



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, or phoning 347 2964 or 318 8338.

COUNCIL

Malvern Community Board

- Mon 25 January, 4pm, Old Darfield Service Centre

COMMUNITY

Glentunnel Community Centre

- Tue 12 January, 7.30pm, Community Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

- Mon 11 January, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Public Hall – Supper Room

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 18 January, 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Prebbleton Reserve

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 18 January, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre

Springston South Reserve Management Committee

- Sun 3 January, 7pm, Soldiers Memorial Hall Springston South

Annual General Meeting

Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Mon 11 January, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre

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

33% of crashes on Selwyn roads happen at intersections. We have made many of our high crash spot intersections more visible by putting in a splitter island with extra signage and quadrant kerbing.



If you think this is an effective engineering improvement to help reduce road crashes on Selwyn Roads then *"this is your opportunity to have your say"*.

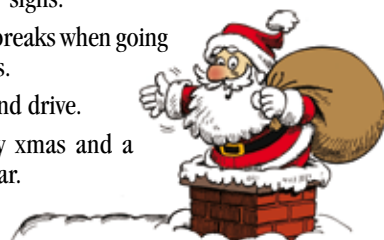
Go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy or pick up our road safety leaflet at our head office or libraries, or

write to us at Selwyn Road Safety Strategy, Selwyn District Council, P O Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

Holidays Top 10 Wishlist

Please remember to:

1. Get enough sleep before heading off on that long drive.
2. Be patient when driving.
3. Drive to the conditions – the speed advisory warning signs on bends are there for a reason.
4. Plan to party – think beforehand about "how you are getting home".
5. Wear your seatbelt.
6. Check your car over before heading off.
7. Stop at "Stop" signs.
8. Take regular breaks when going long distances.
9. Don't drink and drive.
10. Have a merry xmas and a happy new year.



Hours over Xmas

We're closed from 12 pm Thursday 24 December until 8.30am on Tuesday,



5 January.

Don't forget Pump (Monday only) resumes on Monday 11 January, 6-7pm. Active Seniors will also resume their usual times from Monday 11 January, 1-2pm.

Enrolments are now open for Term 1.

As well as all the old favourites, we have some exciting new classes and activities starting in Term One.

New Timetable

Our new timetable and brochure will be out in mid

January but, in the meantime, you can check our website at www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/community-development/rolleston-community-centre and click on the link for Term 1 programmes for details. Some classes have limited numbers so early enrolment is essential.

with David Pryor



Children's Holiday Programme

25-29 January

Sport Canterbury is running a week-long activity programme in the last week of January with exciting kids' activities, both at the Centre and off-site. Find out more from our reception or at www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Want more info on all of the above? Come in to the centre or call me or Tanya ph 347-2882. You can also e-mail: david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz or tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz

Finally, thanks to all those who've used the Centre this year. We wish you all a happy and safe holiday period. See you again in 2010 for another fun and action-packed year.

FINAL PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2010 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS

No appeals or objections were received by the closing date of the 4 December to the Final Proposal regarding representation arrangements for the Council and the Malvern and Selwyn Central Community Boards.

Accordingly the Final Proposal becomes the basis for election at the next triennial election to be held on the 9 October 2010 and will continue until such time as another review is held.

This Final Proposal can be viewed on the Council's website www.selwyn.govt.nz or a copy can be requested by contacting **Judith Pascoe**, Deputy Electoral Officer, ph 347 2800 or 318 8338.

CALLING ALL SELWYN ARTISTS!

Arts Heart Art Exhibition 2010

Entries close on **Saturday 20 February**

Exhibitors wanted for Arts Heart's 2010 Art Exhibition, to be held at Rolleston Community Centre, 12-14 March.

Artists – time to clear out your studio storeroom!!

Arts Heart is having a monster art clearance sale in conjunction with Exhibition 2010. All of the exhibiting artists will be eligible to put their surplus stock in the Arts Heart Art Clearance Sale.

Contacts:
Judith or Tony Wenborn
Ph 03 318 1334
wenborn@gmail.com
or
Margaret McFedries
Ph 03 347 8179

SWIMMING WATER QUALITY

Lakes

Recent sampling by Environment Canterbury found the toxic algae Nodularia in Lake Forsyth (Te Roto O Wairewa) and Lake Ellesmere (Te Waihora). At this stage concentrations are not high enough to pose a risk to health.

Rivers

Swimmers and dog owners beware. The recent warm dry weather in Canterbury is prompting warnings about rivers developing potentially toxic algal growths. Environment Canterbury's freshwater sampling field staff have noticed dark brown algal mats likely to be Phormidium in several Canterbury rivers.

Besides toxic algae, waterways can get polluted by faeces from farm animals and humans. ECan tests the water for faecal bacteria at many swimming sites, including the Selwyn river and Lake Ellesmere.

Summer gradings (weekly results may vary):

Waterway	Testing Site	Quality
Selwyn River	Glentunnel	FAIR , but affected by rainfall. Generally satisfactory for swimming but may be unsuitable for up to 48 hours after rainfall.
Selwyn River	Chamberlains Ford	FAIR . Generally satisfactory for swimming, though there are many potential sources of faecal material.
Selwyn River	Coe's Ford	VERY POOR . Avoid swimming, as there are direct discharges of faecal material.
Selwyn River	Upper Selwyn Huts	POOR . Generally not suitable for swimming, as indicated by historical results.
Lake Ellesmere	Lakeside Domain	GOOD . Satisfactory for swimming most of the time. Exceptions may include following rainfall.

Check the ECan website for updates www.ecan.govt.nz



Selwyn
Talking Rubbish
with Dave Hock
Solid Waste Manager

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 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.

T4C @ RRP

And remember that **Trees for Canterbury (T4C)** has a special bin for collecting your rinsed milk cartons at the Pines Resource Recovery Park in Burnham School Road. The cartons are used to raise seedlings.

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



with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator

Stepping Out

BE ACTIVE - ROLLESTON

9 February to 30 March
Tuesdays 10 – 11.30am

Have you made a new year's resolution to better your health, re-connect with a little exercise or try something new?



'Be Active' is an 8-week programme for people who want to increase their level of activity and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

All activities are suitable for people who are new to exercise, or are coming back to it after a break. They include gym circuits, pilates, sports and dance.

To help maintain good health, the programme also has short interactive presentations on topics like nutrition, managing stress and keeping active.

Contact: **Claire Robertson** 0800 Active (22 84 83) or (03) 373 5037

NB: A crèche will be available.

Here is what participants from a recent Be Active programme at QEII had to say:

- "The Be Active programme has given me the knowledge to choose ongoing activities which I enjoy. It has been just what I needed."
- "It was the kick in the pants I needed to get me going, and being able to stick at it. Was great to make new friends in the same situation that I was in."

CRECHE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Do you have a couple of hours spare on a Tuesday morning?

We are looking for some enthusiastic volunteers to look after children while their parents/caregivers are getting active with the "Be Active" Programme.

Resources and support will be provided.

For more information or to sign up, please call:

Contacts: **Sarah Wilson** on 347 2753 or **Claire Robertson** on 373 5037

CHRISTCHURCH SUMMERTIME GUIDE

Every year, starting on News Years Eve, our good neighbour, the Christchurch City Council, coordinates an exciting programme of **Garden City Summertime** events.



This year's programme will include the New Year's Eve celebrations, ASB Classical Sparks,

Anthony Harper Lawyers' Summer Theatre, Tip Top Kite Day, the World Buskers Festival, Sunday afternoon concerts in the Botanic Gardens, PGA Golf, and much more.

If the **Garden City SummerTimes** brochure is delivered to your letterbox, keep it handy to ensure that you don't miss any of the excitement.

To find out more, go to www.bethere.co.nz or phone the city council on (03) 941 8999.



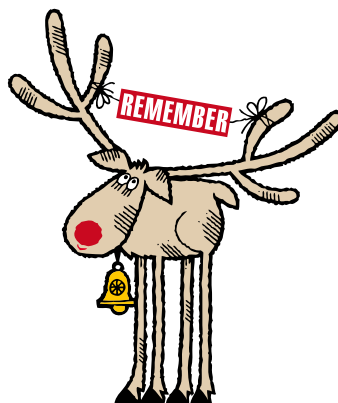
The mayor, chief executive, councillors and staff wish all residents and ratepayers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you are spending the holidays at home, make the most of the opportunity to enjoy the district and, if you get a chance, pop into one of our libraries (their opening hours are in Glen's Bookmarks column).

Also, please note our holiday rubbish collection times (in Dave's Talking Rubbish column).

If you are going away, please remember these simple precautions:

- tell a trusted neighbour your itinerary and phone number(s)
- leave a key with them in case of an emergency (e.g. if your house alarm wakes the whole neighbourhood in the middle of the night)
- make sure your pets are well looked after while you're away
- ask someone to make the house seem occupied by:
 - turning on a light in the evening
 - closing curtains at night and opening them in the morning
 - mowing lawns and clearing mail
 - hanging washing on the line or parking a car in the driveway
 - putting rubbish outside the house on collection day
- follow Lee's Top 10 holiday wish-list (in her Wheels' n Heels column).



LOCATION OF FUTURE RURAL RESIDENTIAL SECTIONS

Help us prepare Plan Change 17

Where do you think future rural residential land holdings should go around Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, West Melton, Templeton, Tai Tapu and Springston?

Past trends show a high demand for sections in the 0.2 to 4 hectare range which have rural views, are close to town and city, and don't need to be managed full-time.

To ensure a steady supply of such sections, we are about to change the District Plan.

Plan Change 17 will say which land on the fringes of these towns is suitable to be developed as rural residential sections.

But before we draft Plan Change 17, we would like to know your views on:

- our Background Report (see below)
- our draft criteria for selecting 'preferred locations', and
- whether you have land near these towns that is suitable for rural residential development?

Before writing in, please read our Background Report. It has the draft criteria and other important information.

You can get the Background Report, comment forms and other information from our website www.selwyn.govt.nz, or our head office in Rolleston, or the service centre desks at our libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston.

Comments should reach us by **Friday 19 February 2010**.

Contact: **Craig Friedel**, Policy Planner on 347 2827 or 318 8338 or email Craig.Friedel@selwyn.govt.nz.

ROLLESTON Picnic in the Park

Behind the Rolleston Community Centre

New Year's Day, 1 January – Starting 11.30 a.m.

Pack a picnic lunch and bring the children along to the lawn behind the Community Centre for a heap of summer fun.

A bouncy castle will be there from 11.30am, and an entertainer from 1-2pm.

All welcome.



with Glen Walker Libraries Manager

BOOKMARKS

www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

SELWYN STROLL & CHAT

Next month, put on your walking shoes and join **Sarah Wilson** (Selwyn Active Communities Coordinator) and **Pam Fisher** (Leeston Librarian) at the Leeston Library for the start of our new regular event Selwyn Stroll and Chat.

Wed, 10 February

10am at Leeston Library
45 minute walk and morning tea

Wed, 24 February

10am at Leeston Library
30 minute walk, morning tea and a talk by Sarah Wilson about getting active in Selwyn.

Everyone is welcome. Bookings not required.

Contacts: **Pam Fisher** at the Leeston Library 347 2871 or **Jackie Claridge** (Outreach Librarian) 347 2770.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

Thursday 24 Dec	CLOSE at 12 midday
Friday 25 Dec (Christmas Day)	CLOSED
Saturday 26 Dec (Boxing Day)	CLOSED
Sunday 27 Dec	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
Sunday 3 Jan	CLOSED
Monday 4 Jan	CLOSED
Tuesday 5 Jan	OPEN 8.30am – 5pm

(normal hours resume)

JOB VACANCY

Leeston Library – Customer Service Officer
(18.5 hours per week)

The Selwyn Library network has five libraries and is looking for someone to join our dedicated team at Leeston. This part-time position requires someone with attention to detail, excellent people skills, and an aptitude for learning.

This Customer Service role will carry out a wide range of Library/Service Centre tasks, including work on customer enquiries, shelving and maintaining library materials, helping with children's programmes, assisting customers with dog registrations and rubbish collection enquiries and much more.

Whilst library qualifications or familiarity with a library environment would be beneficial, we welcome applications from any candidates who might be considering a career in librarianship, as training and support for professional development is available.

Please note this does include working Saturday 10am -1pm.

Apply to Human Resources, PO Box 90 Rolleston 7643. More details available on our website.

Applications close Monday, 11 January 2010.

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

