Taking water from fire hydrants

The Council is reminding commercial water users about restrictions on extracting water from fire hydrants. The Council does not provide a permit system for contractors to extract water from fire hydrants on the public potable (drinking water) network and contractors must not connect any equipment to the network.

The only exception to this is on development subdivision sites where the Council permits developers to apply for a single connection point, which has a range of conditions including payment for the use of the water.

Council Asset Manager Murray Washington says this policy is different to neighbouring authorities, but is needed to reduce the level of potential risk.

“We take a cautious approach to protecting the health of our residents, and this has to take priority over the convenience of contractors,” he says.

“The Council has considered the potential risks of contractor equipment being connected to the public supply, and decided there is potential for the equipment being unsterilised – and this is too great a risk.”

Mr Washington says contamination events have occurred in the past after contractors connected to the public supply to extract water.

The Council is getting in touch with contractors across the district to make them aware of the policy.

Any contractors who need further information should contact the Water Services Team on 347 2800.

More public toilets for Selwyn district

New public toilets are being installed across the district in response to demand from visitors and residents.

With funding from the government’s Tourism Infrastructure Fund, the Council is currently installing a new three-pan public toilet at Castle Hill at a cost of $166,300. Early next year, a new single pan toilet will be installed at Lake Georgina ($54,800) and Lake Selfe ($54,800) as well as another four-pan toilet at Dunslane ($185,700).

The installation of new non-funded toilets in the district include one at Ryton Bay ($57,625) which was opened last November, and a new four-pan toilet will be installed at Lincoln Domain ($186,800) early next year.

Community Projects Manager Cam Warr says the funding from the government has allowed the Council to quickly provide more toilet facilities across the district to meet demand.

“The government funding has allowed us to increase the number of available toilets at sites that have large numbers of visitors.

“We’ve also been able to replace older and less environmentally friendly toilets. It’s important to provide quality facilities, especially if we want people to use them,” Mr Warr says.

The purpose of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund is to provide financial support for local tourism-related infrastructure where tourism growth (domestic and international) is placing pressure on, or potential growth is constrained by, existing infrastructure and the local community is unable to respond in a timely way without assistance.

The fund provides up to $25 million per year for the development of tourism-related infrastructure such as carparks, freedom camping facilities, sewerage and water works and transport projects.

Selwyn Summer Reading Bingo

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 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 now from any Selwyn Library or download from selwynlibraries.co.nz. Completed cards to be handed in by 5pm, Friday 25 January.

On the roads this week

Motorists may expect some delays along Coaltrack Road and Greendale Road as pre-seal repairs and patch sealing take place.

There will be repairs to damaged sections of carriageway on High Peak Road.

Surface repairs to cracked asphalt will take place on Gerald Street, Lowes Road, Edward Street and Brookside Road, motorists may experience some delays.

Springfield and Rolleston will have footpath reconstruction carried out.

There will be maintenance grading around High Country, Southbridge and West Melton.

Takeaway coffee cups go into the red bin

Disposable takeaway coffee cups go in your red lid rubbish bin. They are lined with plastic to make them waterproof so your drink doesn’t leak, but unfortunately this makes them unable to be processed through the recycling plant.

Coffee cups can’t go in your organics bin either, even if it’s marketed as ‘compostable’ or ‘biodegradable’. We cannot currently accept these in our composting process.

Better yet, why not get a keep cup.

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz.
Longer weekend opening hours at Pines Resource Recovery Park

Good news for the weekend tidy-up - the Pines Resource Recovery Park will now be open from 9am to 4.30pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

The new extended hours bring the weekend opening hours in line with weekday hours at the Recovery Park, in Burnham School Road near Rolleston.

Council Solid Waste Manager Andrew Boyd says the longer weekend opening hours should be a bonus for residents.

"With many of our residents working Monday to Friday, the weekend provides a good opportunity to catch up on work around the home, and chores such as taking rubbish to the Recovery Park."

Mr Boyd is hopeful the new closing time will also give users the opportunity to plan their days, allowing them to clearly see when they need to come to Recovery Park during the week.

For more information on Pines Recovery Park please head to selwyn.govt.nz/pines

The revised opening hours are now in place.

Meetings

Public Forums: Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Times are available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify 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 stated meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Property Committee
Wed 5 Dec 10am
District Plan Review Committee
Wed 5 Dec 1pm
Audit and Risk Subcommittee
Wed 5 Dec 3pm
Council Meeting
Wed 12 Dec 7pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee
Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Broadfield Casual Community Centre
Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Doyalston Community Committee
Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Osborne Park Hall

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 17 Dec 6.30pm

Dunsandel Hotel
Hororata Reserve
Management Committee
Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Management Committee
Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm
Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 17 Dec 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall
Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee
Fri 14 Dec 7.30pm, Ladbrooks Hall
Lakeside Memorial Hall
Incorporated Society AGM
Wed 12 Dec 7.30pm
Lakeside Soliders Memorial Hall
Enquiries to John McLachlan 324 3397

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 10 Dec 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee
Mon 17 Dec 7pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Room
Prebbleton Reserve
Management Committee
Mon 17 Dec 7.30pm, Community Hall, Blake's Road
Rolleston Community Centre
Management Committee
Thur 6 Dec 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Rolleston Reserve
Management Committee
Mon 17 Dec 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Fire Station
Springling Community Committee
Mon 17 Dec 7.30pm
Springling Hall Committee
Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm
Springling Hall Committee
Springling Reserve Committee
Wed 19 Dec 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springling Reserve
Tai Tapu Community Association AGM
Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre
Waloria Park Reserve Committee
Tues 11 Dec 7.30pm
Waloria Bowling Club
Westons Reserve Committee
Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm
Whakaraupu Reserve Centre
West Melton Reserve
Board Committee
Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm
West Melton Rugby Club
West Melton Residents Assn
Wed 12 Dec 7.30pm
West Melton Hall
Whit Mara Township & Domain Committee
Mon 10 Dec 7.30pm
Glen tunnel Community Centre
A charity auction has arisen on the Whitcliffs Township and Domain Committee. Please forward expressions of interest to the Chairperson, Jodie, 5510121

Under $200 exhibition
Selwyn Gallery’s 20th Anniversary concludes with a summer exhibition featuring a collection priced at under $200. The exhibition features works by 2017 and 2018 premier award winners, Louise McHaffie and Henry Turner. It will feature more than 40 works. For more information head to selwyn.gallery.co.nz

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

Christmas in the Park, Darfield
Westview Park, 2pm
Welcome in the festive season with a community picnic in the park. Something for everyone with entertainment from Shad Rutherford, Pedamania, games, carols, a visit from Santa and more.

Outdoor Family Movie – Elf
The Lincoln Green, 7–9pm
Grab your nearest and dearest for a family-friendly movie outdoors! Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge outdoor screen.

Christmas Pool Party
Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–4pm
Come along and celebrate the festive season at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre! The big inflatable will be out, games, BBQ and spot prizes. Our DJ will be playing your favourite tunes! Normal admission charges apply. Activities in the indoor pool are for competent swimmers 8yrs+.

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