

Water restrictions introduced



Due to the very dry weather, and high demand for water at peak demand times, water restrictions are now in place for the following Council water supplies:

Doyleston Kirwee	Leeston Lincoln	Prebbleton Rolleston	Springfield West Melton
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If you are connected to one of these water supplies, you can't irrigate your lawn between the hours of 6am-9am and 4pm-9pm. The restrictions are in place every day until further notice

Can I water my garden when restrictions are in place?

Yes, you can water your garden at any time of the day.

When are the best times to water my lawn?

If you have the option to set a timer, the best time to water your lawn and garden is during the early morning between midnight and 6am as the water has the opportunity to soak into the ground.

Watering your lawn during the daytime during hot days or when a Nor' West is blowing results in a lot of water evaporating. If you do need to water during the daytime a cooler, overcast day would be the best option.

Are the water restrictions having an impact?

Since the water restrictions were introduced, the demand for water has been spread more evenly throughout the day and week. Water use on high use days has fallen between 9-23%.

The restrictions are helping to avoid substantial drops in well levels and providing households with more consistent water pressure. This is important as the times when water restrictions are in place are when most water is used inside the home for showers, baths, cooking, washing clothes and other activities.

How much water is being used?

In New Zealand, households typically use between 500 and 750 litres each every day. In Selwyn, the average use is around 1,300 litres per property, per day.

Water use is a lot higher in summer, as a garden sprinklers can use more water in one hour than your household uses on average during the whole day.

On a high use day, usually a hot weekend day in a dry summer, water use in some townships in Selwyn has been recorded to be over 4,000 litres per property, per day – the equivalent to each property using over 30 bathtubs of water that day. Water use peaks in the morning from around 6-9am and evenings between 4-9pm. In areas where there are many new sections, households can have particularly high water use as they establish their lawns.

Why are farms allowed to irrigate at any time?

Rural properties are not connected to Council water supplies. Properties taking ground water for irrigation must comply with consent requirements imposed by Environment Canterbury.

Are there any upgrades planned to water supplies to increase capacity?

Yes. Improvements to add capacity have been programmed for some time and are planned for a number of water supplies. This year two new bores will be added to the Rolleston supply, along with one additional bore to supply Lincoln and another to supply Prebbleton. In Doyleston, a second pipe will be built this year to directly connect the town's reservoir to the water source and provide more capacity.

Although improvements are planned to cope with population growth, water supplies are not designed to provide unlimited amounts of water. It would be expensive for ratepayers to add additional bores to Council supplies if they are in use less than 5% of the time.



Total fire ban in place as fire risk rises



A prohibited fire season is now in place in Selwyn. This means that no outdoor fires or crop stubble fires can be lit in the district. Fires are also not permitted in Council reserves, and no fireworks, bonfires or pizza ovens are allowed. Fire permits previously issued by the Council are cancelled. Gas barbeques with a high pressure water source at hand are allowed but not charcoal barbeques.

"Vegetation in Selwyn is now very dry, and when combined with hot weather this provides the ideal conditions for fires to spread quickly," says Douglas Marshall, Selwyn Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer.

"Fires can start very easily and quickly get out of control. Recently we have had several fires start when people have been mowing sections and a spark ignited."

Mr Marshall says that volunteer fire fighters are very busy in the current hot, dry weather conditions. "Our local fire brigades are made up of volunteers who have jobs and families. We are asking everyone to be particularly careful to avoid activities that can increase the fire risk so that volunteer fire fighters are not constantly being called out to fires."

A fee of \$575 can be charged for a fire call out if a fire has been lit which breaches fire restrictions. This fee goes to local fire brigades.

Reducing fire risk

We are asking everyone to help minimise the fire risk in Selwyn by following this advice:

- avoid operating lawn mowers or other machinery during hot weather as sparks can easily ignite, and wait until the weather is cooler to mow laws or operate machinery. Having a high pressure water source nearby for fire firefighting is advisable as a precaution. An alternative option to mowing long grass is to graze it if possible.
- grinding metal can also create sparks and you should carry this out on a non-flammable surface (eg concrete or gravel area) and have a source of water nearby for fire fighting
- regularly check and maintain machinery and equipment so it's safe to operate
- keep a hose connected that can reach round the house



In the current conditions sparks can easily ignite a fire. At this Rolleston property sparks from a lawn mower recently started a fire.



Summer fun in Selwyn

We have a great range of summer events coming to Selwyn.

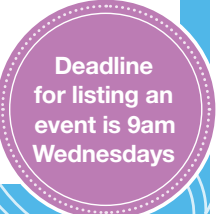
Family picnics are planned at Tai Tapu, Springston, Leeston, West Melton and Lincoln during January and February.

Three pool parties are happening at Darfield, Southbridge and at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston, and community fun days are also planned at West Melton and Springfield.

Upcoming events are listed in our new events calendar.

A full list of summer events is available visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/events.

If you have a community event you would like to be included in our events calendar email council.call@selwyn.govt.nz



Notices

Killinchy Pool Open

Killinchy Community Pool is now open. If you would like a key or more information please contact Nigel or Vanessa on 03 324 4489.

Term One Recreation

Term 1 brochures are now available for programmes at Lincoln Event Centre and Rolleston Community Centre. You can pick up a brochure from the centres or view them online at www.lincolneventcentre.co.nz or www.selwyn.govt.nz/rcc. New classes offered at Lincoln Event Centre include Spin, Start Up, Tai Chi and BAT (Bum, Abs and Thighs). New classes at Rolleston Community Centre include step and tone, Midday HIIT, sign language and a resource conservation workshop. There are a wide range of other classes to choose from.

Impounded Stock Found

These 15 sheep were found in the Darfield area. If these are yours or you know who they belong to please contact Animal Control on 03 347 2800 immediately. If the owner does not come forward by Monday 26 January the sheep will be available for tender. All tenders must be submitted on the tender form which is available by phoning Animal Control on 03 347 2800 or from a Council Service Centre. Please forward your tender in a sealed envelope by 5pm Thursday 5 February, to 'Sheep Tender.'



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 Wednesday of the week prior to publication by emailing meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or by phoning 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338. If you wish to speak on matters of concern, prior notification is requested by the committees.*

Council and Community Boards

Selwyn Central Community Board
Wednesday 21 January, 4.30pm,
Executive Meeting Room One,
Rolleston Council Building
Malvern Community Board
Monday 26 January, 4pm,
Darfield Library/Service Centre
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.

Rating Review Committee
Monday 2 February, 10am, Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building
Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tuesday 3 February, 1pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building

Audit & Risk Sub-committee
Wednesday 4 February, 3pm, Executive Meeting Room One, Rolleston Council Building
Industrial Park Project Team
Thursday 5 February, 3pm, Izone Café
Because this project team discusses

Mobile Library Timetable

Tuesday 20 January
Glenroy Hall 12.10-12.50pm
Glentunnel Hall 1.15-1.45pm
Wednesday 21 January
Hororata School 11.30am-1pm
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm
Thursday 22 January
Council Headquarters,
Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Paradise for Little Angels
Rolleston 1.30-2pm
Rolleston First Learners 2-2.30pm
Tuesday 27 January
Tai Tapu Play Centre 10-10.30am
Tai Tapu Preschool 10.30-11.15am
West Melton Learning
Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Church 1.50-2.30pm



Road Works – Rolleston Drive

Work to create a larger waiting area for pedestrians using the pedestrian refuge on Rolleston Drive near Norman Kirk Drive will start this week. This will help make the refuge safer for people crossing the road. Temporary traffic controls will be in place with lane closures at times. Delays may occur while works are being undertaken and motorists may wish to use an alternative route. Works are expected to be completed by 30 January 2015.

Free Dog Microchipping

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available on Wednesday 21 January at:
Darfield 9-9.30am
Rolleston 10.15-10.45am
Lincoln 11.30am -12pm
Leeston 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), other venues are outside libraries.
· Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.



Volunteers sought for Citizens Advice Bureau

Citizens Advice has been operating on Tuesday 10am-2pm at the Darfield Library since July. Volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and answer a whole range of questions - from tenancy rights, to requests for directions, to helping someone who has been made redundant. Volunteers are fully supported with initial learning and ongoing development. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email manager.cabchch@gmail.com.

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee
Friday 13 February, 7.45pm,
Ladbrooks Community Centre
Leeston Community Committee
Monday, 2 February, 7.30pm,
Leeston Library Community Room
Leeston Park Association
Monday 26 January, 8pm,
Leeston Park Pavilion
Lincoln Community Committee
Monday, 9 February, 7.30pm,
Lincoln Events Centre
Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Wednesday, 28 January, 7.30pm,
Lincoln Event Centre
Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.
Monday 9 February, 7.30pm,
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room
Rolleston Community Centre Committee
Thursday 26 February, 7pm,
Rolleston Community Centre
Rolleston Residents Association
Monday 26 January, 7.30pm,
Rolleston Community Centre
Springfield Township Committee
Tuesday, 3 February, 7.30pm,
Tawera Hall
Springston Hall Committee
Thursday 12 February, 7.30pm,
Springston Hall
West Melton Community Centre Committee
Tuesday, 27 January, 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre
West Melton Residents Association AGM
Wednesday, 11 February, 7pm,
West Melton Community Centre
Followed by normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm
Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Monday, 9 February, 7.30pm,
Glentunnel Hall

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
Water Race Sub-committee
Monday 9 February, 1.30pm,
Executive Meeting Room One,
Rolleston Council Building
Council Meeting
Wednesday 11 February, 1pm,
Council Chambers, Rolleston Council Building
The meeting is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public.
Malvern Hills Rural Water Supply Sub-committee
Thursday 12 February, 8.30am,
Darfield Library/Service Centre
Hororata/Acheron Rural Water Supply Sub-committee
Thursday 12 February, 10.30am,
Darfield Library/Service Centre
Local Committees/ Associations

These are public meetings and the first 15 minutes are available for the public to speak.
Dunsandel Community Committee
Wednesday, 28 January, 7.30pm,
Dunsandel Sports Centre
Ellesmere Reserve Board AGM
Tuesday 27 January, 7.30pm,
Leeston Library Community Room
Hororata Citizens Committee
Tuesday 27 January, 7.30pm,
Hororata Hall
Hororata Reserve Management Committee AGM
Wednesday, 4 February, 7.30pm,
Hororata Reserve Admin Building (Hororata Domain)
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Monday, 9 February, 7.30pm,
Kirwee Pavilion



WEDNESDAY
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JANUARY

Tai Tapu Family Picnic
5.30-7.30pm, Rhodes Park Domain
BYO picnic and enjoy games, a live band, face painting, the Fun on Wheels trailer, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle

THURSDAY
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JANUARY

Board Game Fun
9.30am-12.30pm, Lincoln Library
The library has a great selection of board games suitable for adults and kids to enjoy. Also runs on 29 January from 9.30am-12.30pm

SUNDAY
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JANUARY

Malvern Pool Party
2-5pm
Darfield Pool
Join the fun at the pool, with games, pool inflatable and a BBQ



WEDNESDAY
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JANUARY

Springston Family Picnic
5.30-7.30pm, Springston Reserve
Enjoy a BYO family picnic with games, bikes from Pedalmania, a live band, face painting, the Fun on Wheels trailer, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle

THURSDAY
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JANUARY

Leeston Family Picnic
5.30-7.30pm, Leeston Domain
BYO picnic with games, face painting, Waterrat balls (like zorb balls but in a pool), a live band, the Fun on Wheels trailer, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle



UNTIL SUN
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FEBRUARY

Planet and Flora Down by the Liffey Gallery
Open 10am-4pm Weds-Sun
An exhibition of photography, pottery and paintings by artists Justine de Spa, Gaye Morton and Anne Fountain

SUNDAY
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FEBRUARY

Southbridge Pool Party
2-4pm, Southbridge Pool
Make a splash at this fun pool party. With music, games, competitions and a sausage sizzle