

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

Malvern Community Board

- Monday, 25 February, 4pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

Selwyn Central Community Board

- Wednesday, 20 February, 4pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings

Transportation & Road Safety Subcommittee

- Thursday, 21 February, 9.30am, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Buildings

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 27 February, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 5 March, 1pm, Executive Meeting Room One

Industrial Park Project Team

- Thursday, 7 March, 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)

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

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

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

- Monday, 4 March, 8pm, Darfield Recreation Centre

Darfield Township Committee

- Thursday, 21 February, 7.45pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

Dunsandel Reserve Committee

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

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

- Tuesday, 19 February, 8pm, Glenroy Hall

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Tuesday, 5 March, 8pm, Greendale Hall Pavilion

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

- Wednesday, 20 February, 7.30pm, Killinchy Hall

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

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

Leeston Community Committee

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

Leeston Park Association

- Monday, 25 February, 8pm, Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee

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

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

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

Sheffield/Waddington Community & Hall Committees

- Thursday, 28 February, 7.30pm, Sheffield Community Hall

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

- Thursday, 28 February, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association

- Monday, 25 February, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington Community & Hall Committees

- Thursday, 28 February, 7.30pm, Sheffield Community Hall

Southbridge Advisory Committee

- Monday, 25 February, 7.30pm, Southbridge Library

Springston Reserve Committee

- Wednesday, 20 February, 8pm, Springston Reserve Errol Tweedy Pavilion

Tawera Memorial Hall Springfield

- Thursday, 7 March, 7.30pm, Tawera Memorial Hall

Mobile library timetable
To see our mobile library timetable for this week, visit
www.selwyn.govt.nz

Improving the safety of our drinking water

Council considered an update report last week on the actions it has planned to improve the safety of drinking water in the district.

The actions were identified in a review that followed the e. coli contamination of the Darfield water supply in August last year.

Contamination occurred when the back-up Waimakariri water supply was used and this was not adequately treated.

What's changing

We are making a number of changes which will help reduce the chances of people becoming sick after drinking water in the future. These include:

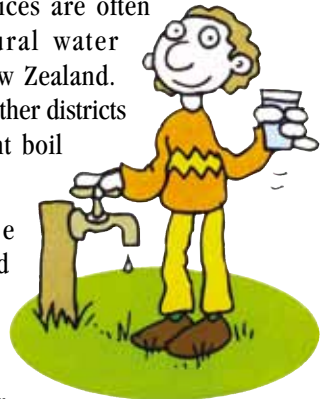
- The construction of a second deep bore water source for Darfield. This can be used as a back-up supply rather than the Waimakariri source being used in the future. Consent for the bore has been approved and construction is planned to start in April.
- Improving internal water monitoring processes and public notification processes when boil water notices are issued.
- Isolating the current alternative water supply for Darfield from the Waimakariri river from the main water supply so that it is not cross contaminated. If it needs to be used as a drinking water source, chlorination will begin to ensure this water is safe to drink.
- Constructing a new reservoir to store water at Darfield which will reduce aeration of the system and help reduce water temperature variations.
- Working with the Canterbury District Health Board to finalise public health risk management plans for all water supplies. A number of other actions were identified which the Council will be implementing to improve our systems.

Why are boil water notices issued?

Boil water notices are often issued for rural water supplies in New Zealand. Some areas of other districts have permanent boil water notices.

Notices are typically issued when water monitoring tests detect

e. coli or other microbiological indicators of contamination. Boil water notices are also issued when the supply becomes contaminated through disinfection system failure or there is back flow.



"Following the recent Darfield water supply contamination, the Council has decided to take a more cautious approach towards water safety issues," says the Council's Asset Manager Murray Washington. Because of this decision he says people should not expect that boil water notices will be issued less often in the future, even though the water quality controls the Council has in place are improving.

"For example we recently issued a precautionary boil water notice for the Selwyn Rural water supply which supplies water to people in Hororata. Test results showed that e. coli was present but at quite a low level."

"In the past we might not have issued a notice for this because the level was not high enough to require that we issue a notice. We consulted with Community and Public Health on this issue and they recommended we issue precautionary notice so we did so," he says.

Restricted Fire Season Replaces Prohibited Fire Season

Notice is hereby given that as from midnight Friday 15 February 2013 the previously advertised Prohibited Fire Season is now replaced by a Restricted Fire Season for the whole of Selwyn District.

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 Friday 15 February 2013 until further notice. The exemptions to this are:

1. 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.

3. Gas fuelled barbecues lit in properly constructed containers.

4. Only gas fuelled barbecues lit in properly constructed containers are permitted in Council Reserves.

5. Burning may be permitted if a Fire Permit has been obtained from the Principal Rural Fire Officer.

Notes

1. 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.

2. 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.

Rivers of Flowers – Te Waitohi Maumahara



Friday 22 February

This Friday, people across Canterbury will be dropping flowers into a number of rivers to remember those lost on 22 February 2011.

You can join a local commemoration by dropping flowers into the Liffey River at Liffey Domain in Lincoln. Local community groups will be at the site from 12.30 to 1.30pm. At 12:51 two minutes silence will be held.

Summer Skate Jam

Wednesday 20 February, from 4 – 6pm at Lincoln New World Car Park. Come along for free skate lessons, free skate gear hire, prizes and a great DJ!

Get active in Lincoln

New community fitness equipment has been installed in Lincoln Domain, and will be officially opened on **Tuesday 26 February** at 5.30pm.

Come along to the opening to see how the new equipment works and enjoy our **free sausage sizzle**.

Alternative rain date 28 February 5.30pm, check selwyn.govt.nz for information if wet.



MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires they be microchipped. This free monthly service is available at the following places.

Friday 22 February

Lincoln	9 – 9.30am
Darfield	12 – 12.30pm
Rolleston	12.45 – 1.15pm

Please note:

- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Lincoln microchipping will occur in the carpark of the Community Centre next to the library

- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Working dogs and dogs registered before 1 July 2006 can be microchipped for \$20 per dog.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

TENDER FOR LICENCE TO OCCUPY

Tenders are sought for a licence to occupy the following Council Land for the purposes of pastoral or arable/grazing activities.

Reserve 263 Shands Road comprising 2.7519 ha or thereabouts located approximately 160 metres on the right travelling south along Shands Road from the intersection of Blakes Road.

Further information and tender submission documents can be obtained from Tanya Maylam on (03) 347 2954 or at tanya.maylam@selwyn.govt.nz, PO Box 90, Rolleston. Tender closing date is 12 noon Monday, 4 March 2013.



Get ready for the 2013 Kidsfest! 13–27 July

Kidsfest 2013 is coming! We're encouraging community groups and organisations to think about ideas you have to host your own fun activities for children.

The Council's Community Recreation Advisor can work with you to help develop your ideas. We can also promote your event, take out advertisements in local newspapers and help make your Kidsfest event a success.

For more information phone Ginny Bowden on 347 2753 Mondays-Thursdays or email gabby.bowden@selwyn.govt.nz. We're looking for ideas by 28 February.

Wanted: Experienced Sports People

to Assist with Funding Committee Selwyn District Council's Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee is seeking applicants from residents in the Ellesmere, Springs and Selwyn Central wards to become members.

The committee meets twice a year to consider applications from clubs seeking assistance with travel costs. The positions, which last three years, are unpaid, although travel costs are reimbursed. To find out more contact Stuart Westoby on 347 2708 or 318 8338, or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

Applications must be in writing, including details of sporting/ sporting administration involvement, and be received by 5pm Friday 22 February 2013. They may be handed to a Council Library or Service Centre (Attention: Stuart Westoby) or mailed to: SPORT NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee Position, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643. Attn: Stuart Westoby

Calling all Selwyn Artists!!!!

10th Annual Art Exhibition 2013

Exhibitors wanted for

Arts Heart's 2013 Art Exhibition

to be held at Rolleston Community Centre, 23 & 24 March

Entries close 28 February

Enquiries regarding exhibiting to –
Judith Phone 03 318 1334
wenborn@gmail.com
Wendy Phone 342 9957
wrockhouse@gmail.com
or Margaret Phone 347 8179

Fire Restrictions Ease

A restricted fire season is now in force across Selwyn district, and replaces the prohibited fire season previously in place.

Under a restricted fire season, only gas barbecues, crop residue and rubbish fires inside contained drums are allowed. Specific conditions must be met before these types of fires can be lit.

The Council's Principal Rural Fire Officer, Wilson Brown, says that the rain the district received recently has reduced the fire risk from extreme to high, and it is now appropriate to move to a restricted fire season.

Mr Brown says that crop residue fires are permitted during restricted fire seasons because farmers usually have good fire breaks of a minimum of 10 metres of bare earth in place which prevent fires from spreading, firefighting equipment on hand and stay with the fire while it is burning.

With fire restrictions being changed, Mr Brown says that it will become more common for people to see crop residue fires burning. "It's expensive to attend false call outs so we encourage people to consider whether a fire is an emergency before they dial 111. If there are people on site supervising the fire, a fire break and water on hand it is probably a controlled operation – however if there is no one present people should report this by dialing 111."

What's allowed in a restricted fire season:

- Gas barbecues are allowed if a water source is nearby.
- Fires inside properly constructed drums are allowed. Only vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood can be burned and the fire must be during daylight hours and attended at all times. A water source must be nearby to extinguish the fire if needed and the fire may not be lit when strong winds are blowing or forecast.
- The burning of crop residue is only allowed during daylight hours and must be attended at all times. Fires may not be lit when strong winds are blowing or forecast, firefighting equipment must be nearby and a 10 metre firebreak must be cleared around the edge of the area to be burnt.
- A fire may be lit if a specific permit has been issued by Selwyn District Council and the conditions of the permit are followed.

What's not allowed:

- Any type of fire not listed as allowed above.



A new library for Lincoln

A new library and service centre for Lincoln will open to public early next year, following a decision by the Council last week to approve the project and award the tender to Image Construction. Mayor Kelvin Coe says the decision is exciting news for Selwyn residents. "Lincoln is one of our fastest growing towns, and the new library will be able to provide an increased range of services and activities for the community."

The existing Lincoln library services the Springs ward, which has a population of 12,000. It is already too small to meet the needs of the community. Lincoln's population is forecast to grow from 3,300 now to reach 5,600 by 2031.

The new library and service centre building will be located on Gerald Street. The design for the new library draws inspiration from Lincoln's rural heritage and local civic architecture. The 700m² building will be constructed from metal with stone cladding at the base. The new library will also display photos from Lincoln's past. A large green space will surround the library and will be able to be used for community activities.

Demolition of the old Lincoln community centre will begin this week to make way for the new library.