

# Save Waste Save Money



Did you know that New Zealanders spend \$872 million a year on food they don't even eat?

A new national campaign called 'Love Food, Hate Waste' was launched this month to try to reduce the amount of food wasted every year.

The campaign is being run by Councils nationwide. It is based on research that included surveying 1,365 New Zealanders, examining the contents of 1,402 household rubbish bins and giving 100 families diaries to record food disposal for a week.

## Findings include:

- It is estimated New Zealanders spend \$872 million a year on food that is thrown away uneaten. In Canterbury, avoidable food waste costs the average household nearly \$563 a year, totalling nearly \$113 million for the region as a whole.
- We throw away over 122,547 tonnes of food a year. This is enough to feed around 262,917 people - more than five times the population of Selwyn district.
- Bread, fruit and vegies, and meal leftovers are the most commonly discarded foods.
- The average New Zealand household sends around 79 kg of edible food to landfills every year.

Selwyn District Council Asset Manager Murray Washington says that food waste is a significant cost for households and also creates extra costs for the Council which need to be funded by ratepayers. "The Council needs to dispose of unwanted food and we also need to either recycle or dispose of the associated food packaging."

Nationally, eliminating food waste would have the same effect as reducing CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions by 325,975 tonnes – the same as planting 130,390 trees or taking 118,107 cars off the road for a year.

## Some tips to help reduce the amount of food wastage in your household are:

- Buy only as much food as you need - buying in bulk only saves money if you eat everything you purchase
- While a use by date indicates that food must be eaten before a certain date, a 'best before' date indicates that the products quality (freshness, texture and taste) will be reduced after that date. Check the products condition, if it looks okay it can usually be safely eaten shortly after the best before date
- Make a list of what you need before you go shopping. Check your supplies first so you don't buy more perishable items that you may need
- Cook with what you have and reuse your leftovers or freeze them for later.

The Love Food, Hate Waste campaign aims to provide information to help people reduce waste. It highlights the importance of planning food purchases and meals, being smart about food storage and being creative with leftovers. See [www.facebook.com/lovefoodhatewastenz](http://www.facebook.com/lovefoodhatewastenz) for more information including some great recipe ideas.

## Check you have the right design before you build a fence

If you are building a house, or are a developer or builder, it's important to check your fence meets Council requirements before you construct it.

There are particular requirements around the type of fencing that can be built in some urban residential areas (properties within a Living Z zone and within the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan area). Some fences have been constructed in these areas which do not meet District Plan requirements.

The Council's District Plan contains information on where and how fencing can be development so that a Resource Consent is not needed. The Council has also developed a fencing pamphlet with advice and examples of good fence design, in particular along street frontages. This pamphlet has already been distributed to some households. It is available at the Environmental Services counter at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters. A more detailed fencing guide is available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/fencing-guide](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/fencing-guide).

Good fencing design can help to create a safer and more pleasant neighbourhood where people enjoy walking and cycling along footpaths and cycle paths. A fence that is at the boundary of a road or reserve is also part of the street scene and the 'public eye' and needs to be designed so it is in harmony with these public areas.

The responsibility and costs to remove or change fences that do not meet District Plan requirements lies with the landowner, so please contact the Council before you start building a fence. For advice on fencing rules please phone 03 347 2800 and ask for the Duty Planner.



Open-style fencing with some landscaping allows for passive surveillance of the reserve improving the safety of people using this area



Un-stained closed-board fencing creates a blank barrier

## Fire Restrictions change

**The total fire ban in Selwyn District has been lifted following recent rain, however fire restrictions remain in place.**

The lifting of the prohibition means that farmers can now burn crop residue without a permit, providing safe burning guidelines are followed. Guidelines require:

- A firebreak of 10 metres of bare earth surrounding the area to be burnt
- Fires can only be lit during daylight and must be out by dark
- No fires shall be lit when strong winds are blowing or forecast. The maximum allowable wind strength is 20 km/hr
- Adequate fire suppression equipment must be on hand, including a portable water supply
- The fire must be continuously supervised.

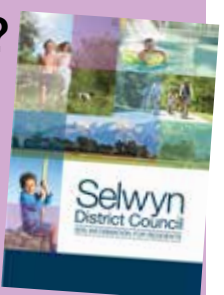
Safe burning guidelines and additional requirements are available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruralfire](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruralfire). With the change in fire restrictions you may notice smoke from crop stubble burns, especially on still days. Please check to see if a fire is under control and if it is being supervised before reporting it. If there is no one present and it is not under control you should dial 111.

In residential areas, outdoor fires are not permitted year round due to ECAN rules and only gas barbecues are allowed.

## Did you get your guide?

**Copies of our 2015 information guide for Selwyn Residents were recently distributed to local households.**

The guide is a 28 page A-Z guide to Council services. If you did not receive a copy, you can pick one up from a local library or phone 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338 to request one.



# 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

### Resource Consent Management Act 1991 – Consent Application

Because of their possible environmental effects, many activities need a resource consent from the Council. You have the right to inspect the full consent application received by Council at any Council Service Centre during normal office hours or view on the council website [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz) and make a submission supporting or opposing the proposal. Any person may make a submission but a person, who is a trade competitor of the applicant, may do so only if that person is directly affected by an effect of the activity to which the application relates that (a) adversely affects the environment and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

**Applicant:** Midland Rail Heritage Trust, PO Box 6547, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 8442 (Attention: Alan Roberts)

**Site of Application:** 84 Pocock Road, Springfield, Malvern Ward.

**Application:** 145593 – To construct a large shed 54.6m long by 9m wide within one metre of the railway corridor. The shed is to be used to store rolling stock and can

contain up to three carriages. There will be some workbenches in the shed as it is intended that some restoration work be undertaken.

**How to make a submission:** If you wish to support or oppose a consent application you must get a written or electronic submission on Form 13 or similar in to any Council Service Centre by the closing date **5pm Thursday 16 April 2015**, and promptly send a copy to the applicant's service address. Your submission should be addressed to: Planning Department, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643 or email [submissions@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@selwyn.govt.nz). This notice is issued under Section 95A of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee

Vacancies exist for committee members. If you are interested please contact Matt Joynes on 03 318 2331.

### 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 27 March** 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 only half an hour
  - The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk 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.

### Mobile Library timetable

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

**Thursday 19 March**  
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 March**  
Tai Tapu Playcentre, 10-10.30am  
Tai Tapu Pre-School  
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

## 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 and Community Boards

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

### Representation Review Sub-committee

Wed 18 Mar 2pm  
**Selwyn Central Community Board**  
Wed 18 Mar 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*

**Malvern Community Board**  
Mon 23 Mar 4pm  
Windwhistle School Hall  
*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 25 Mar 1pm  
**Audit & Risk Subcommittee**  
Wed 1 Apr 3pm  
**Industrial Park Project Team**  
Thurs 2 Apr 10am  
Izone Visitors Centre  
*Because of commercially sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Douglas Marshall.*

### Local Committees/Associations

**Coalgate Township Committee**  
Tue 17 Mar, 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station  
**Coes & Chamberlains Fords Reserve Committee**  
Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm, Sudley Park  
**Courtenay Recreation and Reserve Committee**  
Thur 26 Mar, 7.30pm  
Courtenay School  
**Darfield Township Committee**  
Thurs 19 Mar, 7.30pm  
Darfield Library/Service Centre  
**Dunsandel Community Committee**  
Wed 25 Mar 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Sports Centre  
**Glenroy Community Hall Committee**  
Tue 17 Mar, 8pm, Glenroy Hall  
**Glentunnel Township Committee**  
Mon 23 Mar 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

**Hororata Citizens Committee**  
Tue 24 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall  
**Hororata Reserve Management Committee**  
Wed 1 Apr 7.30pm  
Hororata Reserve Admin Building  
**Leeston Park Assn**  
Mon 30 Mar 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion  
**Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee**  
Wed 25 Mar 7.30pm  
Lincoln Events Centre  
**Prebbleton Community Association**  
Tue 17 Mar 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Community Cottage  
**Rolleston Residents Association Inc.**  
Mon 23 Mar 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre  
*Guest speaker attending to provide an update on St John Rolleston Building Project*  
**Springston Hall Committee**  
Thu 2 Apr 7.30pm, Springston Hall  
**Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc.**  
Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion  
**Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.**  
Wed 1 Apr 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Library  
**West Melton Community Centre Committee**  
Tue 31 Mar 7.30pm  
West Melton Community Centre

# Children's Book Expert visits Selwyn

Rolleston Library is hosting Bob Docherty to speak about fiction for children and young adults.

Bob's career involves spending twenty years with the National Library where he chose fiction and picture books for New Zealand schools, and acting as judge for the LIANZA Book Awards. Bob now visits schools talking to children and teachers about books and reading.

Bob's talk is open to parents, children and teenagers, grandparents and the wider public. Bob will offer advice about getting children interested in reading, improving children's literacy skills, great reads for children and teens and more.

Bob is visiting the library on Wednesday 1 April at 7pm. This is a free talk but numbers are limited – to book phone 347 2880 or visit the library.



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](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)



WEDNESDAY

18  
MARCH

**Summer Skate Jam**  
Prebbleton Community Park, 4-6pm  
Fun for the family with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool

WEDNESDAY

18  
MARCH

**Canterbury water Are We Doing Enough?**  
Hagley Oval Function Lounge, 7pm  
Hear from a range of expert speakers at this free public forum on water management hosted by the Southern Environmental Trust

THURSDAY

19  
MARCH

**Selwyn Timebank Orientation**  
Lincoln Library, 6-7pm  
Come along to this friendly session to find out how timebanking can give you more time to do the things you enjoy, make new friends and help your local community

FRIDAY

20  
MARCH

**Lincoln Drive in Movie**  
Lincoln Baptist Church  
Birchs Road, 8pm  
Drive in, tune your radios, and enjoy a screening of Grease on the big screen. Entry by donation which will help fund future events

SAT - SUN

21-22  
MARCH

**West Melton Art Exhibition**  
West Melton Community Centre  
West Melton Art Group biannual art exhibition. Open 10am-5pm  
Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 March

WEDNESDAY

25  
MARCH

**Summer Skate Jam**  
Rolleston Skate Park, 4-6pm  
Family fun with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool

UNTIL

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APRIL

**Joshua Bashford and Deanna Griffiths**  
Selwyn Gallery, Darfield  
Canterbury artists Joshua Bashford displays print works and Deanna Griffiths exhibits works in clay. Open 10am-4pm daily except Monday. See [www.selwyngallery.co.nz](http://www.selwyngallery.co.nz)

For more events in Selwyn visit  
[www.selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/events)