

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, or by phoning 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

Selwyn Rural Water Supply Sub-committee

- Thursday, 7 February, 8.30am, Darfield Library/Service Centre

Malvern Hills Rural Water Supply Sub-committee

- Thursday, 7 February, 10.30am, Darfield Library/Service Centre

Industrial Park Project Team

- Thursday, 7 February, 3pm, Izone Café & Visitors Centre Meeting Room

(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)

Selwyn District Council Water Race Sub-committee

- Monday, 11 February, 1.30pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 13 February, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 12 February, 1pm, Executive Meeting Room One

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

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

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

- Tuesday, 4 February, 8pm, Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

- Wednesday, 13 February, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall

Dunsandel Community Committee

- Thursday, 7 February, 7.30pm, Dunsandel Fire Brigade rooms

Dunsandel Reserve Committee

- Wednesday, 20 February, 7pm, Dunsandel Sports Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

- Tuesday, 19 February, 8pm, Glenroy Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

- Tuesday, 12 February, 7.30pm, Community Centre – Glentunnel

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

- Wednesday, 13 February, 7.30pm, Hororata Primary School

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Kirwee Community Committee

- Monday, 18 February, 7.30pm, Kirwee Community Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 11 February, 7.30pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

- Friday, 1 February, 7.45pm, Ladbrooks Hall

Leeston Community Committee

- Monday, 4 February, 7.30pm, Leeston Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee

- Monday, 11 February, 7.30pm, Lincoln Community Centre

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tuesday, 12 February, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

- Monday, 11 February, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Public Hall

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 18 February, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Rugby Rooms

Springston Community Committee

- Monday, 18 February, 7.30pm, Springston Hall – Supper Room

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc

- Wednesday, 13 February, 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee

- Monday, 11 February, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre

- Tuesday, 29 January, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Reserve Board

- Monday, 18 February, 7.30pm, West Melton Domain

West Melton Residents' Association

- Wednesday, 13 February, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township Committee

- Monday, 11 February, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Weedons Residents Association

- Monday, 18 February, 7pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Prohibited Fire Season introduced

A prohibited fire season has been declared in Selwyn District, and is now in effect.

Under the restrictions **no outdoor fires can be lit** in the district. The burning of crop stubble is also not allowed. Gas barbeques with a high pressure water source at hand are allowed but not charcoal barbeques.

The district's Principal Rural Fire Officer **Wilson Brown** says that Selwyn has experienced a number of significant fires over the past weeks and a prohibited fire season has been introduced to help ensure that the risk of additional fires breaking out is minimised. Within the past month, four significant fires have occurred in Selwyn District – the first on 10 January at Broadfield, followed by fires at Thompsons Road, Range Road and at the New Zealand Defence Force Rifle Range near West Melton.

A restricted fire season was introduced in the district in December.

“Our local volunteer fire crews, including the fire service, contractors and Council staff have been extremely busy over the past weeks. We need to consider their health and safety and also the fact that they have to drop their own work commitments to carry out this important community service. We need to ensure that we do everything we can to allow them to rest and recover from recent fires so that they are ready for action when needed,” he says. “We also need to give our community a clear message that the risk of fire is high and therefore a total fire ban is appropriate.”

“The hot and dry conditions affecting Selwyn currently mean that the fire risk is high. We recognise that restrictions on the ability of farmers to burn crop residue will be frustrating but our primary focus must be on reducing the fire risk in the district in order to protect lives and property. We also need to ensure that our local fire crews have the opportunity to have a break.”

Mr Brown says the Council will be reviewing

the prohibited fire season status regularly and will lift restrictions as soon as it is considered safe to do so.

During a prohibited fire season all fire permits previously issued by the Council are cancelled.

Reducing fire risk

You can help to reduce the fire risk, and make sure that fire services can quickly access your property to put out a fire if one does start, by:

- keeping the grass green, mown, or grazed around your home
- making sure your property number is easy to see
- keeping a hose connected that can reach round the house
- ensuring that your driveway has an access way which is at least four metres wide and high so that a fire engine can get in and out
- storing firewood and other flammable materials away from the house
- checking and maintaining machinery and equipment so it is safe to operate
- disposing of ashes safely in a metal container and use approved incinerators
- keeping grass away from under hedges

Certain types of plants are more flammable than others. To find out more about planting less flammable species and reducing fire risk on your property visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire and select the ‘fire safety’ link.

Fire danger is one reason why you might need to leave your home in a hurry. All homes should have a household emergency plan with information on how you would leave your home quickly. You should also have emergency supplies. For more information about household emergency plans and supplies visit www.getthru.govt.nz.

If you see a fire burning out of control, phone 111 immediately to report it.



Selwyn District Council Prohibited Fire Season

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 22 (2) of the Forest and Rural Fire Act (1977), a **PROHIBITED FIRE SEASON** is extended over the whole of the Selwyn District as from midnight **Friday 25 January 2013** until further notice.

During the Prohibited Fire Season, it is an offence to light any fires in the open air. The prohibition does not apply to gas barbeques lit on a property serviced by a high pressure water supply.

WJ Brown
PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER

The Glentunnel Community Centre Committee needs five new members from the ratepayers areas of Whitecliffs, Glentunnel and Coalgate.

The committee meets bi-monthly. Expressions of interest can be emailed to lisa.larkin@selwyn.govt.nz

Important Community Meeting

The Weedons Residents' Association AGM meeting on **Monday 18 February**, at the Weedons Reserve (7pm) will include a formal discussion on the future of the Association.

This is a public meeting and as with all community meetings, the first 15 minutes are available for the public to speak.



Down by the Liffey Gallery
(Lincoln's Community Art Gallery, 1 James Street, Lincoln)

Exhibition - 16th Jan to 17th Feb 2013

Anne Fountain, Jacqui Cotter and Averil Cave.

'Spaces'

"We have sought to produce works that sometimes beautifully describe interesting spaces."

Opening Times - Wed to Sun, 10 am to 4 pm
downbytheliffeygallery@hotmail.com







Move it to Music

– Experienced tutor uses music, fun equipment and a sense of humour to get you moving and learn fall prevention.

Suitable for those with arthritis or the less active who want to “use it, not lose it”. Come and enjoy this seated or standing aerobics class.

Ease into Exercise – Feeling like you want to get back into, or try exercise? *Ease into exercise* is perfect for you. This class is a gentle exercise programme designed to get some physical activity back into your life. Covering a range of exercise class styles. You will have fun and get fit in a safe, positive environment.

Strengthen and Stretch – Combining the benefits of yoga, pilates, core strengthening and stretching, this class is a great way to build strength, increase flexibility, and calm the body and mind. An optional short relaxation session at the end tops off this beneficial exercise class.

Adult and Children's Golf Programmes – The Rolleston Community Centre's Adult and Children's Golf Programmes are now being held on Sundays from 9 – 11am at Burnham Golf Course. The starting date for both courses is **Sunday 17 February** (Please note: this is different from the days and times advertised in our brochure). **Enrolments are open now.** This is a great opportunity for parents and their children to learn golf at the same time.

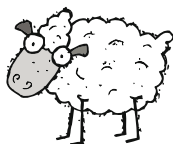
For more information: e-mail: rcc.enquiries@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2882, pick up a copy of our Term 1 brochure, go online to www.selwyn.govt.nz/rcc, visit our face book page or call in to see us at 94 Rolleston Drive.

Sheep Found

One sheep found in Highfield Road over the week of 14th January. This sheep was someone's pet.

Sheep found in Darfield: 1 corriedale ewe, 6 coopworth lambs & 2 coopworth ewes have been found near Cullens & McLaughlins Roads.

Please contact **Animal Control** on 03 347 2800 if they are yours or you know who might own them.



Registration & Trials in February 2013

Registration to be completed online via our website, see below.

Open Day

sausage sizzle, fun games and the payment of subs

(if internet banking option has not already been chosen from the on-line registration form)

10 Feb 11 – 1pm

Primary Trials

11th, 13th (4-6pm) & 17th Feb (10am-12)

Senior Trials

17th (2-4pm) & 18th, 20th Feb (6-8pm)

A & B preseason training 17th Feb (11-1pm)

Social Trials

27th Feb 7pm

For further information please see www.sportsground.co.nz/rollestonnetball



Ellesmere Historical Society Waitangi Day Tour Wednesday 6 February 2013

“Following the Styx River” a tour through the Styx-Belfast area.

The bus will leave Southbridge at **9am**, and call at Leeston and Lincoln. The first sight of the River will be at Nunweek Park where a dry swale shows the course it took from its source in the Harewood area.

A stop will be made at the **Styx Mill Conservation Reserve** before going past the sites of the CFM and Borthwick's freezing companies (now Silver Fern Farms), the Belfast cemetery and the historic Spring Grove homestead, then along Marshlands Road to the Janet Stewart Reserve on Lower Styx Road.

From there the road follows the river to Spencerville where a stop will be made at Spencer Park for lunch. This can be taken and eaten at one of the tables or purchased at the Cafe. The tour continues along the river, past the Boating Reserve to Brooklands, to see the Brooklands lagoon.

It is then back across the river where the floodgates can be seen, to Kainga and Stewarts Gully. If time is available, stops may be made at The Groynes and Clearwater, returning to Southbridge about 4.30pm.

For further information and to book a seat please phone

Wendy Dalley 329 1877, Margaret Morrish 325 2790 or Roger Gilbert 324 3648



Motorcycle Skills Course

Selwyn District Road Safety are offering two Motorcycle courses in February. To be eligible, you must hold a full motorcycle licence and live in the Selwyn District

Course costs are highly subsidised, and at \$50 per rider are great value.

Slow pro is a ½ day course where riders can increase their skill in slow manoeuvres.

Apex is a full day course for intermediate and advanced road riders. It includes theory, slow skills, braking, and on-road techniques.

For more information or to book a place on either course, please contact the trainer:

Duncan Seed

2 drive Safe Motorcycle Training

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www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

Toddler Time 2013



The Selwyn Library **Toddler Time** sessions will start up the first week of February.

Please note the date and time change for Lincoln session.

The times and dates are as follows:-

Monday, 4th February **Darfield Library**
10 – 10.30am

Tuesday, 5th February **Rolleston Library**
9.30 – 10am and 10.30 – 11am

Thursday, 7th February **Lincoln Library**
11 – 11.30am

Thursday, 7th February **Leeston Library**
10.30 – 11am

Trialling Baby Time – Rolleston or Lincoln Libraries

The Selwyn Library is looking at trialling a Baby-Time session for Term 1 in either Rolleston or Lincoln Libraries.

The session is aimed at babies from birth to 18mths and involves songs, rhymes, bubbles and more.

The sessions will be 30 minutes duration and will be held in the morning (day to be determined).

If you are interested in attending a session please contact either Rolleston Library (347 2880) or Lincoln Library (347 2876) with your expression of interest.

Book Club Rolleston Library

We are looking at starting up an adult's book club in the Rolleston Library which will be held once a month.

If you think you may be interested in joining this book club or have any questions please contact the Rolleston Library on 347 2880.



Are you involved in the arts, but need some financial assistance to make your project work?

The closing date for Creative NZ – Creative Communities Scheme funding applications is Friday 22 February 2013. For more information about criteria, contact the scheme administrator, **Stuart Westoby**, at the Selwyn District Council, Stuart.Westoby@selwyn.govt.nz, ph: 03 347 2708

The following grants were made from the last funding round

1. **Art Group of Lincoln** – \$1,543.00 towards 2013 tutor & exhibition costs.
2. **Ellesmere Art Group Trust** – \$1,194.00 towards 2013 tutor fees & evening class costs.
3. **Malvern Community Arts Council** – \$1,145 towards September 2013 schools art exhibition costs.
4. **Castle Hill Village Artists** – \$5,000.00 towards Easter art exhibition costs
5. **Celebrating Selwyn** – \$5,000.00 towards new website construction.