

Selwyn residents will soon have a new cycleway to enjoy.

Minister of Transport Simon Bridges announced last week that Selwyn was one of 13 areas to receive funding from a new Urban Cycleway Fund.

Mr Bridges says this is the beginning of a programme that will change the face of cycleways in New Zealand using clever funding leveraging.

“By pulling together multiple funding sources, the Urban Cycleways Programme will get high-quality projects underway much sooner than may otherwise have been the case.”

In Selwyn, the funding will go towards creating a new 9km cycleway linking our two largest towns, Rolleston and Lincoln.

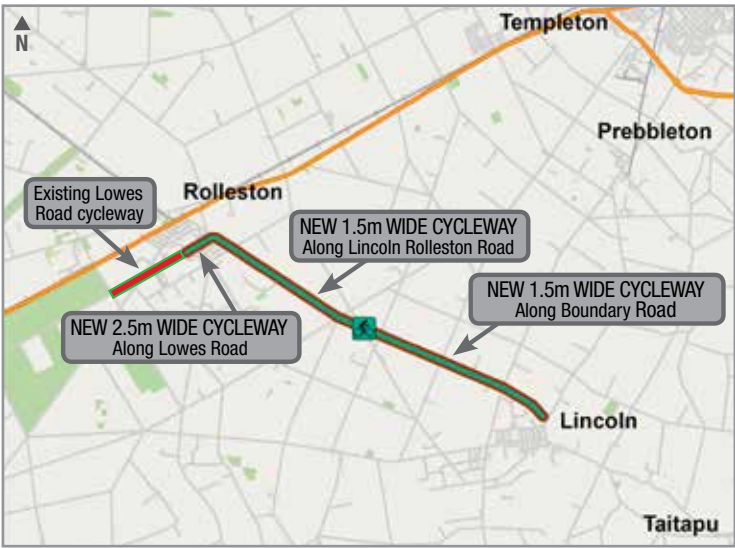
This funding will be combined with additional support from the New Zealand Transport Agency as a joint initiative to improve the districts cycling facilities.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says the Council is delighted to receive funding for the project. “We expect the cycleway will be well used by students travelling to Lincoln High School, people commuting to work and Selwyn residents using the new cycleway to access community facilities in both townships.”

The cycleway will run along Lowes Road, Lincoln Rolleston Road and Boundary Road. From there, cyclists will be able to connect up to the existing Railtrail path which runs from Lincoln to Christchurch and Little River.

The development of a new cycleway between Rolleston and Lincoln was programmed for the future, but the national funding assistance will enable the project to be completed this year. The design and construction of the new cycleway is expected to be completed by June 2015.

The development of the cycleway is being jointly funded with \$300,000 coming from the government’s Urban Cycleway Fund, and the New Zealand Transport Agency and Selwyn District Council each funding \$275,000.



Water bills out for Rolleston

If you are connected to the Rolleston town supply, you should have received a water bill recently. In Rolleston the cost of providing water is met by having a fixed charge (this is currently \$200) which is included in your rates bill and from a water meter charge based on your usage of water.

The most recent bill covers the period from July 2014 to the beginning of January 2015. For most households, your latest bill is likely to be higher than your previous bill for January-June 2014. Watering your lawn and garden consumes the most water of any activity for residential properties. In 2014 most of the rainfall in Rolleston occurred in January-June, and the amount of rainfall in July-December was much lower than normal, so most households would have had noticeably higher water consumption in the second half of 2014, and therefore a higher water bill. The charge for water also increased in July 2014 from 33 cents per 1,000 cubic litres of water to 40 cents per 1,000 cubic litres of water. 1,000 cubic litres of water is enough to take up to eight baths. If you think your water bill is too high, it is a good idea to check your property for leaks.



Selwyn Community Board News

At the recent Board meeting, members received an update on Council’s draft policy for managing psychoactive substances and on training opportunities for community committee representatives.

The Board recently allocated a number of grants. One of these was to the Rolleston Combined Churches to print flyers for the Community Christmas Carol Service. Funding was granted to an individual towards costs of attending the Scout World Jamboree in Japan later this year; and a grant was made to another individual towards the cost of a World Challenge trip to Borneo.

The Board will hold their bi-annual Volunteer Awards on 17 June during Volunteer Awareness week. Nominations will open in May. If you know anyone who is deserving of a Volunteer Award please complete a nomination form. We would also like to let the wider Selwyn Central community know that the Board has grants available to support community groups and individuals – to find out more about grants and criteria, please visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/grants.

Public Forum for February and Rolleston 150th Celebrations

Our next forum includes the Police on crime prevention along with Simon McDermott (Chair) and the new principal of West Rolleston Primary School Establishment Board of Trustees. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting on 18 February.

The board are arranging a celebration of our township and railway for October 2016. In 1866, Rolleston town was created alongside the railway. Expressions of interest are called for from interested members of the public who would like to be involved. Please contact the Chair Diane Chesmar on 344 0418.

Drive Safe around school children

Over 8,000 children are now returning to school in Selwyn. Children will be travelling on the bus, by car, biking, walking and using scooters to get to and from school. With so many children on the move, motorists will need to take extra care before and after school.

Safety tips for drivers:

- watch out for children when they are crossing the road. If children are on scooters they can move quickly. Whether they are on bike, walking or on scooters children may not have the skills to judge if it is safe to cross, so slow down if they are near a crossing
- back into your driveway so when you leave the house in the morning you will have a clear view of any children crossing your driveway
- if you are passing young cyclists on the road, give them plenty of space as they may be inexperienced
- always reduce your speed to 20 kilometres when you pass a stationary school bus. Look out for children who are on the roadside, or are getting on or off the bus
- slow down around schools and other areas children travel along to get to school

Safety tips for parents:

- talk to your children about how to use their bike or scooter safely and how to check it is in a safe condition to use
- make sure your child is familiar with their route to school and knows how to cross any roads safely
- helmets must be worn by cyclists and are recommended for children on scooters. Hi-viz vests also help make children more visible to motorists
- if your children catch the bus talk to them about safety. They should stand well back from the road and wait until the bus has gone and there is a clear view both ways before they cross the road
- check all children are correctly restrained if you drive children to or from school
- when picking up or dropping off children at school, ask your children to get in and out of the car on the footpath side of the car and don't park near yellow lines, intersections or driveways.

School’s back in Selwyn

Let’s make sure our children arrive safe!

OVER 8000 Selwyn children are travelling to school this week by bus, car, bike, scooter and on foot

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

Impounded Stock

Tenders are now being accepted for these 15 sheep. Tenders must be submitted on a tender form available from Animal Control (phone 347 2800) or at a Council Service Centre. Please forward your tender in a sealed envelope by **5pm Thursday 5 February** and addressed to 'Sheep Tender.'



Help your community

The Citizens Advice Bureau now has volunteer positions available. Join our knowledgeable and caring team and make a difference to people needing answers. We offer advice on anything from consumer rights to immigration to budgeting. Full training is provided. Call 0800 367 222 or email cab.managerchch@gmail.com for information.

Pool hours changing

Hours for Darfield and Southbridge pools have changed now the school term has begun. Darfield pool is now open Monday - Friday 3.30-7pm, and at the weekend and public holidays from 1-7pm. Southbridge pool is now open from Wednesday - Sunday 3-7pm.



Road safety prize draw

Congratulations to the winners of the Road Safety 'Plan a Safe Ride Home' Prize Draw:

First - E Barker of Darfield
Second - C McCullagh of Leeston
Third - J Willoughby Darfield

Thank you to the 314 residents who entered the draw.

Mobile Library Timetable

Wednesday 4 February
Arthurs Pass 11.30-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm

Thursday 5 February
Rolleston Council Building 12.45-1.15pm
Paradise for Little Angels Rolleston, 1.30-2pm
Rolleston First Learners, 2-2.30pm
Broadfield School, 2.55-3.30pm

Monday 9 February
Cats Pyjamas Rolleston 10.15-10.45am
Burnham Montessori, 11-11.30am
Windwhistle School, 1-1.30pm

Tuesday 10 February
Cats Pyjamas West Melton 12.15-12.45pm
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Church, 1.50-2pm



Sheffield Hall now open

Sheffield Hall has reopened to the public. An engineering report on the hall, commissioned by the Sheffield Hall Committee,

identified that the main body of the hall can be reopened with the foyer area being closed off. Hall bookings can be made by contacting Michelle Webster on 318 3063.

Water restrictions in place

Please note that water restrictions are still in place for properties connected to these Council water supplies: Doyleston, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, Springfield and West Melton. The restrictions mean you can't water lawns between 6-9am or between 4-9pm. Restrictions are expected to remain in place during the summer and into early Autumn. Garden watering is allowed at any time.

Tai Tapu water supply

A replacement pump with more capacity has been successfully installed and the water supply is now operating as normal once more. The restrictions on watering lawns and gardens have been lifted. Thank you.

Low Flows in Water Races

Due to the current dry conditions being experienced over the Canterbury Region it has become increasingly difficult to create a sufficient flow in the water races throughout the district. A number of rivers have become exceedingly low, impacting the intakes at the Upper and Lower Kowai, Haldon, Glenroy and the Lower Rakaia. This causes problems in ensuring all properties are supplied with stock water.

In order to help improve flows, property owners are encouraged to clean and maintain water races to improve downstream flows to other users. The Council appreciates your help with this.

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.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 3 Feb, 1pm

Audit & Risk Sub-committee

Wed 4 Feb, 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thu 5 Feb, 3pm

Izone Visitors Centre

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

Water Race Sub-committee

Mon 9 Feb, 1.30pm

Council Meeting

Wed 11 Feb, 1pm

The meeting is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public.

Malvern Hills Rural Water Supply Sub-committee

Thu 12 Feb, 8.30am

Darfield Library/Service Centre Hororata/Acheron Rural Water Supply Sub-committee

Thu 12 Feb, 10.30am

Darfield Library/Service Centre

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

Thu 19 Feb, 9.30am

Local Committees/Associations

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 17 Feb, 7.30pm

Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 11 Feb, 7.30pm

Osborne Park Pavilion

Darfield Township Committee

Thu 19 Feb, 7.30pm

Darfield Library/Service Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 17 Feb, 8pm

Glenroy Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee - AGM

Wed 4 Feb, 7.30pm

Hororata Reserve Admin Building (Hororata Domain)

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Mon 16 Feb, 7.30pm

Killinchy Community Centre

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Kirwee Pavilion

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

Fri 13 Feb, 7.45pm

Ladbrooks Community Centre

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Lincoln Events Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

Thu 19 Feb, 7.30pm

Sheffield Community Hall

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 3 Feb, 7.30pm

Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Thu 12 Feb, 7.30pm

Springston Hall

Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc.

Wed 18 Feb, 7.30pm

Errol Tweedy Pavilion

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 16 Feb, 7.30pm, West Melton

Rugby Football Clubrooms

West Melton Residents Association - AGM

Wed 11 Feb, 7pm

West Melton Community Centre

Followed by normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 9 Feb, 7.30pm

Glentunnel Hall

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
f www.selwyn.govt.nz

Selwyn
DISTRICT COUNCIL



FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

Community Country Picnic

10am-3.30pm, Darfield Domain

A celebration of all things country - with games, races, food, music and produce

FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

Springfield School and Community Fun Day

10am-3pm

An event for school families and the community. Games, pool party, sausage sizzle and ice creams. BYO picnic

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FEBRUARY

Ellesmere Historical Society Bus tour

View the construction of the Central Plains Water scheme, enjoy lunch at The Point Station, a heritage property, and visit Lake Coleridge. Cost \$30, to book phone 324 2791 or 329 1877



SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

Rolleston Envirotown Market

10am-1pm, Rolleston Square Carpark

Choose from local produce and craft

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

Lincoln Picnic in the Park

5.30-7.30pm, Lincoln Domain

With games, live band, fun bikes from Pedalmania, WaterRatz (walking on water balls), face painting, fun on wheels trailer, bouncy castle and sausage sizzle

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

Malvern Enviro Meeting

7.30pm, Darfield Library

Make a difference in this time of environmental challenges. For information email sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz or phone 021 100 1009

SATURDAY

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FEBRUARY

Family Fun Day

2-5.30pm, St Pauls Anglican Church, West Melton

With games, face painting, bouncy castle, clown, lolly scramble and tug of war

SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

Selwyn Aquatic Centre Pool Party

2-4pm, Selwyn Aquatic Centre

With water games, pool inflatables, music and competitions. Normal pool admission applies