

## MEETINGS

You can speak on matters of concern during the first 15 minutes of each Council or Committee meeting. Please contact **Sue Elder** at the Rolleston office well in advance if you wish to speak.

**Township, Hall and Reserve Committees, please note:** If you wish to advertise your meeting please let **Lee Brehaut** know as soon as possible by faxing (03) 347 2799, e-mailing [lee.brehaut@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:lee.brehaut@selwyn.govt.nz), or phoning 347 2964 or 318 8338.

## COUNCIL

### Council Meeting

- Wed 25 February, 1pm, Council Chambers Rolleston.

### Industrial Park Project Team

- Wed 4 March, 3pm, Councillors Lunchroom, Rolleston Council Building.

Because this project team discusses commercially sensitive information, the public will be excluded from most, if not all, of the meeting. Enquiries to the Corporate Services Manager, **Douglas Marshall**.

## COMMUNITY

### Darfield Recreation & Community Centre

- Mon 2 March, 8pm, Darfield Recreation Centre.

### Glentunnel Residents Association

- Mon 2 March, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre.

### Greendale Hall & Reserve Committee

- Tue 3 March, 8pm, Greendale Pavilion.

### Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 9 March, 8pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion.

### Lincoln Community Committee

- Mon 9 March, 7.30pm, Lincoln Community Centre.

### Little Rakaia Huts Residents Association & Advisory Committee

- Wed 25 February, 7pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Centre.

Open meeting - Subject "Draft Conservation Plan for the Rakaia Huts"

Everyone welcome. Committee meeting to follow.

### Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

- Mon 9 March, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Public Hall – Supper Room.

### Rolleston Community Centre Committee

- Thu 26 February, 8pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

### Springston South Reserve Management Committee

- Tue 3 March, 7pm, Old Soldiers Hall Springston South.

## SUBMISSIONS INVITED

### Trade Waste Bylaw

**Deadline: Tuesday 10 March**

We invite submissions on the proposed Trade Waste Bylaw. This draft bylaw sets the conditions under which the Council will allow businesses to discharge liquids into sewers or drains.

You can read the proposed bylaw at Council service centres and on our website: [www.selwyn.govt.nz/bylaws](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/bylaws)

Examples of businesses which might need to apply to the Council for a Trade Waste Consent include those in the following industries:

- Chemical manufacturers
- Dentists' and doctors' surgeries and medical centres
- Drycleaners and laundries
- Food premises
- Hospitals and nursing/rest homes
- Liquid waste contractors
- Printers
- Schools/educational Facilities
- Mechanics, vehicle/equipment hire
- Veterinary clinics

A more comprehensive list is available in the draft bylaw. We have contacted a number of these industries because this bylaw will affect them and there may be additional costs associated with this.

If your business might be affected by the bylaw but has not been contacted by us, please call our Clerk of Works, **Graeme Wild** or our Bylaw Analyst Keri Harrison on 347 2800 or 318 8338. Or email [bylaws@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:bylaws@selwyn.govt.nz)

## SISTER CITY INVITATION

*from beautiful New England*

Autumns of unrivalled beauty, a famous agricultural fair, stately mansions – these are just some of the attractions of New England USA. Now Selwyn residents are being offered an opportunity to visit this unique corner of the USA.

The invitation comes from the Sister City organisation in Coventry Rhode Island which is offering home-stay accommodation and a rich programme of sightseeing and hospitality including the famous Fryeburg Agricultural Fair and a trip to the Big Apple (check out [www.fryeburgfair.com](http://www.fryeburgfair.com)).

A tentative date for the visit would be the first half of October, from the 1st to the 16th. The anticipated cost would be \$5,500 per person, plus personal spending. If you are interested, please contact **Bill Woods**, Vice President, Sister Cities NZ, Ph/Fax 03 318 4825, Email [billwoods@xtra.co.nz](mailto:billwoods@xtra.co.nz)

## SELWYN GALLERY

### The Austen Deans Master of Art Exhibition

Ends Thursday 5 March

This exhibition of paintings by the "old master" himself, Austen Deans, has just two more weeks to run. Give your eyes a treat and catch it before it goes.

**Selwyn Gallery**  
South Terrace, Darfield  
Hours: Tues-Sun, 10am-4pm  
Closed Mondays  
Ph: 03 318 8702



## ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

*With Maria Moran*

The Centre is a hive of activity with all the new classes. Weekly classes are listed below.

Most classes are on a casual "pay as you come" basis; the exceptions being Belly Dancing and After-school Basketball – but you can still sign up (at a reduced cost) for the rest of the term.

Call me (Maria) or Jo on 347 2882 for more info or email me at [maria.moran@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:maria.moran@selwyn.govt.nz)

Numbers are growing each week so make sure you get in quick as each class has a maximum capacity – you don't want to miss out!

### Mondays:

Pre-school Mini Gym: 10.30-11.15am. \$3 per session

Active Fitness (Seniors): 1-2pm. No charge

Pump Fitness: 6-7pm. \$5 per class

### Tuesdays:

Early Morning Yoga and New World Breakfast: 6.15-7am followed by breakfast. \$6 per class

After-school Basketball (YMCA): 3.30-5pm (2 age-groups) \$65 for an 8-week term (or part thereof)

### Wednesdays:

Tai Chi: 9-10am. \$6 per session

Pilates: 7.30-8.30pm. \$6 per session

### Thursdays:

Preschool Creative Dance: 12.30-12.45. \$2.50 per child per session

Easy Stretch: 1.00-1.30pm \$2.50 per session

Dance for Dance Sake: 1.30-3pm \$6 per session

After-School Creative Dance: 3.30-4.30pm \$4 per session

Belly Dancing: 7.15-8.15pm \$80 for a 10 week term (or part thereof)



### A MONTH OF TWO-WHEELED ZEAL

**Selwyn Bikewise Month** got underway at the "Lincoln Go By Bike Day Breakfast" on Wednesday with more than 90 cyclists pedalling up for breakfast. The month's events have a heavy emphasis on fun, and are designed to suit anyone. You don't



have to be a hardened pro or own any special gear. Just dust off your bike, grab a helmet, round up the kids, and come

along. Be warned, though! You might be surprised at the passion for pedalling you develop.

### But wait there's more:

#### Sunday 1 March

The Selwyn Mayoral Challenge – start at the Prebbleton Domain

The Darfield Fun Run, Walk, and Cycle – register by e-mail at [darfieldplaycentre@hotmail.com](mailto:darfieldplaycentre@hotmail.com)

**The Selwyn Mayoral Challenge** on Sunday 1 March leaves the Prebbleton Domain at 11am for a gentle 7km bike ride

along the Railtrail to Lincoln. Join Mayor

**Kelvin Coe** and hundreds more in trying to reclaim the title of "Cycle Mad District of New Zealand". It's all about numbers, not speed, so the more the merrier. This is a family event so bring the other half and kids along and make a day of it. All participants will receive refreshments at the finishing venue plus be in to win fantastic spot prizes including two new bikes and the kid's prize for best decorated bike.

### JAM PLAN SUBMISSIONS

**Deadline: Friday 13 March**

I call it the **Jam Plan**, but it's formal name is *Transport Demand Management Strategy* and we want your views on it. It's a plan to reduce future traffic jams and avoid having all our future "jam money" spent on roading. The idea is to get people driving less and making more use of biking, walking, car-pooling and public transport.

We'd really like your comments on it. Copies, plus a summary document, a fact sheet and a submission form are available at Selwyn service centres and at [www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/TDM/](http://www.greaterchristchurch.org.nz/TDM/)

## IF ONLY HE KNEW...

about Creative NZ Arts Grants

*Said a Doyleston dancer called Greg:*

*"To stand on, we haven't a leg!*

*Our show is no go*

*'Cos our coffers are low.*

*We'll just have to go out and beg!"*

Too bad he didn't know about Creative NZ Arts Grants. The latest funding round closes **THIS FRIDAY**, 27 February. To apply, contact **Stuart Westoby** on 347 2875 or 318 8338, or fax 347 2799 or at [stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz)

## SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

*A tiddlywinks team from Southbridge's*

*Having to throw in its squidgers*

*"We stopped when fuel topped*

*One sixty, ubich squopped*

*Us," the winkless coach sighed. "I don't kidjas!"*

Squidgers? Squopped? Google them and you'll soon know all you need to start up your own tiddlywinks team. But... don't repeat the Southbridge team's mistake. Apply now for SPARC funding to help beat those killer travel costs.

Sport and Recreation NZ makes this funding available so that players aged 5-19 in rural sports clubs and rural school teams can get to local competitions (except school competitions during school time).

Applications close on **Tuesday 31 March**.

To apply, contact **Stuart Westoby** on 347 2875 or 318 8338 or at [stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz)

## TOXIC ALGAE WARNINGS

Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora is off-limits to all critters, including humans, because of recent blooms and scums of the toxic blue-green algae *Nodularia*.

The Selwyn River, for its entire length, from Whitecliffs to Chamberlain's and Coe's Fords is also off-limits because of the toxic brown algae *Phormidium* which has already killed one dog.



## BOOKMARKS

With Glen Walker, Libraries Manager

### 7 O'CLOCK CLOSING at Lincoln on Thursdays

Lincoln Library's late closing hours on Thursday are a special service for those who can't get to a library during work hours. We'll be open until 7pm every Thursday for the next six weeks. So drop in after work or after tea to browse and borrow. At the end of the trial period we'll decide whether there is sufficient interest to keep the late hours indefinitely.

### 1 O'CLOCK CLOSING at Lincoln on Saturdays

Also, while the Farmer's Market is going, we are trialling open hours of 9am-1pm on Saturdays.

### WORDS ON WHEELS 2009

Coming to Selwyn!

**Steve Braunias**, former *Listener* columnist, and current author (latest title: *How to Watch a Bird*) will visit the region with four other writers on a Book Council-sponsored speaking tour. His fellow travellers are crime novelist **Vanda Symon**, playwright, poet & fiction writer **David Geary**, youth fiction writer **Anna Mackenzie**, and poet **Janet Charman**. They will speak at several Selwyn schools and two of our libraries. Come and hear them at:

**Darfield Library: Monday 2 March, 7-8pm**  
**Tai Tapu Library: Tuesday 3 March, 10-11am**



## Selwyn Out & About

with Mike Kwant  
Reserves Supervisor



## DID YOU SEE WHO DID THIS?

These tyres were blatantly dumped at the Coes' Ford recreation reserve on the weekend of 14-15 February (around Valentine's Day) and we'd like to know who did it. Do you know someone whose Valentine's Day gift was a big tyre cleanout of the back yard? Did you see anyone driving a truckload of them that weekend? If you can help, I'd love to hear from you

on phone 347 2840 or 318 8338 or email [mike.kwant@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:mike.kwant@selwyn.govt.nz)

### RYELANDS WALKWAYS

Repairs will start next week to the walkways in Ryelands Reserves, Lincoln. The works might take three weeks. Sorry for any inconvenience, but the result will be more accessible walkways especially for those who have difficulty with steep gradients.



## DOG MICROCHIPPING

If your dog was first registered after **30 June 2006** and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped.

This free monthly service is available at the following Council service centres on Friday of next week – **Friday 27 February** – at the following times:

	Lincoln	Leeston	Rolleston	Darfield
Friday 27 February	3-4pm	1-2pm	9-10am	11-12noon

### Please note:

- Rolleston microchipping is at the Selwyn District Council head office in Norman Kirk Drive, off Rolleston Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Working dogs and dogs registered before **1 July 2006** can be microchipped for \$20 per dog.

If, because of distance or dog numbers, you can't get to a clinic, you can ask for an Animal Control Officer to carry out the microchipping at your place. Contact **Tracey Wheeler** or **Emonn Waters** on 347 2800 or 318 8338 or [tracey.wheeler@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:tracey.wheeler@selwyn.govt.nz)

## Selwyn Better Business

with Barbara Bately

Seeking funds to expand your business? These free seminars will tell you the ins and outs and show you how to take a professional approach.

### INVESTMENT READY (1)

The Capital Raising Process

Wednesday 25 February, in Rolleston

- How to raise capital
- What investors look for
- How to prepare your business case

### INVESTMENT READY (2)

Approaching Investors and Negotiating

Wednesday 11 March, in Rolleston

- What is your business worth?
- Legal implications of raising funds
- Finding an investor
- Doing the deal

Contact **Barbara Bately** or **Joy Farrington** on 347 2800 or 318 8338 or email [barbara.bately@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:barbara.bately@selwyn.govt.nz)



## Selwyn Hot Tips

with Wilson Brown  
rural fire officer

## RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON REPLACES PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON

The Prohibited Fire Season, (which had totally banned all open air fires) was lifted at midnight last Friday and replaced by a Restricted Fire Season, under which the lighting of fires in the open air is still restricted, until further notice, but with the following exemptions:

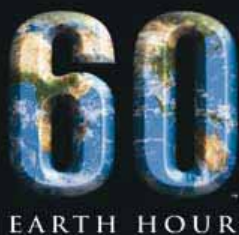
- 1) The burning of crop residue is permitted provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a) Fires shall only be lit in daylight hours and must be out by dark.
  - b) No fires shall be lit while strong winds are blowing or forecasted, or when conditions are such that the fire is likely to spread beyond the limits of the land for which this Authority is issued. Maximum allowable wind strength is 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
  - c) The area to be burnt is surrounded by a continuous fire break at least 10 metres wide and cleared of all combustible material.
  - d) The fire is patrolled by the person who lit it until it is completely out.
  - e) The occupiers of neighbouring properties are advised beforehand of the time and date of burning.
  - f) Some form of fire-fighting equipment is on site to deal with any fire outbreaks, e.g. grubbers, beaters, fire extinguishers, vehicle-mounted water supply/spray units.
- 2) Fires are permitted in enclosed drums provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a) The drum top must be covered with a wire mesh sized no greater than 20mm, or have a lid and flue with a spark arrester fitted.
  - b) The drum must be surrounded by a 3 metre area that is cleared of combustible material and be at least 3 metres away from other buildings, trees or vegetation.
  - c) The area must be serviced by a reticulated water supply or an alternative water supply (tanker, dam, etc). The water supply must be capable of fully extinguishing the drum fire and the area immediately around it.
  - d) The drum fire must only be lit in daylight hours and fully extinguished by dark.
  - e) The drum fire must be attended by someone at all times until it is completely out.
  - f) The drum fire must not be lit when the wind is blowing or forecasted to be above 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
  - g) The drum fire must not be lit or allowed to burn when the smoke is likely to cause nuisance to neighbours.
  - h) Only vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood are allowed to be burnt under the Environment Canterbury Air Plan.
- 3) Gas-fuelled barbecues are permitted, provided that they are lit in properly constructed containers.
- 4) Only gas-fuelled barbecues in properly constructed containers are permitted in Council Reserves.
- 5) Burning may be permitted if a Fire Permit has been obtained from the Principal Rural Fire Officer.

### Notes

These exemptions apply to the Rural Areas of Selwyn District only. **No open air fires may be lit within residential areas** without a Resource Consent from Environment Canterbury.

Lighting of fires in the Selwyn Plantation Board's Forests is totally prohibited.

A Fire Permit is not a legal defence against a claim for damage caused by the fire. The responsibility for its control and the liability for any damage which arises lie with the person lighting the fire.



8.30pm Saturday March 28, 2009

Switch off for an hour  
and see your world in a whole new light



[www.earthhour.org/newzealand](http://www.earthhour.org/newzealand)