

# Aquatic Centre staff take Swimming lessons to schools



The Selwyn Aquatic Centre Swim School has teamed up with Sport Canterbury to offer subsidised swimming lessons to rural primary school students around the District.

As part of the Tutors to Schools programme Selwyn Swim School instructors are visiting Kirwee, Glentunnel, Broadfield, Windwhistle, Darfield and Leeston Primary Schools. All rural Selwyn Primary Schools were invited to take part in the programme and these schools elected to take part.

Through the programme children are taught swimming techniques and water safety skills by swim instructors. The instructors are visiting the schools during term one to give lessons.

Swim School Supervisor Dianne Hunter says the aim of the lessons was to reduce costs for the schools and provide some professional development tips for the teaching teams. “We wanted to help provide lessons and water experiences to children who otherwise might not have received any. Lessons themselves are affordable but the cost of hiring transport to bring children to a facility is enormous and is rarely subsidised for the schools.”

The lessons are being funded by the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Sport Canterbury’s Kiwisport partnership fund and a contribution from the schools or parents themselves. More than 1,100 children have had swimming lessons through the programme.

## Total fire ban lifted but fire restrictions remain

The total fire ban in the 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 with additional requirements are available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruralfire](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruralfire).

At this stage permits will not be issued for the burning of rubbish, land clearing operations or other vegetation burning. Once crop residue burns have largely been completed this decision will be reviewed.

“The costs of extinguishing any escaped fire and any fire damage lies with the person responsible for the fire,” says Selwyn Deputy Principal Rural Fire Officer Douglas Marshall. “It’s important to realise that there is still an elevated risk and farmers need to be aware of this and exercise an appropriate level of caution when burning stubble.”

Staff will continue to closely monitor the situation and compliance with the safe burning guidelines. Farmers also need to be considerate of neighbours and sensitive areas like roads and townships and consider wind and smoke drift before lighting.

## Speed through new self-issue kiosks with your library card

New self-issue kiosks will be installed at Rolleston and Lincoln libraries next week.

Library staff in these libraries are looking forward to helping customers use the kiosks so that items can be checked out more quickly. Self-issue kiosks are now commonly used in many libraries in New Zealand and Australia. Selwyn library staff are encouraging customers to use the self-issue kiosks and see how easy they are to use.

“The self-issue kiosks have clear 3 step instructions telling you how you can issue books yourself,” says Selwyn Libraries Manager Vicki Carlyon.

The new self issue kiosks can scan and check out several items at once, rather than every book having to be individually scanned.

“By installing the self-issue kiosks we aim to reduce the time customers stand in queues at the issue desks. Once customers feel confident using the self-issue kiosks library staff won’t need to spend as much time issuing materials and will be able to focus on developing and delivering library programs and activities,” says Mrs Carlyon.

Ms Carlyon says that when the self-issue kiosks are introduced library staff will be nearby to assist customers. With the introduction of the new machines, library users will need to remember to bring their library card with them to check out books.

The self-issue kiosks are being installed to improve customer service. The kiosks use radio frequency identification (RFID). RFID technology allows customers and staff to check materials in and out faster and assists staff to transfer items between branches more often.

RFID is being rolled out at Selwyn Libraries over the next two years. As part of this project books, DVD’s, magazines and all other collection items will contain a tag which stores information about the item and its location so items can be found quickly.

RFID also reduces the loss of items from library collections as items that are not checked out will beep as they pass through security gates to alert staff that they are leaving the library.

New self-issue kiosks will also be installed at Darfield and Leeston next year to replace the existing older machines.



Digital librarian Christine Grant demonstrates how to use the new self-issue kiosks.

## Malvern Community Board News

The Malvern Community Board held its February meeting at Fonterra Darfield. A presentation and site visit was provided by Fonterra staff and we thank Fonterra for their hospitality.

The Board received a report from Council staff regarding the Area Plan Project Brief and will work with Council staff to initiate meetings in various areas of Malvern for community committee input. We will be at the Malvern A&P Show in March and look forward to meeting you there.

The Board approved a funding request from Darfield Baptist Youth Group.

A new safety concern regarding Cardale/Telegraph Roads in Darfield has been raised and the Board have asked Council to address this new concern in conjunction with last month’s request for a series of actions to be completed by 31 March 2015.

Next month’s meeting will be held at Windwhistle School Hall and local community committees will be invited to share their concerns/issues with the Board.

# 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

### Agrichemical Collection

Agrecovery is holding a collection for unwanted or expired agrichemicals in the Canterbury region. The booking deadline is **27 March 2015**. Many agrichemicals are eligible for free or subsidised collection/disposal. To find out more visit [www.agrecovery.co.nz](http://www.agrecovery.co.nz) or phone 0800 247 326.

### Earth Hour in Selwyn

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust is planning the following events for Earth hour, with the help of Lincoln University, Selwyn District Council and a number of other organisations and businesses. For information and tickets contact Sue.Jarvis@lincoln.ac.nz or check [www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz)

*The Great Pest Invasion - Is our biosecurity good enough to protect New Zealand?*

Join Kim Hill and panellists for stimulating discussion, Thursday 26 March, Lincoln University, 7pm

*Viewing and presentations of the 2015 Earth Hour Environmental Video Competition*, Friday 27 March, 6pm, Lincoln Event Centre

*Candle lit Earth Hour Barn Dance*, Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm, Lincoln High School Hall.

*Earth Hour Skywatching*, Saturday

28 March, 8pm onwards. See the stars at RF Joyce Memorial Observatory, Bell's Road, West Melton, [www.cas.org.nz](http://www.cas.org.nz)

*Candle lit dinner*, Saturday 28 March, Darfield hotel restaurant  
Earth Hour Walk, Saturday 28 March, starting 8.30pm from the Rolleston Community Centre. Email enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

### Flush Your Taps

Some plumbing fittings have the potential to allow minute traces of metals to accumulate in water standing in the fittings for several hours. Although the health risk is small, the Ministry of Health recommends that you flush a mugful of water from your drinking-water tap each morning before use to remove any metals that may have dissolved from the plumbing fittings.

We are recommending this simple precaution for all households, including those on public and private water supplies.

This notice has been issued by the Selwyn District Council on behalf of the Director-General of Health, Ministry of Health.

### Mobile Library Timetable

**Wednesday 11 March**  
Southbridge School  
11.20am-12.40pm

Rakaia Huts 1-1.30pm  
Rolly Kids 2-2.30pm  
**Thursday 12 March**  
Ladbroke School 12.40-1.40pm  
Prebbleton Tavern 4-6 pm

**Monday 16 March**  
Whippersnappers, Lincoln  
11.30am-12pm  
Selwyn Toddlers, Rolleston  
1.30-2pm

**Tuesday 17 March**  
Glenroy Hall 12.10-12.50pm  
Glentunnel Hall 1.15-1.45pm  
Glentunnel School 1.45-2.45pm

### Malvern Enviro Meeting

Join us on Thursday 12 March (7.30pm, Darfield Library) to hear from Steve Groom, who has built and runs a totally off grid house who will talk about his experience off the grid. People may leave after the talk or stay on for the meeting as they wish. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Dave on 027 763 6753.

### Preston Downs Reserves Weed Control

Weed control by chemical means will be undertaken the week of 16 March, warning signage will be put in place during spraying operations.

## 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.*

#### Council Meeting

Wed 11 Mar 1pm

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

#### Representation Review

Sub-committee

Wed 18 Mar 2pm

Selwyn Central Community Board

Wed 18 Mar 4.30pm

#### Malvern Community Board

Mon 23 Mar 4pm Windwhistle School Hall

#### Council Meeting

Wed 25 Mar 1pm

### Local Committees/Associations

*These are public meetings and the first 15 minutes are available for the public to speak.*

#### Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 17 Mar, 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

#### Coes & Chamberlains Fords Reserve Committee

Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm, Sudley Park

#### Darfield Township Committee

Thurs 19 Mar, 7.30pm  
Darfield Library/Service Centre

#### Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 11 Mar, 7.30pm  
Osborne Park Pavilion

#### 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

#### Kirwee Community Committee

Mon 16 Mar, 7.30pm  
Kirwee Community Hall

#### Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 25 Mar 7.30pm  
Lincoln Events Centre

#### Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

Mon 16 Mar, 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

#### Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 23 Mar 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre

#### Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc.

Wed 18 Mar, 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

#### West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 16 Mar, 7.30pm, West Melton Rugby Football Clubrooms

# Visit our Sister City Coventry, USA

As part of a Sister Cities friendship relationship a trip to Coventry, Rhode Island, in the United States is planned in early October and applications are being invited to join the trip. The closing date for applications to join this trip has been extended until **25 March 2015**.

The trip is at your own expense and includes spending two weeks in Coventry in homestay accommodation, with the opportunity to visit either the Fryeburg Agricultural Show or Deerfield New Hampshire Show, and historical mill sites near Coventry such as Mass and Slater Mill Museum. Trips to Boston including Harvard University, Cape Cod Marine Park and two days in New York are also planned.

The cost of the trip is around \$5,000 per person. Places are available on the trip for active, fit adults who live or work in the Selwyn District, with applications being considered by the sister city committee and Council staff.

Application forms are available by phoning 347 2830 or emailing [bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz).


The Coventry Sister City Committee will visit Selwyn in March 2016 and the Selwyn Sister Cities Committee is expected to reciprocate hospitality including homestays.



*The Breakers in Newport is a 30 minute drive from Coventry and was the summer home of the Vanderbilt family. Photo: Tony Kent*

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

11  
MARCH

### Summer Skate Jam

Leeston Skate Bowl, 4-6pm

Fun for the family with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool



SAT - SUN

14-15  
MARCH

### Art Exhibition

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am-4pm

Arts Heart (Selwyn Central Arts Council) present the twelfth annual Art Exhibition for 2015 with art from local artists. \$2 admission

SUNDAY

15  
MARCH

### Short story and poetry reading

Mistlewood Gallery, Southbridge, 4-6pm

A donation is requested for refreshments. To contribute a short story or poem phone 324 2884 or email [mistlewoodgallery@gmail.com](mailto:mistlewoodgallery@gmail.com). The gallery is at 12 O'Connells Street

TUESDAY

17  
MARCH

### Mature Driver Course, Leeston

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



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

UNTIL

29  
MARCH

### Anzac Legacy Exhibition

Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln

*'In the footsteps of Horace Moore-Jones.'* The exhibition remembers World War I through the work of this famous New Zealand painter. Open Wednesday - Sunday, 10am - 4pm. Two guest speakers will also visit: Ian Collins on Saturday 14 March at 3pm discussing Lincoln University Links and Billy Barnes on Saturday 28 March at 3pm on New Zealand War Memorials.

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