Watch out, snow could be about

The cold breeze of winter is now enveloping Selwyn and this brings the risk of snow. Snow is common in the district during winter and has the potential to cut off power and telephone services and close roads. Selwyn District Council Emergency Management Officer Ryan O’Rourke says now that winter is here, it is important for people to ensure their household is well prepared to cope with snow. “The further away from a main town you live, the better your preparations need to be as you could be housebound for several days until roads can be cleared and power restored.”

However a large snowstorm could cut power to main towns like Rolleston, Lincoln and the surrounding areas so everyone needs to be ready to cope with that situation. To prepare your household for snow you can take the following steps:

- Have several days’ food and bottled water, medication and a first aid kit, a portable battery operated radio, torch and baby food
- Have an alternative power source and another way of cooking food if the power fails
- If possible look to keep your cars fuel levels up
- On the farm; plan where livestock can be moved to shelter and ensure there is enough dry feed
- Consider how you would supply stock water if the power is off. Most animal deaths in winter storms are from dehydration
- Register online to join Selwyn Gets Ready at www.selwyn.getsready.net. This free service will send you severe weather warnings and emails or texts with updates in an emergency

If a snow storm hits then:

- Listen to your radio, or television, and visit the Council website, www.selwyn.govt.nz or the Selwyn District Council Facebook page for information
- Ensure you drink enough water and watch for signs of frostbite or hypothermia. Wear layers of loose, light, warm clothing
- Keep rooms well ventilated when using gas or kerosene heaters to avoid toxic fumes building up
- Bring pets inside and move stock to shelter
- Report broken utility lines to Orion
- Check on your neighbours and help them out if needed
- Avoid driving unless absolutely necessary. If you have to travel take snow chains, warm clothing and essential emergency items in case you become stuck
- If you are caught in your vehicle in a snowstorm, stay where you are and make yourself visible by tying a bright-coloured cloth to your radio aerial and keep the inside light on.

Don’t let ashes start a fire!

With the temperatures dropping in Selwyn many of you will be using your fireplace to heat your home. You can dispose of the ash from your fireplace in your red lid rubbish bin, but it’s important you do so safely to avoid the chance of a fire starting in your bin or in the collection trucks.

Here are some handy tips on how to dispose of ash safely:

- Put ash in a metal bucket with a lid, then douse with water and leave to cool for at least five days
- Bag cold ash and place it in the red lid rubbish bin
- Don’t put ash in the organics bins

Hot ash can cause fires in trucks, bins and can spread from bins to houses.

Kidsfest corner

Kidsfest bookings are well underway with around 70 highly entertaining activities and events available throughout the district during the July holidays (7–21 July).

For those interested in getting into a bit of multimedia, there are two Filmmaker Masterclass sessions available at the Lincoln Event Centre. If the kids want to blow off some steam there is a Navigational Rampage for kids aged 8–13 at the Rolleston Reserve.

This is a mash-up of cross country navigational techniques such as rogaine, orienteering and other clues.

For information on KidsFest events and bookings visit www.kidsfest.co.nz, or pick up a KidsFest booklet from a Selwyn District Library, the Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston Community Centre or Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Nominate a local hero

Don’t miss your chance to nominate someone you think is deserving for a Selwyn Award.

Nominations are closing soon for the 2018 Selwyn Awards. The awards recognise individuals and organisations for outstanding work or inspirational achievements. Our district is full of deserving people doing great work, not for glory, but because they believe in what they are doing.

The award categories open for nomination this year are: Arts, Culture & Heritage, Community Service, Environmental, Innovation Excellence, Large Business, Small Business, Sport, Tourism, and Young Achievers.

Nominations close on Friday 15 June, so get in quick and let us know who you think deserves to be recognised!

See www.selwynawards.co.nz for more information and the nomination forms.

Gala Dinner: Saturday 4 August. See www.selwynawards.co.nz for more information and tickets.

On the roads this week

Seal repairs are occurring on Telegraph Road, please stop on request. Maintenance metalling is occurring on Knyvett Road. Footpath repairs will take place in Arthur’s Pass and Darfield. Bridge maintenance work will be taking place on old Tai Tapu Road and Mt White Road.

Intersection upgrade is continuing at Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive with the pavement construction, asphalt and surfacing and line-marking completed over the weekend. Traffic lights are being turned on this week. Drivers to take care at the new layout.

Night closures along Hoskyns Road started last week at the Jones Road/Hoskyns Road intersection upgrade, as crews work to complete the final asphalt surfacing of the intersection and the line marking. The traffic lights will then be installed over the next week.
Help make your community group more financially stable

Council is offering local non-profit groups the opportunity to attend a fast-paced, free workshop focusing on sustainable funding.

This workshop is full of information and ideas and will help groups get started, get thinking and get motivated for the next steps in fundraising.

In this free workshop attendees will learn:
- The seven key income streams for community groups, how to use them, and how to make them stronger.
- The difference between donations, sponsorship and grants and what it really takes to secure all three.
- How to encourage more people to help with funding efforts.
- Simple tips and tricks for raising more money, more often.

Facilitator Kerri Tity-Price is the Managing Director of Exult and is recognised as one of New Zealand’s leading trainers for the non-profit sector. She is well-known for delivering workshops that provide practical how-to information in an engaging way. She has worked alongside hundreds of non-profit organisations.

Please RSVP by Friday 29 June to fundingworkshop@selwyn.govt.nz or phone District Arts Coordinator Becca Bouffandeau on 347 2800 for more information.

Local Organisations

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

- Coalgate Township Committee
- Darfield Township Committee
- Darfield Library/Service Centre
- Dunsandel Community Committee
- Glenroy Community Hall Committee
- Glenroy Hall
- Glenroy Community Centre
- Kerwee Township Committee
- Leeton Park Community Committee
- Leeton Park Pavilion
- Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee
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MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 15 June at:
- Lincoln: 9–9.30am
- Leeton: 10.15–10.45am
- Darfield: 11.30am–12pm
- Rolleston: 12.45–1.15pm

Please note:
- Clinic lasts 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.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre’s 5th Birthday Bonanza

Selwyn Aquatic Centre’s 2-4pm

Come help us celebrate our 5th birthday! Join the party, with a DJ, big inflatable race, games, spot prizes, chalk art, cake, colouring in competition and more! Normal pool entry fees apply.

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

Selwyn District Council Facebook page.

INSTALLLED: Artists in Residence Nga Toi Māori

Darfield Library

Artist Emma Kelton will be at Darfield Library throughout the day between 11am–5pm working on a series of linocuts depicting each of the Matariki stars. She will be hosting a Printmaking from Home presentation on Tuesday 7–8pm, and a Whānau DIY Matariki Bunting workshop on Saturday 16 June, at 10am and 1.30pm. Bookings are required.

Lincoln High School Hall, 7pm

Lincoln High School year 13 drama group present “Guys and Dolls”, a musical table of Broadway. Tickets $20 Adult, $15 Student. For more information and online booking go to this link.

Chalk Art Drawing Competition

Lincoln Library, 7–8.45pm

Bring your chalk, join in and create a chalk drawing masterpiece. Prizes for best chalk art, best group and best colouring in. Entries Friday 29 June, return by 5pm on Sunday 1 July 2018, and entries are free.

Date: July 2018, a discounted fee is charged. If paid by Tuesday 31 July 2018, a discounted fee is available.

Contact Tracey 347 2800 or 318 8338.