

## 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. The Council's website now lists Council and Community meetings in the 'Meetings Calendar' found under [Council Info / Meetings](#).

## COUNCIL

### Council Meeting

- Wed 12 May, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston
- Malvern Hills Rural Water Supply**
- Fri 14 May, 1.30pm, Old Darfield Service Centre
- Selwyn Central Community Board**
- Wed 19 May, 4pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings
- Malvern Community Board**
- Mon 24 May, 4pm, Old Darfield Service Centre
- Council Meeting**
- Wed 26 May, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

## COMMUNITY

- Coalgate Township Committee**
- Tue 18 May, 7.30pm, Coalgate Fire Station
- Darfield Township Committee**
- Thu 20 May, 7.45pm, Former Darfield Service Centre
- Doyleston Community Committee**
- Tue 11 May, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall
- Glentunnel Community Centre**
- Tue 11 May, 7.30pm, Community Centre - Glentunnel
- Hororata District Citizens Association**
- Tue 25 May, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
- Killinchy Community Centre**
- Wed 19 May, 7.30pm, Killinchy Hall
- Kirwee Community Committee**
- Mon 17 May, 7.30pm, Kirwee Community Hall
- Ladbrooks Community Hall**
- Tue 18 May, 7.45pm, Ladbrooks Hall
- Leeston Park Association**
- Mon 31 May, 7.30pm, Leeston Park Pavilion
- Prebbleton Community Association**
- Tue 11 May, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall
- Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee**
- Mon 17 May, 7.30pm, Sports Pavilion, Prebbleton Reserve
- Rolleston Community Centre Committee**
- Thu 27 May, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge
- Rolleston Reserve Management Committee**
- Mon 17 May, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre
- Rolleston Residents Association**
- Mon 24 May, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre
- Southbridge Advisory Committee**
- Tue 25 May, 7.30pm, Southbridge Fire Station
- Springston Community Committee**
- Mon 17 May, 7.30pm, Springston Hall – Supper Room
- Springston Hall Committee**
- Thu 27 May, 7.30pm, Springston Community Hall
- Springston Recreation Reserve and Associated Sports Committee**
- Wed 19 May, 8 pm, Springston Reserve Errol Tweedy Pavilion
- Springston South Reserve Management Committee**
- Tue 11th May, 7pm, Soldiers Memorial Hall Springston South
- West Melton Community Centre**
- Tue 18 May, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

## Looking for a Dog?

If you have lost your dog or are seeking a new one, our website might be worth a look. It often has photos and details of dogs waiting in the pound to be claimed or adopted. Just go to [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)



**Security Cameras** are watching the Centre 24/7. **Vandals and others who commit offences WILL be caught.** A scrub fire was deliberately lit near the Centre in the early hours of Saturday 1 May. Footage of the offenders is with the police.

### Indoor Bowls for People with Disabilities

Our programme had a very successful first week with 16 participants who all had a great time. **Saturdays from 1.30-3pm in the Stadium.** Supported by volunteers from the Rolleston Indoor Bowls Club.

**West Melton Gym Club** Competition. Saturday 3-9pm and Sunday 9am-4pm. Spectators welcome.

### Day Club

**Thursday 13 May 10am-3pm** (stay as little or as long as you like). New to the area? Feeling a bit isolated? Day Club offers fun, friendship and food in a caring and supportive environment. Morning and afternoon teas and a hot lunch provided. Phone 347 2286 or 347 7380 to confirm your attendance. Some transport assistance may be available.

### Fitness Max

Classes Suitable for all abilities. No need to enrol. With a \$60 Fitness Max concession card (10 classes + 1 free) you can join any of these classes.

### Zumba®

with Sarah Wilson and 200 others on **Mondays, 7-8pm.** Come and join the party!

### Step It Up!

Step classes with Lisa Fisher, **Tuesdays 6-6.50pm.** Great cardio and toning workout.

### Skate to Be Fit

With Ingrid of Phat Sk8, **Wednesdays 12-1.30pm.** Skates provided.

Mums and Dads with prams welcome.

### Pump Fitness.

**Mondays 6-6.50pm** (with Sarah Wilson), **Wednesdays 6-6.50pm** (with Jacquie Hibbs) and **Fridays 9.30-10.30am** (with Andrea Williams). A great workout for muscle strength and tone.

### B.A.T

With Jacquie Hibbs, **Saturdays 8.30-9.30am.** A great way to start your weekend!



## PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

with a Creative NZ Arts Grant

*Wept a one-legged star from Taumutu*

*"My old dancing shoe and blue tutu*

*Are junk! My tu's shrunk!*

*My shoe clunks! My show's sunk*

*Without funds for new tutu and shoe too."*

Too bad she hadn't heard of the government's Creative NZ arts grants. If your group has an arts-based project that needs a little fiscal help, get your application in by **Friday 28 May.** Application forms are available from council libraries and service centres.

## DUNSANDEL WATER SUPPLY

### Ultra Violet water treatment system

Dunsandel's water remains safe to drink. From the week of 3 May a refurbished Ultra Violet light system has been working to kill bugs that might be in the well water. The chlorine dosing system has been turned off as a result, but the chlorine taste may take several more days to disappear.

### Water quality testing

Water testing is being done once a week. Supported by the Ministry of Health, this testing programme has not found any bacteria in the well water since early last month. Previous test results are available at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)

### Water contamination

It is clear from our testing that the bacteria found earlier came solely from ruminants, including cows. We have no evidence of septic tanks being the source. We cannot and may never be able to confirm precisely how the bacteria got there because there are potentially many routes from the surface to the groundwater.

### What now?

We are working with Environment Canterbury to share data on water quality, water take and age testing. We are also assisting the Dunsandel Township Committee with a draft Public Health Risk Management Plan for their consideration and discussion.

Contact: **Lisa Duder** on 347 2800 or [lisa.duder@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:lisa.duder@selwyn.govt.nz)

## HELP YOUR TEAM REACH NEW HEIGHTS

with a SPARC Rural Sports Travel Grant

*Said the cheese-rolling coach at Mt Cheeseman*

*"We'd triumph at Porters with ease man*

*If our Under-19s,*

*So keen, lean and mean,*

*Could just pay for the shuttle bus fees man."*

Quick! Somebody tell them about Sport and Recreation NZ's travel funding for rural sports teams. It helps school and club teams with members aged 5-19 get to local competitions (except for school competitions in school time).

Applications close on **Monday 31 May.** You can get application forms from council libraries and service centres.



### Trees & Vegetation in Selwyn District: Management Policy & Guidelines

#### The draft is ready for your comments

The explosion of development activity in Selwyn District in recent times has seen a corresponding rise in urban plantings, with most new subdivisions displaying extensive new tree planting in streets and reserves.

Rural township communities have also been active over the years by establishing new plantings to beautify their surroundings and moderate climatic extremes.

Along with the considerable benefits brought to public land by plantings are some accompanying draw-backs.

#### How do we maximise the former and minimise the latter?

The Policy and Guidelines document will be of great use to committees, community boards, staff, interest groups, elected members and developers, when issues around public planting arise or when decisions on new planting are to be made.

The draft can be seen on the Selwyn District Council's website by following this link. [www.selwyn.govt.nz/tv-policy](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/tv-policy)



Your comments on the draft are welcome. Please use the submission form available on the website and reply electronically or in writing on the form available on line or at any of our service centres.

Written submissions are to be sent to:-

**Strategic Asset Manager**  
Selwyn District Council  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

Submissions are required no later than **5pm Thursday 3 June 2010.**



## Selwyn Wheels & Heels with Lee Wright

transport & road safety coordinator

### DRIVING IN FOG

Living in Canterbury, we get fog quite a bit...

- When driving in fog, reduce speed to match the visibility levels.
- Keep your headlamps on dipped (low) beam, as high beam will reflect off fog and produce glare, further reducing visibility.
- Fog lamps should only be used when visibility is severely reduced by, for example, snow or fog.
- It is against the law to use fog lamps in clear conditions (day or night) as they can dazzle other road users.
- Keep a generous following distance between you and the car in front.



## DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS

## PLANTING DAY ON HALSWELL RIVER

**Sunday 23 May**

### 10am:

Meet at Osterholts Road and plant some native plants.

### Midday:

Go to Tai Tapu Hotel for a complimentary light lunch and refreshments. Drinks at your own cost.

Hosted by the **Old Tai Tapu Road Stream Care Group** and the **Waihora Ellesmere Trust (WET)**.

Please dress for the weather and bring gardening gloves. Professional planting equipment will be provided.

If wet, listen to Newstalk ZB for cancellation.

Contacts:

**Michelle Brailsford** 027 2239 503  
**Graham Sherrell** 0226 017 431

## FIRE RESTRICTIONS ARE STILL ON

The district is still very dry, with no likelihood of significant rain in the near future. So fire restrictions will remain on.

"It's been quite a few years since we had fire restrictions this late in the year," said Principal Rural Fire Officer, **Wilson Brown**. "That shows just how high the fire danger is."

He will still consider fire permit requests in special cases, but not just to get rid of a few branches in the paddock.

"Some people are burning without a fire permit," he said. "This is illegal and irresponsible. They are setting themselves up for costs for not having a fire permit and, if any damage occurs, their insurance cover could be in doubt."

Apart from the risk of fire damage, outdoor fires are taking a toll on our volunteer firefighters. With each reported smoke sighting, they must leave their jobs and private lives to attend the fires, whether or not they are permitted fires.

Wilson is appealing to everyone to hold off burning until the conditions improve.



## SteppingOut

with Sarah Wilson, Active Communities Coordinator

### BOUNCING THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS!

To have one person from Selwyn represent New Zealand at sport is pretty exciting, but to have four is out of this world!! Four of Selwyn's finest trampolinists have been selected to compete in Japan this June in the 30-strong New Zealand IndoPacific trampoline team.



From left to right, Sarah Reier of Rolleston, Kyla Higgins of West Melton, Sarah Pascall of Burnham, and Rosie Gordon from Tai Tapu

The girls train at Olympia Gymnastic Sports in Wigram, for 10-18 hrs a week.

Fundraising is going well, with raffles (look out for them at the Community Markets) and a garage sale/car wash/sausage sizzle planned for **Saturday morning, 15 May** at Olympia (corner of Springs and Corsair Roads, Christchurch).

The IndoPacific champs are held every 2 years and the cultural experience is an important emphasis of the competition.

## RATES REMINDER

The final rates instalment for the year (instalment 4) is due for payment without penalty by

**Wednesday, 2 June 2010.**

After that date, a 10% penalty will apply.

Rates invoices were sent out last month. If you did not receive yours, please phone us on 347 2800 or 318 8338 call-free from Darfield.



## STOCK DROVING

If you regularly drove dairy cows for milking on any road in Selwyn District, or if you drove any other stock on arterial, collector or strategic roads, you must first get written consent from the council.

Here are some basic measures you need to take when droving stock:

- Have clearly visible signs, giving adequate warning that stock are ahead.
- Have hazard lights or an amber beacon operating if you are using a vehicle.
- All drovers should wear high visibility garments for their safety and that of other road users.

To get a droving consent, or more information, please contact **Joanne Harkerss** on 347 2800 or 318 8338. You can read the Stock Droving Bylaw 2008 on our website.



## MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

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 monthly service is available at the following places.

	<b>Lincoln</b> Library	<b>Leeston</b> Library	<b>Council offices</b> Rolleston	<b>Darfield</b> Library
<b>Friday 21 May</b>	10.30-11am	11.30am-12pm	1-2pm	9-9.30am

### Please note:

- Clinics last for only half an hour, except in Rolleston.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Working dogs and dogs registered before **1 July 2006** can be microchipped for \$20 per dog.

If distance or dog numbers prevent you getting to a clinic, you may ask us to come and do the microchipping at your place. Contact **Tracey Wheeler** on 347 2800 or 318 8338.



The 2010 Selwyn Awards will be held on **Saturday 31 July**. The following six awards will be made to celebrate community contribution and achievement excellence:

- (1) Community Service, (2) Arts, Culture and Heritage, (3) Business, (4) Sport, (5) Natural Environment and (6) Young Achiever.

Nominations are now open, with forms available on the SDC website, or by calling **Joy Farrington** ph 347 2752, or at the Rolleston Offices and library/service centres. Please think about worthy individuals, organisations or businesses and **nominate now!**

## COGS FUNDING

### Information Evening for Community Groups

This Friday, 14 May, 10am – 12 noon  
Rolleston Community Centre.

Guest speaker: **Diane Chesmar**, Community Development Adviser, Selwyn District Council.

COGS – the Community Organisation Grants Scheme – disburses government money to non-profit organisations that provide community-based social services. The meeting will cover:

- COGS funding
- Other funding for community groups (Lotteries)
- How to make good applications
- Using the Grants on Line website
- Accountability requirements
- Last years COGS funding in your area
- Setting this year's priorities for funding.

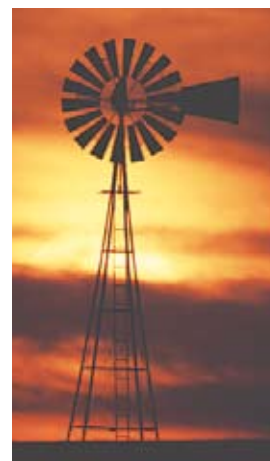
Contact: **Philippa Aitken**, Adviser, Christchurch Office, Department of Internal Affairs on 353 8293 or call 0800 824 824, ext 7293

## Windmill Wanted

The council is developing a community reserve and wants to include a working windmill as both a landmark and focal point.

Do you have a working windmill that you do not need?

Please call **Hugh Blake-Manson** on 3472 800 or 318 8338 or email any details to [hugh.bm@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:hugh.bm@selwyn.govt.nz)



### Free Business Training

## FINANCING BUSINESS HI-GROWTH

**Tuesday 1 June 2010**

5.30 pm for food and mingle,  
6pm to 9pm workshop

Selwyn District Council Offices, Rolleston  
Presenter: **Craig Rust**, B.Com.

Are you juggling finances to increase your business turnover, staffing and profit. This workshop focuses on small to medium sized businesses in Selwyn that are growing rapidly or looking to grow, and need advice on financing options.

**Workshops are free.** The light meal costs \$10. Please register early, as places are limited. To register, email [btadviser@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:btadviser@selwyn.govt.nz)