

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.

Glentunnel Residents Association

- Mon 1 February, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre.

Hororata District Citizens Association

- Tue 26 January, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall.

Leeston Community Committee

- Mon 1 February, 7.30pm, Leeston Community Room.

Leeston Park Association

- Mon 25 January, 8pm, Leeston Park Pavilion.

Lincoln Domain Management Committee

- Thu 28 January, 7.30pm, Selwyn Netball 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 Residents Association

- Mon 25 January, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 18 January, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

Southbridge Advisory Committee

- Tue 26 January, 7.30pm, Southbridge Fire Station.

Springston Hall Committee

- Thu 28 January, 7.30pm, Springston Community Hall.

Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Mon 11 January, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre.

TIME TO HIT THE TRAIL?

Try Selwyn's Wine & Food Trail

If hiking and trekking aren't quite your thing – or even if they are – here's a gentler sort of trail. A hot-off-the-press guide to the Selwyn Wine and Food Trail is finding its way into eager hands across the district.

Like a treasure map, it leads you through charming scenery to Selwyn's finest troves of artisan-produced wine and food. It's just the thing, says winemaker, **Graeme Tresillian** of Tresillian Estates, for discovering "perfectly ripened olives, freshly cracked walnuts, 100% pure New Zealand



honey or great drinks made from homegrown elderflower juices".

Not to mention Canterbury's only hand-crafted goat cheese, or the fabulous award-winning wines from 9 local wine producers.

To hit the trail, just grab a Guide from our offices or libraries, or email Graeme@tresillian.co.nz

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 do you think we can improve road safety in Selwyn? We've identified some topics of high and medium concern and would like to know if you agree with these rankings and how you think they can be tackled.

High concern:

- Reducing alcohol impaired driving
- Reducing the impact of fatigue/tiredness
- School road safety
- Safer roads, road sides and intersections
- Safer speeds
- Addressing distraction and poor observation
- Reducing loss of control/head-on crashes
- Reduce the impact of intersection crashes

Medium concern:

- Reducing the impact of high-risk drivers
- Increase use of seatbelts
- Safer walking and cycling
- Increasing the safety of older Selwyn drivers
- Reducing motorcycle crashes
- Legislation changes
- Addressing the risk of young drivers
- Rail safety

You can pick up the Road Safety "This is your opportunity to have your say!" leaflet at any Selwyn District Council office, library or service desk (including the AA centre in our main office). Or you can submit your views on-line at www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy.

Submissions close on **Friday, 22 January 2010**. This is just the first stage. There will be further consultation as the strategy is developed.

with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator



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."



with David Pryor



We're gearing up for another action-packed term, starting this Friday and Saturday with a **Korfball** tournament (that's right, google it).

Pump (Mondays) resumes on Monday 11 January 6-7pm, and

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

Term One enrolments now open

A lot of classes have limited numbers so early enrolment is essential! Our new timetable will be advertised very soon but remember you can check out our website at <http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/community-development/rolleston-community-centre> and click on the link for Term 1 programmes for details in the meantime.

Cardiofunk – Enjoy the latest craze in this fun and energetic class, combining aerobic moves with basic dance steps, including Latin grooves, and funky hip-hop styles. Suitable for all abilities. In the Stadium, Mondays, 7.15-8.05pm, from 1 February.

Mind & Body – Incorporates Eastern and Western forms of exercise, combining Flow-Yoga and Pilates methods. This class emphasizes strength, endurance, athletic performance, balance and postural alignment. Suitable for all abilities. In the Lounge, Mondays, 6.15-7.10pm from 1 February and Wednesdays, 7.15-8.15pm, from 3 February.

Be Active! See Sarah's **STEPPING OUT** column for details

Children's Holiday Programme

25-29 January

Sport Canterbury's kids' activity programme will be a terrific week, both on and off site, with the Time Ball Station, Torpedo Boat Museum, swimming, hydroslide, and mini golf. Find out more from our reception or at www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Centre for Hire

We have fantastic facilities for hire, so call us for your next event, be it a wedding, function, meeting or conference. We have a fully-equipped kitchen and bar facilities, and already have quite a few bookings. So if you want to hire the Centre, don't delay! Call in and discuss your needs with us.

Want more info on any of the above? Drop in, phone us on 347 2882, or email: david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz or tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz



They've saved your life more than once, but they don't require thanks.

They weigh the same as you and move the way you do, but they don't breathe.

They get in car crashes over and over again and they don't seem to mind.

Who could we possibly be talking about?

Why, Crash Test Dummies of course! They've been used since 1949 to test the safety of cars. Because of them, the cars we drive today are much safer than they used to be.

So, who better than Crash Test Dummies to help promote a road safety campaign?

Meet Vince and Larry, the original "spokes-dummies" used in marketing campaigns in the 1980's. One of their most successful campaigns was "You can learn a lot from a dummy – Buckle your Safety Belt".

For the next two months, Vince and Larry will be working with us on the "Stop! Don't be a Dummy. Take Another Look at Intersections" campaign.

"Leave the crashing to us"! says Vince





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

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 want 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, our head office in Rolleston, or the service centre desks at our libraries in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston.

Your 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.

SOUTHERN MOTORWAY EXTENSION

Recently, we have had some enquiries about the NZ Transport Agency's proposed Stage 2 extension to the **Christchurch Southern Motorway**. The Stage 2 extension will go across Selwyn rural land to link Christchurch's Stage 1 motorway extension (which goes from Brougham Street to the north of Prebbleton) to State Highway 1 south of Templeton.

This is not a council project, so if you have any questions about it, the person to ask is:

Dianne Drummond
NZ Transport Agency
Phone (03) 963 3238

ROLLESTON ENVIROTOWN MARKET

Sunday 10 January, 10am – 1pm
Rolleston Square

If wet, stalls in vacant shops.

At the **RET Market**, on the second Sunday of each month, you can buy fresh local products directly from the producer or grower.

Have a chat to the stall holder and learn more about their products.

If you'd like to join Rolleston Envirotown, attend their meetings, or help set up a community garden, please contact **Nicole Buhrs** at tonicermu@gmail.com or on 347 8240.

Foodbank Volunteers

The **Ellesmere Foodbank** supplies food parcels to residents throughout the entire Selwyn District. The foodbank relies on donations of goods and funds – and also volunteers. If you can spare some time or would like to donate to the Ellesmere Foodbank please phone (03) 324 3576.

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.

INSPECTIONS GUARANTEED

No more "sorry we're fully booked it will have to be..."

Due to popular demand we have changed the way we handle building inspection bookings. Now, if you book before 3pm and 1 working day clear of the time you want the inspection, we'll guarantee that you get one.

To get a Wednesday inspection, for example, just ring us before 3pm on Monday.

For a Monday inspection, phone us before 3pm Thursday.

When booking, you will be asked if you want a morning or afternoon inspection. If you want a more specific time, an inspector may have to ring you back once the inspections for that day have been allocated.

All other aspects of booking building inspections stay the same, including the phone number – (03) 347 2839 (or 318 8338 if you're on the Malvern exchange).

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

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.

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



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.

Contact: Rowan Taylor on 347 2807 or 318 8338, or email earth.hour@selwyn.govt.nz

CALLING ALL SELWYN ARTISTS!

Arts Heart Art Exhibition 2010



Artists – time to clear out your studio storeroom!!

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

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 318 1334, wenborn@gmail.com or **Margaret McFedries** Ph 347 8179