

A restricted fire season is now in place across the rural plains area of Selwyn district. Under the restrictions the only types of fires permitted in rural areas are gas barbeques, fires in drums and crop residue fires. There are a number of conditions which must be met before fires can be lit – see www.selwyn.govt.nz for details.

Selwyn households are also being invited to sign up to the Selwyn Gets Ready website to be alerted of high fire risk days over summer. Fire risk changes from day to day. Generally days with high temperatures and nor west winds elevate the fire risk, especially when there has been low rainfall. Local volunteer firefighters are anticipating a busy summer as El Nino conditions are forecast to affect Canterbury.

The Selwyn Gets Ready website is a database which contains contact information for local residents. This information is used by local community response teams to identify who needs assistance in an emergency and who has skills or resources (like first aid skills) that could help in a disaster. In an emergency a network of community response teams operate in Selwyn and are responsible for checking on people's welfare, identifying what needs to be done in their area and requesting assistance if needed. The Selwyn Gets Ready system can also be used to send texts or emails warning people of severe weather.

People who register with Selwyn Gets Ready now have the option to subscribe to the new email service which will send an alert on days with high fire risk over summer and autumn. To join the website, visit www.selwyn.getsready.net and enter your details. To subscribe to the emails tick the 'Fire Risk Alert' option under the household needs section when registering.

If you're already registered with Selwyn Gets Ready you can subscribe to the fire risk alert service by logging into the website selwyn.getsready.net, going to 'my profile' and editing the 'Needs, Resources, Skills and Community' section to tick Fire Risk Alerts and saving this change.

A red warning banner will also be displayed on the Council website on high fire risk days over summer.

Rubbish Collection Days and Weeks changing

From next week, changes to rubbish, organic and recycling collection days will affect approximately 1,800 Selwyn households in several areas of the district. These changes are needed to accommodate the significant growth experienced in some areas of Selwyn.

If your property is affected by a change, you should have received a letter from the Council about this. Please note if you are renting, the letter will have been addressed to your landlord so we recommend you check the Council website, www.selwyn.govt.nz. You can check your collection day by entering your property address using our 'Collection Day Search Tool.'

For many households your collection day may stay the same, with red and green bins still collected each week, but the week your yellow recycling bin is collected each fortnight may change. If your recycling collection day is week 1 that means your yellow bin will be collected the week starting 7 December, and every fortnight after that. If your recycling collection is week 2, your yellow bin will be collected the week of 14 December, and every fortnight after that. Normal collections will continue up until 4 December. The changes may mean that your next recycling collection is a week earlier than normal – in order to start the new collection cycle. The early collection will help prevent bins overflowing.

An overview of the affected areas:

- \cdot Tai Tapu changes to a Monday collection, with recycling changing to week 2
- · A number of rural roads between Dunsandel and Doyleston are changing from Monday Week 2 to Monday Week 1 recycling collection, as is Doyleston itself
- · A number of rural roads in between Lincoln and Prebbleton change from Tuesday Week 2 to Tuesday Week 1 recycling collection
- · An area north west of State Highway 1 between Rolleston and West Melton changes to Thursday collections, with recycling still collected in Week 2
- · In Rolleston about 300 properties north east of Tennyson Street will change to Wednesday collection, with recycling moving to Week 1 on Wednesdays.

Help us keep water flowing over summer

We would like to thank the households on Council water supplies who have been avoiding watering lawns during times of peak demand.

Until last week, we have been able to provide consistent water pressure to properties with these voluntary measures in place. Over the past week, Selwyn has been hit by some of the hot, dry weather we were anticipating due to the El Nino and demand for water for lawn watering has increased noticeably in the evenings.

We would like to request that where possible households continue to avoid watering lawns between 6am-9am and 4pm-9pm daily. The recommended times to water your lawn are in the evenings between 9pm and 6am. If you are considering watering in the daytime (9am-4pm) we recommend checking conditions first and choosing a cooler, overcast day to reduce evaporation.

If demand for water continues to increase the Council may introduce formal water restrictions. We would like to avoid doing this if possible by requesting your assistance with this. If demand for water is particularly high, water pressure will be reduced to sustain the supply.

Environment Canterbury has now restricted water consumption for a number water supplies due to low ground water levels.

When to water your lawn

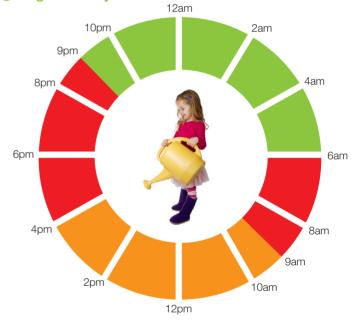
Don't irrigate

Between 6-9am or 4-9pm daily

Check weather conditions before watering

We recommend you check weather conditions before watering at this time. Watering your lawn during the middle of the day during hot days or when a Nor' West is blowing results in a lot of water evaporating and watering in these conditions is not recommended. Watering on a cooler overcast day is a better option as provides the best opportunity for water to soak into your lawn or garden.

Irrigate wisely



On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Springston Rolleston (between Waterholes and Weedons Roads), Goulds (between Dynes and Springston Rolleston Roads) and Ellesmere Junction Roads, with stop and go signs being used by contractors to control traffic. Road repairs are also planned to Rockwood Road and Goulds Road (between Leeston and Chamberlains Roads), which will remain open with traffic controls in place.

This week resealing work is planned along Tancreds, Robinsons, McDrurys and Barnes Roads. Stop and go signs will be used for traffic control. Maintenance grading work is planned around the High Country, Hororata, Southbridge, Springston and Rolleston areas, with roads remaining open. New footpath construction will also take place beside Dunns Crossing Road between Lowes Road and Burnham School Road.

Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.

From the week of **Monday 7 December** Railway Road between Jones and Kerrs Roads will be closed to allow the installation of a new sewer line. Detours will be in place via either Kerrs and Wards Roads or West Melton and Hoskyns Roads. The road is expected to reopen in March 2016.



Notices

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS PARADES

High Street, Leeston (from Messines Street to Leeston and Lake Road) will be closed from 5.30-10.30pm on Friday 4 December (postponement date 11 December) for the Leeston Christmas Parade and Carols by Star Light. Gerald Street, Lincoln (from James Street to West Belt) will be temporarily closed from 8am-1pm on Saturday 12 December (postponement date 13 December) for the Lincoln Christmas Parade.

During the road closures, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Any queries can be directed to Joanne on 347 2887

SPORTS PEOPLE WANTED FOR FUNDING COMMITTEE

Selwyn District Council's Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee is seeking applications to join the committee from Malvern Ward residents who are keen to promote sport in Selwyn. The unpaid positions are for three years, with travel expenses reimbursed. Applicants need to live in the Malvern ward. Applications must be in writing, including details of sporting/ sporting administration involvement, and be received by 5pm Friday 4 December

2015. See selwyn.govt.nz for

information on how to submit an application or contact Stuart on 347 2708, 318 8338 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 2 December Rakaia Huts 9.10-9.30am Southbridge Playcentre 10-10.30am Southbridge School 10.45am-12pm

Thursday 3 December Ladbrooks School 2-2.30pm Prebbleton Tavern 4-6pm

Monday 7 December Springston School 9.30-10am Upper Selwyn Huts 10.15-10.45am Lincoln University Learning Centre 11-11.30am Prebbleton Child Care 1.15-1.30pm Rolleston Christian School 2.30-3.30pm

Tuesday 8 December Burnham Kindy 9.40-10.10am Dunsandel Childcare 10.30-11.15am **Dunsandel School** 11.20am-12.10pm Burnham Preschool 12.30-1pm Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston 1.30-2pm

WORKS AT FORMER BP STATION, ROLLESTON

Contamination remediation works are now underway on the

Former BP Service Station site owned by Council at the junction of Tennyson Street and State Highway 1 in Rolleston.

Protranz commenced work on 30 November. It is anticipated that the works will take around 10 days. The work involves removing the concrete foundations and part of the existing seal and removing contaminated soil and disposing this at an approved landfill. The excavated areas will be backfilled and seeded with grass.

Roads will remain open and a traffic management plan is in place. Truck movements will be primarily from Tennyson Street. Any enquiries can be directed to Adam Lill of Davie Lovell Smith Limited on 379 0793.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will occur on Friday 4 December at:

- Lincoln, 9-9.30am
- Leeston, 10.15-10.45am Darfield, 11.30am-12pm Rolleston, 12.45-1.15pm
- Please note:
- Clinics last for half an hour
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive, other locations are outside libraries
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

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

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 stated all meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Tue 1 Dec 1pm - field trip

Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 2 Dec 3pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 3 Dec 11am Millbook Lane, Merivale Because of commercial sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Property and Commercial Manager,

Council Meeting Wed 9 Dec 1pm

Douglas Marshall

Followed by a public Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm

Selwyn Central Community Board Wed 16 Dec 4.30pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee Wed 2 Dec 7.30pm, Broadfield Hall **Darfield Recreation &**

Community Centre Committee Mon 7 Dec 7.30pm Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee Wed 9 Dec 7.30pm Osborne Park Pavilion

Ellesmere Reserve Board AGM Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm

Leeston Community Room Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 15 Dec 8pm, Glenroy Hall The Committee is inviting applications for new members to fill a vacancy – phone 318 6876 for enquiries

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Tue 1 Dec 8pm Greendale Pavilion

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 2 Dec 7.30pm Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Kirwee Community Committee Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm Kirwee Community Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Pavilion

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee AGM Fri 4 Dec 7.45pm

Ladbrooks Community Centre Leeston Community Committee Mon 7 Dec 7.30pm, Leeston

Library Community Room Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association Tue 15 Dec 7.30pm

Prebbleton Community Cottage Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Prebbleton Hall Supper Room **Rolleston Community Centre** Committee

Thurs 17 Dec 7pm Rolleston Community Centre Rolleston Reserve Management

Committee

Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington **Community Committee**

Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm Sheffield Community Hall Note changed from 17 Dec

Springfield Township Committee Tue 1 Dec 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Community Committee Mon 21 Dec 7.30pm

Springston Hall Supper Room Springston Hall Committee Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm

Springston Hall Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc.

Wed 9 Dec 7.30pm

Errol Tweedy Pavilion Tai Tapu Community

Association Inc. Wed 2 Dec 7.30pm

Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 21 Dec 7pm, West Melton Rugby Football Clubrooms

West Melton Residents Association

Wed 9 Dec 7.30pm West Melton Community Centre Whitecliffs Township & Domain

Committee Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall



UNTIL

DECEMBER

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

by Judy Rogers & ceramics by Peter Gregory. Open daily 10am-4pm daily, except Monday. Note new exhibition

Openings & Out of the Fire

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

Leeston Christmas Parade High Street, 6.30pm

See Santa & enjoy a Christmas Parade. Leeston High Street is closed from 5.30-10.30pm for the parade. Followed by Carols by Starlight outside St David's, with food & drinks

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

Christmas Craft Workshop Lincoln, 7-9pm

Book now for a timebanking workshop with all craft materials provided for 2 time credits. For details & bookings phone 423 0456 or email selwyntimebank@gmail.com

ENTER BY

DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Competition

Community groups, pre-schools & schools are invited to take trees to Darfield, Lincoln or Leeston Libraries by 5 December to enter Selwyn Libraries Christmas Tree competition. Visitors can vote for trees from 6-11 December. Entry categories are: junior (0-18 years) and adult (18 & over). Height limit of 1.5 metres applies

SATURDAY

DECEMBER

Garden waste disposal day of Bangor Road), 10am-4pm Clean up your garden & get rid of

garden prunings, tree trimmings or weeds. General rubbish, soil, cabbage or flax tree leaves, & large trees or branches over 10cm thick can't be disposed of through this service. Cost: \$5 a car, \$10 ute or single axle trailer, \$15 twin axle trailer. Cash only please. Proceeds donated to Malvern Lions Club

SATURDAY

DECEMBER

Murder Mystery Night

The Tea House, Lincoln, 6-9pm
Register now for a timebanking
event for 1 time credit for nibbles
& a drink. For more information &
bookings phone 423 0456 or email
selwyntimebank@gmail.com

SATURDAY

DECEMBER

Lincoln Christmas Parade

The parade starts at Lincoln Event Centre at 9am & goes down Gerald Street. With bands, Santa's Grotto, buskers, clowns & a dress up your bike competition. Market on Gerald Street 9am-12pm

Twilight Youth Markets

Please note markets at Darfield and Leeston planned by the Selwyn Youth Council in December won't be held due to insufficient stall registrations. The Youth Market at Lincoln (called Christmas on the Green) will go ahead on Wednesday 16 December from 6-8pm. Young people aged up to 24 can register for a free stall at this event by amaling chris martin@solwan gout no

