



Council seeks better communication coverage

The Council has lodged an application with the government to improve broadband and mobile phone services in Selwyn.

The Council's application supports using rural broadband initiative funding to improve internet services in the Central Plains Water scheme area. The scheme will cover 60,000 hectares of the Canterbury plains west of State Highway One between the Rakaia and Waimakariri River. The scheme is expected to have a wider economic impact of between \$1 billion and \$1.4 billion and create 1,130 jobs.

The Council undertook a survey during May of Selwyn households and businesses. Of the 634 responses to the survey, 54% came from rural or lifestyle areas. People in these areas experienced the slowest internet speeds, with 40% of people reporting speeds of 3mpbs or less and saying they found it difficult to work from home, use business or farm software, download files, watch videos or use Skype.

“Central Plains Water is projected to boost Selwyn’s economy significantly and create many new jobs,” says Selwyn District Council Chief Executive David Ward. “Improved broadband services will be necessary for farms and local businesses to be able to operate efficiently as for example farms will need access to sophisticated farm and water management software systems.”

The Council’s application seeks to prioritise broadband improvements to occur alongside the staged development of the scheme.

The Council has also requested that the government provide ultra-fast broadband to Darfield/ Kirwee, Leeston/Southbridge and that the existing Lincoln ultra-fast broadband coverage area be extended to Tai Tapu. These areas are expected to experience significant population and business growth. Lincoln is also a hub for education, industry and research and the expansion of research and industry will create demand for new housing in Lincoln and Tai Tapu. Darfield and Kirwee are expected to attract new businesses and workers once Central Plains Water is developed.

The survey found that 34% of people from Selwyn townships outside of Rolleston and Lincoln had internet speeds of 3mpbs or less and experienced issues using the internet for some business or leisure activities. Currently only Rolleston and Lincoln have ultra-fast fibre broadband.

The Council has also applied to the government’s mobile black spot fund to improve mobile phone coverage along State Highway 73 between Springfield and Otira. “This route is a busy tourist highway. From the perspective of civil defence and emergency services mobile coverage is needed due to the risk of traffic accidents and accidents at the six ski fields along this route. There is also the risk of an earthquake along the alpine fault line and mobile coverage is needed to contact communities living in this area and help restore essential services,” says Mr Ward.

Internet upgrades are planned by Chorus during 2015 at Windwhistle, Greendale, Bankside and Southbridge and at Springfield in May 2016. Kirwee’s internet exchange was upgraded in June.

Frozen water pipes?

With the colder weather Selwyn has experienced lately we have had a number of calls about frozen pipes.

New houses are required to comply with the Building Code which sets minimum performance standards. There are a number of reasons why your pipes may freeze in a heavy frost even if your home meets Building Code requirements. If you have experienced frozen pipes we suggest you:

- identify where the pipes are freezing and contact the builder or plumber who completed work. They can install additional lagging or insulation around pipework in ‘at risk’ areas to reduce the risk of pipes freezing or bursting in severe frosts
- keep your whole house warm to prevent pipes freezing inside the home
- ensure you know how to maintain your home. See www.branz.co.nz/maintainingyourhome for advice on this.

Look out for speed limit changes

Speed limits have been reduced on roads in the Prebbleton area on the fringes of Christchurch City, on the outskirts of some townships and on road sections where new development has occurred. New speed limit signs are in place where the changes have been made.

Speed limits have reduced from 100km to 80km per hour on many of the roads around Prebbleton. These roads are becoming increasingly busy and the area wide lower speed limit is a road safety measure. The 80km per hour speed limit has been extended on Shands Road to south of Selwyn Road and most surrounding roads.

In Rolleston, speed limits have reduced in the Izone, Faringdon and Foster Park areas, on Brookside Road and Dunns Crossing Road near the new Rolleston West School and on the town’s outskirts on Levi Road and Springston Rolleston Road.

Speed limit reductions also affect some roads in the townships of Darfield, Doyleston, Hororata, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Springston, Tai Tapu and West Melton.

In most cases the changes will introduce residential speed limits to new subdivision or housing areas. Some changes are a result of requests from local residents or township committees for lower speed limits to improve safety. A Register of Speed Limits and Maps is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.



New 80km speed signs are in place on Shands Road south of Selwyn Road

Area Plan meetings for Ellesmere and Malvern

The Council is working to develop area plans for Malvern and Ellesmere. These plans will provide a 15 year framework for sustainable growth and development. They will look at how townships within Ellesmere and Malvern could develop and where housing, businesses, open space, community facilities and infrastructure could be located in the future. The plans will also look at what’s special about different towns and needs to be retained and how nearby towns work together. Local meetings where you share your thoughts about these issues are being held at:

- Dunsandel Rugby Clubrooms
Wednesday 5 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Leeston Library meeting room, Thursday 6 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Leeston Library meeting room, Sunday 9 August, 1-3pm
- Tawera Memorial Hall, Springfield
Tuesday 11 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre, Wednesday 12 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Glentunnel Community Centre, Tuesday 18 August, 6.30-8.30pm
- Darfield Recreation Centre, Sunday 23 August, 1-3pm

For more information check out the feature in next week’s *Selwyn Times*.



Area Plans will look at how towns in Ellesmere and Malvern could develop in the future

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

CONFERENCE AND EVENTS GUIDE

The Council is updating our Conference and Events guide. If you have an event venue or accommodation in Selwyn you want to include in the guide, please email Elizabeth.pitcorn@selwyn.govt.nz by Friday 24 July.

VINTAGE VILLAGE TRUST ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Controlling Trust for Abbeyfield Ellesmere will be held in the Community Room, Leeston Library on Wednesday 5 August at 7.30 p.m. Nominations are called for trustees. Two trustees retiring by rotation, Robyn Casey and Councillor Pat McEvedy are eligible and have offered themselves for re-election. Nomination forms are available from the secretary: Helen R Crowhen, 7 Leeston/Dunsandel Road, Leeston 7632 or email helenrcrowhen@gmail.com. Nominations close 31 July 2015.

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 Friday 24 July at:
· Lincoln: 9-9.30am
· Leeston: 10.15-10.45am
· Darfield: 11.30am-12pm
· Rolleston: 12.45-1.15pm
Please note:
· All clinics last for half an hour
· The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive), other

locations are outside libraries
· Microchipping will not take place if wet.
If you have any questions please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

IMPOUNDED STOCK

Tenders are now being accepted for these 6 sheep. Tenders must be submitted on a form that is available from Animal Control (phone 347 2800) or from Council Service Centres. Please forward your tender in a sealed envelope by 5pm Friday 31 July and addressed to Sheep Tender.



REGISTER YOUR DOG IN JULY

If you have recently registered your dog online you should be sent registration tags by the end of next week. If you have not received an email (dated 23 June) or registration papers from the Council please first check that the email isn't in your junk email inbox and if it's not there please email dogrego@selwyn.govt.nz to let us know. Dog registration is due by 31 July and if paid by this date you will pay a reduced registration fee. Once you've received registration papers or an email with your customer and dog owner number you can register

your dog online. See www.selwyn.govt.nz for instructions on how to do this.



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 22 July
Arthurs Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 23 July
Council Headquarters, Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30-2pm
Rolleston First Learners 2.10-2.40pm

Saturday 25 July
Lincoln Event Centre 9.30am-12.30pm

Monday 27 July
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am
Windwhistle School 1-1.30pm
Glentunnel School 1.55-2.55pm

Tuesday 28 July
Kirwee 10-10.45am
Kirwee School 10.45-11.30am
West Melton Church 12.15-12.45pm
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
Cats Pyjamas West Melton 1.50-2.20pm
Lincoln Events Centre 9.30am-12.30pm

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 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.

Sister Cities Committee AGM

Thurs 23 July 6pm
Anyone welcome to attend. Please RSVP by emailing bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz or phoning 347 2830

Malvern Community Board

Mon 27 July 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

Council Meeting

Wed 29 July 1pm

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 4 Aug 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 5 Aug 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 6 Aug 3pm
Izone Visitors Centre

Because of commercial sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Property and Commercial Manager, Douglas Marshall

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 5 Aug 7.30pm
Broadfield Hall

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 3 Aug 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Dunsandel Community Committee

Wed 29 July 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Glenroy Community Hall

Tue 21 July 8pm
Glenroy Hall

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 27 July 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 28 July 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 5 Aug 7.30pm
Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 3 Aug 7.30pm
Leeston Library
Community Room

Leeston Park Association

Mon 27 July 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 29 July 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association

Tue 21 July 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 27 July 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 27 July 7pm
Southbridge Hall

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 4 Aug 7.30pm
Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Thurs 30 July 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.

Wed 5 Aug 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Library

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tue 28 July 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Selwyn Events

WWW.SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS



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JULY

Babytime and Toddlertime

Selwyn Libraries

Free sessions resume for term three. Babytime runs on Wednesdays at Rolleston Library 9.30-10am and on Thursdays at Lincoln 9.30-10am. Babytime has stories, songs, rhyme and bubbles and is suitable for babies from 3-18 months. Toddlertime runs at Darfield Library on Mondays 10-10.30am and at Rolleston Library on Tuesdays 9.30-10am and 10.30-11am. On Thursdays it runs at Lincoln Library 10.30-11am and Leeston Library 10-10.30am. It has stories, activities and songs for children 2-5 years



WEDNESDAY

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JULY

Isaac Theatre restoration

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am

Neil Cox, General Manager of the Isaac Theatre Royal talks about the \$40 million makeover of the building. Hosted by U3A Ellesmere

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JULY

Vessels of Knowledge

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

Studio ceramics from the University of Canterbury art Collection. Please note new exhibition end date. Open daily 10am-4pm except Monday

WEDNESDAY

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JULY

Restoration of the Arts Centre

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am

Andre Lovatt, Director of the Lovatt Arts Theatre talks about the restoration and rebuild of the Arts Centre and their vision for the future. Hosted by U3A Ellesmere

THURSDAY

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JULY

Community energy action information evening

Lincoln Library, 5.30-7pm

Find out how to reduce your power bill by using energy more efficiently. Free. Book by phoning 347 2876 or visiting the library

MONDAY

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AUGUST

Lincoln Envirotown meeting

Lincoln Event Centre, 7.30pm

Tristan Girdwood, President of the Lincoln University Environmental Organisation will speak about his trip to Africa. All welcome