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RATES REMINDER

By now ratepayers should have received their rates invoice for the third quarter of the 2017/18 rating year. This invoice covers the period from 1 January–31 March 2018, and the closing date for payment is Friday 2 March 2018. After this date a penalty will be applied.

If you have not yet received your invoice, or you would like to have your invoice emailed to you in the future, please contact our Rates Department on 347 2776 to discuss, or email us at rates@selwyn.govt.nz.

If you would like to pay your rates by direct debit you can do this online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/rates.

On the roads this week

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Speed limit changes reflect district growth

Speed limits will change on a number of roads across the district during the coming weeks, after a review late last year and public consultation which largely supported the changes.

Changes include extending the 50 km/hr urban speed limits in several townships and extending or reducing 80 km/hr limits on some rural roads in eastern Selwyn.

The changes reflect the growth in townships across Selwyn and forecast subdivision development – as our growing population is bringing with it a significant increase in traffic volumes.

“These changes will help ensure that our road network remains safe for everybody, and that speed limits encourage safe driving,” says Assets Manager Murray Washington.

Townships where lower speed limits will be introduced or extended include Castle Hill, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, the Rolleston industrial area, and West Melton.

An 80 km/hr limit is to be introduced on rural roads adjoining the Christchurch city boundary, including Maddisons Road and extending out to Tal Tapu, Lincoln and Rolleston. The 80 km/hr speed limit on rural roads in the Prebbleton area will also be extended out to Lincoln and Rolleston.

A change from the original proposal is that speed limits will remain at 100 km/hr on four key arterial commuter routes. These include Shands Road (Selwyn Road to Boundary Road), Springs Road (Hamptons Road to Ellesmere Junction Road), Selwyn Road (Shands Road to Lincoln Rolleston Road), and Lincoln Rolleston Road (Branthwaite Drive to Selwyn Road).

A further review of the remaining speed limits across the district will be undertaken over the next four months. This will focus on 70 km/hr speed limits and limits in urban areas not already reviewed, as well as speed limits around schools.

The new speed limits are planned to be implemented over the next six weeks, with new signs in place by 31 March.

Full details and maps are available at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/speedlimitreview.

Spotlight on heritage items – Southbridge Hall

Southbridge Hall is listed as a heritage item in the Selwyn District Plan. Built in 1930, it is a local landmark that carries a long association with social and civic life. It replaced the township’s original town hall which was built, along with the adjacent Thompson Memorial Library, in 1873.

Designed by Christchurch architect Gordon Haines, the hall is typical of the classical styling for civic buildings during the inter-war period. It was built using ferro-concrete construction techniques by Christchurch builder Frederick Musgrove, who also built St James’ Anglican church in Southbridge in 1934–55.

The site where the hall is situated is significant due to its development and occupation since the 1870s.

As part of our District Plan Review we are reviewing the provisions relating to heritage items, and looking at whether any other items should be added.

Nominating a heritage item

If you know of a building or item you think should be listed as a heritage item, you can nominate it for possible inclusion in the proposed District Plan, which will be notified in 2020. Nominations close at 5pm on Monday 5 March 2018.

Nomination does not automatically guarantee that an item will be included in the proposed District Plan, but it will be given careful consideration. For more information visit www.selwyndistrictplan.co.nz/heritage-items

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**Selwyn Events**

**New World Rolleston Picnic**

in the Park and Faringdon Music on the Green – Leeston

Leeston Park, 5:30–8pm

Pop down to Leeston Park with the family for a picnic. Live music by talented local artists, bounce castles, face painting, Pedalmans, entertainment and more! For details go to facebook.com/summerinSelwyn

**Lincoln Union Church Garage Sale**

9am–12pm, 126 East Belt, Lincoln

Come along and browse clothes, household items, furniture, baking, preserves, garden, sports and much more. Enjoy the sausage sizzle and bouncy castle.

**Backyard Birds and Lincoln Envirotown Community Garden, 10–11.30am**

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**MURDER & MYSTERY**

The Council cemetery team would like to advise that a number of graves are under threat of being unwittingly damaged or disturbed during the Triathlon coming up over the weekend of 25 February for the purpose of illuminating a route for the triathlon. The council minute records. Details of submitters, are public and can be made available to the public. Time is available at committee meetings to consider these submissions.

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**Meeting Details**

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. Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz.

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**COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD**

unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

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**District Plan Review Committee**

Wednesday 28 February

Greendale Sports Pavilion Kimberley Reserve & Hall Committee Thur 22 Feb 8pm Kimberley Hall Leeston Community Committee Mon 5 March 7pm Leeston Library Community Room Leeston Park Committee Mon 26 Feb 8pm Leeston Park Pavillion Rolleston Residents Association Inc. Mon 26 Feb 7pm Rolleston Community Centre Springfield Hall Committee Thur 1 Feb 7.30pm Springfield Hall Tawera Memorial Hall Committee Wed 27 Feb 7.30pm Tawera Memorial Hall Week earlier Waihora Park Reserve Committee Wed 16 Mar 7.30pm Waihora Village Club Whitecliffs Town & Domain Committee Mon 5 Mar 7.30pm Gtunnel Community Centre Week earlier

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**WATER SUPPLY BYLAW & STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE BYLAW**

Selwyn District Council invites submissions on the following proposals:

- review of the Water Supply Bylaw 2008
- review of the Water Race Bylaw 2008
- adoption of a new Stormwater and Drainage Bylaw

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