

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

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)

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 13 March, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston. The Council meeting is followed by a Citizenship ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public.

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 March, 7.45pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

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

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

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

Kirwee Community Committee

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

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

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



ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

Rolleston Community Centre Classes

Step It Up – is a great fat-burning class that combines aerobic moves with a step platform for an awesome workout. Suitable for all abilities.

Pump Fitness – is a great all-over workout for toning and muscle strength using a weight bar and plates. Energising, pumping music will keep you going.

Fitness Max cards are available for \$70, and give you 11 fitness classes. Fitness Max cards can be purchased at both the Rolleston Community Centre and the Lincoln Events Centre.

Circuit with a Twist – is an exercise circuit jam-packed with a variety of ways to help you achieve a full-body workout. Suitable for all abilities.

Crèche available (\$4 per child), phone 347 2882 to book in your child.

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

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Leeston Community Committee

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

Lincoln Community Committee

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

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

- Wednesday, 13 March, 7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tuesday, 12 March, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc

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

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

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

Sheffield/Waddington Community & Hall Committees

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

Springston Community Committee

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

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

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

Sheffield/Waddington Community & Hall Committees

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

Tawera Memorial Hall Springfield

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

West Melton Reserve Board

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

Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

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

Changes to building consent processing

Selwyn District Council is now accepting and processing all building consent applications electronically. We expect to have a very busy period ahead while we support the community through this exciting growth phase. Making this change allows us to focus on providing timely and efficient service. It also creates time savings for you, as you can submit all your building consent applications without leaving your home.

What does this mean for you?

- You can now lodge your building consent on-line
- Your supporting documents can also be submitted electronically
- The electronic system is Windows-based
- You can save time by doing this from your office or home by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/buildingforms
- You can come into the Building Services counter with your information on a data stick and we'll assist you to electronically complete the application and upload your documents
- You will also be able to track the progress of your application on-line if you've made an electronic application

For further information you can check out our new service at www.selwyn.govt.nz/buildingforms or phone our friendly Customer Services team on 03 347 2839.

Prohibited Fire Season

A prohibited fire season has been declared in Selwyn District, with effect from Friday 1 March.

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 the fire risk is extreme. "We moved into a restricted fire season following a brief spell of rain, but the district is once again very dry, so it's appropriate that a prohibited fire season be declared."

"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."

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
- regularly check and maintain 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.



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

Make sure you count on Census Day

Tuesday 5 March is census day. On this day everyone must fill in a census form. The information gathered from the census is used by the government and Councils to plan for services like hospitals, schools and infrastructure. It's particularly important for Canterbury communities to participate in the census because of the scale of change that has occurred in the region.

Census collectors are now out delivering forms. Everyone in your house must fill out a blue (individual) census form and you must also fill out one brown (dwelling) form for the house. You can either complete the paper forms provided, or you can do it online. The information you provide is confidential. Census collectors will collect your forms between 6 – 17 March.

For more information, visit census.govt.nz or call 0800 CENSUS (0800 236 787).

Free Confident Driving Course for Mature Drivers



Driver safety is vital for drivers of all ages, but some older drivers can experience changes in their flexibility, vision and reaction time.

This **free refresher course** is available to drivers and residents in Selwyn.

What does the course involve?

The course is a five hour session using a workbook, which you keep afterwards.

It's designed to be thought provoking, informative, enjoyable and informal. There are no tests or exams and you will receive a certificate.

Lunch is provided.

Next Courses – **Prebbleton** on Wednesday, 13 March 2013. For more information and bookings, contact Age Concern (03) 366 0903 or email [Yvonne](mailto:Yvonne@ageconcerncan.co.nz) at [Yvonne](mailto:Yvonne@ageconcerncan.co.nz)

Have your say on the future of our reserves

The council will be preparing a management plan for the many neighbourhood reserves located within Selwyn's townships and we would like to hear your views on how these reserves should be used, managed and developed in the future.

Please get your written feedback to us by Friday, 8 March 2013.

You can email your comments to derek.hayes@selwyn.govt.nz or post them to:

'Reserve Management Plans'
Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643, Attention: Derek Hayes

More information is available at www.selwyn.govt.nz under 'have your say.'

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, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

Tender closing date is 12 noon Monday, 4 March 2013.



Get active in Lincoln

It's easy to keep fit for **free** now that new community fitness equipment has been installed in Lincoln Domain. Now you can tone-up while enjoying the fresh air or even watching your kids play sport.

The new equipment 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. Check www.selwyn.govt.nz for information on alternative rain date if wet.

Next week, personal trainer Jacqui Restieaux will also be hosting free sessions showing you how you can use the equipment to achieve your training objectives. The sessions will be on-site at the Lincoln Domain on Monday and Thursday from 5.15 – 6.15pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30 – 11.30am.

You called

Every day Council staff take an average of 540 calls. These can range from people asking what the opening hours are at their local library, wanting to know whether they need a building consent, or reporting a stray dog in the neighbourhood.

Every call and online request we receive is recorded and prioritised. Some of the types of calls that are responded to most quickly include a situation where people could be endangered by a problem – such as a tree blocking a road or problems that affect a large number of properties – like a loss of water, which will be dealt with within an hour or two. For less urgent issues, the request will be assigned within three days.

Last year we received around 200,000 calls and 6,861 service requests. Many of the service requests we receive are asking for a new water connections, rubbish bins and water meter readings. These calls are often from people who are new to the district. The number of requests we receive each year has also been growing by about 4% as our population grows.

Using our online service request form is an easy way to get in touch with the Council if your request is not urgent – it's available on our website under the 'helpline' link.

We also receive a large number of calls about our roads, water, stockwater and reserves. 100% of the service requests we received last year were actioned.

www.selwynlibrary.co.nz



Mobile Library Timetable

Our Mobile Library visits communities in the Selwyn District on a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly basis. Check the schedule below to see when the Mobile Library will visit your area.

Wednesday 27 February

Burnham Kindergarten	10.15 – 11am
Hororata School	11.30 – 1pm
Greendale School	1.20 – 1.50pm

Thursday 28 February

Council Headquarters	1.30 – 2pm
Rolleston First Learners	2 – 2.30pm
Broadfield School	2.55 – 3.30pm

Tuesday 5 March

Tai Tapu Playcentre	10 – 10.30am
Tai Tapu Pre-School	10.30 – 11.15pm
West Melton Learning Centre	1 – 1.15pm
West Melton School	1.15 – 2pm
West Melton Church	2 – 3pm

Baby-time Sessions at Rolleston and Lincoln Libraries

Baby-time sessions will start up at Lincoln and Rolleston Libraries as a trial for Term One. Sessions are 30 minutes long and include rhymes, songs, bubbles and more, for babies up to 18 months old.

Session times are at:

Lincoln, Thursdays 9.30am – 10.00am

Rolleston, Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.00am

Leeston Book Club

Leeston Book Club is being held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Leeston Library. The next meeting is on Wednesday 20 March at 11am, and the topic is Medieval Mayhem. Come along for a morning tea and an interesting journey amongst our favourite authors, genres and time-periods! Phone 347 2871 for more information and to register your interest.

Honorary Treasurer Wanted

An honorary treasurer is needed by the Rolleston Reserve Management Committee. This is a volunteer position, and involves 2–3 hours time commitment per month plus attendance at a monthly meeting. If you're interested in this position please contact Jens Christensen, Chairman, on 354 5000 or 027 433 4179.

Employ Selwyn and Youth Service

Unsure what you want to do or be?
Feeling confused about your career?

Having trouble finding a job?

This **FREE** service is on offer to all Selwyn residents between 16 and 25*. Whether you need help finding direction or support to secure employment, this service may be able to help.

*Eligibility conditions apply.

Text 'Employ' to 027 426 8624 or visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/employselwyn to find out more.

New Zealand Superannuation Entitlements

Cheryl Hogarth, a Case Manager from the Ministry of Social Development, will be in Darfield on Wednesday 13 March to help you with any questions you may have about New Zealand Superannuation or relevant additional entitlements.

If you would like to meet with her privately please arrange an appointment by phoning her in the next week on 03 961 4436 or email cheryl.hogarth001@msd.govt.nz.

Lincoln Heritage Festival Celebrating 150 years 19–24 March

Join in the free celebrations for Lincoln's 150th birthday.

Events include: historical walk, University open day, Herbarium tours, village focus Day, traditional market, gallery exhibition, heritage picnic, sports and antiques roadshow.

For more information visit Selwyn.govt.nz/events or contact Margaret Hannan on 325 2588 or via email at hannans@paradise.net.nz.

Children's Day

Selwyn will celebrate Children's Day at the Rolleston Community Centre on Sunday 3 March, from 1 – 4pm. Come along to enjoy the bouncy castle, farmyard petting zoo, obstacle course, sports, games and face painting.

Selwyn Children's Day is sponsored by the Selwyn Parenting Network, Ray White, Active Kids, Selwyn District Council, PORSE, Rolleston New World and Selwyn Toddlers.

This is a smokefree and dog free event. Check www.spn.org.nz for cancellation details if wet.

Summer Skate Jam

Wednesday 27 February

4 – 6pm at Leeston Domain

Come along for free skate lessons, free skate gear hire, prizes and a great DJ!

**SELWYN EARTH HOUR**
Video Competition



Theme: any environmental topic
Duration: 1–5 minutes
Deadline: 4 March 2013
Cool Prizes

Get entry forms and info from www.lincolnvirotown.org.nz



Saturday 27th April
10am – 3pm

Single Stands \$45 each
(3m x 3m)

Register online at
www.leestonfete.co.nz

Last year we had over 100 stands
Main Street of Leeston is
closed for the day with stands
throughout the street

Free to attend, so attracts
a large crowd

Community run event

Book Now!

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 Friday 1 March 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 barbecues, lit on a property serviced by a high pressure water supply.

WJ Brown **PRINCIPAL RURAL FIRE OFFICER**

Selwyn Gallery Presents

Natural Selection

Friday 1 – Thursday 28 March

Graduates of Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology Rebecca Smallridge, Louann Sidon, and Josie Dawson have joined forces to create an exhibition of printmaking, drawing and sculpture.

Open daily (except Mondays) from 10am to 4pm for this exhibition.
Exhibition programme available at www.selwyngallery.co.nz or from the gallery.

SELWYN GALLERY
DARFIELD