Less speed, less harm

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for travelling, socialising and enjoying what our country has to offer, but care still needs to be taken on our roads.

We often hear safety messages throughout winter about driving to the conditions, watching for frost and being careful in the rain; but the arrival of summer can lull us into a false sense of security.

Warm days, hot sun and not a car on the road can make some drivers feel invincible.

Statistics from the NZ Transport Agency show summer is our highest risk period for speed-related crashes.

Selwyn District Council Road Safety Coordinator Peter Daly says there’s a simple message for summer driving — less speed, less harm.

“People make mistakes on the road, and the best way to decrease the risk of those mistakes is to decrease the speed at which those mistakes happen.”

Mr Daly says Canterbury is particularly susceptible to drivers speeding due to the number of long straight stretches of highway, and we can easily end up speeding — every driver needs to take responsibility for their journey and the speed they are doing.

It is also important to show patience while driving long distances. Being stuck behind a truck or a slow driver may be frustrating, but you’re better off waiting than attempting a dangerous passing manoeuvre.

Think water sense this summer

Forecasters are expecting a hot and dry summer over the coming months, meaning it’s time to start thinking about how we use our water in Selwyn.

Meteorologists believe it is highly likely Canterbury will have a drier than average summer.

Weather patterns over the last few months have been varied, with hot and windy days being interrupted by significant rain.

The Council’s Asset Manager Murray Washington says at the moment water demand is manageable.

“However, water supplies are placed under pressure during summer as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time.”

Water demand peaks between 6-9am and 4-9pm.

The Council is recommending that residents limit garden and lawn watering to after 9pm, to keep it away from peak usage times and ensure the sun doesn’t quickly evaporate the used water.

If you are considering watering your lawn during the day, it is best to check the conditions and make sure that it won’t be too hot or windy when you do it, which would reduce the effectiveness of the water use.

With volumetric charging for water use, consumers are reminded that wasting water can also hit them in the back pocket.

Mr Washington affirms that with everyone playing their part, we will be able to provide water at a good pressure all summer long.

New Kiwis celebrate citizenship in Selwyn

Chasing new partners, education opportunities and escaping less than favorable living conditions were the main themes for the 24 new kiwis sworn in at the latest Citizenship Ceremony held at Selwyn District Council.

The new citizens hail from 14 different countries, continuing to increase the diversity of Selwyn’s population. The majority (21) of them are now based in Selwyn Central, but there was also a smattering from Springs (2) and Ellesmere (1).

The ceremony was a colourful event with numerous new citizens sporting traditional dress from their native countries.

Harpreet Singh of Southbridge says the event was a hugely enjoyable evening, for a man who spends his days looking after New Zealanders and helping them relax. Mr Singh has lived the kiwi dream since arriving, although it wasn’t as straight forward as he had hoped.

“I turned up to study at Avonmore, but no one was at the airport to pick me up,” he says.

“Then things got really confusing when airport staff told me that it was daylight saving, and the clocks had gone back an hour, we don’t have that in India.”

But since arriving in New Zealand, Mr Singh has made every post a winner. “When I finished studying, I took up an opportunity with Dominos and saved up for my own business.”

At that point the affable Indian knew hospitality was the career for him, and he leased the Southbridge Tavern.

“I just love being a part of the community, it gives me a great chance to work with the people I live alongside.” He has since gone on to lease two more pubs, one in Rakaia and the other in Christchurch, but for the time being Southbridge is home and he is happy there.

Citizenship ceremonies are held monthly at the Council Chambers in Rolleston.

Applications closing soon for Creative Communities funding

If you need funding for your creative project make sure you apply by 5pm, Friday 30 November. Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding for more information and to apply.

Rewards on offer for Selwyn summer readers

Want to be rewarded for your summer reading? Play Selwyn Summer Reading BINGO, fill in the bingo card with your summer reading and be in to win some great prizes.

There are three age categories this year – children up to 12 years; young adults 13 to 20 years; and adults 21 years and over.

Once you complete your first line, bring it into the library to receive a line prize. If you complete at least 20 of the 25 squares, hand your card into your local library and receive a spot prize. Your card will also go into the grand prize draw.

Pick up your cards from Friday 1 December from any Selwyn Library.
Notice: This is a reminder that the Gltentunnel Millennium Walk is closed permanently to the public. While we understand this has been a popular trek especially over summer months, a number of risks are apparent along the track and the owners don’t want to put the public’s safety at risk. We thank you all for your cooperation and respecting the closure.

On the roads this week
Pre-seal repair work and patch sealing is being undertaken on Coaltrack Road, drivers many experience some delays.
Road repairs following the heavy rain event will take place along Hartleys Road early in the week.
Emergency river training works will take place at Mt White. Mt White Road is open.

There will be cycle way repairs along Birchs Road. The cycle way will be open but cyclists may have to dismount and walk through the work sites.
There will be footpath maintenance work in Springfield and Rolleston.
Drainage works will take place on Piako Drive, Telegraph Road, and Wards Road.

Maintenance grading will take place in the Hororata, Bankside and Greendale areas.

Cantassic Tree
Donate a can, build a tree and help those in need.
Bring your donation to your local library and service centre and place it on the Cantassic Tree between 23 November and 19 December.

Donations must be in cans with original label, non-perishable and within the best before date.
Donations will be given to Ellesmere Food Bank Trust which covers all of Selwyn.

Meetings
Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please contact Bernadette Ryan or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.
Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD
Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.
District Plan Review Committee Wed 21 Nov 9am
Malvern Community Board Mon 26 Nov 4.30pm
Windwhistle School Hall District Plan Review Committee Wed 28 Nov 9am
Property Committee Wed 5 Dec 9am
District Plan Review Committee Wed 5 Dec 1pm

Audit and Risk Subcommittee Wed 5 Dec 3pm
LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS
Broadfield Community Committee Central Community Centre Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Broadfield Community Centre
Coalgate Township Committee Tue 27 Nov 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre Management Committee Mon 3 Dec 7.30pm
Darfield Rec Centre
Doyleston Community Committee Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Osborne Park Hall
Glenroy Community Hall Committee Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Glenroy Hall
Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee Tue 29 Nov 7.30pm, Glenroy Hall
Greendale Recreational Reserve Committee
Tue Dec 6pm
Greendale Sports Pavilion
Hororata Citizens Committee Tue 27 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committee
Thur 22 Nov 7.30pm Kimberley Hall
Leeston Community Committee Mon 3 Dec 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room
Leeston Park Committee AGM Mon 26 Nov 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Rolleston Residents Assn Mon 25 Nov 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Fire Station
Springton Hall Committee Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm
Springton Hall
Springton Reserve Committee Wed 21 Nov 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion,
Springton Reserve
Tai Tapu Community Association AGM Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Chahuna Room Tai Tapu Community Centre
Waihora Park Reserve Committee Tues 4 Dec 7.30pm
Waihora Bowling Club

On the roads
Roads are currently in a good state.

The parade starts at 6.30pm and will end at the family, with a variety of food options to buy or enjoy in the park. Please note that all vehicles are restricted to the western side of the track.

The parade will be followed by a fireworks display at 9pm to celebrate the new year. This is a non-ticketed event.

For more information, please contact the Selwyn District Council on 347 2800 or visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Selwyn Events

Found Objects as Art
Selwyn Art Gallery, Darfield
Expect the unexpected at Selwyn Gallery’s November with Found Objects as Art. Works created largely from recycled objects will be on show, with the gallery excited to present a wide variety of styles, mediums and imagination under the same roof.

Digital Photobook Workshops
Libraries across the district
Would you like to know how to create a digital photobook, but not exactly sure how? Come along to a free workshop and develop your skills to create a digital photobook from your treasured memories. Sessions are held from 15 – 29 November at Rolleston, Darfield or Ramler library. Bookings essential. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz for more information.

Paint and Vino
Lincoln, 21 Gerald St
Join us for a fun evening of painting while enjoying a drink or two. Working alongside artists from Down by the Liffey, Gallery, create your very own still life painting. Tickets $20, for more information check out Selwyn Libraries on Facebook and head to its event’s section.

Rolleston Kids Market
Rolleston Community Centre, 10am – 12pm
Come along to Rolleston’s coolest kids’ market to buy or sell some pre-loved treasures. For children aged 8-13 years, caregiver required. Stalls $5 each, register as a stall holder at bit.ly/kinsmarket18 by 22 November. No food or drinks to be sold.

The Courtenay A&P Show
Kawerau Showgrounds, from Barn Featuring fun and friendly competition, a great day out where town and country meet. For more information head to www.courtenayshow.org.nz.

Selwyn Twilight Christmas Market
Rolleston Community Centre, 1-4pm
A great opportunity to get a roll on with your Christmas shopping. For more information you can contact Debbie Herridge on 027 515 1962.

Leeston Santa Parade
High Street, Leeston, from 5pm
The evening will offer plenty of fun for the family, with a variety of activities and stalls as well as street entertainment. The parade starts at 6.30pm and will end with carols by torchlight.

BOOST Out
Rolleston Reserve, 6-8.30pm
Head on down to the Rolleston Reserve for an action packed Friday evening, featuring food trucks, a skate jam and graffiti art.

For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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