Cemeteries clean up

The Council aims to keep the district’s cemeteries in a condition where all visitors can have a respectful and peaceful place to remember their loved ones.

We’re currently contacting families with burial plots in Selwyn district cemeteries that do not comply with the Cemetery Bylaw due to the placement of adornments. We’re asking that these families remove any adornments placed outside of grave surrounds or on grassed areas in front of head stones so that the graves comply.

Items or adornments placed on the grave beam are fine and do not need to be removed. Examples of items found outside grave surrounds and on grassed areas include fairy lights, candy canes, extra soil, planted flowers, rocks, flower receptacles, cans and bottles of alcohol which can result in broken glass. These items are a hazard for maintenance contractors and other cemetery users.

We began this clean-up process at Prebbleton Cemetery and we’re now working on Shands Road Cemetery. Families that receive a letter from us have a month from the date of the letter to remove or shift items from outside grave surrounds or grassed area.

If families haven’t had a chance to remove or shift items within the time frame, Council contractors will remove and safely store the items for one month from the date of being removed from the grave site.

Family members can contact us and organise to pick them up at a time which suits them.

We fully appreciate the grief involved in the loss of a loved one. We are working to maintain the cemeteries in a way that is respectful for all those visiting the cemeteries.

We would like to thank the families that we have contacted so far for their understanding and cooperation during this process.

On the roads this week

Stabilised seal repairs will be occurring on Hororata Road and Leaches Road. Island repair and drainage works will occur on Othello Drive. A road reconstruction will be carried out on Southbridge Leeston Road. Reseals will be carried out on Knights Road, Dawson’s Road and Curraghs Road. Drainage repairs will be occur on Waimakariri Gorge Road. Please stop on request at these sites.

An intersection upgrade including traffic lights, cycle lanes and footpaths (both separate and shared), as well as storm water work and road resurfacing will be carried out at the Masfeld Drive/Rolleston Drive intersection in Rolleston.

Footpath reconstructions will be carried out on Cathcart Crescent. This footpath will be closed during these works.

Interested in heritage items and protected trees in our district?

Come along to our upcoming drop-in sessions and talk to one of our staff about the Selwyn District Plan Review and its implications for you.

You can also talk to our staff about current protected trees and heritage items, such as heritage buildings, places and monuments, and how you can have a say on additional heritage items to be included in the new District Plan.

Four drop-in sessions will be held in the following locations (all sessions run from 3.30–6.30pm):

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Check out www.selwyndistrictplan.co.nz for more information about the District Plan Review.

Progress on Council projects

Council is busy working on a number of building projects for the Selwyn community. Read about the progress of some of the major projects.

West Melton Community Centre

This project is progressing on schedule and is expected to be completed in November 2018. The floor pad has been poured and currently framing is being erected. The existing hall is still operating and available to the community. It will be demolished in the final quarter of this year to allow landscaping and car parking for the new facility to be completed. The new facility features meeting and function space, an indoor sports court, space for playcentre, scouts and other community groups, changing and toilet facilities.

Tai Tapu Community Centre

Located on Rhodes Park this facility has been designed as a combined sports and community centre. It features three separate function spaces (that can be used together if required) that will allow sports and community functions to be held at the same time. It also features meeting space, good quality kitchen and bar facilities, a large outside covered terrace and new changing room and toilet facilities for the park. The changing rooms are nearly complete and the roof is currently going on the Community Centre building. This project is planned to be completed by June this year.

Springton and Ladbrooks Community Halls

Both of these halls required repairs and strengthening work as a result of earthquake damage. Work has now been completed on both halls and they have been brought up to standard with regard to modern building code requirements.

Foster Park Playground

This facility opened over the Christmas period and has proven to be exceptionally popular. Some completion work involving the installation of junior play equipment and completion of landscaping is planned for late March. This may involve a short closure of the facility to enable this work to be completed.
**Notices**

**MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

- **Wednesday 7 February**
  - Rakai Huts 9.30–10am
  - Southbridge School 10.45–12pm
- **Thursday 8 February**
  - Lincoln Uni Early Childhood Centre 2–2.30pm
  - Prebbleton Tavern 3.30–5.30pm
- **Monday 12 February**
  - Tai Tapu Playcentre 9.30–10am
  - Ako Rolleston 10.30–11am
  - Rolleston School 12.15–1.15pm
  - Selwyn Kids 1.30–2pm
  - Rolly Kids 2–3.30pm
- **Tuesday 13 February**
  - Glenroy Hall 11.40am–12.10pm
  - Windwhistle School 1–1.30pm
  - Glenlinton School 1.55–2.55pm
  - Glenlinton Hall 3–3.30pm

**NEED FUNDING FOR YOUR CREATIVE PROJECT?**

Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn through the Creative Communities Scheme. Applications for this funding round close at 5pm, Friday 23 February. Visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/artists for more information and to apply.

**VACANCIES**

**MALVERN COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL – PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR**

We require an Arts Administrator for 15 hours per week to support the work of the MCAC. The successful candidate will need excellent organisational, administrative, and communication skills that are the foundation of running a busy and artistic gallery. A job-share arrangement could be considered. For information and a job description, contact Philip Baldwin, Chairperson: philip.baldwin2@gmail.com or phone 022 637 5286. Applications close Friday 16 February.

**SELYW NEWCOMERS NETWORKS – VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS**

Do you like meeting new people? Are you interested in welcoming newcomers to Selwyn? The New Zealand Newcomers Network sets up and supports Newcomers Networks all over New Zealand. There are two regional Newcomers Networks in the Selwyn district – Rolleston and Leeston – that currently have vacancies for volunteer coordinators. If you would like to be involved in Rolleston and Leeston or elsewhere in Selwyn welcoming newcomers and creating interesting informal and regular social connection opportunities for newcomers then this volunteer role could be perfect for you! It could also be shared amongst a group of volunteers. For information visit www.newcomers.co.nz or email andreja.p@newcomers.co.nz.

**ALCOHOL NOTICES**

An application for the renewal of an off license has been received from Rolleston Supermarket Limited. Objections are open until 6 February. For more information please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcnotinotices

**FOOD AND HEALTH STANDARDS LTD HAVE MOVED**

Food and Health Standards (2006) Limited has relocated to a new premise. They are now located at Level 1, 110 Mandeville Street, Riccarton Christchurch. The contact number is still 03 365 1667. The postal address is still PO Box 7469, Sydenham Christchurch 8240.

**DOG MICROCHIPPING CLINIC**

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 9 February at:
- Lincoln: 9–9.30am
- Leeston: 10.15–10.45am
- Darfield: 11.30am–12pm
- Rolleston: 12.45–1.15pm

Please note:
- These dates may have changed from previously advertised
- Clinics last for only 30 minutes
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive), other locations are outside libraries
- Microchipping won’t occur if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

**LEGOL® Club now on at all Selwyn District Libraries**

- Leeston Library, third Monday of each month, first session 19 February, 3.30–4.30pm
- Rolleston Library, fourth Tuesday of each month, first session 27 February, 5–6pm
- Darfield Library, second Tuesday of each month, first session 13 February, 4–5pm
- Lincoln Library, first Wednesday of each month, next session 7 March, 3.30–4.30pm

Join for free! Register at your preferred library. Term time only. Recommended for primary school aged children. Children under eight years of age must be accompanied by an adult.