

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 **Bernadette Ryan** know as soon as possible by faxing (03) 347 2799, emailing bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz, or phoning 347 2830 or 318 8338. The Council's website now lists Council and Community meetings in the 'Meetings Calendar' found under [Council Info / Meetings](#).

COUNCIL

Council Meeting

- Wed 24 March, 1pm, Council Chamber, Rolleston.

Industrial Park Project Team

- Thu 1 April, 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. Please direct any queries to the Corporate Services Manager, Douglas Marshall.

COMMUNITY

Courtenay Reserve Management Committee

- Thu 25 March, 7.30pm, Courtenay Domain Clubrooms.

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre

- Mon 5 April, 7.30pm, Darfield Recreation Centre.

Dunsandel Community Committee

- Thu 1 April, 7.30pm Library Room, Dunsandel Hall.

Glentunnel Residents Association

- Mon 5 April, 7.30pm, Community Centre – Glentunnel.

Hororata District Citizens Association

- Tue 23 March, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall.

Leeston Park Association

- Mon 29 March, 8pm, Leeston Park Pavilion.

Southbridge Advisory Committee

- Tue 23 March, 7.30pm, Southbridge Fire Station.

Springfield Township Committee

- Tue 6 April, 7.30pm, Tawera Memorial Hall.

Springston Hall Committee

- Thu 25 March, 7.30pm, Springston Community Hall.

Waihora Park Reserve

- Tue 6 April, 8pm, Waihora Bowling Club Pavilion.

West Melton Community Centre and Hall

- Tue 6 April, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre.



The soil is still very dry, despite the odd spot of rain, so fire restrictions are still on until further notice. Please read the full set of restrictions at www.selwyn.govt.nz including the requirements for firebreaks. Insufficient firebreaks have caused several costly fire service callouts recently. To date, we have been lenient about charging for these but, in future, where fires jump across insufficient firebreaks we may not be so tolerant.



LOWER ELLESMERE WATER RACES

Many landowners in the Lower Ellesmere scheme have not cleaned their water races. This can cause flooding and can interrupt flows to downstream properties.

The Lower Ellesmere scheme area is between the Selwyn and Rakaia Rivers, from below State Highway 1 in the west, to Rakaia Huts and Southbridge in the east.

Notices to clean the races have been issued. Landowners who fail to comply will have to reimburse the council for sending a contractor to do it (for more on this, please refer to the Water Race Bylaw and policies).

For further information or advice, please contact the Lower Ellesmere water race operator, **Lesley Jones**, on 027 229 4402, or the council's Water Race and Land Drainage Coordinator, **Vicki Rollinson**, on 347 2879.

LINKIN' UP

at the Lincoln Community Centre

French Lessons

Thursday morning in the Lincoln Community Centre's old Plunket rooms.

9 to 10.15am Conversation

10.30 to 11.45am Beginners

Possibility of Saturday morning classes if enough interest. You will be taught by a native French speaker qualified in adult teaching and have a lot of fun.

Phone 325 3044. **Don't be shy!**

Prebbleton Structure Plan

The Prebbleton Structure Plan was adopted last month by the council to help guide the town's development over the next 30 years. The plan will ensure coordinated growth with a high standard of design and appropriate community services and infrastructure. The plan also identifies what needs to be protected to ensure that the village's character is retained.

You can read the Structure Plan at our libraries and service centres in Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston and at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

Contact: **Craig Friedel**, Policy Planner on 347 2800 or at planninginfo@selwyn.govt.nz

EASTER RUBBISH COLLECTION

The refuse, organic and recycling collections for Good Friday 2 April have been changed to the following day, **Saturday 3 April**.

Please make sure that your bags and bins are out by 7.30am as collection times may vary.

Easter Monday, 5 April collections will take place as usual.

Pines Resource Recovery Park

- Good Friday 2 April and Easter Sunday 4 April – Closed.
- Saturday 3 April – Open from 9am to 4.30pm on.
- Easter Monday 5 April – Open 9am to 4.30pm.



with David Pryor



The organisers of the Arts Heart exhibition, held at the Centre ten days ago, reported record crowds and art sales. It was great to see so many people supporting local artists.

Enrolments now open for Term 2

Programme brochures will be delivered to the wider Rolleston area next week. Look out for these new classes:

Two new Fitness Max Classes: Zumba® with Sarah Wilson, and **Step It Up!** with Lisa Fisher.

For preschoolers: Sing n Jive for Under Fives with Heather Birnie.

For schoolchildren: Acting Up! Drama lessons with Guild-trained Jane Syder.

Check out our ad in this week's Selwyn Times for details!

NZDF Roy Smith Trophy Competition

On **Friday, 26 March**, the NZ Defence Force is holding the Roy Smith Competition, an inter-base culinary competition, at the Centre from 9am-5pm.

Chefs and stewards compete for a trophy in all aspects of the dining experience from silver service to perfectly-cooked cuisine. Spectators welcome.

Holiday Programmes

FAB will run a holiday programme from **6-9 April**, 9am-12pm. Contact **Brent Agnew** on 347 7125 for details.

Sport Canterbury will run its holiday programme the following week, **12-16 April**. Register at the centre or online at www.sportcanterbury.org.nz.

RollerSk8 - brought to you by PhatSk8.

Sat 27 March, 3.30-5pm and 5.30-7pm. Loads of fun for **ALL** ages, but adult supervision is required for children 11 years and under.

Skates provided – please don't bring your own. \$6 per person. Phone 349 9924 to book your skates or be early on the day to avoid missing out.

Rolleston Community Market

Sunday 28 March, 10am to 1pm on the grass beside the Community Centre – or, if wet, in the stadium.

Stalls range from craft and art to clothing and produce. Enjoy a coffee and food in the picnic area while listening to **Becky Jordan** perform.

More info: Visit the centre, call 347 2882, or email: david.pryor@selwyn.govt.nz or tanya.drummond@selwyn.govt.nz



Hey, we're on the SAME road"

How fantastic it was to see so many families out on their bikes during Bikewise month. Just another reminder to you drivers and cyclists- please share the road. The basic message is: **mutual respect**.

Take care when passing cyclists on Selwyn's 100 km/h local open roads – many of them are narrow. Slow down, and, ideally, leave at least 1.5 metres of space between you and the cyclist. Remember, leaving so much space means you will be crossing over into the other lane, so be aware of vehicles coming the other way.

AND TRUCKIES, please be aware of the wind blasts you create – slow down and give cyclists space.



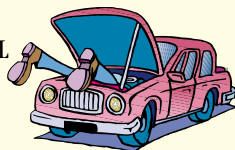
CYCLISTS, please make sure you can be seen – brightly-coloured clothes, vests, lights and reflectors all help.

Cars and bikes need to **SHARE** the road, and drivers and cyclists need to **RESPECT** each other's space – as well as staying alert and sticking to basic road rules.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Tenders are invited for the following abandoned vehicles:

- Black Holden Commodore Berlina
- 1993 Blue Mazda Eunos – BMZ440
- Red Mazda 626 Wagon
- 1996 Blue Ford Laser – MM3566
- Red Mazda 323 Hatch
- Gold Toyota Corolla 1.6 GL
- Silver Mitsubishi Galant
- White Mitsubishi Lancer
- Grey Ford Falcon Ute



Please identify the vehicle being tendered for. Address tenders to:

Abandoned Vehicle Tender, Attention: Tracey Wheeler, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643. Tenders must reach the council by 5pm, **Friday 26 March**. Contact **Tracey Wheeler** on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

Prebbleton Fun Run

Sunday, 28 March, 11am
Prebbleton Reserve

Bouncy castle, sausage sizzle and fun races for the community, Organised by the Prebbleton Playcentre to acknowledge their community's support in securing funds for the building of new premises which began this week.



DOG MICROCHIPPING

If your dog was first registered after **30 June 2006** and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. This free service is available **this Friday** at the following times at the council's head office in Rolleston (Norman Kirk Drive) and at the libraries in Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln.

	Lincoln	Leeston	Rolleston	Darfield
Friday 26 March	9-9.30am	10.30-11am	1-2pm	3-3.30pm

Please note:

- Lincoln, Leeston and Darfield clinics are only for 30 minutes.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If, because of distance or dog numbers, you can't get to a clinic, you can ask for an Animal Control Officer to carry out the microchipping at your place. Contact **Tracey Wheeler** on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

