

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, Community Centre – Glentunnel.

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 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, 7.30 pm, Springston Community Hall.



DRIVEWAYS and ACCESS ROUTES

These days, new driveways must have drainage systems to stop rain and hose water from washing oil and other toxins into streams and groundwater. So, if you are putting in a new driveway, here are some things to watch for:

- (1) **Driveway Covenants.** Some new subdivisions have covenants on each property saying how the driveway must be constructed. Check to see if your property title has one.
- (2) **Building Consents.** By default, we include the driveway in building consents for new homes, garages, etc. But we can omit it if you wish. Just make sure to tell us, in your consent application, if you want the driveway left out.
- (3) **Builder's Contracts.** If your consent includes the driveway, but there's no mention of it in the builder's contract, you could end up with a project that is deemed "incomplete". This means that your new home will not get its Code Compliance Certificate until the driveway is done. So make sure it is in the builder's contract.
- (4) **The NZ Building Code.** Even without a covenant or consent, your driveway must meet the code requirements. So, to avoid costly mistakes, check the code first, or ask us. Just call our **Building Team** on 347 2839 or 318 8338.



with David Pryor



For those itching to get back to exercise classes or start new habits, our old favourites, **Pump** (Mondays 6-7pm) and **Active Seniors** (Mondays and Fridays 1-2pm) began this week. All other classes resume in the first week in February.

Join our Fitness Centre. It has a range of cardio and weight equipment and the cheapest rates in town, with membership options to suit. Full membership includes an assessment and programme with our personal trainer. Fitness Centre members can also buy *Fitness Max* cards at a discounted rate to attend our Pump, CardioFunk or B.A.T. classes.

Enrolment for Term One. Many classes have limited numbers and are filling fast, so enrol now to ensure your place! Pick up a programme from our office or at www.selwyn.govt.nz – just type "buzzing" into the search bar.

Event Hire. We have fantastic event facilities for weddings, functions, meetings or conferences, including a fully equipped kitchen and bar facilities. We already have some bookings for the year, so contact us early to discuss your event needs.

Want more info? Come in to the Centre, call us on 347 2882, or email: david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz or tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz



www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

MOBILE LIBRARY

As the Mobile Library is off the road for refurbishment until the beginning of March some stops will be serviced by a council car during this period.

Thur 14 Jan	Prebbleton Childcare	3.30pm-4pm
	Prebbleton Tavern Carpark	4pm-6pm
Mon 18 Jan	Lower Selwyn Huts	10.30am-10.50am
Tues 19 Jan	Glenroy Hall	12.10pm-12.50pm
	Glentunnel Hall	1.15pm-2pm

Mobile Library dog passes away

Barney the bus dog was put to sleep on Saturday after his back legs gave way due to cancer and old age while on holiday. Barney has been travelling on the bus run with owner and mobile librarian, Anita Lewis, for the past nine years and is well known and loved throughout the district. He was a loyal happy character with a gentle loving nature and will be missed by all.

FREE BUSINESS SEMINARS

Selwyn's NZ Trade and Enterprise seminar programme for small businesses is coordinated by the Selwyn District Council. The only cost is a \$10 refreshment fee for seminars at Rolleston and Darfield.

To register for the following seminars, please contact our Business Training Advisor at btadviser@selwyn.govt.nz, ph. 347 2800 or 318 8338 or fax 03 347 2799.

1. Business Speed Dating

- Melton Estate Vineyard, Weedons Ross Road, West Melton
- Tue 9 February, 5.30-9pm

We've noticed that there is never enough time at our seminars for business owners to network, so we thought we'd start the year with a special session, at a vineyard, just for that. Bring along your business cards, some marketing bump and a smile. It's an opportunity for:

1. Free marketing and promotion
2. Developing business partnerships
3. Meeting new suppliers.
4. Making useful contacts to follow up later.

To register, just email a two-line synopsis of your business to btadviser@selwyn.govt.nz. Details will be emailed to you nearer to the time. As numbers are limited, registration will be on a first-come first-served basis.

2. Monitoring Your Business's Vital Signs

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tue 16 February, 5.30-9pm

Leon Hendren will focus on Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) which measure how well a business is doing against a set of criteria or goals.

3. Creating a Marketing Plan for your Business

- Former Council Offices, Darfield
- Tue 9 March, 5.30-9pm

At the end of this 3-hour workshop with **Julia Osselton**, you will have a ready-to-go Marketing Plan for your business.

4. Marketing Strategies for Manufacturers

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tue 23 March, 5.30-9pm

In this seminar for manufacturing businesses **Neil Edmonds** will identify opportunities for new markets, increased sales, and improving profits.

5. The Magic of the Web

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tue 27 April, 5.30-9pm

Lawrence Smith will show you how to make the most of the internet to market your business 24/7.

6. Sustainability - Makes Financial Sense

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Thu 6 May, 5.30-9pm

Carolyn Dean will show how businesses can cut costs and win customers by adopting 'green' practices in everyday operations.

7. Turbo Charge Yourself - Time and Self Management Strategies

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tuesday 11 May, 5.30-9pm

This "not to be missed" session by **Roger Lewis** is based on author David Allen's *Getting Things Done* time management method, defined as "the art of stress-free productivity". Numbers are limited, so book early.

8. Food and Beverage Hi-Growth Programme

- Canterbury Development Corporation, Christchurch
- Thursdays 20 & 27 May, 3 June
- 9 am to 4 pm (Lunch included)

These workshops are for independently-owned food and beverage businesses with fewer than 50 full-time equivalent staff. (Trusts, Not for Profit Organisations and franchises are not eligible). Register online at www.cdc.org.nz or email training@cdc.org.nz

9. Successful Business Strategies - Strategic Planning to Get Ahead

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tuesday 25 May

By the end of this interactive workshop each business owner should be able to create a two-page strategic plan to help their business get ahead.

10. Financing Business (Hi-Growth)

- Council Offices, Rolleston
- Tuesday 1 June

Craig Rust will look at the ways in which businesses that are having or expecting rapid growth can get funding assistance and advice.

Public Meeting AN ARTS TRUST FOR SELWYN? Rolleston Community Centre

Thursday 4 February

9am—12 noon (followed by lunch)

You are invited to come and join a discussion about:

- the concept of an arts trust for the district
- how this trust could work
- who would like to be involved

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

RSVP by **Monday 1 February** to **Rachel Pugh** on 347 2920 or 318 8338

or email rachel.pugh@selwyn.govt.nz

MINUTE SECRETARY REQUIRED URGENTLY (ROLLESTON)

The **Rolleston Reserve Management Committee** urgently requires an efficient and capable minute secretary for its monthly meetings. Preferred applicants will be computer literate in word processing and emailing, and able to start in February. The committee meets on the third Monday of each month at the Rolleston Community Centre. It has representatives from all sporting codes and is a fun group to work with.

Contact the chairman, **Jens Christensen**, on 354 5000 or 027 4334179 or email: kajens@ihug.co.nz

Selwyn Wheels & Heels with Lee Wright

transport & road safety coordinator



STOP! DON'T BE A DUMMY Take Another Look at Intersections

This is a bad time of year for intersection crashes, so we've launched an intensive "nagging and bagging" campaign. By "we", I mean the council, the police, our crash test dummy guests Vince and Larry – and you.

The good news is that more Selwyn drivers now stop at stop signs (yay!), but – and it's a big but – many don't look carefully before pulling away (kaboom!). So this summer's message is: **"Stop! Don't be a dummy. Take another look at intersections"**.

Or, as Vince puts it: *"Don't be a dummy. Leave the crashing to us!"*

Here's how you can support the campaign:

- Read our new **"Stop! Don't be a Dummy"** billboards and do what they say i.e. take another look at intersections.
- Read our intersection driving tips at www.selwyn.govt.nz
- Get free fridge magnets and badges from Vince and Larry if you see them – or from a council office or library if you don't.
- Get a free **"Stop! Don't be a Dummy"** sticker – and stick it somewhere noticeable.

And one more thing:

Text "Look" to 244

and go into the draw to win a **Hanmer Hot Springs Escape**.



TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT INTERSECTIONS

SELWYN HUTS

Proposed Classification of Reserve
(Reserves 3048 and 4349, also known as Springston South Reserve)

The council has decided to formally request the Department of Conservation (DOC) to classify the Springston South Reserve (encompassing reserves 3048 and 4349, including the Selwyn Huts and Domain) into:

- a Recreation Reserve of 2.3338 hectares; and
- a Local Purpose Hut Settlement of 5.7871 hectares.

To see a plan of the proposed reserves, contact **Karen Bartlett**, Asset Project Coordinator, on 347 2815.

Written objections or submissions must reach us by **Wednesday 16 February** addressed to:

Selwyn Huts Reserve Classification
Selwyn District Council
P.O. Box 90
Rolleston 7643
Attention: Karen Bartlett

All objections and submissions will be forwarded to DOC, along with the council's proposal. DOC will then decide whether or not to classify the reserves.

HELP DESIGN OUR ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY

An opportunity to have your say!

We've prioritised some of Selwyn's road safety issues and would like to know if you agree and how you think they can be tackled. Submissions close on **Friday, 22 January**.

Pick up the road safety strategy leaflet from our offices or libraries or go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/roadsafetystrategy.

High priority:

- alcohol impaired driving
- fatigue/tiredness
- school road safety
- road, verge and intersection design
- speed
- distraction and poor observation
- loss of control/head-on crashes
- intersection crashes

Medium priority:

- high-risk drivers
- seatbelts
- walking and cycling
- older Selwyn drivers
- motorcycle crashes
- law changes
- young drivers
- rail safety

SteppingOut

with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator

BE ACTIVE – ROLLESTON

9 February to 30 March

Tuesdays 10 – 11.30am

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

It's suitable for anyone who is new to exercise, or is coming back to it after a break. Activities include gym circuits, Pilates, sports and dance.



The programme also has short interactive presentations on health topics, such as nutrition, managing stress and keeping active.

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

NB: A crèche will be available.

CRECHE VOLUNTEERS WANTED

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

Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to look after children while their parents and caregivers are getting active with the **"Be Active"** Programme.

Resources and support will be provided.

Please phone 347 2753 or 373 5037.

EXERCISE CLASSES NEAR LEESTON

Tuesday nights, Lakeside Hall

High/Low Aerobics, 6-7pm

Pilates, 7-8pm

Leeston Playcentre is running two exercise classes, a high/low aerobic class with a boxing orientated theme, and a Pilates class. The cost per class is \$5.50 with all profits going back into the playcentre. Contact: **Bev Glasson** on 324 4363.

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 one 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).

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



RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 22(2) of the Forest & Rural Fires Act (1977), the lighting of fires in the open air within the rural areas of Selwyn District is restricted until further notice.

The exemptions to this are:

1. The burning of crop residue is permitted provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) Fires shall only be lit in daylight and must be out by dark.
- (b) No fires shall be lit while strong winds are blowing or forecasted, or when conditions are such that the fire is likely to spread beyond the limits of the land for which this Authority is issued. Maximum allowable wind strength is 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
- (c) The area to be burnt is surrounded by a continuous fire break at least 10 metres wide and cleared of all combustible material.
- (d) The fire is patrolled by the person who lit it until it is completely out.
- (e) The occupiers of neighbouring properties are advised beforehand of the time and date of burning.
- (f) Some form of fire-fighting equipment is on site to deal with any fire outbreaks, e.g. grubbers, beaters, fire extinguishers, vehicle-mounted water supply/spray units.

2. Fires are permitted in enclosed drums provided that the following conditions are met:

- (a) The drum top must be covered with a wire mesh sized no greater than 20mm, or have a lid and flue with a spark arrester fitted.
- (b) The drum must be surrounded by a 3 metre area that is cleared of combustible material and be at least 3 metres away from other buildings, trees or vegetation.
- (c) The area must be serviced by a reticulated water supply or an alternative water supply (tanker, dam, etc). The water supply must be capable of fully extinguishing the drum fire and the area immediately around it.
- (d) The drum fire must only be lit in daylight and fully extinguished by dark.
- (e) The drum fire must be attended by someone at all times until it is completely out.
- (f) The drum fire must not be lit when the wind is blowing or forecasted to be above 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
- (g) The drum fire must not be lit or allowed to burn when the smoke is likely to cause nuisance to neighbours.
- (h) Only vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood are allowed to be burnt under the Environment Canterbury Air Plan.

3. Gas-fuelled barbecues are permitted, provided that they are lit in properly constructed containers.
4. Only gas-fuelled barbecues in properly constructed containers are permitted in Council Reserves.
5. Burning may be permitted if a Fire Permit has been obtained from the Principal Rural Fire Officer.

Notes

1. These exemptions apply to the Rural Areas of Selwyn District only. No open air fires may be lit within residential areas without a Resource Consent from Environment Canterbury.
2. Lighting of fires in Selwyn Plantation Board's Forests is totally prohibited.
3. A Fire Permit is not a legal defence against a claim for any damage caused by the fire. The responsibility for its control and the liability for any damage which may arise lie with the person lighting the fire.

Wilson Brown
Principal Rural Fire Officer