

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, or phoning 347 2964 or 318 8338.

COUNCIL

Council Meeting

- Wed 11 March, 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

Doyleston Community Committee

- Tue 10 March, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall.

Glenroy Hall Committee Meeting

- Tue 10 March, 8pm, Glenroy Hall.

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.

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tue 10 March, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Community Hall.

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

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

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 16 March, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Sports Pavilion, Prebbleton Reserve.

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 16 March, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Sheffield Recreation Reserve Board

- Tue 10 March, 8pm, Sheffield Pavilion.

Springston Community Committee

- Mon 16 March, 7.30pm, Springston Hall – Supper Room.

Springston South Reserve Management Committee

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

LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN MEETING

10 March, 7.30pm

Lincoln Community Centre Supper Room

• The Ngai Tahu Development

Dave Little, Auckland designer: Sustainability features in the proposed plan. **David Schwartzfeger**, Ngai Tahu Property: An update on the New World Supermarket site and stage one of the Joint Venture Development at the old Dairy Farm site. David will answer any general questions.

• Road Map 2020 Saskatoon

Tom Wolf will talk about a Canadian organisation which is similar to LET.

Contact **Sue Jarvis** on (03) 329 5858 or go to www.lincolnenvirotwn.org.nz

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ZIG ZAG ROAD

Sunday 15 March 8am to 5:30pm

Zig Zag Road (from the intersection with State Highway 77 to the intersection with Coleridge Road) will be temporarily closed between the hours of 8am and 5:30pm on Sunday 15 March for the Autosport Club's annual Rakaia Zig-Zag Sprint motorsport speed event.

During the road closure, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route.

Contact **Leonie Spalding** on 318 8338 or 347 2800.



Selwyn Wheels & Heels

with *Lee Wright*

transport & road safety coordinator



Good work Selwyn!

Selwyn Bike wise MONTH

18 February to 18 March 2009

Hundreds of cyclists turned out on Sunday for the Selwyn Mayoral Cycling Challenge and Darfield Fun Run, Walk and Cycle.

But wait there's more!

Springston School Duathlon: Sunday 8 March. Register at www.springston.school.nz

Heaps of spot prizes including an Avanti bike. This event is great for the family, prams welcome.

BUG-R Rolleston to Lincoln Lazy Sunday Morning Cruise: Sunday 22 February

For more information contact **Shane** by e-mail at glasseye@slingshot.co.nz



Deputy Mayor John Morten about to lead a pack of keen cyclists at Darfield

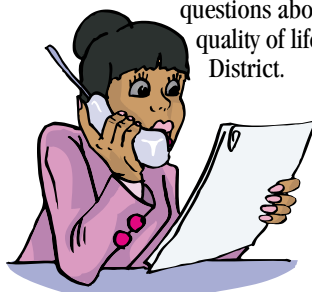
JAM PLAN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: Friday 13 March

The Jam Plan - or draft Transport Demand Management Strategy - aims to reduce future traffic jams by getting us to drive less and make more use of biking, walking, car-pooling and public transport. 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/

COMING TO A PHONE NEAR YOU

Every two years we phone 1,000 randomly generated phone numbers to ask residents how our services are being used and what needs improving. We also ask a few questions about the quality of life in Selwyn District.



The aim is to improve our services to you. So, if your phone

rings, please don't see it as an intrusion, but as an opportunity to tell us how we can do better in your area. For good reliable data, a high participation rate is vital.

What's special about this survey is that it is particularly interested in the views of the

so-called "silent majority", people who don't often have the time or inclination to write submissions, fill in questionnaires or attend meetings.

The survey is anonymous because the phone numbers we call are just that, numbers with no name or address information. Furthermore, the individual responses are confidential – that is, the results will only be available in grouped form, as statistical data.

Sometimes, by chance, a randomly generated phone number will turn out to be an unlisted one. We apologise in advance for this, but please don't blame the interviewers. To them, it is just another random number on their list. Instead, see it as an opportunity to have your say on the council services in your area.

We've commissioned Sigma Group of Christchurch to do the interviewing. The Sigma interviewers will start dialing in the next few weeks and the survey will run for about a month. It's success depends on you.

HOW SHOULD WE MANAGE CANTERBURY'S WATER?

Public Discussions

Tuesday 17 March, 7.30pm

Tuesday 24 March, 7.30pm

Darfield Recreation Centre

With our district's water demand growing and the spectre of climate change looming, now is the right moment to ask how we can safeguard our precious water resources in the years ahead.

The water in your tap and cistern comes from the Canterbury skies, groundwaters and rivers. But will it always arrive in the quantities we're used to?

Public meetings are being held throughout Canterbury this month as a first step toward developing a Canterbury Water Management Strategy. Two of these will be held in Selwyn District, at Darfield. The meetings are a week apart to give people time to think about the issues, consider the options, and discuss with others.

Maybe you don't have the perfect answer, but you can see that some things could be done differently. Okay. Come and tell us.

Or maybe you're just keen to find out what others are saying. Okay. Come and listen. This is too important a discussion to just pass up.

The meetings are being organised by the Mayoral Forum, a group of mayors and chief executives from all of Canterbury's councils.

For more information visit www.canterburywater.org.nz

SPARC RURAL TRAVEL FUND

*The school mountain bike team felt low.
At the '09 champs they couldn't show,
No hope they could travel
To scatter some gravel –
Their transport fund just would not grow.

Then Super Stu spoke unafraid
"As soon's application is made,
I'll give SPARC a call
And maybe not all,
But part of your costs could be paid."*

SPARC's funding is available for rural sports clubs & rural school teams aged 5-19 to assist with travel expenses to local sporting competitions. School competitions played during school time are excluded.

Applications close on **Tuesday 31 March**.

Contact **Stuart Westoby** on 347 2875 or 318 8338 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz



With Glen Walker, Libraries Manager

LINCOLN LIBRARY

Thursday twilight hours
till 7pm

Saturday early start 9am

Just a reminder of the extended hours at the Lincoln library – open till 7pm on Thursdays and starting at 9am on Saturdays – for a limited time. See you there.



L2 RIVER

Weed-cutting, 7-25 April

The LII Drainage Committee will carry out weed cutting in the LII area between 7th and 25th April.

Contact **Murray Tyson** on 027 628 5138 or 03 329 5842 if you have any queries regarding this.

CARING FOR CARERS

Tuesday, 10 March, at 10.30am

Rendezvous Café, Rolleston

Caring for Carers Inc invites anyone caring for someone with a long-term disability or illness to join them at the Rendezvous Cafe next Tuesday morning for a cup of tea or coffee provided by CFC. New members are always welcome.

Contact **Ivana Korunić-Menéndez**, CFC Social Worker, ph. 377 8426 or email caringforcarers@xtra.co.nz or visit www.caringforcarers.org.nz

21 March – 5 April

CELEBRATING SELWYN

To discover the art, culture and environment of Selwyn, mark your diaries for the dates **21 March to 5 April**. Look out for the free Celebrating Selwyn catalogue in the shops, cafes and libraries near you.

Celebrating Selwyn - winner of the Selwyn District Council Community Impact Award 2008

For more information: visit www.celebratingselwyn.com or email celebratingselwyn@gmail.com



West Melton artist, **Jeanne Davies**, will hold an "open studio" to show visitors "how its done."

TOXIC ALGAE UPDATES

Environment Canterbury (ECAN) warns that toxic algae still pose a threat to humans, dogs and livestock in:

- **Lake Ellesmere** (Te Waihora) and
- the **Selwyn River** below Whitecliffs, including Chamberlains and Coes Fords

For updates, see the Environment Canterbury website, www.ecan.govt.nz/Our+Environment/Water/SwimmingWaterQuality/ToxicAlgae.htm

The following advice on algal blooms is taken from the ECAN website.

If there is a health warning in place:

Never swim or take part in any activity that may result in accidental consumption or exposure to water affected by algal blooms if a health warning is in place for that area, even if there are no visible signs of a bloom. Do not let stock or dogs swim or drink from the water.

If there is no health warning in place:

Wind blowing onto shore may concentrate a bloom in a bay and make the water unsafe for contact. This can occur at any time of the year, but is more common in warmer summer months. Hence, even if no warnings are in place for a lake or bay, you should still assess the situation carefully before entering the water.

Caution: If the water is cloudy, discoloured, or has small globules suspended in it, it is better to be cautious and totally avoid that lake or bay.

Even if the water appears completely normal to the naked eye, it can still have large numbers of algae present. If you experience health symptoms, such as those described below, within minutes of contact with the water, you should avoid further contact with the water and, if symptoms persist, contact Community and Public Health 03 379 9480 or see your doctor.

Cyanotoxin health symptoms

Swimmers have been known to develop adverse reactions after bathing and showering in water containing blue-green algal blooms. These include:

- allergic reactions,
- asthma,
- eye irritations,
- rashes and blistering around the mouth and nose, and
- gastrointestinal disorders (abdominal pain, cramps, diarrhoea).

Some of these can be caused by the mere presence of large numbers of algal cells in the water, but some symptoms are related to the release of toxins by the bloom. These toxins are colourless and odourless. They are unaffected by boiling the water and can persist in the water after the bloom has subsided. They can also be released at any stage of a bloom and may or may not be localised in a bay.



RURAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED



The Restricted Fire Season for rural parts of Selwyn District was lifted last Thursday night at midnight, just three days after the Prohibited Fire Season had been lifted.

This means that we are now back to 'normal' restrictions which vary for different parts of the district:

PLAINS AREA

Open air fires may be lit without a fire permit in **Non-Residential** parts of the Plains area, provided that they are not within a kilometre of Lake Ellesmere or Department of Conservation land, or within a river bed.

However, care must be exercised at all times and the HOT TIPS guidelines on our website www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire should be followed. If you have any doubts please contact me.

HILL AND HIGH COUNTRY

A year-round Restricted Fire Season applies in the Hill and High Country, meaning that it is an offence to light a fire in the open there without a fire permit.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION (DOC) LAND

A year-round Restricted Fire Season applies on DOC land and within 1 kilometre of it, meaning that it is an offence to light a fire in the open on or near DOC land without a fire permit from DOC (Phone 03 379 9758).

LAKE ELLESMERE (Te Waihora) and RIVERS

A year-round Restricted Fire Season applies within 1 kilometre of Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora) and within all river beds (except the lower Waimakariri) meaning that it is an offence to light a fire in the open there without a fire permit from DOC (Phone 03 379 9758)

SELWYN PLANTATION BOARD FORESTS

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

TOWNSHIPS

Outdoor burning in **residential areas** and near **sensitive activities** is **NOT** permitted without a resource consent from the regional council, **Environment Canterbury** Phone (03) 371 7155.

Go to the Environment Canterbury website www.ecan.govt.nz for more information on this.

SMOKE COMPLAINTS

For all smoke complaints, contact the **ECAN POLLUTION HOTLINE** on (03) 366 4663.

FIRE PERMITS

• **Townships:** To get a resource consent to burn outdoors in residential areas please contact **Environment Canterbury** on (03) 371 7155 .

• **Rural areas:** To get a fire permit for rural areas, please contact Selwyn District Council's Principal Rural Fire Officer, **Wilson Brown** on (03) 347 2800 or 318 8338.

REDUCING YOUR FIRE RISK

For more information about reducing the fire risk around your property please read the following pamphlets or visit the National Rural Fire Website – www.nrfa.org.nz



KIRWEE THINKS AHEAD

Bad days do happen - witness the snow of 2006 and the recent bush fires around Melbourne. We know the Alpine Fault is overdue for a big shake, and that a global flu pandemic, like the 1918 one, is just a plane trip away.

So the **Kirwee Township Sub-Committee** is thinking ahead. Rather than panic later, it wants to help prepare residents now - with a Community Resilience Plan.

All residents are invited to come to a meeting about this in the Kirwee Hall on **Tuesday 10 March** at 8pm. If you can't get there but have some suggestions or concerns, please pass them on to someone who is coming.

Contact **Jenny Gallagher** on 318 1784 or **Diane Chesmar** at the Selwyn District Council on 318 8338 or 347 2755.

KEEP IT CLEAN

Don't be a dirty dog owner

If you regularly exercise your dog, good on you! But shame on you if you don't pick up his or her droppings. We're getting complaints about this in Rolleston Drive, Leeston-Dunsandel Road and other places around the district.

Apart from being disgusting and un-neighbourly, it's also illegal to leave your dog's faeces in a public place. Offenders can be fined. So don't take the risk. Be a good neighbour as well as a good dog owner and keep our streets clean.

