

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

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)

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 9 April, 1pm, Executive Meeting Room One

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 10 April, 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

- Tuesday, 2 April, 7.30pm, Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

- Wednesday, 10 April, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall

Dunsandel Community Committee

- Thursday, 4 April, 7.30pm, Dunsandel Volunteer Fire Brigade Rooms

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

- Tuesday, 9 April, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre

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

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 8 April, 7.30pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee

- Monday, 8 April, 7.30pm, Leeston Library/Service Centre

Lincoln Community Committee

- Monday, 8 April, 7.30pm, Lincoln Community Centre

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

- Wednesday, 10 April, 7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tuesday, 9 April, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

- Monday, 8 April, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Public Hall

Rolleston Community Centre Committee

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

Springston Hall Committee

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

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

Weedons Reserve Committee

- Monday, 8 April, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Residents Association

- Wednesday, 10 April, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Tuesday, 9 April, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Hall

Applications are now open for Selwyn District Council's Natural Environment Fund.

The fund was established to encourage and assist private landowners to carry out work that benefits the natural environment and support native biodiversity.

Selwyn District Resource Management Planner Andrew Mactier says that less than one percent of the



original native vegetation remains on the Canterbury Plains. "The Canterbury Plains is listed as an acutely threatened natural environment which makes the remaining native biodiversity in Selwyn District rare and important."

Around \$40,000 is available in the fund to help protect and restore areas of native vegetation on private land. Priority is given to supporting work on sites which have been identified and confirmed as having significant ecological values through a formal ecological assessment. A second priority is supporting sites which may have lower value remnant vegetation but which would benefit from works and management.

Over \$200,000 has been allocated to over 60 projects through the fund since 2006. Funding has been used for a wide range of projects in previous years including work to restore existing native vegetation by landowners, schools and community groups, and establish new native plantings. The fund has also been used to help fund a field survey of threatened beetles in the Selwyn District and to conduct an environmental perceptions survey. To find out more about the fund visit www.selwyn.govt.nz. The closing date for applications for funding for this year is Friday 31 May.

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 barbeques, crop residue and rubbish fires inside contained drums are allowed. Specific conditions must be met before these types of fires can be lit.

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 barbeques 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 allowed but only 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.

- ♦ 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.

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.

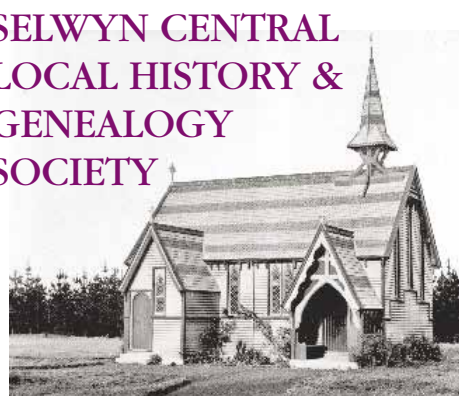
If you're interested in this position please contact Jens Christensen, Chairman, on 354 5000 or 027 433 4179.

Dog Champ Show

Selwyn Dog Training Club will be holding its annual Agility Champ show on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April. The Foster dog park will be closed between 7.30am and 6pm both days. You are welcome to come and watch but please keep your dogs on a lead.



SELWYN CENTRAL LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY SOCIETY



St Paul's Church and graveyard tour – West Melton

In this, the 150th year of settlement in the West Melton area, come to St Paul's Anglican Church on Easter Sunday and hear about the history of the church with Colin Watson, and then walk about the graveyard with Lynda Seaton as she speaks about the early settlers of West Melton buried there.

Afternoon tea provided. No Charge.

Sunday 31 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

705 Weedons Ross Road, West Melton,

Enquiries to Judith phone 03 318 1334 or Email wenborn@gmail.com

Land Use Recovery Plan Consultation

Environment Canterbury is consulting on a draft Land Use Recovery Plan for greater Christchurch, which includes parts of Selwyn District.

A workshop on the plan is being held on Monday 8 April from 6 – 9pm at the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln, and a series of workshops are being held in Christchurch. For information on workshops and to read a copy of the Land Use Recovery Plan visit www.developingchoices.org.nz.

Written comments on the plan close on Monday 22 April.

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.



Wallplanners available

Free 2013/14 wallplanners are now available from Selwyn libraries and service centres.

Get yours today!

Drive Safe this Easter

Most people have already planned their well-earned break for Easter Weekend. As usual, it is expected that traffic volumes will start to increase from about Thursday and remain high until Tuesday next week.

Sadly, the greater volumes of traffic often result in increased road crashes. New Zealand wide, during the last three Easter weekends, there were 401 injury crashes recorded. These crashes resulted in 17 fatalities, 107 people receiving serious injuries and 464 received minor injuries.

Over Easter weekend, there will be more camper-vans, vehicles towing trailers, caravans or boats on our roads. It is essential to allow more time to get to your destination, drive with patience, and avoid taking unnecessary risks. Driving tired (fatigue) contributed in many of these crashes.

Always plan your journey to include drive time and rest breaks and drive at times when you are normally awake. Also, if you recognise the early signs of fatigue either in yourself or your driver and take action, then the risk of a crash is greatly reduced. A few simple driving tips are:

- rest before you drive
- take regular breaks
- share the driving

To help remind you of these tips, you can pick up your free fatigue tissue pack available this week from all Council Library/Service Centres.

Going away this weekend?



- **Rest before you drive**
- **Take regular breaks**
- **Share the driving**

“Focus on the journey, not just the destination”



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



www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

Mobile library timetable

Wednesday, 27 March

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

Thursday, 28 March

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

Tuesday, 2 April

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

Temporary Libraries Closure

The Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston library/service centres will be closed on **Tuesday 9** and **Wednesday 10 April** to enable a new IT system to be installed. Our mobile library will also not be operating on these days. However, the Council's main office in Rolleston and the Rolleston Community Centre will be open on these days.

The new IT system will allow us to be able to purchase and loan e-books. It will also have an improved search function and other benefits to library users.

While our libraries are temporarily closed on these two days, you can still:

- use the library website (www.selwynlibrary.co.nz) to access our online databases from home, but you won't be able to use the library catalogue or visit our libraries in person
- return items through the after-hours slot

Return dates for books and other items have all been automatically extended, so no items will be due back when the closure occurs.

Restricted Fire Season Replaces Prohibited Fire Season

Notice is hereby given that as from Friday 22 March 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 Friday 22 March 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.

Celebrating Selwyn 2013

23 March—7 April

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

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