

### 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

#### Malvern Community Board

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

#### Industrial Park Project Team

- Thu 4 February, 3pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings.

*Because this project team discusses commercially sensitive information, the public will be excluded from most, if not all, of the meeting. Enquiries to the Corporate Services Manager, **Douglas Marshall**.*

#### Selwyn Rural Water Supply

- Thu 4 February, 1.30pm, Old Darfield Service Centre.

#### Selwyn District Council Water Race

- Mon 8 February, 1.30pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings.

### COMMUNITY

#### Darfield Recreation & Community Centre

- Mon 1 February 8pm, Darfield Recreation Centre.

#### Dunsandel Community Committee

- Thu 4 February, 7.30pm, Mead Hall.

#### Glentunnel Residents Association

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

#### Hororata District Citizens Association

- Tue 26 January, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall.

#### Hororata Reserve Management Committee

- Wed 3 February, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall.

#### Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 8 February, 8pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion.

#### Leeston Community Committee

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

#### Leeston Park Association

- Mon 25 January, 8pm, Leeston Park Pavilion

#### Lincoln Community Committee

- Mon 8 February, 7pm, Lincoln Community Centre.

#### Lincoln Domain Management Committee

- Thu 28 January, 7.30pm, Selwyn Netball Centre.

#### Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

- Mon 8 February, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Public Hall – Supper Room.

#### Rolleston Community Centre Committee

- Thu 28 January, 7pm, Rolleston Community Centre.

#### Rolleston Residents Association

- Mon 25 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.

#### Springston South Reserve Management Committee

- Mon 25 January, 7pm, Springston South Hall.

#### Tai Tapu Community Association Inc

- Wed 3 February, 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library.

#### Waihora Park Reserve

- Tue 2 February, 8pm, Waihora Bowling Club Pavilion

#### Weedons Reserve

- Mon 8 February, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion.

#### West Melton Community Centre and Hall

- Tue 2 February, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre.

#### West Melton District Residents' Assn

- Wed 3 February, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre.

#### Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Mon 8 February, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre.

## Selwyn Wheels & Heels

with Lee Wright  
transport & road safety coordinator



“Danger looms wherever two roads meet in Selwyn,” says Larry, Selwyn’s crash test spokesdummy “one third of all our crashes happen at intersections”.

From 2004-2009 there were 129 reported injury crashes at Selwyn intersections and 185 non-injury crashes. 54% of reported crashes were caused by drivers failing to Stop and 34% by drivers poor observation.

Some good news – over the six years there were fewer fatal crashes at intersections but serious injury crashes are increasing, with six reported in 2009 – three of them at the **State Highway 1/Waterholes Road** intersection.

In 2010 the New Zealand Transport Agency is hoping to reduce crashes there, by putting in a left-hand turning lane at this intersection. Roads which intersect with **Shands and Springs Roads**, which are carrying increased traffic volumes, continue to be hot spots for crashes.

It is so important to (a) **Stop** and (b) **Take Another Look** before pulling out on to both these roads. Gauging the speed of traffic is also important because long stretches of both have a 100-kilometre speed limit.

“These were just the crashes that were serious enough to be reported,” said Vince Selwyn’s other crash spokesdummy. “We know that many minor intersection crashes go unreported.”

**Text Look to 244 and go into the draw to win a Hammer Hot Springs Escape.**

“Leave the crashing to us!” says Vince.



Lee and the team urge you to **take another look... at intersections!**

## COUNCIL SIGNALS INTENTION REGARDING LAND EXCHANGE IN ROLLESTON

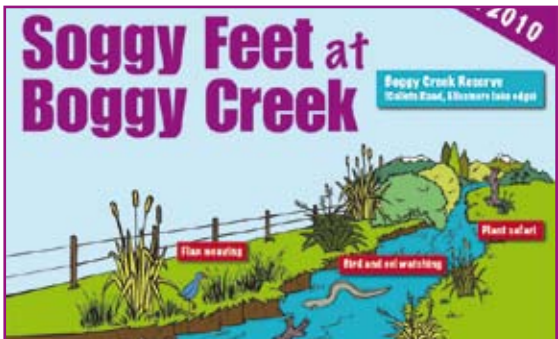


Do you support the idea of giving up something you have now, to achieve something greater in the near future? Do you support the Community’s vision for the future of Rolleston, set out in the Rolleston Structure Plan, to gain a 40-hectare Recreation Precinct and a vibrant business centre in the Town?

The Selwyn District Council backs the community’s vision in the Rolleston Structure Plan and is beginning the essential process of a land exchange, in which you are invited to participate.

The Council’s intention to pass a resolution in March to carry out the land exchange is being advertised, this week and next week, in the Public Notices of the Selwyn Times and the Central Canterbury News. This Notice will link you to the information you need so you can confidently write a submission to support this land exchange or lodge any concerns you may have about it.

For information and a submission form, you can access the Council’s website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) and look for ‘Rolleston Reserve Land Exchange’ under ‘Have your Say’ or visit any of the Council’s service centres for assistance.



**Sat 30 January, 10am-3pm**

Boggy Creek (lake shore) Reserve,  
Colletts Road near Doyleston  
(off Lake Road, between Drain and Volkman Roads)

- Bird and eel watching
- Plant safari
- Stream life exploration
- Fishing lessons
- Stream restoration (including a bus trip to Harts Creek)
- Flax weaving
- Barbecue lunch (gold coin donation)

Contact: **Emily Arthur**, Fish and Game NZ,  
ph. 03 366 9191 or 021 221 8332



### 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](mailto:kajens@ihug.co.nz)

## ELLESMERE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Bus Tour to Diamond Harbour Saturday 6 February 2010

The annual Waitangi Day Tour will leave:

**Leeston RSA car park at 9am**

**Lincoln car park at 9.20am**

**All welcome**



The Stone Cottage at Orton Bradley Park was built by pioneer settler, Samuel Manson, between 1846 and 1848. It is thought to be the oldest stone building in Canterbury.

We will stop at Orton Bradley Park, Charteris Bay, before seeing Godley House and the Stoddart cottage at Diamond Harbour. After lunch we hope to visit the historic Purau homestead. A return by ferry to Lyttelton is a further option.

Enquiries and bookings to:

**Wendy Dalley** 03 3291877

**Margaret Morrish** 03 3252790



## ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

with David Pryor



If you're interested in starting something new this year, don't forget that, here at the Centre, we have a wide range of options for all age groups, including a number of fitness classes, after-school basketball and volleyball for the kids, toddlers' activities, interest groups and a number of community groups who meet here regularly. Our 2010 brochures will be available very soon.

### New Classes Be Active!

Take charge of your health! Enjoy informative and fun sessions, combining exercise – including gym circuits, Pilates, sports and dance – with short interactive presentations on topics including nutrition, managing stress and keeping active. Suitable for people new to, or resuming, activity. A crèche will be available during the programme.

**Tuesdays, 10-11.30am in the Stadium and Community Room.**

Starts 9 February

\$3 per session or \$20 for an 8 week course.

For more information, or to register phone 0800 Active (0800 228 483) or 373 5037.

### CardioFunk

Come and enjoy the latest craze and learn to shake your booty 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. Led by **Jo Aston**.

**Mondays 7.15-8.05pm in the Stadium.**

Starts 1 February.

\$54 for 9 weeks, \$6 per class or purchase a Fitness Max card. Enrolment optional.

### Mind & Body

Join **Jo Aston** (Mondays) and **Jacqui Hibbs** (Wednesdays) in a class that incorporates Eastern and Western forms of exercises, combining Flow-Yoga and Pilates. This class emphasises strength, endurance, athletic performance, balance and postural alignment. Suitable for all abilities.

**Mondays, 6.15-7.10pm in Lounge 2.**

Starts 1 February

**Wednesdays 7.15-8.15pm**

Starts 3 February

\$54 for a nine-week term for one day or \$95.00 for both days. Enrolment required. Limited numbers for this class.

Don't forget you can check out all our other programmes at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) – just type “buzzing” into the search bar or grab a programme from our desk at the Community Centre.

**Want more info on any of the above?** Come in to the Centre or call ph 347 2882. Or email: [david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz) or [tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz)

## ARE YOU GOING TO BE DOING BUILDING WORK?



From 1 February 2010 obtaining a Project Information Memorandum (PIM) before or when applying for a Building Consent will become voluntary.

A PIM provides design information which can be of assistance when planning your project such as:

- Wind zones, snow loads, flood zones
- Details on the availability and location of Council utilities
- If you need to seek approvals from other authorities
- If your project will need Resource Consent and if so why
- If you will need to pay capital contributions, development contributions, connection fees to Council utilities
- Access requirements

This is just some of the information provided and it varies from project to project.

The Council recommends that you obtain a PIM where this type of information will help with your building work.

If you are unsure if a PIM would be of benefit to you and your project, please call Customer Services on 347 2839 for assistance.

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



# RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

As previously publicly notified last week, the lighting of open air fires in Selwyn District has been restricted since 12 January 2010 until further notice, with the following exemptions:

1. **Gas-fuelled barbecues** in properly constructed containers are permitted, but no other form of barbecue is permitted – including at council reserves.

2. **You can burn crop stubble**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Fires may only be lit in daylight and must be out by dark.
- (b) Fire must not be lit when the wind is blowing above, or forecast to be above, 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
- (c) A continuous fire break at least 10 metres wide and cleared of all combustible material

must surround the area to be burned.

- (d) Someone must continuously attend the fire at all times, until it is completely out.
- (e) Before lighting your fire you must advise the occupiers of neighbouring properties of the time and date of burning.
- (f) You must have some form of fire-fighting equipment on

site, e.g. grubbers, beaters, fire extinguishers, vehicle-mounted water supply/spray units.

3. **You can light a fire in an enclosed drum**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The drum top must be covered with either:
  - (1) a wire mesh whose grid size is 20mm or less, or
  - (2) a lid and flue with a spark arrester fitted.
- (b) The drum must be at least three metres away from buildings, trees or vegetation.
- (c) The drum must be surrounded by a three-metre area that is cleared of combustible material.
- (d) The area must have sufficient water on hand (e.g. a piped supply, tanker, dam, etc), to fully extinguish the drum fire and any ash or flames that escape from it.
- (e) The drum fire must only be lit in daylight and must be out by dark.
- (f) The drum fire must be attended by someone at all times until it is completely out.
- (g) The drum fire must not be lit when the wind is blowing or

forecast to be above 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).

(h) The drum fire must not burn if the smoke is likely to bother neighbours.

(i) Only vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood are allowed to be burnt under the Environment Canterbury Air Plan.

4. **Fires for which a special permit has been issued** by the council's Principal Rural Fire Officer, Wilson Brown, ph 3472715.

### Notes

1. These exemptions apply only to the rural areas of Selwyn District
2. Open-air fires in all residential areas are prohibited without a Resource Consent from Environment Canterbury
3. Open-air fires in Selwyn Plantation Board forests are totally prohibited
4. Open-air fires within a kilometre of riverbeds, lakes or Department of Conservation land are totally prohibited.
5. A Fire Permit is not a legal defence against a claim for any damage caused by the permitted fire. The person lighting the fire is fully responsible for its control and is liable for any damage caused by it.

