

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

Selwyn Central Community Board

- Wed 15 April, 4pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings.

Transportation & Road Safety Sub-committee

- Thu 16 April, 9.30am, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings.

Parks and Reserves and Rural Fire Bylaw Hearing and Deliberations

- Tue 21 April 9m, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings.

Council Meeting

- Wed 22 April, 1pm, Council Chambers Rolleston

Malvern Community Board

- Mon 27 April, 4pm, Old Darfield Service Centre.

COMMUNITY

Coalgate Township Committee

- Tue 21 April, 7.30pm, Coalgate Fire Station.

Darfield Township Committee

- Thu 16 April, 7.45pm, Darfield Recreation Centre.

Doyleston Community Committee

- Tue 14 April, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall.

Glenroy Community Hall

- Tue 14 April, 8pm, Glenroy Hall.

Kirwee Community Committee

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, Kirwee Community Hall.

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Tue 14 April, 8pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion.

Lake Coleridge Community Committee

- Fri 17 April, 8pm, Lake Coleridge Hall.

Leeston Park Association

- Mon 27 April, 7.30pm, Leeston Park Pavilion.

Lincoln Community Centre Management Committee

- Mon 27 April, 7.30pm, Lincoln Community Centre Supper Room.

Little Rakaia Huts Residents Association & Advisory Committee

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Centre.

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tue 14 April, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Community Hall.

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Sports Pavilion, Prebbleton Reserve.

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

- Thu 23 April, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Rolleston Residents Association

- Mon 27 April, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

- Tue 21 April, 7.30pm, Southbridge Fire Brigade

Springston Community Committee

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, Springston Hall – Supper Room.

Springston Recreation Reserve and Associated Sports Committee

- Wed 15 April, 8pm, Errol Tweedy Pavilion Springston Reserve.

Templeton Residents Association

- Mon 27 April, 7.30pm, Templeton Community Centre.

Weedons Reserve

- Wed 22 April, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion.

Note change of date.

West Melton Reserve Board

- Mon 20 April, 7.30pm, West Melton Domain.



HOW MANY INDOOR POOL OPTIONS?

The indoor swimming pool proposal in our Draft Community Plan has excited a lot of comment. It proposes two indoor pool facilities – one for Lincoln, costing nearly \$6 million and one for Rolleston, costing nearly \$8 million.

It also proposes a new rate to pay for the pools – a graded rate. Those living near the pools would pay \$200 (about \$4 per week) while those more than 30km away would pay \$25 (about 50 cents a week). Those in between would pay intermediate amounts.

Some people have wondered whether these are “take it or leave it” options or whether other options are still possible – such as just one pool centre, or some other rating system.

The short answer is that any alternative option which stacks up financially and socially will be considered. So after you have read the full proposal in the Draft Plan (available from our libraries, offices and website) please write your preferred options down and send them to us by **Friday, 8 May 2009**.

A SAFE PAIR OF HANDS

“I’ve never won anything before!” laughed Safety Hamper winner, **Hilary Hutton** of Greenpark, as Mayor **Kelvin Coe** handed her a basket of safety products a couple of weeks ago.

Hilary is a volunteer worker for the Ellesmere Cancer Group and was staffing its desk at the Lincoln Field Days when she noticed the nearby safety display in the council’s tent.

“There was a photo of a tall auger about to accidentally touch some power lines,” she said. “Someone was electrocuted like that in Methven when I was a girl and the horror of it has stayed with me.”

The display also highlighted

other commonplace dangers, such as:

- highly flammable plant species (e.g. flax) near buildings
- haystacks near roads (and arsonists)
- bird’s nests at risk of catching fire in poorly maintained farm machinery and
- narrow gates and driveways preventing fire engine access to burning buildings.

Which is how Hilary came to enter the safety competition and find herself getting the Safety Hamper from the mayor. As he handed it to her, Mayor Coe noted that, besides being



secretary-treasurer for the cancer group, Hilary does a wide range of other tasks for cancer patients, including visiting, driving, baking and making turbans, while still somehow finding time to grow export radish and cabbage seed, run a homestay, and be treasurer for the Springston Garden Club.

It was good to see the safety hamper going to such a “safe pair of hands”.

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 March** - at the following times:

	Lincoln	Leeston	Rolleston	Darfield
Friday 24 April	1-2pm	3-4pm	11-12noon	9-10am

Please note:

- Rolleston microchipping is at the council’s 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 **Eamonn Waters** on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

COMING TO A PHONE NEAR YOU

Have you been phoned yet by one of our survey interviewers? Please spare the time to chat with her. Even if you



don’t feel you have much to say, you’ll be surprised at how many ways the council touches your life – roads, footpaths, speed limits, water supplies, sewerage, libraries, community centres, halls, rural fire control, gambling machine control, building permits, dog control, cemeteries, parks and reserves, etc. etc.

The survey is totally anonymous, being based on randomly generated phone

numbers. If you have any doubts about whether the interviewer is genuine, all you have to do is ask for her name and ID number and get her to call back after you’ve phoned the council to confirm her identity.

By participating, you will ensure that the district’s “silent majority” is heard and that the council gets the information it needs to improve services in your community.

Don’t forget the poppies

ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES



Saturday, 25 April

Burnham	6am Dawn Parade, Army Camp gates Address and wreath laying service. Mayor Coe to lay wreath
Darfield	8.45am District War Memorial Wreath laying followed by service at Trinity Church. Councillor Stewart to lay wreath
Dunsandel	8.30am District War Memorial Councillor Barnett to lay wreath
Hororata	11am St John’s Church Service followed by wreath laying at District War Memorial. Councillor Morten to lay wreath
Leeston	10.30am Leeston Rugby Football Pavilion Service followed by parade to cenotaph and wreath laying. Councillor Percy to lay wreath
Lincoln	10am Lincoln University Memorial Hall Councillor Philps to lay wreath
Mead	9am Mead Hall Memorial gates Councillor Doyle to lay wreath
Prebbleton	9am District War Memorial Wreath laying ceremony. Councillor Lyall to lay wreath
Rolleston	11am Rolleston Community Centre Parade followed by service at the District War Memorial Clock Tower. Mayor Coe to lay wreath
Sheffield	8am Cenotaph Councillor Morten to lay wreath
Springfield	11am Tawera Memorial Hall Service followed by wreath laying at District War Memorial. Mr Ian Warren to lay wreath
Springston	10.20am Parade at Springston School 10.30am Service at Springston Hall followed by wreath laying ceremony at District War Memorial. Councillor Hasson to lay wreath
Tai Tapu	9am District War Memorial Wreath laying ceremony. Councillor Hasson to lay wreath

with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator



Cool sports

Have you enrolled yourself or a family member in winter sports yet? The district has a wide variety of winter sports available, including badminton (see below), tae kwondo, tennis (yes, even in winter!) and squash. For children, sport is a great way to improve coordination, make friends and have a sense of achievement and belonging. The same goes for adults. We’re never too old to try something new. Here’s an idea if you’re in Ellesmere:

Leeston Badminton Club

(a social club with spare racquets)

Season starts Tuesday, April 28th

Leeston Rugby Club, High Street, Leeston

Juniors (up to Year 8) 6.30–7.30pm

Seniors, 7.30pm onwards. Phone: 324 4344

You can find a huge list of sports and recreation clubs on Selwyn’s “work and play” website, www.selwyndistrict.co.nz So jump on the web now and get yourself into a club! For further help or to register your club on that website please do not hesitate to contact me: sarah.wilson@selwyn.govt.nz or 347 2753 or 318 8338.





BOOKMARKS NEW LEESTON LIBRARY

With Glen Walker, Libraries Manager



Official Opening & Family Day Saturday, 18 April, 10am-4pm

Come and celebrate with us in Leeston this Saturday and join in the all-day activities and family entertainment when Mayor **Kelvin Coe** formally opens the new Leeston library. Leeston is the first library to benefit from the council's ten-year strategic plan for library services. Darfield library will follow next year.

For decades, Leeston's library was housed in a small building which used to be a dance hall and meeting room. Books had to be stacked on the floor for lack of space. But now the books have a new home just over the road in the renovated former council offices which they share with the Leeston Medical Centre, the Plunket Society, council archives and the Ellesmere Historical Society.



Facing north, the spacious, well-lit, new library has been refurbished to the NZ Public Library Standards. It covers over 600 square metres, holds 20,000 borrowable items, has two bookable interview rooms and a large community meeting centre. It includes free broadband internet and a range of council services (e.g. rates, dogs, recycling bins).

Come and see for yourself this Saturday.



LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME – UPDATE

Come and join **Jackie** and create a lovely beach scene on canvas using paint and collage materials.

This programme is suitable for children aged between 7-12 years.

There are only be ten places per library so be in quick to secure your place. The Rolleston programme is full, but there still a few places at the other three libraries

Darfield Library	Monday 20 April	10-11.30am	Ph: 03 3187780
Lincoln Library	Wednesday 22 April	10-11.30am	Ph: 03 3472876
Leeston Library	Thursday 23 April	10-11.30am	Ph: 03 3472871

WHAT'S PROPOSED FOR YOUR PLACE?

The indoor pools proposal is getting all the attention, but your neighbourhood might be more affected by other council plans and proposals which the Draft Selwyn Community Plan brings together – plans for your roads, transport, water supplies, sewerage, resource consents, job opportunities, recreational facilities, libraries, community centres, town development – and, of course, your rates.

It's well worth reading, so why not check out the draft plan on our website or at any of our offices and libraries? Or come along to the public meeting in the Rolleston Community Centre at **7.30pm on Tuesday 28 April**. And, if you feel strongly about anything that you read or hear, write your thoughts down and send them to us by **5pm on Friday, 8 May**.

LINCOLN & DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ashburton area field trip Sunday 3 May

A bus departs Market Square, Lincoln, at 9am, then from the RSA car park, Leeston, at 9.20am, returning via Leeston and arriving at Lincoln at about 5pm. The morning will be spent at the Plains Museum living village. Railcar trips, on the Mount Somers branch line, are available at a cost of \$6.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. In the afternoon there will be visits to Ashburton Aviation Museum and Ashford Village. This will be a day of rich and varied historical interest. All welcome.

The cost of the field trip is \$25 per person. Railcar trips are separate. To book a seat on the bus, phone **Margaret Morrish**, 03 325 2790 or **Roger Gilbert** 03 324 3648 by **Friday 1 May**.

ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

with Maria Moran

Term One programmes have finished! With six new ones for Term Two you now have a choice of 18 recreational programmes catering for all ages and a variety of interests.

You'll need to **enrol** for most of the ten weekly classes, **by paying in advance**. The exceptions are social table tennis, pre-school classes, pump fitness, creative beads, and programmes for older adults. There are maximum numbers for book-in-advance classes so enrol early to ensure a place! Pay in advance at the Library Service Centre desk.

New Programmes for Term Two

B.A.T. Butt, Abs, Thighs.

Butt, Abs and Thighs is a high intensity, low impact class with few coordination skills required. It is designed to really blitz those problems areas and is suitable for any fitness level. It's fun too and a great way to start your weekend!

Saturdays 8.30-9.30am in the Stadium. **Starts 2 May.**

\$60 for a ten-week term. Pay in advance at the Library Service Centre desk.



B a b y Movement (New – for parents/ caregivers and babies aged 6-18 months)

Karen Lewis takes this new class for very young children, aimed at exploring through movement and music. Bring a rug for your baby to lie on.

Thursdays 1-1.30pm in the Lounge. **Starts 30 April.**

\$2.50 per session – pay each time.

Social Table Tennis

Local identity **Derek Linn** is ready to teach you how to pick up a bat and have a ball! For people of all ages who are young at heart! No prior experience required. Equipment provided. Enjoy a "cuppa" also.

Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am in the Stadium. **Starts 29 April.**

\$5 per session – pay each time.

Ease Into Pilates

Want to learn the basics? Easing back into fitness? This class is for you!

Ease into Pilates, which is aimed at the beginner level, will set you up with basic Pilates knowledge in a light, low-intensity class. A great way to get started in Pilates. If you are after more of a challenge or have some Pilates experience feel free to try our Mixed Ability Pilates class

Saturdays 10-11am in the Lounge. **Starts May 2.**

\$60 for a 10-week term. Pay in advance at the Library Service Centre desk.

Sit and Be Fit

Experienced tutor **Jan McKay** uses some great music including old favourites, a bit of equipment

and a fun sense of humour to get you moving while seated. Suitable for those with arthritis and the less active who want to use it not lose it!

Wednesdays 1.30-2.30pm in the Community Room. **Starts 29 April.**

\$3 per session – pay each time.

After-School Creative Dance:

8-years plus.

Karen Lewis invites aspiring young dancers to join her in a one-hour session of creative movement, further developing dance skills and learning a dance of the seasons.

Thursdays 5.15-6.15pm in the Lounge. **Starts 30 April.**

\$50 per term. Pay in advance at the Library Service Centre desk.

Note: Some Changes to Programmes in Term Two

SUBMISSIONS INVITED

ECAN's Community Plan

Submissions close 4pm, 28 April.

Our regional council, Environment Canterbury, also has a Draft Community Plan which it would like your thoughts on. Among other things, the draft Canterbury plan proposes:

New public transport rates for Selwyn

This would extend ECAN's public transport rate for Burnham, Rolleston and Lincoln-Prebbleton to the whole Selwyn District (except the more remote western areas). Town ratepayers would pay 90% and rural ratepayers would pay 10%.

User Pay Charges for Water Management

This would recover 30% (\$2.2m) of ECAN's water investigation and monitoring costs from water resource consent holders, reducing the general rate component from 100% to 70% (\$4.9m).

New Uniform Annual General Charge

This would shift the funding of ECAN's councillor representation and public information (\$2m) from the general rate to a uniform household charge, regardless of property value. Higher valued properties would pay less and lower valued properties more.

New Resources Consent Charge

This would replace ECAN's hourly cost recovery charges for resource consents with a single flat charge.

Decrease rating for Bovine Tb control

This would halve ECAN's targeted rate for bovine Tb control.

Reduced funding for waste exchanges

This would reduce from \$87,000 to \$67,000, the funding of council and community waste exchange schemes for the reuse and recycling of waste materials.

It is available at www.ecan.govt.nz and from council offices and libraries throughout Canterbury.

FROM ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ~ TOXIC ALGAE UPDATE ~

Large amounts of the dark-brown, dog-killing algae, Phormidium, are still present in the Selwyn River around Coes Ford and Chamberlains Ford. Small to moderate amounts are also in the upper reaches of the river, from Whitecliffs downstream to where the river becomes dry.

River users should assume that all of the Selwyn River is dangerous to dogs and keep dogs out of the riverbed.

- Tai Chi moves to Friday mornings in a new timeslot: 10.30-11.30am in the Community Room. **Starts 1 May.**

- Early Morning Yoga starts at 6.30am on Tuesday mornings.

Other Programmes returning for Term Two:

After-school Basketball; Belly Dancing; Pilates; Creative Beads; Pump Fitness; Mini Gym; Active Citizens (50-plus); Dance for Dance Sake; Pre-school Creative Movement; Creative Dance for 5, 6 and 7 year olds.

For more information on these and other activities at the Rolleston Recreation Centre see local newspapers over the next few weeks, pop into the Centre, or call **me** or **Lyall Matchett** on 03 347 2882 for more information. E-mail: maria.moran@selwyn.govt.nz