



Help us keep water flowing as El Nino approaches

El Nino conditions are forecast to affect Canterbury over spring and summer. The El Nino is predicted to be the strongest since 1997-98. This is likely to mean a dry spring and summer which will increase demand for water.

Rainfall has also been low in 2015, so ground water levels have not had the opportunity to recharge well over winter. Ground water levels and river flows are starting to show signs of stress.

So that we can continue to supply households with water over summer, we are asking residents on Council water supplies to try to avoid watering lawns between 6am-9am and 4pm-9pm daily. These are times when households use the most water.

During a particularly dry summer water supplies are placed under pressure as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time in the evenings. Demand is particularly high at the weekends in the evenings.

Between 9pm and 6am is the best time to water lawns as demand for water is lowest and water has the opportunity to soak into the ground. If you are considering watering your lawn between 9am and 4pm please check the weather conditions first (see our advice below).

In 2015 an additional bore was installed for Rolleston, and new bores are being installed later this year for Prebbleton and Lincoln. In Doyleston, a second pipe was constructed earlier in the year to connect the town's reservoir to the pipeline supplying the town from Leeston. This is helping to provide Doyleston with more constant water pressure. In Leeston an upgrade to the well has also been completed to provide both Leeston and Doyleston township water supplies with more capacity.

If demand for water increases over summer then water restrictions may be introduced requiring households to avoid watering lawns at specific times. Summer water restrictions are commonly used in New Zealand as a way to manage demand for water.

When to water your lawn

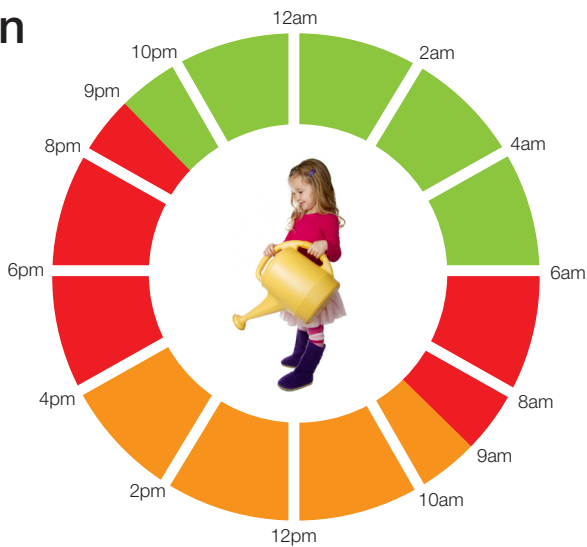
Don't irrigate

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



Rating revaluations out soon

Property owners in Selwyn will receive an updated rateable value for their property over the next week.

Since a rating valuation was last carried out for Selwyn in 2012, there has been a 21.8% overall increase in capital values in Selwyn. The 2015 revaluation was carried out by Quotable Value (QV) on behalf of Selwyn District Council.

Business properties showed the sharpest rise in property values between 2012 and 2015, with the capital value of these properties rising by an average of 40%. The value of farming properties also rose more than the average for Selwyn – with the capital value of farms rising by 28%. Residential property values rose by an average of 19%, but property value increases vary by township.

Around 27% of Selwyn District Council rates are set based on the capital value of a property, with some rates also set based on a fixed amount per property (such as for library services). Some services such as building and resource consents are funded through user charges for services.

Most property owners will find that the capital value of their property has increased, however this doesn't indicate they should expect to see a large increase in rates. Rates are set annually on 1 July based on the amount of income the Council needs to provide services. As the average increase in capital value for Selwyn was 21.8%, property owners whose values increased more than the average can expect a higher than average rate increase from 1 July 2016. Property owners whose capital value change was less than the Selwyn average can expect a lower than average rates change next year.

Property owners can object to the valuation if they wish to. The letter outlining your new valuation has information on how to make an objection. Objections must be lodged by **17 December 2015**.

The rating value reflects the likely price a property would sell for on 1 July 2015 - the effective date of the valuation - excluding moveable chattels like curtains and appliances.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Bellam, Ellesmere, Marshs (between State Highway One and Shands Road), and Trents (between State Highway One and Blakes Road) Roads with stop and go signs being used by contractors to control traffic.

Road repairs are also planned to Telegraph (between State Highway 1 and Highfield Road), Two Chain, Leeston Lake and Wards (between Courtenay and Aylesbury) Roads, which will remain open with traffic controls in place. Work to remove high shoulders along roadsides will take place along Ellesmere, Ellesmere Junction and McDrury's Roads and traffic controls will be in place.

This week resealing work is planned along Feredays, Burts, Tramway and Heselton Roads. Stop and go signs will be used for traffic control. Maintenance grading work is planned around the Darfield, Sheffield, Hororata, Lincoln and Tai Tapu areas, with roads remaining open.

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



Malvern Community Board News

The Board held their October meeting at the Community Rooms at the Darfield Service Centre. The meeting received updates on the Government Target for Rural Broadband and Council have approved joining the Rural Health Alliance as requested by the Board.

The Board discussed the upcoming Community Service Awards to be held on 24 November in Darfield. Members also discussed hosting a volunteers' morning tea in early December to celebrate International Day of the Volunteer.

The Board allocated Arbor Day grants of \$100 each to 7 primary schools in the District who made requests. A grant was also made to an individual to attend the World Challenge Borneo in December.

The Board are planning a Christmas Grotto at the Darfield Jail. If you have a donation of nonperishable food please bring your item down to us to be donated to the City Mission. The Board anticipate that the Grotto will open the week prior to Christmas.

The next away meeting will be held at **Springfield on 23 November 2015**.

Notices

SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUNDING

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport teams who travel to local competition games and have members aged 5-19 (school competitions in school time are not eligible). This funding round is for summer sports only. For information and application forms contact Stuart on 347 2708 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz. Applications close **Friday 13 November 2015**.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - TAI TAPU

School Road, Tai Tapu from the western side of Hepworth Place, west for 80 metres will be closed between 9am and 3pm on **Sunday 22 November** for the Tai Tapu School Fair. During the road closure, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. For queries phone Joanne Harkerss on 347 2887.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 11 November
Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm
Thursday 12 November
Council Headquarters, Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30-2pm
Rolleston First Learners

2.10-2.40pm
Monday 16 November
Dunsandel Playcentre 10-10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am
Darfield Primary School 12.15-1.15pm

ROLLESTON DOG PARK

The Selwyn Dog Training Club will use the Rolleston Dog Park for a dog obedience competition on 14 and 15 November from around 7.30am-4pm. The park will be closed for off-lead dog exercise at these times. You are welcome to watch the competition, but please keep dogs on a lead and away from the competition area.

SUBMISSIONS ON LOCAL ALCOHOL POLICY

The Council is seeking feedback from the appellants, section 205 parties (Police and Medical Officer of Health), submitters and members of the public only on the two policies the council has been told to reconsider in our provisional Local Alcohol Policy. Consultation closes at 5pm **Friday 20 November 2015**. The consultation document is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Hard copies of these documents are available for viewing at Council libraries and service centres. Submission forms are also available at the above places and on the Council website. You can

submit feedback online, email feedback to Selwyn.LAP@selwyn.govt.nz or post your feedback to: pLAP Reconsideration, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION

The following alcohol licence application is open for submissions until **18 November**. A notice is online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices. *General Distributors Limited* - off licence renewal application.

REPAIRS - RAKAIA GORGE BRIDGE

NZTA is planning repairs, inspections and the installation of new kerbs along the Rakaia Gorge Bridge on State Highway 77 (Methven to Darfield). Work will take place from 16 November-4 December and the bridge will be closed for 20 minutes, then reopened for 5 minutes during work.

SHOW DAY SERVICES

Council offices and libraries, Rolleston Community Centre, Lincoln Event Centre will be closed on Canterbury Anniversary (Friday 13 November). The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am-8pm. Rubbish and recycling will be collected as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 10am-4pm.

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 Central Community Board
Wed 18 Nov 4.30pm
Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's attention and find out how we can help? See 'Meetings' for information on our Public Forum.

Road Safety Committee
Thurs 19 Nov 9.30am

Malvern Community Board
Mon 23 Nov 4pm Tawera Hall Springfield

Council Meeting
Wed 25 Nov 1pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 17 Nov 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Pool Administration Committee
Tue 24 Nov 7pm, Darfield Pool

Darfield Township Committee
Thurs 19 Nov 7.30pm
Township walkabout

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 11 Nov 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee
Wed 25 Nov 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee AGM
Tue 17 Nov 8pm Glenroy Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee
Tue 10 Nov 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 23 Nov, 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

New members required.
Expressions of interest to Reg Anderson on 318 2803

Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 24 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Killinchy Community Centre Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7.30pm
Killinchy Community Centre

Kirwee Community Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Lakeside Reserve Management Committee
Tue 24 Nov 7pm, Aquatic Clubrooms, Lakeside Domain

Leeston Park Association AGM
Mon 30 Nov 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Wed 25 Nov 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community Association AGM
Tue 17 Nov 7.15pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage
Special meeting commences 7.15pm

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.
Mon 23 Nov 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Guest speaker from NZTA to update on new motorway and associated roading plans

Sheffield Memorial Swimming Pool
Wed 11 Nov 7.30pm
Sheffield Primary School Office

Southbridge Advisory Committee
Mon 23 Nov 7.30pm
Southbridge Hall

Springston Community Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7.30pm
Springston Hall Supper Room
Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc.
Wed 18 Nov 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion
Note week late

West Melton Community Centre Committee
Tue 24 Nov 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre
West Melton Reserve Board Committee
Mon 16 Nov 7pm, West Melton Rugby Football Clubrooms



WED- SUN 11-6 NOV-DEC	Flora and Fauna Down By The Liffey Gallery, Lincoln Using mixed media, digital photography & clay; Claire Wratten, Pippa Alexy & Ruth Willis present a fun, intriguing take on the familiar to surprise & entertain. Open Wednesday – Sunday 10am-4pm
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER	Lincoln Town Centre Plan forum Lincoln Event Centre, 7-8.30pm Find out more about plans to develop Lincoln's Town Centre in the future. See selwyn.govt.nz for more information
SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER	Gardens of Waianiwa Warrens Road, Greendale 10am-4pm Enjoy a day with market stalls set amongst 6 acres of garden, under the shade of mature trees. \$10 adults, children under 16 free with proceeds to Greendale Community Trust. www.waianiwa.co.nz
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER	Heritage Market The green by Lincoln Library, 10am-1pm With food, produce & craft stalls, historic tours of Lincoln, The Laboratory & Brewhouse, colourful Steampunk stalls & teapot race demo, traditional games, brass band & period costumes. www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER	Farm Open Day Lincoln University Dairy Farm, Shands Road, 1-4pm Find out how grass becomes milk & milk gets to the supermarket. Bring your gumboots & questions. Free
WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER	Twilight Youth Market Rolleston Community Centre Car Park, 6-9pm An opportunity for Selwyn young people to be entrepreneurs. With stalls, food, music, bouncy castles. If you are 20 or under register for a free stall by emailing chris.martin@selwyn.govt.nz .
UNTIL 4 DECEMBER	Openings & Out of the Fire Selwyn Gallery, Darfield Two exhibitions showing paintings by Judy Rogers & ceramics by Peter Gregory. Open daily 10am-4pm daily, except Monday

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