



# Are you prepared for fire?

“If a fire were to threaten your home, would you know what to do?”

“It’s important that every property owner, both in rural areas and in townships, knows what to do if a fire threatens their area. It’s also important for people to consider what they can do now to reduce the chance of a fire damaging their home.”

A prohibited fire season (total fire ban) is currently in place across Selwyn District. This means that no outdoor fires, fireworks, bonfires, hangis or charcoal barbecues are allowed.

“It is important that people don’t light fires. Even when we do receive rain the fire risk will remain very high as vegetation is extremely dry and rain is not a signal that people can light fires,” says Mr Marshall. He says the Council will seek to recover fire callout costs from anyone who breaches the fire restrictions. People can also be liable for the cost of fire damage. To date this year ten individuals have been billed for fire callout costs in Selwyn.

- To help reduce the chances of a fire damaging your property you can take the following steps:**
- Make preparations so your family is able to leave your property quickly. You can find advice and information on how to prepare a household emergency plan and an emergency kit online at [www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz)
  - Check that any trees on your property are at least three metres away from power lines. Power lines touching trees can be a cause of fires in Selwyn. If you need advice on who can safely trim trees phone Orion on 0800 363 9898
  - If you live in a rural area it is a good idea to create a clear space around your house to act as a fire break by clearing vegetation within 10 metres of buildings. Keep this area watered and green and remove trees, branches, shrubs and long grass. Do not store wood or other flammable materials inside this area
  - Check you have a wide entrance to your property or paddocks which is at least four metres high and four metres wide to allow fire engines access in a fire
  - If you have animals or stock consider what preparations you can make for them should a fire threaten your property
  - Get to know your neighbours so that anyone who needs help leaving in a fire emergency can receive help, or if you need help to evacuate other people are aware of this and can help you
  - Understand the fire risk. The fire risk is currently very high. On days with strong winds or hot weather or both of these factors, the fire risk rises to extreme.

- If a fire occurs:**
- Call 111 immediately to report a fire if you see one
  - If you feel you could be at risk from a fire, leave your house with your family quickly. Do not wait to be told to leave as fires can move quickly and be unpredictable
  - Never risk your life for a fire – if a fire gets out of control then leave fire-fighting to the experts

Selwyn District Council also recommends that every Selwyn household join Selwyn Gets Ready – you can join online at [www.selwyn.getsready.net](http://www.selwyn.getsready.net). Community Response Teams operate across Selwyn and are made up of local civil defence volunteers. The information people provide through the website lets their local community response team know where people live and if people have any particular needs such as families with young children or households who don’t have a car who will need assistance in an emergency. Selwyn Gets Ready can also be used to notify people if there is a threat they should be aware of.

Mr Marshall says that the system was recently used successfully to notify Castle Hill residents of a risk from the Flock Hill fire and the local Community Response Team then made plans to evacuate local residents. Fortunately the fire did not come close enough to require that the village be evacuated.

## Crossing point widened

The median island and sections of footpath on Rolleston Drive near Norman Kirk Drive have been widened for children or adults crossing the road. The Council is also planning to improve other crossing points along Rolleston Drive and add additional crossing points in 2015/16 near the Community Centre. The footpath along Rolleston Drive between the Warehouse and the State Highway will also be widened and upgraded into a walkway/cycleway in 2015/16 so it can be safely used by both pedestrians and cyclists and children. This will then later be joined up with new walking and cycling connections to Tennyson Street being planned as part of the Rolleston Town Centre Upgrade.



## Selwyn Aquatic Centre Speedo Challenge

The staff have made a great start to their swim, which is equivalent to swimming from Lyttleton Harbour to Auckland Harbour, and have clocked up a fantastic 108 kilometres to date. They have 80 days left to complete the 1,068km swim.



## Summer Skate Jams Underway

Skate Jam season is in full swing with lots of fun skate events happening over the next six weeks.

“Skate Jams are a great chance for Selwyn families to enjoy a fun day out. They are also an opportunity for kids of all ages to learn some new skills from skate professionals for free,” says Chris Martin, Selwyn District Council’s Youth Advisor.

Skate Jam events includes best trick competitions, spot prizes, music and a sausage sizzle. The Cheapskates Skate Skool will be giving free skate lessons and skate gear for all ages will be available for free hire.

### There are six events planned for the Summer Skate Jam Series at:

- Darfield Skate Park - Wednesday 25 February
- Tai Tapu School - Saturday 4 March
- Leeston Skate Bowl - Wednesday 11 March
- Prebbleton Community Park - Wednesday 18 March
- Rolleston Skate Park - Wednesday 25 March
- Lincoln Events Centre Car Park - Wednesday 1 April.

All events run from 4-6pm.



# Council Call

Selwyn District Council  
Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston  
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library  
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston  
Ph 347 2880 or 318 8338

Darfield Library & Service Centre  
1 South Terrace, Darfield  
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2800



## Notices

### Dog Microchipping

Free microchipping is taking place on Friday 27 February – for information on times and locations please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz).

### Impounded Stock

7 two-tooth hoggets were found in the Ellesmere area. If these are yours or you know who they may belong to please contact Animal Control on 347 2800. If the owner does not come forward by Monday 23 February the sheep will be up for tender. Tenders must be submitted on a form which is available from Animal Control (phone 347 2800) or from Council Service Centres. Please forward your tender in a sealed envelope by 5pm Friday 6 March, addressed to Sheep Tender.



### Local Approved Products Policy

Consultation on this draft Policy closes at 5pm on Friday 20 February. For more information and to make a submission visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) or a library.

## Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Bernadette Ryan (Council), Kate Anderson (Community Boards) or your local committee at least three days before the meeting.*

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

### Council & Community Boards

*Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.*

**Selwyn Central Community Board**  
Wed 18 Feb, 4.30pm

*Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's attention and find out what we can do to help? See 'Meetings' above for information on our Public Forum.*

**Road Safety Committee**

Thurs 19 Feb, 9.30am

**Malvern Community Board**

Mon 23 Feb, 4pm

Fonterra Board Room, Darfield

*Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to*

### Lincoln Summer Fete

The fete is on Saturday 7 March. There are lots of great competitions you can prepare an entry for including baking, photography, produce, sand saucer, button hole and Real Potato Head Creation. See [facebook.com/lincolnmarket](https://facebook.com/lincolnmarket).

### Mobile Library Timetable

**Wednesday 18 February**  
Burnham Kindergarten 10.15-11am  
Hororata School 11.30-1pm  
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

**Thursday 19 February**  
Council Headquarters, Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm  
Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston 1.30-2pm  
Rolleston First Learners 2-2.30pm  
Broadfield School 2.55-3.30pm  
**Tuesday 24 February**  
Tai Tapu Play Centre 10-10.30am  
Tai Tapu Preschool 10.30-11.15am  
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm  
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm  
West Melton Church 1.50-2.30pm



### Rates Instalment Three

By now you should have received your rates invoice for the third quarter of the 2014-15 rating year. This invoice covers the period from 1 January to 31 March 2015, and is due for payment by 2 March 2015. If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact our Rates Department on 347 2800, or email [admin@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:admin@selwyn.govt.nz).

If you have recently moved into a new dwelling in Selwyn, don't forget to contact us with your new address and phone number.

### Water Notice Lincoln and Leeston

A notice has been circulated to some Lincoln and Leeston properties on water restrictions. The notice is not from Selwyn District Council and contains incorrect information. If you live in Doyleston, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, Springfield or West Melton watering restrictions mean you may not water your lawn between 6-9am or 4-9pm.

Watering your lawn is allowed at other times and watering your garden is allowed at any time. For further information please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz).

### Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 17 Feb, 8pm, Glenroy Hall  
**Glentunnel Township Committee**  
Mon 23 Feb, 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

### Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Tue 3 March, 8pm  
Greendale Pavilion  
**Leeston Community Committee**  
Mon 2 Mar, 7.30pm  
Leeston Library Community Room

### Leeston Park Association

Mon 23 Feb, 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion  
**Rolleston Community  
Centre Committee**

Thurs 26 Feb, 7pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

### Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 23 Feb, 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre  
**Sheffield/Waddington  
Community Committee**  
Thurs 19 Feb, 7.30pm  
Sheffield Community Hall  
**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tue 3 Mar, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall  
**Springston Reserve & Associated  
Sports Combined Committee Inc.**

Wed 18 Feb, 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

**Tawera Memorial Hall Committee**  
Thurs 5 Mar, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

## Check before you plant or dig

If you are planning to plant a tree or dig a site, its important that you check that there are no water or wastewater pipes or power or phone cables under ground.

You can check the location of water and wastewater pipelines by visiting [canterburymaps.govt.nz](http://canterburymaps.govt.nz) and entering your property address.

To find out the location of power, phone or broadband cables you can either visit [www.beforeudig.co.nz](http://www.beforeudig.co.nz), phone 0800 248 344 or contact utility providers directly.



Leeston Library & Service Centre  
High Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2820 or 318 8338

Lincoln Library & Service Centre  
Gerald Street, Lincoln  
Ph 347 2875 or 318 8338

(03) 347 2800  
Darfield call free 318 8338  
[www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)



WEDNESDAY

18  
FEBRUARY

### Dunsandel Family Picnic 5.30-7.30pm, Dunsandel Domain

A free family picnic with a live band, bouncy castle, face painting, sausage sizzle and the Fun on Wheels Trailer



FRIDAY

20  
FEBRUARY

### Recovery Matters – Community workshop Lincoln & Districts Community Care,1.30pm

A free workshop with practical tips and tools to support loved ones through the recovery process and understand the science of stress. To book see [www.redcross.org.nz/recoverytraining](http://www.redcross.org.nz/recoverytraining) or call 0800 468 873

WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

### Summer Skate Jam Darfield Skate Park, 4-6pm

A fun family event with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool



WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

### Selwyn Timebank Information Session Rolleston School Hall, 7.30pm

Find out more about timebanking – a way of trading skills in the community where you earn credits to pay for services. See [www.selwyntimebank.net.nz](http://www.selwyntimebank.net.nz)

MONDAY

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MARCH

### Mature Driver Course, Weedons

A free workshop for over 60s to help drivers gain skills to be safer on the road. To book phone the Council on 347 2901 or Age Concern on 366 0903



UNTIL

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MARCH

### To Lucy with Love and Brush with Nature

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield  
New Zealand landscape paintings from artists Bridget Carr and Charles Pickworth. Open daily (except Mondays) 10am-4pm