

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 Bernadette Ryan 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 Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 19 March, 1pm, Executive Meeting Room One

Malvern Community Board

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

Selwyn Central Community Board

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

Council Meeting

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

Industrial Park

- Thursday, 4 April, 3pm, Izone Café
(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, 10 April, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

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, 2 April, 7.30pm, Darfield Recreation Centre

Darfield Township Committee

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

Dunsandel Domain Board

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

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

- Tuesday, 19 March, 8pm, Glenroy Hall

Hororata District Citizens Association

- Tuesday, 26 March, 7.30pm, Hororata Community Hall

Neighbourhood Support people welcome to attend

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

- Wednesday, 3 April, 7.30pm, Hororata Primary School

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

- Wednesday, 20 March, 7.30pm, Killinchy Hall.
Note this meeting has been cancelled.

Leeston Park Association

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

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

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

Rolleston Residents Association

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

Southbridge Advisory Committee

- Monday, 25 March, 7.30pm, Southbridge Library

Springston Hall Committee

- Saturday, 6 April, 7.30pm, Springston Community Hall

Springston Reserve Committee

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

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.

- Wednesday, 3 April, 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library

West Melton Community Centre

- Tuesday, 26 March, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

New fire cost recovery policy introduced



People who breach fire restrictions, and light fires during the prohibited fire season currently in place, can now expect to receive a bill to reimburse fire services for the cost of the call out.

The Council approved a new policy last week which will see a minimum \$500 (plus GST) charge imposed on people who light fires when a prohibited fire season is in place, or who light fires when a restricted fire season is in place without observing fire safety guidelines.

Principal Rural Fire Officer Wilson Brown says that this summer there have been a number of fires in Selwyn District which have threatened lives and property. "Fire services have been extremely busy responding to call outs. It is very time consuming for volunteer fire fighters to attend call outs and also expensive to put out fires – the fire response to the Selwyn Road fire in January cost \$100,000 alone."

He says that it is very important to have a policy in place which deters people from lighting fires in conditions when it is unsafe to do so. "Fires which are started when a prohibited fire season is in place and the fire risk is extreme put the

community at risk. The new policy sends a clear signal to people who flout the rules that this is unacceptable."

The new policy would also apply during a restricted fire season if people light fires without observing the safety guidelines in place. In a restricted fire season only gas barbecues, crop residue fires and fires inside drums are allowed. The guidelines require that people:

- don't light a fire in high winds or if high winds are forecast
- always have a water source on hand
- have a 10 metre fire break in place for a crop fire, and
- stay with the fire at all times and dial 111 if it gets out of control.

Currently a prohibited fire season is in place across the whole of Selwyn District, which means that no fires can be lit except for gas barbecues if the property is serviced by a high pressure water supply.

"Previously ratepayers have been paying for the cost of attending fire callouts. Where fire fighters

respond to unnecessary callouts because people have lit fires when they are not allowed to, or haven't followed fire safety guidelines, it is appropriate that the person who started the fire should pay for this cost," says Mr Brown.

Under the new policy approved by the Council, a \$500 (plus GST) minimum charge will be imposed on people found not to have observed fire restrictions or to have lit a fire in an unsafe manner. If the cost of responding to the fire is higher than \$500, a higher charge may be imposed.

Mr Brown says that it is important that all property owners have insurance which covers fire damage, fire fighting and public liability insurance. "People should also always check what fire restrictions are in place by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire or phoning the Council before lighting a fire," he adds.

Submissions Invited

Proposed Sale of the former Darfield Library Building 2/3 McMillan Street Darfield

Since the relocation of Library and Service Centre functions to the refurbished and extended Council Offices at 1 South Terrace, the former library building at 2/3 McMillan Street has become surplus to requirements and is no longer required by Council.

It has recently been used in part for office accommodation by Fletcher EQR who were delivering Earthquake Recovery Works in the Darfield area.

They no longer have a need for these offices with works scaling down and have now terminated their lease and vacated the building.

Council Officers intend reporting to Council to request confirmation that the building be deemed surplus to requirements and that it be offered back to the former owners of the site in accordance with the requirements of the Public Works Act 1981.

Should the offer back not be accepted then the property will be offered for sale on the open market.

Anyone wishing to make a submission on this proposal may do so in writing to the Council by no later than 5pm on 19 April 2013.

For more information on the proposal, please contact Rob Allen, Property Services Coordinator, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90 Rolleston or e-mail rob.allen@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 03 347 2861.

Expression of Interest Environmental Health Services

Selwyn District Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified parties to provide a wide range of environmental health services, 7 days per week 24 hours per day, to meet the Councils' requirements and provide a high level of service to their customers.

The Council will select and negotiate with individuals/contractors who fulfil the requirements sought.

A copy of the expression of interest document can be obtained by contacting Leanne Doak at the Selwyn District Council's Rolleston office phone (03) 347 2951.

General enquiries about the Expression of Interest may be made to Tim Harris, (03) 347 2850 during business hours.

Expressions of Interest should be received by Friday 6 April 2013 and be sent to:

Tim Harris
Acting Environmental Services Manager
Selwyn District Council
PO Box 90
Rolleston 7643

Neighbours Day Aotearoa



Neighbours Day Aotearoa is being held on 23 and 24 March 2013. The weekend is focused on communities getting to know each other.

Neighbours can help you if there is an emergency. They can also check on the safety of your family, pets and property if you are away.

During Neighbours Day weekend you can get to know your neighbours by visiting your neighbour or taking them over some baking or produce from your garden. You could organise a local event or activity like a barbeque, a street clean- up day, a games day, a family day or even an Easter egg hunt for local children.

Joining a neighbourhood support group is a good way to get to know your neighbours. Neighbourhood support groups play an important role in keeping people safe and supported in an emergency. To find out more about joining a group or Neighbours Day Aotearoa contact Sue Jenkins on 347 2800 or email sue.jenkins@selwyn.govt.nz.

ELLESMERE Heritage Park

1618 Leeston Road Leeston

Open Days 23 and 24 March

Come and have a look at the site, hear about the project, and see the draft plans

Open between 9am – 3pm

Our history – Our stories

ellsemereheritagepark@gmail.com

Take another look at intersections

The 'Take another look at intersections' campaign the Council is currently running reminds drivers of the simple road rules that apply at intersections.

Selwyn District has over 2,000 intersections – many are in 100kph areas that can be very busy and, at times, risky places to cross.

Using good judgement of vehicle speed and distance when merging into the traffic flow or crossing an intersection is essential. Taking the time to look carefully in all directions when approaching intersections and taking another look if you are required to stop is common sense.

If in doubt, always wait. It only takes a few seconds to allow other vehicles to go through before proceeding.

Changes to rubbish and recycling collection over Easter

Rubbish, recycling and organic kerbside collection times will change over Easter.

There will be no kerbside collection on Friday 29 March

Kerbside collections that normally occur on Friday 29 March will be on Saturday 30 March

On Easter Monday (1 April) there will be a normal kerbside collection service

Pines Resource Recovery Park opening hours will also change

The park will be:

- **closed** on Friday 29 March
- **open** as per normal on Saturday 30 March from 10am – 4pm
- **closed** on Sunday 31 March
- **open** as per normal on Easter Monday (1 April) from 9am – 4:30pm

Submission on Christchurch Southern Motorway and Main South Road Four Laning Proposal

The Council recently approved a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority on notices of requirement and resource consents from the New Zealand Transport Agency for the Christchurch Southern Motorway (Stage Two) and Main South Road Four Laning proposal.

You can view a copy of the Council's submission on our website, www.selwyn.govt.nz



www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

Mobile library timetable

Wednesday 20 March

Rakaia Huts	10.15 – 11.05am
Southbridge School	11.20am – 12.40pm
Rolly Kids	2 – 3pm

Thursday 21 March

Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston	11 – 11.30am
Ladbrooks School	12.40 – 1.30pm
Prebbleton Tavern	4 – 6pm

Monday 25 March

Whippersnappers, Lincoln	11.30am – 12pm
Greenpark School	12.40 – 1.15pm
Selwyn Toddlers, Rolleston	1.35 – 1.55pm

Tuesday 26 March

Glenroy Hall	12.10 – 12.50pm
Glentunnel Hall	1.15 – 1.45pm
Glentunnel School	1.45 – 2.45pm

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.

Baking Competition @ Lincoln Library

To help celebrate Lincoln's 150th anniversary, Lincoln Library is having a Victoria Sponge baking competition. There is no age limit and no entry fee. Your cake needs to be at the Lincoln Library by 9.30am on Friday 22nd March for judging. A small prize is on offer. Tea and coffee will be served at 10am, by historically themed librarians. All cakes will be served to library customers – a gold coin donation towards Child Cancer would be appreciated.



Celebrate Earth Hour

Earth Hour 2013 will be held across the world on Saturday, March 23 at 8.30pm to 9.30pm. As part of Earth Hour, New Zealanders will be asked to switch off their lights for this hour. Within Selwyn, the Lincoln Envirotown Trust is coordinating a series of local events leading up to Earth Hour.

Events planned include:

Earth Hour Balancing Act – a panel discussion led by Kim Hill (7pm, Wednesday 20 March, Lincoln University – Stewart lecture theatre one, \$5 koha)

Earth hour acoustic music event (6pm, Thursday 21 March, Lincoln Baptist Hall, Tickets \$5 at door)

Earth Hour video competition presentations (6.30pm, Friday 22 March, Lincoln Event Centre)

Earth Hour Skywatching (8pm, Friday 22 March, R.E Joyce Memorial Observatory, Bell's Road, West Melton, gold coin donation)

Candle lit Barn Dance (7.30pm, Saturday 23 March, Rolleston Community Centre, for ticket information visit www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz)

Tai Tapu Earth hour walk and picnic (2pm, Sunday 24 March, starts from new planting beside the Lincoln Tai Tapu Road)

For more information about these events visit www.lincolnenvirotown.org.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.

Resource Consents @Selwyn

Because of their possible environmental effects, many activities need a resource consent from the Council. You have the right to inspect the full consent application received by council at any Council Service Centre during normal office hours or view on the council website www.selwyn.govt.nz/resource-consents and make a submission supporting or opposing the proposal. Any person may make a submission, but a person who is a trade competitor of the applicant may do so only if that person is directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the application relates that

- (a) adversely affects the environment and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Ellesmere Ward

135031 Selwyn District Council – An application to demolish the earthquake damaged, heritage listed, Doyleston Memorial Hall/Library.

The building is at 1444 Leeston Road Doyleston on Pt Lot 75 DP 105.

The applicant's address for service is C/- Planz Consultants Ltd, PO Box 1845, Christchurch 8140

How to make a submission

If you wish to support or oppose a consent application you must get a written or electronic submission on Form 13 or to the like effect into any Council Service Centre by the closing date 5pm Friday, 19 April 2013, and promptly send a copy to the applicant's service address. Your submission should be addressed to Helen Allison, Planning Department, S.D.C., PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643 or submissions@selwyn.govt.nz

(This notice is issued under Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991.)

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.



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 March

Leeston	9 – 9.30am
Darfield	10.15 – 10.45am
Rolleston	11.30am – 12pm
Lincoln	12.45 – 1.15pm

Please note:

- All clinics last for only half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- 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.

Down by the Liffey Gallery

Lincoln's Community Art Gallery

'Selwyn Heritage'
an exhibition celebrating the Selwyn district
Mar 20 - Apr 21

Celebrating our culture, our past, our legacy and all that we cherish through art

Open: Wed - Sun, 10 am - 4 pm
downbytheliffeygallery@hotmail.com

Sheep available for tender

Tenders are now being accepted for 3 two-tooth hoggets and 2 old ewes currently in our pound. All tenders must be submitted on the tender form that is obtained by either contacting Animal Control on 03 347 2800 or any of the Council Service Centres.

Please forward your tender in a sealed envelope by 5pm Tuesday 2 April 2013 and addressed to Sheep Tender, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90 Rolleston.



Celebrating Selwyn 2013

23 March—7 April

Exhibitions, Art Studios, Events, Restaurants, Gardens and Heritage houses

Free Guide Available Now
At Libraries and Cafés near you

www.celebratingselwyn.com