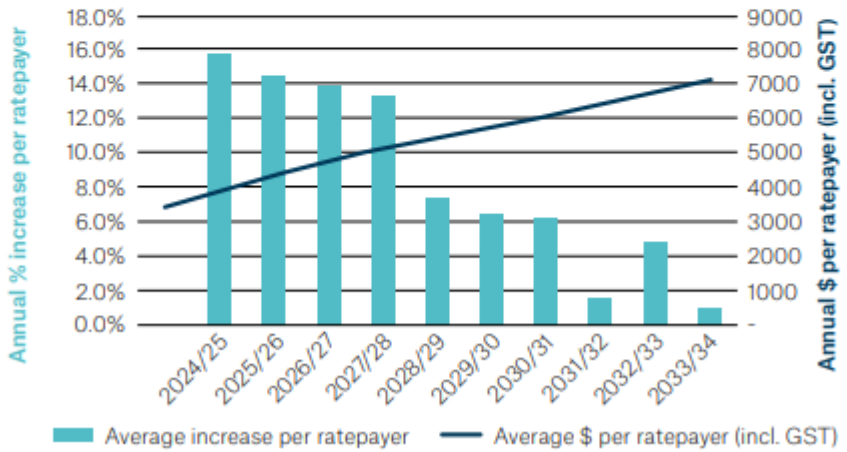
IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT RATES INCREASES WOULD DROP – PLEASE EXPLAIN

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.

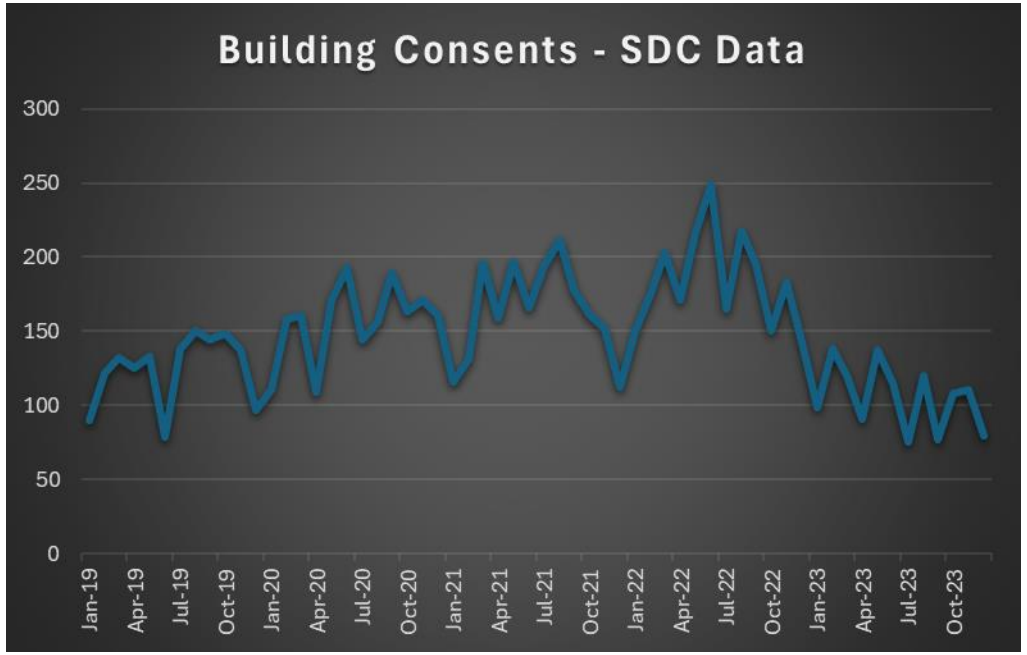
These are average increases per ratepayer, and the actual increase for individual ratepayer may exceed these amounts. The forecast average rate increase per ratepayer and the average rates per ratepayer over the next 10 years are shown in the chart below.



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

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.

Selwyn District Infrastructure Strategy 2024-2

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

10. Infrastructure Strategy P28
11. Infrastructure Strategy P88

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	1,555,695
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

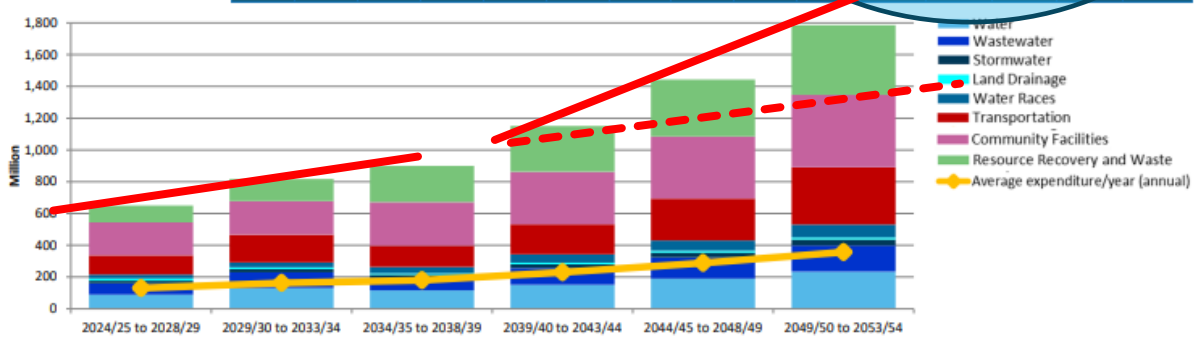


Figure 15: Infrastructure Operational Expenditure (5 year intervals) 2024-2054

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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Kia ora Sam,

Canterbury Regional Council welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on your draft Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

As a regional council, ahead of developing our own long-term plan we refined our Council's strategic direction. Our focus is on accelerating regeneration of the natural environment, enabling improved water and land use outcomes, and empowering communities to ensure they are resilient and prepared. Also important to us is championing safe, reliable, multi-modal transport choices, including a commitment to providing modern, affordable public transport services that gives our communities choice as urban areas grow. We recognise that strong action is needed to address climate change for the benefit of current and future generations, and our Ngāi Tahu partnership is central to all of our work. We acknowledge the strength of your partnership with Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki ki Taumutu and Ngāi Tūāhuriri whose takiwā covers your district.

As part of our Long-Term Plan structure we have moved away from portfolios of work and focused our work into the three core services that Environment Canterbury delivers: Environmental Regulation and Protection, Community Preparedness and Response to Hazards, and Public Transport. We will provide comment on your long-term plan in that context.

While we focus on our core services, we recognise the importance of a collaborative, joined-up approach from the region's councils in a number of areas. We look forward to continuing to work together through established channels to advance shared aspirations for our communities.

Feedback on your Long-Term Plan 2024-34

Public transport

Thank you for setting out so clearly our councils' respective roles in the provision of public transport service in your consultation document.

Big decision 1: Public transport

Environment Canterbury supports the building of three new park and ride facilities at Lincoln and Rolleston, and upgrades of public transport infrastructure. We acknowledge that your preferred option is to do this with co-funding from NZTA Waka Kotahi.

We understand that more and frequent public transport services are important to your community and we support funding for a business case to improve infrastructure aligned to the Public Transport Futures programme, noting that we have been advised by NZTA that only a Public Transport Authority can run public transport services.

We look forward to working together to support the outcomes of the Public Transport Futures programme, and seeing service improvements for the main urban centres in Selwyn District. This will help to address public transport needs in Greater Christchurch with continuing population growth and increased public transport patronage.

Community preparedness and response to hazards

We would like to acknowledge the good working relationship between our Councils' staff, particularly during flood events. We would particularly like to acknowledge your Civil Defence and Emergency Management (CDEM) team who are amongst the most proactive responders in the region.

As a regional council and the administrating authority for the Canterbury CDEM Group, we value strong coordination with other Councils and the collaborative approach in preparing for, and responding to, Canterbury's extremely active hazard scape.

Environment Canterbury supports all initiatives that mean communities are more prepared, and resilience to future flood events is increased, including infrastructure resilience and protection of lifeline infrastructure. We encourage you to ensure future development on floodplains is appropriate.

As we consult on and consider a proposed targeted rate for flood and river resilience work for your district through our long-term plan, we acknowledge and appreciate your Council's comments on this matter.

Environmental regulation and protection

We support Selwyn District Council's continued investment in infrastructure for reticulated wastewater treatment and disposal systems and stormwater drainage systems across the district, and your strategic planning for development and increasing population density. We commend the Council for its investment in rolling out reticulated wastewater infrastructure for the townships of Darfield and Kirwee. We ask that Council urgently consider extending wastewater reticulation in Kirwee to cover the subdivision of Ascot Park where a large number of human effluent discharge consents will soon be expiring and where we understand some properties are subdividing into smaller sections.

We encourage you to continue to work on new infrastructure and the maintenance and upgrading of existing drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure to ensure compliance with national standards and resource consents, reduce the environmental impacts and respond to the impacts of climate events.

We support Selwyn District Council's initiative to investigate the feasibility of centralising a source of water that is low in nitrate to supply some drinking water supplies on the Canterbury plains.

We acknowledge our shared involvement in co-governance arrangements for Te Waihora. Through the Whakaora Te Waihora work programme, we are delivering on our shared objectives and we look forward to continuing to work collaboratively on these and other work programmes that will protect and enhance biodiversity and cultural values.

Canterbury Regional Forums

We very much appreciate your contribution and commitment to working alongside Mayoral Forum colleagues for the benefit of Canterbury and its communities. The Canterbury Mayoral Forum, and the regional forums and working groups that support it, provide valuable mechanisms for local government in Canterbury and are a key means of demonstrating a strong and unified voice on the priority issues for our region. The value of this strong and unified voice cannot be underestimated. We look forward to continuing to work with your Council as we implement the Canterbury Regional Forums' work programmes, particularly the *Mayoral Forum's Plan for Canterbury,* over the remainder of this local government term. In particular, we acknowledge your Chief Executive Sharon Mason's role as Chair of the Canterbury Economic Development Forum.

We would like to acknowledge the experience, expertise and time of your staff and elected members on the Canterbury Climate Change Working Group and Councillor Reference Group under the Canterbury Mayoral Forum. Your Council's contribution in this area in the coming years will be important as implementation of the Canterbury Climate Partnership Plan begins. Canterbury councils will have to increase our efficiency and effectiveness as we respond to climate change, and work together on best practice climate adaptation.

We also acknowledge your efforts to make climate change mitigations and adaptation a core part of your planning and decision making, and your work to take actions to reduce your own carbon emissions.

Greater Christchurch Partnership

We value the collaborative relationship with you under the Greater Christchurch to address the strategic opportunities and challenges facing the sub-region. This includes the recent focus of the Partnership to develop the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan – a shared blueprint for how the sub-region will grow and change over the next 30 years and beyond, and remain an attractive place to live, learn, work, visit and invest. There is the opportunity for us through this Long-Term Plan to begin to deliver on the Spatial Plan, and in doing so, deliver on our communities' aspirations for the future of Greater Christchurch and the places within it.

Canterbury Regional Transport Committee

We thank you for your continued support and contribution to the work of the Canterbury Regional Transport Committee. This includes the Committee's recent focus on preparing the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP) 2024-34. Investment is planned to almost double over the next decade in the region's land transport network. This highlights the significant investment that central and local government need to

make to create an innovative, resilient and low emission transport system that helps Canterbury thrive for generations.

We do wish to be heard in support of our submission. To arrange a time, or if you have any queries in relation to our submission, please contact Governance@ecan.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



Peter Scott
Chair

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Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

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Submission Date: 20/04/2024
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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

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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
2029/30
2030/31
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> This upgrade is really important. i run the Leeston Drawing Club out of the Leeston Library we are a not for profit registered charity who employ Ellesmere College Students each term to teach art classes to

nuerodiverse children and those with complex needs.

As a ratepayer it is disheartening to see all the money funelled into Rolleston and the small rural farming towns (which are growing at an swift rate and will soon be bulging like Rolleston). If we don't keep up with infrastructure in these growing towns we will be faced with the same problem that Rolleston has with the school. Services which have not planned for sustained growth.

The Leeston Library is the hub for the local community, many clubs, groups and families gather. As a planner myself it would be very disheartening to see the council not keep their word on this. Keep the heart and soul of the small community alive by providing adaquate infrastructure.

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:

**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.*

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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