



### 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, emailing [lee.brehaut@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:lee.brehaut@selwyn.govt.nz), or phoning 347 2964 or 318 8338.

### COUNCIL

#### Selwyn Central Community Board

- Wed 16 December, 3.30 pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings

#### Transportation & Road Safety Sub-committee

- Thu 17 December, 9.30 am, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings

#### Council Meeting

- Fri 18 December 9.00 am, Council Chambers

### COMMUNITY

#### Coalgate Township Committee

- Tue 15 December, 7.30 pm, Coalgate Fire Station

#### Darfield Township Committee

- Thu 17 December, 7.45 pm, Former Darfield Service Centre

#### Killinchy Community Centre Committee

- Wed 16 December, 7.30 pm, Killinchy Hall

#### Kirwee Community Committee

- Mon 21 December, 7.30 pm, Kirwee Community Hall

#### Lakeside Reserve Advisory Committee

- Thu 17 December, 7.30 pm, Ellesmere Aquatic Club  
*Public Meeting*

#### Little Rakaia Huts Residents Association & Advisory Committee

- Mon 21 December, 7.30 pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Centre

#### Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 21 December, 7.30 pm, Sports Pavilion, Prebbleton Reserve

#### Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 21 December, 7.30 pm, Rolleston Community Centre

#### Springston South Reserve Management Committee

- Sun 3 January 2010 - Annual General Meeting

#### West Melton Reserve Board

- Mon 21 December, 7.30 pm, West Melton Domain

### SECRETARY WANTED

#### West Melton Community Centre & Hall Management Committee

After five years, the secretary is leaving this friendly and dedicated team of committee members who now seek a replacement secretary (for minutes and correspondence).

Meetings are held every two months on **Tuesdays** at 7.30pm.

To apply or find out more, please contact **Richard Hayward**, Chairman, at [haywards@ihug.co.nz](mailto:haywards@ihug.co.nz), 027 366 9964 or 03 347 8212.

### COUNCIL HOLIDAY HOURS

- The council's main offices, the AA desk, and all library-based service centres will close at midday on Thursday 24 December and reopen on Tuesday 5 January 2010 at 8.30 am.
- Libraries (but not the service centre desks) will reopen for three days (29-31 Dec) during the holiday period.
- After hours phone for emergencies: 347 2800 and 318 8338



### ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS



Our Xmas tree is up – thanks to the kids who did such a terrific job – and it's non-stop here with end-of-year luncheons, school assemblies and dance and music recitals, on top of our regular activities.

#### Hours over Xmas

We close at 12pm, Thursday 24 December and reopen 8.30am, Tuesday, 5 January.

#### Holiday classes

The last **Pump** class for 2009 is on Monday 21 December. Pump resumes on Monday 11 January, 6-7pm.

**Active Seniors** resumes on Monday 11 January, 1-2pm.



#### Enrolments are now open for Term 1.

Our Term 4 programme is in its final week. To see what's in store for next year, visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/community-development/rolleston-community-centre](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/community-development/rolleston-community-centre) and click on the link for Term 1 programmes.

#### Children's Holiday Programme

Sport Canterbury is running an activity programme at the Community Centre the week of 25-29 January. A great week for the kids with some exciting activities both on and off site. Information can be picked up from our reception or by checking out their website [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz)

#### Roller Sk8 Disco

Saturday, 19 December

Two sessions: 3.30-5pm; 5.30-7pm – \$6 per person

Brought to you by PHAT SK8. (Do not bring your own skates) Fun for ALL ages, including adults. Book on 349 9924 or be early on day.

**For more info**, pop in to the centre or phone us on 347 2882. You can also e-mail: [david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz) or [tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz)

with David Pryor



### Selwyn Wheels & Heels

with Lee Wright

transport & road safety coordinator



The new 'Share the Road' billboard on Old Tai Tapu Road is a reminder for drivers and cyclists to respect each other's space.

#### For cyclists, that means:

- having lights, reflectors and bright clothing
- obeying road rules
- avoiding sudden changes of direction
- cycling in single file, not 2 or 3 abreast

#### For drivers, it means:

- being on the lookout for bicycles at all times
- double-checking for cyclists when turning left or opening car doors
- using indicators when turning, even if no other cars are behind you, just in case a cyclist is there
- giving cyclists plenty of "safe space" when passing.

### HEY, WE'RE ON THE SAME ROAD



#### HELP DESIGN OUR ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

This is your opportunity to have your say!

Our proposed vision is "Zero road deaths and zero serious injuries on Selwyn roads" and we need your help to make it happen. How would you rank the district's road safety concerns? And how do you think we can fix them?

We have prepared a leaflet with key information and questions that we would like your views on. It's called "This is your opportunity to have your say!" and you can get it at any of our offices, libraries or service desks (including the AA centre in our main office). Or you can download it and give your views online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy).

Submissions close on **Friday, 22 January 2010**.

### HOW ARE YOU GETTING HOME TONIGHT?



As the party season continues, here's another reminder – I'm sure you're getting sick of them by now – but please bear with me! Think, before you drink, about "How you are getting home tonight". Your best-laid plans of having only a couple of drinks can so easily turn into 5 or 6 wines or beers. Remember, many of our

Selwyn pubs offer a courtesy van service, so just ask!!! We want you all to get home safely.



### SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN

#### VARIATION NO. 30 – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The Selwyn District Council has accepted the Hearing Panel's Recommendation to approve, with amendments, Variation 30 – Financial Contributions.

Variation 30 amended the Financial Contribution provisions in the Proposed Selwyn District Plan by:

- clarifying the council's decision to require development contributions for reserves, network infrastructure and community infrastructure under the Local Government Act 2002;
- deleting all rules, and references to rules, which require financial contributions for reserves, network infrastructure and community infrastructure;
- amending provisions which refer to the Local Government Act to reflect the 2002 amendments to that Act;
- retaining provisions on the taking of esplanade strips / esplanade reserves;
- retaining amended provisions on environmental damage;
- introducing new policies on Environmental Compensation and the form of land contributions.

The Selwyn District Plan is amended in accordance with the decision, effective from the date of this notice.

The full text of this decision can be read at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) and, during working hours, at any council service centre or library.

Anyone who made a submission on Variation 30 may appeal to the Environment Court against the council's decision. Appeals must be in the prescribed form as set out in Form 7 and must reach the Environment Court within 30 working days of getting notice from the council of this decision.

For further information, please contact **Andrew Mactier** on 347 2802 or 318 8338 or at P O Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

(Notice of this decision is given under Clause 10 (3) of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.)

with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator



#### MORE OPTIONS AT LINCOLN

##### Qigong

**Sheng Zhen Wuji Yuan Gong** is a qigong system that "connects the practitioner with the energy and experience of unconditional love and provides techniques that help achieve health, happiness and contentment".

Tai Chi is a well-known derivative of qigong. The principle difference between the two is that Tai Chi has a martial defensive purpose, whereas qigong practices are specifically focused on health.

The classes are run at the Lincoln Community Centre, so be sure to enrol for next year by contacting **Jude Bailey** on (03) 329 5716.





#### T4C @ RRP

Did you know that Trees for Canterbury (T4C), which recently planted its 600,000th native seedling, has a special bin for collecting rinsed milk containers at the Pines Resource Recovery Park in Burnham School Road?



T4C uses the containers to raise seedlings – and right now they need all they can get. So, if you want your empty milk containers to go to a good home, just give them a rinse and drop them in T4C's bin at the resource recovery park.

#### RUBBISH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY HOURS

##### Christmas Day, Friday 25 December

Refuse, recycling and organic collections are postponed until the following day. Resource Recovery Park is closed.

##### Boxing Day, Saturday 26 December

Collection of the Friday refuse, recycling and organic waste held over from the previous day. Resource Recovery Park is open from 9am to 4:30pm.

##### Sunday 27 December to Thursday 31 December.

Normal collection and recovery park hours and services.

##### New Year's Day Friday 1 January

Refuse and organic collections are postponed until the following day. Resource Recovery Park is closed.

##### Saturday 2 January 2010

Collection of the Friday refuse and organic waste held over from the previous day. Resource Recovery Park is open from 9am to 4:30pm.

**Normal collection and recovery park services resume from Sunday 3 January 2010.**

#### Arthur's Pass & Castle Hill Service December 2009 & January 2010

Collections will be made on the following Saturdays:

- 5, 19 and 26 December
- 2, 9, 16 and 30 January

The Saturday collections on 26 December and 9 January are additional to the standard fortnightly collections which will resume from 16 January.

**Collection times might vary over the holidays so please make sure that your bags and bins are out by 7:30am on collection day.**



#### THINKING ABOUT OTHERS

Spare a thought this year for our local fire crews trying to have a break over Christmas. They do an amazing job as volunteers within our communities and deserve to spend Christmas with their family and friends.

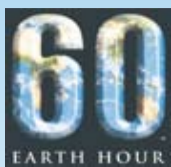


You can help make this happen by not lighting fires which get out of control and by making sure that any fire you have lit is completely out before you leave it.

If smoke from a neighbour's legal fire is annoying you, please call Environment Canterbury's Pollution Hotline, rather than calling out your local brigade.

If, however, there is an emergency and the fire is out of control, dial 111 immediately.

For more information, please call me on 347 2800 or 318 8338.



#### SELWYN UNPLUGGED? Earth Hour 2010

**Saturday, 27 March**

Earth Hour is a popular worldwide event which focuses attention on climate change, energy conservation and sustainable resource use.

In Selwyn, it was a fairly private event this year - 8,000 homes were left to fill in the powerless hour on their own.

This year, we're wondering if local organisations and businesses might be interested in hosting some "unplugged"

events to make Earth Hour 2010 more of a community affair.

Imagine switching off your lights on March 27th and having the option of joining like-minded others at a candlelit dinner, or an unplugged concert or recital, or perhaps a candlelit art exhibition, or carols by candlelight, or (weather permitting) a star-gazing event guided by a local astronomer. The sky's the limit.

If your group or business is interested, please get in touch. Serious planning will get underway in January – or not – depending on the level of interest.

Contact: **Rowan Taylor**, ph. 347 2807 or 318 8338, or email [earth.hour@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:earth.hour@selwyn.govt.nz)

#### LAKESIDE RESERVE PUBLIC MEETING

**7.30pm, Thursday 17 December**  
at the Ellesmere Aquatic Clubrooms, Lakeside Reserve.

- Presentation of the final Reserve Management Plan
- Election of an Advisory Committee for the Reserve

If you are interested in the future management of this reserve, you are invited to attend. Contact: **Judith Pascoe**, ph 347 2932.

#### DARFIELD HOUSE FOR RENT

3 bedrooms, \$240 per week  
References required



Contact: **Leonie Spalding** on 318 8338 or 347 2815

#### HOW SAFE (OR LEGAL) IS YOUR POOL?

Spa pools and swimming pools can be death traps for toddlers.

To help prevent child drownings, every owner of a swimming pool or spa pool must have the pool securely fenced, as required by the Fencing of Swimming Pools Act 1987.

- Lockable covers do not comply.
- If the pool is not fenced, the owner must ensure that it contains no water.
- For new pools, the owner must get a building consent first.

Let's keep our pools – and children – safe this summer.

For more information, please contact our building team on 347 2839 or 318 8338, or visit [www.dbh.govt.nz](http://www.dbh.govt.nz)



Do you think the little chap can read your sign?

#### DOG MICROCHIPPING FREE CLINICS



All dogs older than 3 months are legally required to have an electronic identity microchip implanted (except for working dogs and dogs first registered before 1 July 2006).

The council's Animal Control Officers will do this for free at their microchipping clinics this Friday, at the following times and places:

##### Friday 18 December

**Lincoln Library**  
3-4pm

**Leeston Library**  
1-2pm

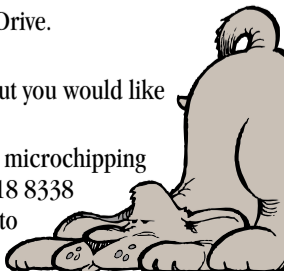
**Council Offices, Rolleston**  
11-12noon

**Darfield Library**  
9-10am

- The Council offices in Rolleston are in Norman Kirk Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If your dog is not legally required to have a microchip, but you would like him or her to have one, the fee is \$20 per dog.

If distance or the number of dogs prevent you getting to a microchipping clinic, please phone **Tracey Wheeler** on 347 2800 or 318 8338 to arrange a time for an Animal Control Officer to come to your place.



#### XMAS BOOK SALE

**Lincoln Library, 12 to 19 Dec.**

**Darfield and Leeston Libraries 15 to 19 Dec.**

Buy for your holiday, the bach or caravan.

Adult non-fiction \$2, Adult fiction \$1, CDs, DVDs, Videos, jigsaws, Children's books, all 50c each.

Xmas Special – bring your own plastic supermarket bag and fill with adult fiction for \$5.

#### CHRISTMAS STORYTIME AT YOUR LIBRARY

Rolleston: Wed 16 December 6-7 pm

Leeston: Fri 18 December 6-7 pm

Recommended for 3-8 year olds. Book at your library.

#### MOBILE LIBRARY

The last run of the mobile library for the year is on **Thursday, 17 December**. The bus will be off the road until March, being refurbished, so Mobile librarian **Anita Lewis** will visit some outlying areas in a car. Dates and times will be published in Council Call.

#### LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday 24 Dec CLOSE at 12 midday

**Friday 25 Dec (Christmas Day) CLOSED**

**Saturday 26 Dec (Boxing Day) CLOSED**

**Monday 28 Dec CLOSED**

Tuesday 29 Dec, OPEN 8:30am – 5pm

Wednesday 30 Dec, OPEN 8:30am – 5pm

Thursday 31 Dec, OPEN 8:30am – 5pm

**Friday 1 Jan (New Year's Day) CLOSED**

**Saturday 2 Jan CLOSED**

**Monday 4 Jan CLOSED**

**Tuesday 5 Jan**  
(normal hours resume) OPEN 8.30am – 5pm

you won't guess what I just discovered...



#### PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 4 BROADFIELD ESTATES LIMITED – LINCOLN

The Selwyn District Council has accepted the Commissioner's Recommendation to approve, with amendments, Plan Change 4 – Broadfield Estates Limited – Lincoln.

The plan change rezones 28 hectares of land near Lincoln from "Rural (Outer Plains)" to "Living 1 (Deferred)".

The full text of the decision can be read at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) or, during working hours, at any council service centre or library. From the date of this notice, Plan Change 4 is amended in accordance with the decision.

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