Library services to better meet customers’ needs

Selwyn District Council libraries will be open for longer, with more consistent hours across the district’s network of libraries from 2019.

Permanent extended hours will be in place across the Selwyn network of libraries by February 2019, with changes being progressively introduced from November 2018.

KEY CHANGES

- Weekday hours will be standardised across the district’s libraries and be open from 9am–5pm, and Lincoln and Rolleston libraries will also each remain open until 5pm on one evening per week
- Saturday opening will continue at the four Libraries/Service Centres, with each library being open from 10am–4pm
- Lincoln and Rolleston libraries will also be open on Sundays from 10am–4pm.

The changes are in response to a six-month trial of increased library hours, as agreed to by Council in last year’s Annual Plan (2017/18), to make it easier for people to use library services when it suits them.

The trial saw an increase in library usage on Saturdays and on weekday evenings. Feedback from a recent customer survey also showed that users and residents wanted to see more consistent hours across the four Selwyn libraries as well as a wider range of services and programmes.

Council Community Relations Manager Denise Kidd says the Council has actively listened to customers’ feedback by making changes which are aimed at ensuring library services and programmes meet their needs.

"Libraries are a hugely important part of local towns and communities across our district," Ms Kidd says. "These changes are all about increasing the service levels and raising our performance so that we meet our residents’ and users’ expectations."

Earlier in the year the Council also looked at how it could improve the library outreach service, particularly for those living in outlying areas of the district.

The outreach services include the Council continuing to deliver programmes directly to schools as well as increased availability of digital resources, more flexible and responsive customer-focused services for users, a 24/7 digital library, more district-wide programme delivery and books-by-courier options for some users.

The changes are within the operating budget as set in the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028.

District Plan Review – Quarrying

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In the current District Plan quarrying is classified as a discretionary activity in rural zone and a non-complying activity in residential and business zones. There is a suite of regional policies that manage quarrying activities which guide how the Council approaches quarrying.

Quarrying is one of 20 topics currently out for public consultation under the District Plan Review.

View the draft quarrying changes and have your say at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/dprquarrying.

Consultation is open until 5pm Monday 8 October.

Tipping our hat to suffrage

Join us in celebrating 125 years of Women’s Suffrage in New Zealand.

On 19 September 1893 the Electoral Act 1893 was passed, giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote, the first self-governing country in the world to do so.

Selwyn Libraries will be running free workshops during 6–15 September. At these workshops you can learn about Selwyn’s very local connection, find out if your ancestor signed the petition, learn about your family’s history and talk with a genealogist.

Find out more and book your space at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Bring your bike and get involved!

Kickstart Trackside is Canterbury’s annual motorcycling event, bringing together our region’s most enthusiastic riders, trainers and retailers.

This free event is all about encouraging riders to develop new skills that will keep them safe when on the road.

The day will be packed with expert demonstrations, workshops and activities. This year riders will also have the opportunity to participate in on-track training exercises with Ride Forever instructors – limited spots available for:

- The Art of Cornering – improve control and become a smoother rider.
- Slow Pro Handling Skills – handle your bike with ease no matter what the speed and reduce the risk of a drop!

If you wish to participate in on-track training you will need to pre-register.

Registration will be available on the day, however we encourage you to indicate your interest ahead of the event, especially for our morning sessions.

For more information and to register go to www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/1637

On the roads this week

Stabilised seal repair work and patch sealing is taking place on Te Pinta Road. High shoulder removal will take place along Hudsons Road, The Lake Road and Bealey Road over the course of the week. Maintenance metalting will continue on Ardul Road. Barrier gates are being installed each side of Coe’s Ford which will be used to manage access when the river is in flood.

The Breeze Walking Festival in Selwyn

Spring has arrived and what better way to enjoy it than walking our beautiful Selwyn trails throughout the Breeze Walking Festival.

Discover and enjoy a variety of 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 Sneak – Tuesday 2 October
- Rakaia Gorge Experience – Thursday 4 October
- Kura Tawhiti/Castle Hill Treasures – Tuesday 9 October
- Hogs Back Hike – Thursday 11 October
- Historic Glentunnel – Sunday 14 October (community organised event)

To register for these walks please go to www.walkingfestival.co.nz. All walks are free.

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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 rota 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.

September:
- Monday 10 Sept 7pm
  Doyleston Community Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7pm
  Darfield Township Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
  Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
  Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall
  Lincoln Community Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7pm
  Wonga Zone Committee
  Tue 4 Sept 7.30pm
  Darfield Township Committee
  Thurs 20 Sept 7.30pm, Darfield Library
  Doyleston Community Committee
  Wed 5 Sept 7.30pm
  Dunsandel Community Committee
  Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm
  Dunsandel Hall
  Ellesmere Historical Society
  Mon 10 Sept 7.30pm
  Lincoln Community Room
  Enquiries, Wendy Daley 304
  3171
  Glenroy Community Hall Committee
  Tue 18 Sept 7.30pm, Glenroy Hall
  Glentunnel Community Centre Committee
  Tue 18 Sept 7.30pm
  Glentunnel Community Centre
  Greenade Recreation Reserve Committee
  Tue 4 Sept 8pm
  Greenside Sports Pavilion
  Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7.30pm
  Kirwee Reserve Reserve
  Kirwee Reserve Committee
  Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall
  Lincoln Community Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
  Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
  Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge
  Springston Hall Committee
  Thurs 6 Sept 7.30pm, Springston Hall (additional meeting)
  Springston Reserve Committee
  Wed 19 Sept 7.30pm
  Errol Tweedy Pavilion
  Springston Reserve
  Tawera Memorial Hall Committee
  Wed 5 Sept 7pm
  Tawera Memorial Hall
  Waikora Park Reserve Committee
  Tue 4 Sept 7pm
  Waikora Bowling Club
  Weedons Reserve Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7pm
  Weedons Country Pub
  West Melton Reserve Board Committee
  Mon 17 Sept 7.30pm
  West Melton Rugby Club
  Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee
  Mon 10 Sept 7.30pm
  Glentunnel Community Centre

NOTICES

ELLESMERE STOCK WATER RACE TEMPORARY SHUT DOWN

Water supply to the Upper Ellesmere Stock Water Race Scheme will be temporarily shut down for scheduled intake maintenance from 4–7 September.

The outage will affect all races downstream of Early’s Intake. Visit the disruptions page of the Selwyn District Council website for a map showing affected area.

Supply to Ellesmere stock water race scheme will be affected for this time. It may take some days for supply to be fully restored following this.

Any questions please contact
Surface Water Department 347 2800 or email waterreserves@ selwyn.govt.nz

ALCOHOL NOTICES

An application for an on-license has been received from the Canterbury Hospitality Group; objections are open until 5 September. An application for a renewal of an on-license has been received from Trents Estate Limited; objections are open until 6 September. An application for a renewal of an on-license has been received from Curry Pot on Lincoln Limited; objections are open until 7 September. An application for a renewal of an off-license has been received from FUB Enterprises; objections are open until 7 September. An application for an off-license has been received from JEBs Family Limited, objections are open until 11 September. For more information see to www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 5 September
Rakai Huts 9.10–9.30am
Southbridge Playcentre 10–10.30am
Southbridge School 10.45am–12pm
Thursday 6 September
St John of God, Rolleston 1–1.30pm
Ladbrooks School 2–2.30pm
Prebbleton Township/Tavern 3.30–5.30pm
Monday 10 September
Upper Selwyn Huts 10–10.45am
Lincoln Childcare and Preschool 11–11.30am
Prebbleton Child care

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Leiston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leiston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

(03) 347 2800
Darfield call free 318 8338
www.selwyn.govt.nz
SelwynDistrictCouncil

Waste Free Parenting Workshop
Lincoln Event Centre, 9.30am–12pm
Kate Meads; ‘waste-free warrior’ and motivational speaker Kate Meads, focuses on education around ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals. This is a Council sponsored event. Tickets are $25 each or for a couple. Every ticket comes with a $100 goodie bag. Bookings are required – to book visit www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz

Blast from the Past
Selwyn Gallery, Darfield
Join the team at Selwyn Gallery this September for a creative stroll down memory lane with our exhibition Blast from the Past! These artists have all exhibited with the gallery previously, and we are proud to play a role in their continuing journey – all juggling the demands of a busy family/working life alongside their arts practice. For more information head to www.selwyn.gallery

Culturefest 2018
Lincoln Event Centre and Domain, 11am–4pm
CultureFest 2018 will showcase everything great about our growing diversity, as well as our own NZ culture, through fantastic group performances on our main stage, arts, crafts, demonstrations, as well as activities and dances you can participate in. While you walk around the event site enjoying everything the makes Selwyn great, 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/events

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

Teen Artspace
Darfield and Leeston libraries
Beginning in term three, teens can participate in art and craft activities, and hang with friends in a creative atmosphere. You will learn how to use various art and craft materials. Weekly sessions (every week during term time). For more information head to www.selwynlibraries.co.nz