

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.

Malvern Community Board

- Mon 23 March, 4pm, Old Darfield Service Centre.

Selwyn Central Community Board

- Wed 18 March, 4pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building.

COMMUNITY

Darfield Township Committee

- Thu 19 March, 7.45pm, Darfield Recreation Centre.

Doyleston Community Committee

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

Glenroy Hall Committee Meeting

- Tue 10 March, 8pm, Glenroy Hall.

Lincoln Community Centre Management Committee

- Mon 23 March, 7.30pm, Lincoln Community Centre – Supper Room.

Prebbleton Community Association

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

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

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

Rolleston Residents Association

- Mon 23 March, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

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

Sheffield Recreation Reserve Board

- Tue 10 March, 8pm, Sheffield Pavilion.

Southbridge Advisory Committee

- Tue 17 March, 7.30pm, Southbridge Fire Brigade.

Springston Community Committee

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

Selwyn Central Community Care ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of **Selwyn Central Community Care** is to be held on **Monday 30 March at 8pm** in the Rolleston Community Centre Lounge. Everyone welcome.

Selwyn Central Community Care provide basic support for the health and related needs of the residents of the Selwyn area, this support could be anything from driving people to health related appointments to sitting with someone while the carer has "time out".

Selwyn Central Community Care hosted the recent "Day Club" focus day for older residents of the Selwyn District to access whether there was a need to establish a regular day for older people with a hot meal provided and the opportunity to remain socially connected with their community, this was a huge success and Selwyn Central Community Care are going to run this in Rolleston on a regular basis.

For any information about the meeting or services provided by Selwyn Central Community Care please phone:

Dorothy Oakley 03 318 1742
Fay Taylor 03 347 2286

21 March – 5 April 2009

CELEBRATING SELWYN

What do a Vintage Rally, a "Mad Hutters" concert, a hydro electric power station and artists have in common? They are all welcoming you to take part in Celebrating Selwyn.

From 21st March until 5th April 2009 discover the art, culture and environment of Selwyn on foot, by bike, by car or by horse and carriage with the free Celebrating Selwyn catalogue. The catalogue, with maps to guide you to your chosen destinations, will list events, heritage houses, gardens, environmental trails, galleries and artists' studios, as well as restaurants, cafes, and vineyards. Many of the houses, gardens and studios are being opened especially for Celebrating Selwyn.

Contact celebratingselwyn@gmail.com or www.celebratingselwyn.com

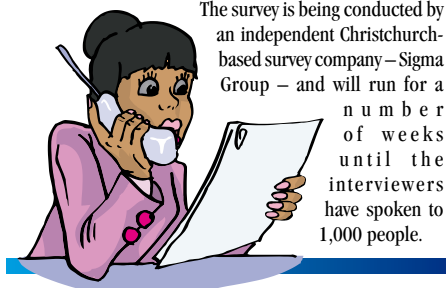
Celebrating Selwyn – Winner of the Selwyn District Council Community Impact Award 2008

COMING TO A PHONE NEAR YOU

The Selwyn Residents Survey starts this week, so if your phone happens to be one of those called, please see it as an opportunity to tell us what you think about the services, facilities and quality of life in the district.

All calls are anonymous. The phone numbers have been randomly generated and contain no name or address information. All answers will be confidential. They will only be used in grouped form for statistical analysis.

The survey is being conducted by an independent Christchurch-based survey company – Sigma Group – and will run for a number of weeks until the interviewers have spoken to 1,000 people.



Selwyn
By the way...
with *Keri Harrison*
Bylaw Analyst

HAVE YOUR SAY

- Rural Fire Bylaw 2009
- Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2009

We invite you to have your say on these two new proposed bylaws. You can read them and the Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information from our website www.selwyn.govt.nz or from our service centres and libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston or by phoning 347 2800 or 318 8338.

The submissions deadline for both bylaws is **4pm, Monday 30 March 2009**.



Selwyn
Wheels & Heels
with *Lee Wright*
transport & road safety coordinator



Feeling tired? Need a coffee and something to eat? Busting to go to the loo? We can help you, and it's all free, too!

If you're travelling to the **Wildfoods Festival** next Friday, call into our **Fatigue Stop** at Lake Pearson for a break. You'll find:

- Clean toilets!
- Free coffee – real coffee!
- Free sausage and bread – yes fruit as well!
- Free water!

All accompanied by good conversation, of course!

Our aim is to spread the word about driving while tired, so we're tempting you in by offering free stuff! While you're with us we'll raise your awareness about knowing the signs of fatigue, and give you tips and hints to help you avoid the unfortunate consequences of driving while tired.

Now I'm sure you're all bored with my promoting cycling as a way to stay fit, get healthy, and have fun. It's also an easy and cheap way to get around. Selwyn Bikewise Month has been a huge success – well done Selwyn!

But wait there's more!

Selwyn
Bike
wise
MONTH
18 February to 18 March 2009



PREBBLETON – LINCOLN

Fun Run and Walk – Sunday 22 March

The Rotary Club of Lincoln and the Christchurch to Little River Railtrail Trust are running a Fun Run and Walk along the Railtrail from Prebbleton to Lincoln on **Sunday March 22** starting at Prebbleton.

Entry Fee: \$5

Start: Opposite Petries Plants

Finish: Liffeyfields Subdivision

Prize Giving: 12 midday

Major spot prize: Pacific Blue airline or Virgin Blue!

Avoid the queue. Phone (03) 325 2742 or email thomas.ray@xtra.co.nz

I'll be doing the walk – how about you?



60
EARTH HOUR

8.30pm Sat March 28, 2009

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

The countdown continues. As part of this environmental awareness-raising event, one of the sponsors, Toyota, is offering a free, more fuel efficient, car – the new hybrid Prius. Go to the NZ Earth Hour website to find out how to win it.



www.earthhour.org/newzealand



TOYOTA
PRIUS



NICE TRY, BUT SORRY – 60's the Limit

Our collectors often come across overstuffed wheelie bins, but this one last week took the cake. It's a dramatic reminder not to overfill your bin.

We had a bad week for that. The allowable bin weight is 60 kilograms, but many exceeded this because they were jam-packed, not with fence posts but wet grass clippings.

Most of these overweight bins were left full on the roadside, but some were not so lucky. Several were lifted to the tipping point by the truck's mechanical arm but were too heavy and slid into the hopper along with their cargo of compacted clippings. Once inside, they were crushed by the compactor.

That happened to at least eight bins on Friday morning alone! So next time you're filling your bin, please remember this – **60's the Limit**.



PLEASE DON'T CRY WOLF

As most of you now know, fire restrictions have been lifted in the rural Plains Area of Selwyn (though **not** in residential areas, high country, DOC land, Selwyn Plantation Board forests, and river and lake margins).

The restrictions came off nearly a fortnight ago which means that, if you see smoke billowing from a green field like the one in this photo, please **PAUSE BEFORE YOU DIAL** to report it.

False alarms can be costly – and I'm not just talking about the fuel and equipment costs. Our most precious resource is the time which our volunteer firemen donate freely to help save lives and property.

They simply can't afford to interrupt their busy lives and jobs for every false alarm. So please be careful about crying wolf. Check that it really is an emergency before you make that call.



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ZIG ZAG ROAD

Zig Zag Road (between the intersections with State Highway 77 and Coleridge Road) will be temporarily closed between **8am and 5:30pm on Sunday 15 March 2009** for the Autosport Club's annual Rakaia Zig-Zag Sprint motorsport speed event.

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

Contact **Leonie Spalding** on 347 2887 or 318 8338



with Maria Moran

Sports Stuff and Blokes Stuff

Just in case you're thinking that the Community Centre only has classes and activities for kids and older adults and dance stuff for women, think again!



Ju Jitsu Club: Three sessions a week for different ages and grades

Badminton group: Come along Tuesdays at 7.30pm and Derek will find out your grade.

Futsal / 5-a-side indoor football: Thursdays at 7pm.

Micro Helicopters Club: Monday evenings

Rolleston Football Club: Training sessions Mondays 5-7pm

Also, quite a few men attend Pump on Monday nights 6-7pm; Yoga at 6.15am Tuesday mornings; Pilates on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and Tai Chi on Wednesday mornings at 9am. So why not join them?

To find out more, phone us on 347 2882 or email me at maria.moran@selwyn.govt.nz

Restoration at Terrace Station

Another successful project completed!

The Selwyn Heritage Fund awarded Terrace Station with \$4000 to restore one of their 19th Century implement sheds, which had deteriorated over the years. The shed dates from the 1860's when Sir John Hall (Christchurch's first Mayor and influential politician) moved to the Hororata property.

Terrace Station remains in the family today, with owners **Kate and Richard Foster** caretaking and running the farming property, part of which is now in a charitable trust. The Terrace Station Charitable Trust was set up to preserve and maintain the historic homestead, woolshed, garden and other farm buildings.

Groups can visit by arrangement and the entry fee goes to the charitable trust. If you would like to visit Terrace Station please contact Mrs **Kate Foster** on (03) 318 0756.

The **Selwyn Heritage Fund** is a contestable fund that is open for applications around May/June each year. To find out about funding **your** next project please contact **Emma Bishop** on 347 2955 or 318 8338. You can also see our website for more details.



The 19th Century Implement Sheds before restoration work begins



Ecological Assessment and Biodiversity Advice

Call for Expressions of Interest

Selwyn District Council seeks an Ecological Adviser for its Significant Natural Areas (SNA) project and invites Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified individuals or organisations.

The initial contract or appointment is anticipated to be for three years, at which point the project will be reviewed. The overall project aims to assess all potential SNAs in the Selwyn District, identify those which are ecologically significant, arrange protection options with landowners, and prepare changes to the District Plan for the formal protection of selected SNAs.

With administrative support from the project manager, the Ecological Adviser will:

- arrange site visits with landowners of potential SNAs
- make field assessments of these sites
- write reports on these
- advise landowners of protection options, including the option of protection through the District Plan
- prepare a schedule of SNAs whose landowners seek inclusion in the District Plan
- assist in the preparation of a variation to the District Plan, and
- advise the Council on the wider issue of resource management planning for indigenous biological diversity.

Further information and the Expression of Interest document are available from:

- our website www.selwyn.govt.nz
- Andrew Mactier, phone: 347 2802 or 318 8338
- email: andrew.mactier@selwyn.govt.nz

Expressions of Interest should reach us no later than **5 pm on Friday, 3 April** and be addressed to:

Andrew Mactier, Policy Planner
Selwyn District Council, P O Box 90, Rolleston 7643

PUT SOME SPARC IN YOUR TEAM'S TANK

Said the skip of the Mead curling team

"We're just a stone's throw from our dream.

But thrice, the fuel price

Put our bonspiel on ice

And will scotch us again it would seem!"

Don't let travel costs put **your** team's plans on ice. SPARC's travel funding can help any rural sports club or rural school team aged 5-19 get 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