

MEETINGS

Public Forum at Council and Community Board Meetings: You may speak on matters of concern during the first 10 minutes of each meeting. Please notify Bernadette Ryan (Council) or Kate Anderson (Community Boards) at least three days prior to the meeting.

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 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 28 May, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building

Annual Plan Submission Hearings

- Thursday, 29 May, 9am, Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building

Annual Plan Submission Hearings & Deliberations

- Friday 30 May, 9am, Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

- Tuesday, 3 June, 1.45pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

Audit & Risk Committee

- Wednesday, 4 June, 3pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

Council Meeting

- Wednesday, 11 June, 1pm, Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building

The 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 10 minutes are available for the public to speak.

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

- Wednesday, 4 June, 7.30pm, Broadfield Community Hall

Castle Hill Community Association

- Monday, 9 June, 5.30pm by Skype

Coes & Chamberlains Fords Reserve Management Committee

- Tuesday 17 June, 7.30pm, Sudeley Park

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

- Monday, 9 June, 7.30pm, Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

- Wednesday, 11 June, 7.30pm, Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee

- Wednesday, 28 May, 7.30pm, Dunsandel Sports Ground

Hororata Citizens Committee

- Tuesday, 27 May, 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

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

Leeston Community Committee

- Monday, 9 June, 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee

- Monday, 9 June, 7.30pm, Lincoln Events Centre

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

- Wednesday, 28 May, 7.30pm, Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association

- Tuesday, 10 June, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

- Monday, 9 June, 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall

Sheffield/Waddington Township (& Hall) Community Committee

- Thursday, 12 June, 7.30pm, Sheffield Community Hall

Springfield Township Committee

- Tuesday, 3 June, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

- Thursday, 5 June, 7.30pm, Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.

- Wednesday, 4 June, 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee

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

Weedons Residents Association Inc.

- Tuesday, 10 June, 7.30pm, Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre

- Tuesday, 27 May, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

- Monday, 9 June, 7.30pm, Glentunnel Hall

Funding for arts and cultural projects closing soon

The closing date for Creative New Zealand Creative Communities funding applications is Friday 30 May 2014. For more information about criteria, contact the scheme administrator, Stuart Westoby, at the Council on 347 2708, or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

Have your say on how rural residential development is managed

The Council has received the Commissioners recommendation on the submissions received on the Rural Residential Strategy. A schedule of amendments containing provisions to implement this Strategy in the District Plan has been prepared in response to Action 18 (viii) of the Land Use Recovery Plan.

You can view the Commissioner's recommendation on the Rural Residential Strategy, the draft schedule of amendments and obtain all the information you need to lodge a submission on Council's website at – www.selwyn.govt.nz/lurpactions. This information is also available at Council's Rolleston Headquarters.

All submissions must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

Contact: Craig Friedel, Strategy and Policy Planner on 03 347 2868 or email craig.friedel@selwyn.govt.nz

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund

Sport New Zealand funds are available for Selwyn sports teams who need to travel to local competitions and have members aged 5–19 years. School competitions in school time are not eligible. For information and application forms contact Stuart Westoby on 347 2708 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

Applications for this funding round for winter sports close Friday 30 May.

Interested in learning more about your community?

Statistics New Zealand is running a free seminar presenting information from the census 2013 on how Selwyn communities have changed since the last census in 2006.

To find out how you can use this information and more you are invited to attend the seminar on 10 June, from 9 – 11.30am at the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive.

To attend, register at www.stats.govt.nz/census-seminars or call 0508 52 525 for more information.

Animal Control complaints

Our Animal Control team is happy to follow up on complaints or service requests from the public. When submitting a request it is important to provide the team with a number of details including the nature of the complaint, the location of the animal, how often and when the problem has been occurring and your contact information.

Lately Animal Control has received a number of anonymous complaints. If insufficient information is provided to the team, they may not be able to resolve the complaint satisfactorily or develop a complete view of the history of the situation.

The team also cannot provide feedback or updates to the person who lodged the complaint. If you have an issue please call the helpline on 347 2800. Your anonymity is assured.

Reminder Rates Instalment Four

A reminder that the final rates instalment for the year (instalment 4) is due for payment without penalty by 2 June 2014.

As this deadline falls on a public holiday (Queen's Birthday) the payment deadline has been extended until Wednesday 4 June 2014.

Please note Council service centres are not open for transactions on Saturdays so are unable to process payments then.

If you have not yet received your rates invoice, please contact our Customer Services staff on 347 2800, or 318 8338 (call free from Darfield).

www.selwynlibrary.co.nz



Mobile library timetable

Wednesday 28 May

Arthur's Pass	11.30am – 12.30pm
Castle Hill Village	1.40 – 2.15pm

Thursday 29 May

Council Headquarters, Rolleston	2 – 2.30pm
Broadfield School	12.40 – 1.40pm

Monday 2 June

Queen's Birthday – no run

Tuesday 3 June

Cat's Pyjamas West Melton	12.30 – 1pm
West Melton Learning Centre	1 – 1.15pm
West Melton School	1.15 – 2pm
West Melton Church	2 – 2.30pm

Wednesday 4 June

Rakaia Huts	10.15 – 11.05am
Southbridge School	11.20am – 12.40pm
Rolly Kids	2 – 2.30pm

Heritage Fund now open

Applications to the Council's Heritage Fund open on 1 June for the 2014 round of grants and close 11 July. These grants help successful applicants to meet some of the extra costs associated with protecting heritage buildings and trees for the community's benefit.

The fund is open to the owners of heritage buildings or protected trees who live in the Selwyn District. Funding preference is given to those items listed in the Selwyn District Plan or with the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Grants given in other years have ranged between \$250 and \$17,000, depending on the work being done.

Projects that the fund has previously supported include fireplace restoration, brickwork replacement, building restoration and heritage enhancement.

Your application will need to include at least two quotes for work from suitably qualified tradespeople. Application forms are available from Council service centres and libraries, and from the Council website www.selwyn.govt.nz/heritagefund.

The Ellesmere Brass Band Hall was one of the recipients of a Council heritage grant last year.



Food Safety a hot topic in Selwyn

More than 50 people who work in the food and hospitality industry in Selwyn attended Food Control Safety seminars around the district last month.

Three seminars discussed changes to the Food Bill as the Government is set to bring in the legislation on food safety standards and provided advice on how local businesses can meet the Food Control Plan requirements.

A Food Control Plan helps food operators meet their food safety obligations by outlining the processes and procedures that need to be followed to keep food safe.

Guidelines from this plan that were discussed include temperature control and identifying hazards to avoid contamination or illness. The half-day seminars were organised by Selwyn District Council at Lincoln, Rolleston and Darfield with presentations from Food and Health Standards and the Ministry for Primary Industries.

The Teahouse Café and Restaurant owner Vanetia Bingham attended the Rolleston seminar and says it was informative and allowed for discussion among the group. "Being at the course was a great opportunity for a number of us who work with food because we talked about how we can effectively use the Food Control Plan and we shared practical solutions to problems we may have," says Mrs Bingham.

"Food safety always comes first and this was a view that was shared among the group," she adds.

The Ministry of Primary Industries has ranked Selwyn as one of the top five local authorities for Food Control Plan registration. The Ministry has also encouraged other local authorities to use the food control safety presentations developed by Selwyn to educate businesses about the requirements of the new legislation.

Otahuna Lodge will receive an excellence award for food safety practices for its high standard of performance under its Food Control Plan. A number of other local businesses will receive Achievement Awards for food safety.

Metro Bus Services Review Meeting

Environment Canterbury is hosting a drop in session for Selwyn residents on proposed changes to bus routes at the Lincoln Events Centre, Habgood Room on Thursday 29 May between 6.30pm and 8.30pm.

Drop in sessions are for people to come along and ask questions or get more information before giving us their submissions on the proposed changes.

For more information on the consultation visit www.metroinfo.co.nz/news.

Composting Workshop

Saturday 7 June

10.30am – 12.30pm

Springston Secret Garden

Gold coin donation, BBQ

Rain or Shine (bring your wet weather gear)



We throw away over one third of all food that is produced. Food waste in landfills is one of the biggest contributors of the harmful gases that cause global warming.

Guest speaker Gavin Sole from Selwyn District Council will be talking about effective waste management and the results from the recent Selwyn Waste Audit – this may really surprise you! Join us to learn about composting, share your own composting ideas and celebrate World Environment Day.

Do you know an individual, group or business who deserves to be recognised?

If you do you could nominate them for an award!

The Faringdon Sensational Selwyn Awards recognise outstanding Selwyn businesses, community groups and individuals for their inspirational work and achievements.

The awards are organised by Selwyn District Council with Faringdon as the naming sponsor. Nominations can be made in nine categories:

- ★ Agri-business
- ★ Business
- ★ Environmental
- ★ Tourism
- ★ The Diana Isaac Cup (for native planting in the Selwyn District)
- ★ Arts and Culture
- ★ Community Service
- ★ Sports
- ★ Young Achiever

The awards are open to individuals and organisations who live, or are based, in Selwyn district and meet the criteria for entry listed on nominations forms. 2012 award winners are not eligible to enter the same category in 2014. Award nominees must give permission to be entered on the entry form.

Nomination forms are available from Council libraries and service centres, the Lincoln Event Centre and online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/awards. Nominations close on 20 June.

Consultation closes soon on Selwyn 2031

Consultation closes on 6 June on Selwyn 2031 – Draft District Development Strategy.

The strategy looks at a range of issues across the district including where new commercial and residential land is needed, and what facilities, infrastructure and services are needed to ensure the district remains prosperous and people are able to continue to enjoy a high quality of life.

The Selwyn 2031 – Draft District Development Strategy, a summary document and submission forms can be viewed online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Copies are also available from Council libraries and services centres.



- Interested in the arts?
- Want to help Selwyn residents get more involved in the arts?
- Can you spare a couple of hours per month to assist?

Come along to the ...

AGM of the Selwyn Arts Trust

Thursday 12 May, 7.30pm

Selwyn District Council Offices
2 Norman Kirk Drive
Rolleston

To hear about the Trust's work and how to get involved.

Council services on Queen's Birthday

Rubbish and recycling collections will occur as normal on Queen's Birthday (Monday 2 June). Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open on Queen's Birthday from 10am – 4pm.

Lincoln Event Centre, Rolleston Community Centre, Council libraries and service centres will be closed on Monday 2 June. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am – 8pm. Please note that swim school classes will run on Saturday 31 May but there will be no classes on Monday 2 June.

The Council's 24 hour phone helpline will be operating on Queen's Birthday for any urgent issues. Phone 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338.

Resident's survey

The Council is now running its 2014 Resident's Survey.

Every year the Council runs a resident's survey which seeks feedback on what residents think of Council services like parks and roads and the Council's future plans for the district.

This year's survey also includes questions on the Council's Smoke Free Policy as well as people's thoughts on pokie machine gambling.

The survey seeks responses from around 1,000 randomly chosen residents by telephone. This year those asked to take part will also be given an option to complete the survey online.

The Council is also making the survey available to anyone else who would like to take part. You can complete the survey by going to www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. The online survey closes Sunday 15 June.



**Register tonight at the
West Melton Tavern
8pm Tuesday 27 May**

Or email your clean shaven photograph with today's Selwyn Times to westmelton150thbeards@gmail.com