

## MEETINGS

**Public Forum at Council and Community Board Meetings:** You may speak on matters of concern during the first 15 minutes of each meeting but please let us know well in advance. For council meetings, please notify **Sue Elder**. For community boards, please notify **Marilyn Ponsford**.

**Township, Hall and Reserve Committees, please note:** If you wish to advertise your meeting here, or make any changes to meeting details, please let **Lee Brehaut** know as soon as possible by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz), or by phoning 347 2800 or 318 8338.

**Website:** Council and community meetings are also listed online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/meetings](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/meetings)

## COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

### Malvern Community Board

- Monday 24 January, 4pm Kirwee Community Hall.

## LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

### Coalgate Township Committee

- Tue 21 December, 7:30pm, Coalgate Fire Station.

### Glenroy Community Hall Committee

- Tue 21 December, 8pm, Glenroy Hall.

### Lincoln Event Centre

- Wed 19 January, 7:30 pm, rear of old Lincoln Community Centre.

### Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

- Mon 10 January 7:30 pm, Prebbleton Public Hall – Supper Room.

### Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Mon 10 January, 7:30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre.

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

We encourage residents and ratepayers to get involved with their township advisory committees and the committees which run their reserves and community centres.

### Who may stand for election?

Anyone can stand who lives in, or pays rates in, the Selwyn District, or is on the Selwyn electoral roll. For example, if you live in Christchurch but own land in Selwyn, you can stand for nomination.

### Who may move or second nominations?

Only those who live in, or pay rates in, the committee's local rating area may move or second a nomination. In other words, only locals can choose whom to nominate.

### Who may vote?

Anyone can vote who lives in, or pays rates in, the committee's rating area, or is on the electoral roll in that area.

You can see the complete version of the Management Committee Election Rules, as adopted at the council meeting on 3 November 2010, at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) under Council Information/ Council Community Committees.

## TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

### Little Rakaia Huts Residents Association & Advisory Committee

- Sat 22 January 2011, 2pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Centre.

## ROLLESTON ENVIRO TOWN MARKET

10am – 1pm, Sun 9 January  
Rolleston Square carpark.

Local produce including organic vegetables and craft.

Stallholders' fees go to establish the Rolleston Community Garden (corner of Brookside Road and William Street).

Contact: **Nicole Buhrs**, [tonicermu@gmail.com](mailto:tonicermu@gmail.com) or phone 347 8240.

## We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas...



The mayor, chief executive, councillors and staff wish all residents and ratepayers a happy and safe holiday season, and all the best for 2011.

## and a Happy New Year

### OUR HOLIDAY HOURS

Council offices and libraries will be closed throughout the Christmas-New Year break.

#### Council Office Hours

Close at noon, Fri 24 December

Re-open at 8:30am, Wed 5 January

#### Public Library Hours

Same as council offices, above.

#### AA Services at Rolleston (driver licences etc.)

Same as council offices, above.

#### Rubbish, Organic & Recycling Collections

These collections will continue as usual on their normal collection days.

#### Pines Resource Recovery Park

Closed – Christmas Day, Sat 25 December

Closed – Boxing Day, Sun 26 December

Closed – New Year's Day, Sat 1 January

Closed – The Day After, Sun 2 January

Standard hours apply for all other days.

#### After-Hours Services & Animal Control

These services are on-call, day and night, throughout the holiday period.

Phone (03) 347 2800 or (03) 318 8338.

## DARFIELD WATER RESTRICTIONS

Because of reduced flows in the Waimakariri River, the Darfield Water Supply has had to be limited.

**Garden watering in Darfield is now restricted, until further notice, to:**

- **Even-calendar days** for even-numbered properties
- **Odd-calendar days** for odd-numbered properties
- **Before 7am and after 7pm** on the above days (to reduce wastage from evaporation).

Changes will be notified in the Malvern News and Malvern Record. Updates will appear in the Council Call pages of the Selwyn Times and the Central Canterbury News and on our website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)

These restrictions should not affect any stock or household use of water.

If water use does not fall sufficiently, stronger restrictions might be needed, such as:

- Handheld watering only (before 7am and after 7pm)
- Alternate day handheld watering (before 7am and after 7pm)
- A total ban on garden watering

For more info, please phone our **Assets Department** on 318 8338, ext. 857

### A poem from our Animal Control Team



*It's important to note at this time of good cheer*

*That our pets will still need somebody there*

*To water and feed them and give them a stroll*

*And make sure their barking stays under control.*

*When you go out, if the dog's left alone, Give him a plaything – a toy or a bone.*

*And if there's a problem you need to report Just give us a call for advice or support.*

*Our resources are thin at this time of the year*

*But our on-call service will always be here.*

*So from the A-Team, we wish you the best A joyous season for you and your pets!*

## Selwyn Hot Tips

with **Wilson Brown**  
rural fire officer

### RESTRICTED FIRE SEASON

#### Rural Areas

Selwyn District will go into a **Restricted Fire Season** on the Plains as from midnight **Thursday 23 December 2010**.

**No outdoor burning will be allowed** without a Fire Permit. The only exceptions to this are for Crop Residue burn-off and Drum Fires.

The rules for these can be found at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire)

For more information go to the website or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338.



## Selwyn Helpful Hints

from our Helpline Team

Selwyn households are doing well with what we put in our recycling bins but, by going that extra step, we can do even better.



**Please wash and rinse jars, cans and bottles.**



This is a health and safety issue – not to mention odour – for the workers who must hand-sort our throw-outs. (Yes, not everything is machine-sorted.)

### Tips to help you:

- Recycling is collected fortnightly, not weekly
- [www.selwyn.govt.nz/refuse](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/refuse) has a **calendar of the collection days**
- To ensure that you don't miss the collection, **get your bin out before 7.30am**

**More info?** Phone us on 347 2800 or 318 8338.







We invite **YOU** to **HAVE YOUR SAY** on the new proposed **Selwyn District Council Cemetery Bylaw 2011**.



The bylaw and the Statement of Proposal and Summary of Information can be obtained from our website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) from any council service centre or by phoning 347 2800 or 318 8338.

The deadline for submissions on the proposed bylaw is 5pm, **Monday 28 February 2011**.

## DISCRETIONARY FUND GRANTS

*Mead's Day Club got into the red.*

*So, to raise enough funds for its shed,*

*It held a soiree*

*Where the guests had to pay,*

*And now it's a Night Club instead!*

~ ~ ~

But there are other ways to raise funds, such as a grant from the **Ward Discretionary Fund** which helps projects that benefit the community. Examples include:

- local environmental projects
- local history projects
- attendance at relevant conferences or seminars
- club representation at regional, national or international levels
- Spirit of Adventure-type voyages
- team uniforms
- and lots more.

**The grants do not cover:**

- sporting applications that are eligible for SPARC funding
- school projects that can be funded by the Government

Applications are considered each month (except January) by the Malvern Community Board, the Selwyn Central Community Board or the Ellesmere/Springs Discretionary Fund Committee.

The applicant, or their project, must be based in the Selwyn District.

Get your application form at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/grants](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/grants) or from [committees.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:committees.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz)

## TWILIGHT MARKET THIS THURSDAY

**4pm - 7pm, Thu 23 December**

**Gerald Street, Lincoln**

Next to Lincoln Community Centre (opp. Challenge Garage)

The Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market wishes everyone a happy Christmas and invites you along this Thursday evening for:

- Fresh local produce
- Last minute gift ideas
- Talented live local music
- Children's Christmas Lucky Dip

Contact:

**Debbie Southworth**, phone 329 5757

## SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN PLAN CHANGE 18

### Protected Trees

The Selwyn District Council has accepted the Commissioner's Recommendation to approve, with amendments, Plan Change 18.

You can read the full text of the decision at [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) or at any council service centre or library. From the date of this notice, Plan Change 18 is amended in accordance with the decision.

Anyone who made a submission on Plan Change 18 may appeal to the Environment Court the council's decision. Appeals, which must be in the prescribed form as set out in Form 7 of the Resource Management Act Regulations, must reach the court within 30 working days of receiving notice of the decision from the council.

For further information, please contact **David Smith** on 347 2938 or at PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

This notice is given under Clause 10 (3) of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991.



## PATIENCE PLEASE!

Please keep your cool on the roads this holiday season. Avoid taking chances when turning or overtaking, and remember these basic tips.

**Share the road.** It's the Golden Rule really. Show others the same courtesy that you expect, by:

- letting others merge into traffic
- using indicators before turning or changing lanes
- respecting cyclists and cycleways, and
- if you're a slower driver, pulling over to let others pass,

**Watch out for children on the road.** Young cyclists and pedestrians can be unpredictable and poor judges of vehicle speed – especially those who are learning to ride new bikes.

**Keep an eye out for learner drivers.** The holidays are a popular time to learn to drive.

**Speed is one of the biggest road killers.** If you feel rushed, please be patient and don't be provoked by other drivers' aggressive behaviour.

**Keep a safe following distance** from the vehicle in front.

**The maximum speed limit for trailers** is 90 kilometres per hour.

**Don't fall asleep at the wheel.** Instead:

- **get plenty of sleep beforehand**
- drive at times of the day when you are normally awake
- **take rest breaks** (with a short walk or nap) every few hours
- if possible, **share the driving**
- **get plenty of fresh air** from the air conditioner or an open window

**Buckle up.** It's the driver's responsibility to make sure that all passengers are wearing safety belts. The law requires children to be restrained in approved child seats suitable to their size and weight. There is a \$150 fine for each person not buckled up.

**Have a merry – and safe – Christmas!**



## EARTH HOUR WEEK

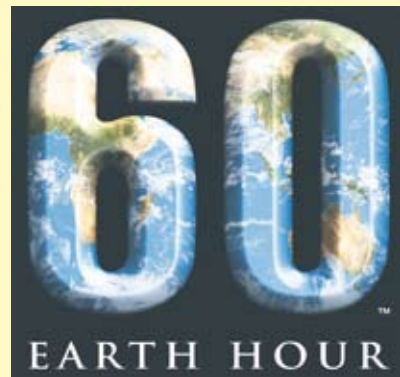
(19-26 March 2011)

### What's your school or community doing?

Many schools and communities are already preparing to celebrate the Earth Hour message of caring for our environment and each other.

Anticipated events include community concerts, dances, environmental lectures and debates, sustainable technology displays, organic farm open days, walking and cycling tours, candlelit and torchlit events, tree planting, a lantern festival and various school activities.

If you would like to organise something in your area for Earth Hour week, start planning now. If you'd like our help, just email [earth@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:earth@selwyn.govt.nz)



## EARTH HOUR VIDEO COMPETITION

Summer hols are a great time to film and edit a short video and send it in to us.

**Theme:** any environmental topic

**Length:** 1 to 5 minutes

**Deadline:** Friday, 11 March 2011

**Prize Categories:** Primary, Secondary, Open

**Entry Forms:**

[www.selwyn.govt.nz/video](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/video)

## WAR MEMORIALS DAMAGED BY THE EARTHQUAKE



We have completed a survey of works and costings for the repair of Selwyn war memorials damaged in the earthquake. We expect to begin repairs in early 2011 but are waiting for sign-off from the insurance assessors.

Damaged war memorials were made safe after the earthquake. To avoid further damage, the council has not removed any fallen pieces from the sites. **All war memorials will be reinstated in time for ANZAC Day 2011.**

## REGISTRATION OF INTEREST

### Water Race Sub-Committee

If you use a council water race, would you be interested in joining the committee that runs the water races? Two user representatives are needed from each of the Ellesmere, Malvern and Paparua schemes.

The Water Race Sub-Committee is monitored by the Selwyn District Council with engineering and secretarial support provided by council staff. Meetings are held three-monthly but no meeting fees or mileage reimbursements are paid. The term of office is three years.

To register your interest, please submit a brief resumé of your background and interest in the management of the water race system.

Registrations of Interest close on **28 January 2011**.

Get the full Terms of Reference at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrsc](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrsc) or from

**Katherine Kaynes**

Water Race Sub-Committee Secretary

PO Box 90

ROLLESTON 7643

[katherine.kaynes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:katherine.kaynes@selwyn.govt.nz)

03 347 2891 or 03 318 8338



## SELWYN GALLERY

South Terrace, Darfield

**Want some great ideas for Christmas?**

**Interested in helping with art? Pop in and chat to Judy.**

Open 10am-4pm  
Tuesday to Sunday  
Closed Mondays