New Coes Ford gates to ensure visitor safety

New gates have been installed at Coes Ford to help ensure the safety of visitors to the area during high river flow events.

The Council has installed the gates after discussions with the local fire chiefs and residents of the area who were concerned that many visitors are unaware of the risks the Selwyn river poses during high river flows.

Council Asset Manager Murray Washington says most locals are well aware that significant amounts of rain in the foothills can lead to high river flows in the Selwyn river, but that visitors to Selwyn are often not attuned to the associated risks.

"Many local residents know that flooding at Coes Ford can occur up to 12 hours after the rain has stopped in the foothills. However, visitors to our district cannot be expected to know that.

"The river can rise without any sign of rain at Coes Ford. The only way we can ensure visitors’ safety is by preventing them from crossing the ford during times of high flows, and moving them on from the camping area altogether during Civil Defence emergencies," Mr Washington says.

Mr Washington acknowledges that when the gates are closed, this will mean locals will need to use alternative and often longer routes to travel into Christchurch City or to other parts of the district. "We understand that this could be an inconvenience and we thank local residents in advance for their patience and support."

The decision to close the Coes Ford gates will be based on Environment Canterbury river flow data, and only if significant rain in the foothills is likely to cause high and dangerous river flows. Previously, during Civil Defence events, the camping areas of the Coes Ford campground could be gated off, but the ford itself could still be accessed.

Let your taste buds explore the world

CultureFest is a fantastic opportunity to take a culinary trip around the world.

The event will play host to food stalls from 15 different nationalities; you will be able to buy Indian, Spanish, Bulgarian, Nigerian, Malaysian, Jordanian, Iranian, Russian and Ukrainian dishes.

There may be a few extra surprises as well.

Senior Events and Recreation Advisor Dave Tippett says CultureFest provides a great opportunity to try food you may not experience in your day to day life.

"This is a great chance to wander around, and snack on food from a wide range of cultures," Mr Tippett says.

There are also five key events on offer: BOOST Speak – a TEDtalk style evening with three inspiring speakers, BOOST Spook – a horror walk in Foster Park, BOOST Market – a youth market in the Rolleston Community Centre, BOOST Splash – a pool party at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and BOOST Out – the grand finale featuring food trucks, a skate jam, graffiti art and live performances.

For more information and to register, go to selwyn.govt.nz/boost.

District Plan Review – are we on the right track?

Should our planning rules encourage more medium-density development, like semi-detached and terraced dwellings and low-rise apartments?

Should we review the requirement that only family members can live in a family flat?

Should it be easier to set up a home-based business, as long as certain standards are met?

These are just a few of the questions that many Selwyn residents are currently giving us feedback on, as part of our District Plan Review.

The District Plan is our ‘rule book’ that governs how people can use and develop land. For example, if you own or rent a property, it regulates things like what kind of activities you can undertake, what type of buildings can be located or whether you can operate a business and what kind.

The Plan has to be reviewed every 10 years, and we’re currently undertaking initial public consultation on a number of key draft changes, to check whether we’re on the right track with the review so far.

Hundreds of people have already visited our website to look at the topics we’re reviewing, learn more about the proposed changes and provide feedback or complete a survey.

Consultation is open until Monday 8 October and you can find out more at www.selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

Connect Canterbury: consultation on RPTP

Public consultation opened this week on the draft Regional Public Transport Plan, and Environment Canterbury has announced that this Saturday, 22 September, travel on its bus network will be free.

Saturday is World Car-Free Day. Greater Christchurch Public Transport Joint Committee member and Environment Canterbury chair Steve Lowndes says that it is an ideal way to celebrate the beginning of public consultation on the Regional Public Transport Plan (RPTP).

Consultation is open until Sunday 14 October, with information and a full list of community events available at ConnectCanterbury.co.nz or by calling 366 8855.

Time for Selwyn youth to BOOST

There’s a new youth event coming to Selwyn in the October school holidays. Residents from 13 to 18 years of age are being invited to join the Selwyn Youth Council with support from the Selwyn District Council in a fun, action-packed week of BOOST events.

Selwyn Youth Council Chairperson Paige Sullivan says the creation of the new youth event is in response to feedback about a lack of things to do in Selwyn for teenagers, particularly during the school holidays.

“We looked at the huge success of KidsFest, an event aimed at children under the age of 13 during the July school holidays, and thought we should be doing something like that for teenagers in our district,” Paige says.

“BOOST isn’t just a way to fill in your holiday. It’s a chance to meet people, try something completely new, or just relax and have fun – all without leaving our amazing district.”

BOOST 2018 is taking place during the October school holiday weekends and will feature a broad range of events, activities and workshops to entertain, empower and develop Selwyn’s youth. Some of the events include graffiti art workshops, parkour training, 3X3 basketball competitions, yoga sessions, circus arts and a hip hop workshop.

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Council Call

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Notice
TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LEESTON DOG PARK

The Leeston Dog Park will be shut down on Saturday 13 October. The area will be used for overflow car parking during the Selwyn Spring Show. For more information please call: 347 2800.

WORKS IN LEESTON

We are replacing the water main in Market Street and High Street in Leeston. The work will begin this week and will run for approximately 11 weeks. You could experience some delays and disruptions in the area.

PROPOSED LEASE HORARATA

Pursuant to Section 73 of the Reserves Act 1977, Council propose to grant a five year farming lease over land situated at the Hororata Domain, Hororata Road, Hororata forming PT RES 2217 and containing an area of approximately 48 hectares (more or less). This land has been used for many years for farming use. A copy of the lease document and site plan are available for inspection at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston Headquarters at Norman Kirk Drive during normal office hours. Any person objecting or submitting to this proposal can do so in writing no later than 5pm 19 October 2018. To make a submission or objection or to find out more about this proposal please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz. Please direct any queries to Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing by email at sales@selwyn.govt.nz.

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Lincoln Rugby Football Club has applied to renew its club licence. Objections are open until 25 September. AP Hospo Group Limited has applied for an on licence. Applications are open until 28 September. For more information head to www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

BALEAGE ON ROADSIDES

We have been made aware of baleage being stored on roadsides across the district. We would like to remind farmers that it is an offence under the Traffic and Parking Bylaw to store baleage on road verges. Failure to comply with this can result in a fine of up to $1,500. For enquiries please contact Joanne Harkness on 347 2800.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 19 September Rakaia Huts 9.30-10am Southbridge School 10.45–12.15pm Abbeyfield, Leeston 2.30–3pm Thursday 20 September Annabel Edurake West Melton 1–2.30pm Lincoln University early childhood centre 2–2.30pm Prebbleton Township/Tavern 3.30–5.30pm Monday 24 September Tai Tapu Playcentre 9.30–10am Akoro Rolleston 10.30–11am Rolleston Christian School 12.15–1.15pm Selwyn Kids 1.30–2pm Lollipops Rolleston 2–2.30pm Tuesday 25 September Glentunnel Hall 11.40–12.10pm Windwhistle School 1–1.30pm Glentunnel School 1.55–2.55pm Glentunnel Hall 3–3.30pm

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 notify Bernadette Ryan or your local committee at least three days before the meeting. Town Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz. 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. Malvern Community Board Mon 24 Sept 4.30pm Darfield Library/Service Centre Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Tue 2 Oct 2pm Larnach Estate Centre Properly Committee Wed 3 Oct 9am Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 3 Oct 11am

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee Wed 3 Oct Broadfield Community Centre

Coalgate Township Committee Tue 25 Sept 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Management Committee Mon 30 June 7.30pm Darfield Rec Centre Darfield Township Committee Thur 20 Sept 7.30pm Darfield Library Doyleston Community Committee Wed 3 Oct 7.30pm Osborne Park Hall Eliesmere Heritage Park Trust AGM Thur 20 September 7.30pm Leeston Library/Service Centre Glentunnel Community Hall Committee Tue 18 Sept 7.30pm, Glentunnel Hall Glentunnel Community Centre Committee Tue 18 Sept 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre Glentunnel Township Committee Mon 24 Sept 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre Hororata Citizens Committee Tues 25 Sept 7.30pm Hororata Hall Leeston Community Committee Mon 1 Oct 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room Leeston Park Committee Mon 24 Sept 7.30pm Leeston Park Pavilion Rolleston Residents Assn Mon 24 Sept 7pm Rolleston Community Centre Springton Hall Committee Fri 5 Oct 7.30pm Springfield Hall (2nd change of date) Springton Reserve Committee Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springton Tai Tapu Community Assn Wed 3 Oct 7.30pm Ohakuna Room, Tai Tapu Community Centre Wahora Park Reserve Committee Tue 2 Oct 7pm Selwyn Bowling Club Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee Mon 8 Oct 7.30pm Whitecliffs Community Centre A casual vacancy has arisen on the Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee. Can you please forward expressions of interest to the Chairperson Jodie 03 5510121 Windwhistle District Society Incorp. Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm Windwhistle School

The Breeze Walking Festival

Spring has arrived and what better way to enjoy it than walking our beautiful Selwyn trails during the Breeze Walking Festival. Discover and enjoy five fantastic walks throughout Selwyn – from hill hikes to strolls, exploring wildlife or a historical tour through Glentunnel. The five sensational walks include: Harts Creek Smeet, Rakaia Gorge Experience, Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill Treasures, Hogs Back Hike and Historic Glentunnel. To register for these walks go to www.walkingtestival.co.nz. All walks are free.

Cultured Fest

Lincoln Event Centre and Domain, 11am–4pm

Cultured Fest 2018 will showcase everything great about our district’s growing diversity. There will be fantastic group performances on our main stage, as well as arts, crafts, demonstrations and activities you can participate in. While enjoying the event, why not let your senses take control, with the wonderful smells of many culinary delights from around the world. For more information head to www.selwyn.govt.nz/culturedfest.

Eliesmere Spring Fling

Broadfield Garden, 11am–4pm

Country fete in award winning garden with live music, garden tours, demonstrations, artisan stalls, food and drink and more. Presented by Community Gardeners of Lincoln. All purchased tickets $15 adults, school children free. Gate sales $20. Phone 325 2007 for tickets.

On the roads this week

Pre-reseal work will be undertaken along Te Piritia Road, in between Leaches Road and Rakaia Terrace Road until Friday 21 September.

Digout repairs will occur along Tosswill Road, Edwards Road, Eliesmere Junction Road and Springston Rolleston Road, shoulders will be closed where work is taking place.

Shoulder wear is being carried out on sections of Coaltraek Road, Derretts Road and Hororata Dunsandel Road. Please drive past with care.

Maintenance grading will take place in the Kirwee, Southbridge and High Country areas, motorists will need to pass with care.

Reseal work along Lake Road South and The Lake Road will see stop-go signals in place, the work is set to run through until Friday 21 September.

For information on listing a community event visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz