

## 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** and 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 by 9am on Thursday of the week prior to publication by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz), or by phoning 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

## COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

### Selwyn Central Community Board

• Wednesday, 19 December, 4pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

## LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

These are public meetings and the first 15 minutes are available for the public to speak.

### Coalgate Township Committee

• Tuesday, 18 December, 7.30pm, Coalgate Fire Station

### Darfield Township Committee

• Thursday, 20 December, 7.45pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

### Dunsandel Reserve Committee

• Wednesday, 19 December, 7pm, Dunsandel Sports Centre

### Springston Recreation Reserve and Associated Sports Committee

• Wednesday, 19 December, 8pm, Springston Reserve Errol Tweedy Pavilion

[www.selwynlibrary.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibrary.co.nz)



**Toddler Time** Sessions in the Selwyn Libraries have finished for the year and will start again in early February 2013.

**The Amazing Reading Race – Summer 2012-13** The Selwyn Libraries are running an exciting reading programme – “The Amazing Reading Race” – over the summer holidays. It is **free** to join and aimed at children aged 5-12 yrs. Spaces are still available at Lincoln and Leeston Libraries – pop in and sign up today!

## SELWYN DISTRICT PLAN

### PLAN CHANGE 28

Proposed Living 3 Zone, Springs Road, Lincoln

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS AND CALL FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

A summary of submissions, along with copies of original submissions, on the above plan change is now available from all Council Service Centres, Libraries and on [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz). The public notice (published in the Public Notices section of The Press on the 12th December 2012), which explains how to make a further submission and who is eligible to make one, is also available in these places. Further submissions must be limited to matters either in support of or in opposition to an original submission made on the Plan Change.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS IS 5PM, FRIDAY 18 JANUARY 2013**

For further information regarding this plan change or the process outlined above, please contact **Craig Friedel** on (03) 347 2800.

# Christmas Holiday Hours

Library/service centres all close at midday on 21 December and will reopen Thursday 3 January (note: there will be no late nights in this week).

Books may be put through the after-hours returns slots while we're closed though no books will be due back on days we're closed, their due date will be automatically extended into January if issued from now on.

The Rolleston Office (HQ) will also close at midday on 21 December and reopens for normal hours on Thursday 3 January

## Christmas / New Year Rubbish/Organic/Recycling Collection

The Tuesday collections on Christmas Day, 25 December, and New Years Day, 1 January, will be brought forward three days to Saturday 22 December and Saturday 29 December respectively. The normal Tuesday collection will resume on Tuesday 8 January. All other collection days are unchanged.

## Pines Resource Recovery Park Hours

Christmas Day 25th December – Closed

New Years Day 1st January – Closed

Standard hours for all other days:

Weekdays – 9am to 4:30pm

Weekends – 10am to 4pm



**The Councillors and staff at Selwyn District Council would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy festive season.**

During the office closure period, Council staff and contractors will be available for urgent repairs to council services. Please raise such concerns by ringing 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

Join us on Facebook – <http://www.facebook.com/SelwynDistrictCouncil>

# HAVING A FEW DRINKS? PLAN A SAFE RIDE HOME

The new drink driving campaign for the Selwyn District has commenced. “Having a few drinks? Plan a safe ride home” is the message we are giving this year.

In Selwyn District, alcohol related crashes increase during the Christmas holiday period. We are encouraging our residents and visitors to get behind the campaign and to make safe choices for the ride home after a few drinks. The aim of the campaign is to reduce the number of alcohol-related road crashes and trauma they cause, particularly at what should be a happy and fun time of the year to share with family, friends and work mates.

However, the same message also rings true if you're having a few people round for drinks at your home, or planning a get-together for work colleagues.

Suggestions for hosts planning a BBQ or Christmas function:

- Offer low and non-alcoholic drinks
- Always have water available on the bar or table
- Don't be overly generous when it comes to pouring the measures of drinks
- Help your guests organise safe transport options, or even offer the couch

Having one or more drivers who can safely take your guests home is always possible, even in rural areas.

Only accept a ride home if you know the person has not been drinking.

**Driving or allowing someone else drive after a few drinks is not an option!**



## Lincoln Farmers' and Craft Market

off Gerald Street, Lincoln

### Summer Fruits & Berries Galore

#### Fresh From Local Growers

Blueberries, Cherries, Apricots. Plums, Gooseberries, Boysenberries....

# Fruit & Berry Fest

**Sat 12 January – 10am to 1pm**

### Fruit Jam & Preserves Competition

(Entries in by 10.30 am. Judging at noon)

Guest Judge Jimmy McIntyre, Head Chef at Otahuna Lodge

**PLUS... GREAT LIVE MUSIC to get your feet tapping**  
From Nicos Tescos and The Wombats

**DON'T FORGET** Lots of Local Produce & Unique Crafts

Details on [www.facebook.com/lincolnmkt](http://www.facebook.com/lincolnmkt) & [www.bethere.co.nz](http://www.bethere.co.nz) or contact Debbie on 03 329 5757

# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL



## Get a Selwyn Aquatic Centre Internal Wall Tile and Swim Cap for \$80.

Give the gift that will last a lifetime.

**Paint Your Tile** days will be held in Darfield, Lincoln & Rolleston. Some during January holidays and more again in February/March – watch this space for confirmed dates.

Give the swim cap and voucher for Christmas and the lucky recipient can paint their tile in the New Year, which will be permanently on display at the new Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

Available from Selwyn District Council Headquarters in Rolleston or Service Centres in Darfield and Lincoln.



*“So tired you're ready to crash”*

### Competition Draw

Winner of the second fatigue competition was **Shelly Trigg** from Rolleston.

A big thank you to everyone that entered both of the competitions.

**D R I V E   S A F E**



## Effects of the new Dog Control Bylaw

On the 1st December 2012 the new Dog Control Bylaw took effect. The main points are:

- Dog owners will now be able to exercise their dogs off-leash in many domains and reserves that were previously prohibited or on-leash exercise areas. Dog owners need to be aware that at all times you must have your dog(s) under effective control.
- Dogs are prohibited within 5 metres of any public event (an organised recreation, sporting or social activity occurring within a defined area and a defined timeframe) in a reserve or domain.
- All children's playgrounds are prohibited from dogs and they must now be kept at least 5 metres away.
- It is an offence not to be carrying a suitable receptacle for the removal of any deposits and don't forget the \$300 fine for not removing such materials.

You can check out the new Bylaw and exercise areas on the SDC website or call the Animal Control team on 347 2800

## Voluntary honorary dog rangers

### Expressions of interest

With the new Dog Control bylaw in effect from 1st December 2012, the Animal Control Team would like to appoint a number of voluntary honorary dog rangers to monitor reserves and domains that are now 'off-leash' exercise areas. Ideally, one or more persons for each domain/reserve would be preferred. This may suit users of such areas or someone with time on their hands to have an occasional wander around.

The intention of the appointment is to provide support to the Animal Control Team. Duties would include advising dog owners of their responsibilities when in the exercise areas and reporting any breaches. This is a passive role. However, the rangers will be warranted under, and supported by, the Dog Control Act. Training will be given.

Expressions of interest can be directed to 'Animal Control', Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643 or [animalcontrol@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:animalcontrol@selwyn.govt.nz)

Include a few lines telling us why you may be a suitable candidate.

## Christmas Message

Season's greetings one and all and a special welcome to all the new arrivals to our district this year.

It's been a year of extraordinary growth for Selwyn with all the challenges and opportunities that brings, alongside continuing earthquake recovery progress. Many residents having already had their houses repaired (3,711 by 7th December) while many more of us are still waiting patiently for EQR (Fletchers) or the insurance company contractors to arrive.

The festive season however reminds us how fortunate we are as we share the friendship and goodwill of our family and friends, and recognise the true treasures in our life as we care and share our values and ideals with others.

We owe so much to so many when we think of all the volunteers who contribute to the wellbeing of our community.

The Fire Brigades, St John Ambulance Service, the Ellesmere Search & Rescue Organisation and all those who run our sports clubs, recreational and cultural activities.

You all contribute so much to the wellbeing of our community and ensuring Selwyn is such a wonderful place to live, work and play.

On behalf of the Councillors and myself, I would like to thank all those who have supported us and Council staff in the many activities undertaken during the year.

Enjoy the Christmas break, a time to reflect and refresh as we remember family and friends and reflect on the good things in life.

It's been a privilege and a pleasure to work with you and for you this past year.

Safe journeys, Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

*Kelvin Coe*

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MAYOR OF SELWYN



**Community Picnic**  
**Monday 14th January 11am – 1pm**  
at Lincoln Domain (beside playground & Lincoln Event Centre)  
**All Welcome**  
Pack a picnic & a bat or ball and bring the family along for a relaxed get together.  
[www.selwynparentingnetwork.org.nz](http://www.selwynparentingnetwork.org.nz)



## Arthur's Pass National Park 2012/13 Holiday Programme

### Day – Walks & Activities

Sat 29	Sun 30	Mon 31	Tue 1	Wed 2	Thu 3	Fri 4	Sat 5	Sun 6
Scavenger Hunt	Arthur's Pass Walking Track	Hawdon wandering		Craigieburn wilding pines Cheeseman	Otira Valley Walk	Temple Basin	Historic Walk	Kiwi Ranger
Evening – Talks & Activities								
People of Arthur's Pass	Our Feathery Inhabitants	NEW YEAR'S EVE!	Craigieburn Ecology	Mountain Weather	APNP Quiz	Richard Seddon	APWT Talk APWT Photo	



## Fire Restrictions are coming in...

As foreshadowed last week, the dry weather over the last few days has meant that fire restrictions will need to come in **this weekend**.

The fire danger is rising, and unlikely to change significantly, even with the predicted rain over the next week or so.

We will go into a Restricted Fire Season as from midnight **Sunday, 23 December 2012**.

Up until this date you may burn in our rural areas on the Plains without a permit, however, be careful how you burn, watch the winds, stay with the fire, and make sure it is out before you leave. The last thing we all want is fire crews turning up to a fire that has escaped.

As from **Monday, 24 December 2012**, no outdoor burning will be allowed in our rural areas, with the exception of the activities listed in the following notice:

## 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 from midnight 23 December 2012 until further notice.

### The exemptions to this are:

- The burning of crop residue will be permitted without the issue of a Fire Permit providing the following conditions are met:**
  - Fires shall only be lit during daylight hours and must be out by dark.
  - 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).
  - The area to be burnt is to be surrounded by a continuous fire break, cleared of all combustible material to a minimum width of 10 metres.
  - The fire is to be patrolled by the person lighting the fire until it is completely out.
  - Prior to lighting, the occupiers of neighbouring properties are to be advised of the time and date of burning.
  - That some form of Fire Fighting Equipment such as grubbers, beaters, fire extinguishers or vehicle mounted water supply/spray units is on site to deal with any fire outbreaks.

### 2. Fires are permitted in enclosed drums providing the following conditions are met:

- 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - The drum fire must only be lit during daylight hours and fully extinguished by dark.
  - The drum fire must be attended by someone at all times until it is completely out.
  - The drum fire must not be lit when the wind is blowing or forecasted to be above 19kph (Beaufort Scale 3).
  - The drum fire must not be lit or allowed to burn when the smoke is likely to cause nuisance to neighbours.
  - Only vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood are allowed to be burnt under Environment Canterbury Air Plan.
- Gas fueled barbecues lit in properly constructed containers.**
  - Only gas fuelled barbecues lit in properly constructed containers are permitted in Council Reserves.**
  - Burning may be permitted if a Fire Permit has been obtained from the Principal Rural Fire Officer.**

### Notes

- 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.
- Any Permit used is not a Legal Defence against a claim for any damage which may be caused by the fire. The responsibility for its control and the liability for any damage which may arise lies with the person lighting the fire.

WJ Brown

Principal Rural Fire Officer.

### DOWN BY THE LIFFEY GALLERY

1 James Street, Lincoln



## Members' Show

and sale of artworks /artifacts continues until Jan 13th.

From 16 January to 17 February "SPACES" showcases the paintings of **Anne Fountain & Jaqui Cotter** and the pottery of **Averill Cave**.

Open Wed to Sun 10am – 4pm (except Boxing Day)