

## 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 Bernadette Ryan.

**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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or by phoning 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

### COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

#### Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 3 December 1.15pm, Wairewa Marae, 345 Christchurch Akaroa Highway, Little River

#### Rolleston Masterplan Workshop

- Wednesday, 4 December, 1–7pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston

#### Industrial Park Project Team Meeting

- Thursday, 5 December, 10am, Darfield Library (*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, 11 December, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston  
*The meeting is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public.*

#### Leeston Rural Land Drainage Committee - AGM

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Leeston Library/Service Centre

#### Selwyn Central Community Board

- Wednesday, 18 December, 4.30pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

#### Sister City Committee Meeting

- Tuesday, 10 December, 5.30pm, Rolleston Headquarters

#### Transportation & Road Safety Subcommittee

- Thursday, 19 December, 9.30am, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

### LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

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

#### Coes & Chamberlains Fords Reserve Management Meeting

- Thursday, 5 December, 7.30pm, Sudeley Park

#### Darfield Township Committee

- Tuesday, 3 December, 7.30pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

*Triennial Elections*

#### Darfield Township Committee

- Thursday, 19 December, 7.30pm, Darfield Library/Service Centre

#### Doyleston Community Centre

- Wednesday, 11 December, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Hall

#### Dunsandel Community Committee

- Thursday, 12 December, 7.30pm, Dunsandel Sports Centre

#### Glenroy Community Hall Committee

- Tuesday, 17 December, 8pm, Glenroy Hall

#### Greenpark Community Committee

- Monday 16 December, 7.30pm, Greenpark Park Pavilion

*Triennial Elections*

#### Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Tuesday, 3 December 8pm, Greendale Hall Pavilion

#### Hororata Reserve Management Committee

- Wednesday, 4 December, 7.30pm, Hororata Domain Admin. Building

#### Killinchy Community Centre Committee

- Wednesday, 18 December, 7.30pm, Killinchy Hall

#### Kirwee Community Committee

- Monday, 16 December, 7.30pm, Kirwee Community Hall

### LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

#### Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Kirwee Sports Pavilion

#### Ladbrooks Community Hall

- Friday, 6 December, 7.45pm, Ladbrooks Hall

*Triennial Elections*

#### Lincoln Community Committee

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

#### Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

- Wednesday, 11 December, 7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

#### Prebbleton Community Association

- Tuesday, 10 December, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

#### Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

#### Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 16 December, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Rugby Rooms

#### Rolleston Community Centre Committee

- Thursday, 5 December, 7pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge

#### Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

- Monday, 16 December, 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre

#### Springfield Township Committee

- Tuesday, 3 December, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

*Triennial Elections*

#### Springston Hall Committee

- Thursday, 5 December, 7.30pm, Springston Community Hall

#### Springston Reserve Committee

- Wednesday, 11 December, 8pm, Springston Reserve Errol Tweedy Pavilion

#### Weedons Reserve Committee

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion

#### West Melton Residents Association

- Wednesday, 11 December, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

#### Whitecliffs Domain, Reserve & Township Committees

- Monday, 9 December, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Community Centre

## Community committee elections

Elections for community, hall and reserve committees are now taking place.

If you have a couple of hours available each month, then you could become a member of your local community committee. As part of this role you could be part of making decisions on local parks, playgrounds, town beautification, community centres and other issues that affect your area.

Upcoming Annual General and Triennial Election Meetings where committee members are elected are shown in **red** in the Local Committees and Associations section of this page.

## Coalgate Residents

Coalgate Township Committee are looking for people to be part of the Committee. If you would like to find out more about this role please contact the Committee Chairperson, Jane, on 03 318 2676.

# Be Waterwise this summer

Water is a precious resource and we need to use it carefully. Over summer, demand for water is much higher than in winter, as people use more water to maintain their lawns.

So that there is enough water to go around this summer, we are asking everyone to be careful about how they use water. Some areas like Rolleston also pay for their water based on metered use, so reducing your water consumption will mean you spend less on water bills.



You can help manage your water consumption wisely by following these tips:

- Water your garden and lawn every few days rather than every day
- Water your garden and lawn outside of peak water usage hours (avoid 6am – 9am, and 4pm – 9pm). Watering in the early morning (before 6am) or late evening (after 9pm) will minimise evaporation loss. Also avoid watering in a Nor' West as the water will quickly evaporate
- Using a watering can or hand watering plants by hose uses less water than a sprinkler
- Use a timer to avoid overwatering
- Use mulch or cover the soil with organic matter to keep the soil moist
- When planting choose drought resistant plants that don't require a lot of water
- Wash your car with a bucket of water rather than a hose
- Inspect hoses and taps both indoors and outdoors to check for leaks
- Collect rainwater for use watering gardens and lawns

## Annual Report now available

The latest Selwyn District Council Annual Report and summary are available for the public to read online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/annualreports](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/annualreports). Hard copies can be collected from Selwyn Library/ Service Centres and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The Annual Report provides an overview of the Council's financial management and performance for the twelve months to 30 June 2013.



## Liquor Licence Special Applications – New Process

If you are holding an event this summer that needs a special licence, make sure to plan ahead and apply as soon as possible.

From 18 December this year, the process for getting a special licence will change when the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012 comes fully into force.

In the past, people have often left it late to apply for a special licence, something that was allowed under the old Sale of Liquor Act.

Under the new law, all applications must be made at least 20 working days before the event is held (although exceptions can be made for unforeseen events, such as funerals).

In particular, applications for special Licences for events planned for mid-February 2014 or earlier must be lodged by 18 December.

That's because under the new Act a 'working day' does not include weekends, statutory holidays or any day from 20 December to 15 January inclusive.

If you have any questions please contact the District Licensing Office on (03) 365 1667.



## Selwyn Libraries

# Big Summer Sellout Book Sale

Visit Darfield Library and pick up some great book bargains. Hardback books \$1, paperbacks 50c, magazines and children's books 20c.

Bag of books \$10 (bring your own supermarket bag).

Sale on from Wednesday 11 – Saturday 14 December, Wednesday – Friday 8:30am to 5pm, Saturday 9:30am – 12:30pm.

## Rates – Instalment Two Penalty Date Change

Due to processing delays in the mailing of Council rates, the due date for payment has been extended from 2 December 2013 until Monday 16 December 2013.

Rates not paid after that date will attract a 10% penalty. Any concerns about this delay should be discussed with the Council's Revenue Accountant, Rose Catherwood on 347 2703.

Douglas Marshall  
Corporate Services Manager

## Fire training Exercise – West Melton

A training exercise for rural fire crews will take place near West Melton on Wednesday 4 December.

The exercise will provide further training for rural fire crews from around the South Island in protecting houses, building and vegetation using fire retardants. The exercise will take place at an ECAN property, just west of the West Melton Firing Range. If conditions are not suitable for the exercise to take place on Wednesday 4 December it will occur on Thursday 5 December.

The exercise will involve crews practising extinguishing a fire by dropping the retardant from a helicopter and a fixed wing aircraft. The exercise will be overseen by the Canterbury Regional Rural Fire Committee and fire fighting crews and resources will be present as well as two Australian experts with experience in this method of fire control.

People in the West Melton area may notice smoke on the day of the exercise coming from the exercise area and aircraft activity at the site.

## Safe Burning in Selwyn District

Fire restrictions may be introduced in Selwyn this summer, depending on weather conditions. We are currently in an open fire season. If you need to burn debris from storm damage this is currently permitted in rural areas and now is a good time to do so before conditions become too dry and fire restrictions are imposed.

If restrictions are imposed, burning of this material will not be allowed without a fire permit. Fire permits will only be issued in exceptional circumstances.

### What's allowed?

Outdoor fires are not allowed in urban areas, other than gas barbeques, hangis and umus. Currently, in rural areas fires are permitted but you should follow safe burning guidelines. If you are planning to light a fire:

- never do so in high winds or if high winds are forecast
- always have a water source on hand to put out the fire
- have a 10 metre fire break in place around the fire, and
- stay with the fire at all times and dial 111 if it gets out of control

There are a number of other conditions which must be met before fires can be lit – visit [selwyn.govt.nz/fire](http://selwyn.govt.nz/fire) to read these.

### Smoke's about

There is an open fire season in Selwyn District so you may see fires in rural areas. Unnecessary fire call outs are expensive and time consuming for volunteer fire fighters to attend. If the fire is supervised, and there is a fire break and water on hand it is probably a controlled operation. However, if there is no one present you should dial 111 to report the fire.

## Lincoln Christmas Parade

**14 December**

Lincoln Christmas Parade and Market is on December 14 this year.

The market starts at 9am, and the parade at 10.30am.

Contact Kyle on 325 2629 extension 702 if you want to enter a float or Geoff on 325 7754 if you want to enter the Junior Buskers Competition.



## Rolleston Envirotown Market

Local produce and crafts

**Sunday 8 December, 10am – 1pm**

Christmas at Rolleston Square

Meet Santa *plus* Bouncy Castle, Balloon Making, Adam Allsorts, Christmas Carols.

Email [enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz) or ph 347 8240



## Smokefree Parks

With warmer weather on the way, now is a great time to visit our parks. Selwyn District Council has a Smokefree Outdoor Policy in place in our parks. We want to provide a smokefree environment and good role-modelling for our children and young people.



www.selwynlibrary.co.nz

### Mobile library timetable

#### Wednesday 4 December

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

#### Thursday 5 December

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

#### Tuesday 10 December

Tai Tapu Playcentre	10 – 10.30am
Tai Tapu Pre – school	10.30 – 11.15am
West Melton Learning Centre	1 – 1.15pm
West Melton School	1.15 – 2pm
West Melton Church	2 – 2.30pm

#### Wednesday 11 December

Southbridge Playcentre	9.40 – 10am
Rakaia Huts	10.15 – 11.05am
Southbridge School	11.20am – 12.40pm

## The Great Selwyn Library Summer Reading Challenge

Selwyn Libraries is running a reading challenge for 5-12 year olds. To complete the challenge, children need to read at least five books over summer. If you can read lots of books – that's even better!

To enter, visit any Selwyn Library branch and pick up an entry form. Each completed entry card will be rewarded with a small treat, and also be entered into our grand draw for a fantastic prize!!

## Christmas comes early to Leeston

Leeston Library will be home to Christmas trees during December as part of a competition to find the best Christmas tree in town.



Local community groups and schools will display Christmas trees they have decorated at the library from Monday 2 December.

You can come down to the library to view the trees and vote for your favourite in the adult and

children's categories. Voting can take place any time during library opening hours until 19 December.

Votes will be counted and the winners announced at a special Christmas event at the library on Thursday 19 December, from 5–7pm. The library will be open late for people to come and collect some books for the holidays, listen to Christmas Carols played by the Ellesmere Concert Band, and enjoy some Christmas nibbles. The winners of the Christmas tree competition will be announced at 6pm.