

Drive Safe this Winter



Winter officially begins on 1 June and it brings more challenging driving conditions including rain, fog, ice on the roads, and often snow.

a problem during the daytime on patches of road shaded by trees or fences, so watch out for this and reduce your speed before entering these areas.

More free windscreen cloths and ice scrapers will be available in early June from Council Library/ Service centres.

Driving tips for winter:

Driving in the wet: stopping distances nearly double on wet roads. You need to:

- Slow down and keep a generous distance from the car in front of you
- The two-second rule should be a four second rule
- Be extra vigilant – take corners slowly. Watch out for road signs warning of flooding and allow more time to stop in wet conditions

Driving in snow and ice: go slow on ice and snow:

- Whenever possible, avoid driving in heavy snow and ice
- If you cannot avoid driving on snow or ice, then slow down, allow for much greater braking distances and avoid braking suddenly
- If you’re driving on a winding road, keep left and drive slowly, as you could quickly lose control
- Watch out for ice in shaded areas, particularly if it has been wet. After snow melts, there is likely to be ice, especially in shaded places and bridges
- You should also carry chains, know how to fit them and use them when necessary

Driving in fog: turn on your headlights, not just your park lights. You should also:

- Reduce your speed as visibility is poor and keep a large following distance
- Keep your headlamps on low (dip) beam, as high beam will reflect off fog and produce glare

Only use fog lamps when visibility is severely reduced. It is illegal to use fog lamps in clear conditions as they can dazzle other drivers.

Driving with sun strike: sunstrike generally occurs early morning and late afternoon. Familiarise yourself with the areas where it happens and take more care at these locations. Always keep your windscreen clean, inside and out, and reduce your speed.

Daylight hours are also shorter, and visibility is often poor during the morning and evening rush hours when many people are on the roads.

“During winter, allowing extra time for journeys so you can defrost your car before starting and travelling more slowly on wet or icy roads is very important,” says Selwyn Road Safety Coordinator Ngaire Tinning. “If visibility is poor in the morning or evening or due to gloomy conditions or fog, putting your lights on will make your vehicle more visible to others and will make your journey much safer.”

“Driving too fast on wet or icy roads can easily lead to a crash, especially on bends,” she says. If you travel in the morning or evening in frosty conditions, reduce your speed as ice is likely to be present, and see our driving tips below. Ice can also be



Council Services on Queen’s Birthday Monday

Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal on Queen’s Birthday, Monday 1 June. Pines Resource Recovery Park is open from 10am-4pm.

Council service centres and libraries, the Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre are closed on Monday 1 June. Libraries are open from 9.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 30 May as normal. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am-8pm from Saturday 30 May – Monday 1 June.

Exercise your dog

Did you know that there are over 25 reserve areas where dogs can be exercised in Selwyn? If you’ve visited your own park plenty of times, you could try somewhere different - there are lots of pleasant scenic spots to choose from.

Dogs can be exercised either on a leash or off leash in these areas but dogs must be under control. Under control means that the dog obeys commands and doesn’t bother or cause a nuisance to other people or dogs. If you’re outdoors please remember that dogs are not allowed in schools, in skate parks, or within five metres of events on sportsfields or reserves. They are also not allowed in playgrounds or within five metres of a playground.



Places you can exercise your dog off leash include:

Ellesmere ward: Coes Ford Recreation Reserve, Chamberlains Ford Recreation Reserve, Dunsandel Domain, Leeston Park, Osborne Park, Southbridge Park, Rakaia Huts Recreation Reserve

Malvern ward: Castle Hill Domain, Darfield Reserve, Glentunnel Domain, Greendale Domain, Kirwee Recreation Reserve, Sheffield Domain, Whitecliffs Domain, Kowai Pass Domain

Selwyn Central Ward: Brookside Park (Rolleston), Foster Dog Park (Rolleston), Rolleston Recreation Reserve, Springston Recreation Reserve, Weedons Reserve, West Melton Domain

Springs ward: Lincoln Domain, Prebbleton Domain, Rhodes Park (Tai Tapu), Greenpark Reserve

If you are out with your dog in public, please remember to take a doggy doo bag with you and collect any mess your dog leaves behind so our parks are left clean for everyone to enjoy.

Water restrictions lifted for West Melton and Springfield

Watering restrictions have now been lifted for properties connected to the West Melton water supply. Restrictions were in place due to Environment Canterbury restrictions on groundwater take for bores supplying West Melton. Ground water levels are now recovering, allowing the restrictions to be lifted.

Watering restrictions have also been lifted for properties connected to the Springfield supply. Restrictions were in place as the town is supplied by treated water from the Kowai River and the river was experiencing low flows due to weather conditions. River levels have now risen, enabling the restrictions to be lifted.

The lifting of restrictions mean that lawns and gardens may be watered at any time. The Council still encourages property owners to water lawns and gardens after 9pm and before 6am where possible, as this is the time of lowest water use and also provides the best opportunity for water to soak into the ground. We appreciate your cooperation while restrictions were in place.

Notices

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 29 May** at:

- Darfield: 9-9.30am
- Rolleston: 10.15-10.45am
- Lincoln: 11.30am-12pm
- Leeston: 12.45-1.15pm

Please note:

- Clinics last for 30 minutes only
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive), other venues are outside libraries
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport teams who need to travel to local competition games and have members aged 5-19 years (school competitions in school time are not eligible).

This funding round is for winter sports only. For information and application forms contact

Stuart on 347 2708 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz. Applications for this funding round close **Friday 29 May 2015**.

MALVERN ENVIRO SURVEY

Malvern Enviro is a group who meet each month in Darfield to plan activities, talks by guest speakers, and discussions relating to our environment and sustainability.

To help us develop our programme we have prepared a short survey for people to detail areas of interest on these issues in the Malvern area. The survey and more information can be found at www.lincolnnvirotown.org.nz under upcoming events.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 27 May
Arthurs Pass 11.30-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 28 May
Council Headquarters 12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas, Rolleston 1.30-2.00pm
Rolleston First Learners 2.10-2.40pm

Monday 1 June
no service due to public holiday

Tuesday 2 June
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

SCIENCE ALIVE AT SELWYN LIBRARIES

Science Alive! are visiting libraries to run another fun event for primary school aged children. Create a marvelous construction built from recycled materials and take it home. All materials will be provided, but a gold coin donation is appreciated. Sessions are at:

- Lincoln - Monday 15 June 3.30-4.30 pm
- Leeston - Tuesday 16 June 3.30-4.30 pm
- Rolleston - Wednesday 17 June 3.30-4.30 pm
- Darfield - Thursday 18 June 3.30-4.30 pm

Places are limited and registration is required. To register please contact your library – see www.selwynlibrary.co.nz/about-us

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.

Long Term Plan Submission Hearings
Tue 26 May, 2.30pm

Representation Review Subcommittee
Wed 27 May, 9am

Council Meeting
Wed 27 May, 1pm

Long Term Plan Deliberations
Thurs 28 & Fri 29 May, 9am

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 2 June, 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 3 June, 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 4 June, *Cancelled*
Council Meeting
Wed 10 June, 1pm
The meeting is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee
Wed 3 June, 7.30pm
Broadfield Hall

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee
Tues 2 June, 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 10 June, 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee
Wed 27 May, 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Tue 2 June, 8pm
Greendale Pavilion

Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 26 May, 7.30pm
Hororata Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wed 3 June, 7.30pm
Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Wed 27 May, 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Springfield Township Committee
Tue 2 June – *Cancelled*

Springston Hall Committee
Thurs 4 June, 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.
Wed 3 June, 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre Committee
Tue 26 May, 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Residents Association
Wed 10 June, 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 8 June, 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Are you eligible for a rates rebate?

Applications for rates rebates for 2014/15 are still open. If your gross household income to 31 March 2014 was \$30,000 or less and you pay rates on the property you live at, you may qualify for a rebate. If your income is more than this you may still be eligible depending on the cost of your rates and the number of dependants in your family. To find out if you are eligible visit www.ratesrebates.govt.nz. Application forms are available on this website and from Council service centre/ libraries.

If you have not yet applied for your rebate for the current rating year you have until 30 June 2015 to do so. You can apply for a rates rebate for next year once you receive your first rates invoice in August 2015.

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

 **Selwyn**
DISTRICT COUNCIL



WEDNESDAY

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MAY

Antibiotics Resistance

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am
U3A hosts Dr Sarah Metcalf, an infectious disease specialist, to talk about antibiotic resistance. See www.u3aEllesmere.org or ph 03 741 1855

THURSDAY

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MAY

Ellesmere Vintage Club Annual General Meeting

Osborne Park Hall, Doyleston 7.30pm
All welcome

SATURDAY

30
MAY

Youth market and Skate Jam

Rolleston Skate Park, 12-3pm
Come along & see what exciting products our young people have for sale. Skate jam includes free gear hire & lessons, competition, prizes & live music

SATURDAY

30
MAY

Roller Disco

The Station, Leeston, 7.30-9.30pm
Get your skates on for some fun! \$5 entry covers skate hire & a free hot chocolate. With DJ, café, live music & prizes

SATURDAY

6
JUNE

A Right Royal Do

Lincoln Farmers' & Craft Market Gerald Street, 10am-1pm
British style event with stalls, live music, family games, fund raising baking stall & sausage sizzle for Nepal Earthquake Relief. Fresh produce, food & craft stalls. See www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket

MONDAY

8
JUNE

West Melton Art Group

Templeton RSA, 10am-2pm
New members are invited to join this free group day



For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall