



The spectacular Rakaia Gorge is one of the locations featured in the Walking Festival

Spring is a great time to get out and about, enjoy some sunshine and explore our district. The Breeze Walking Festival kicks off on Saturday 26 September, with 37 free walks planned throughout Selwyn, Christchurch and Waimakariri. The festival runs until 10 October, taking in the school holidays, with walks to suit all abilities and ages, including kids.

Three great walks are taking place in Selwyn during the festival:

- The Rakaia Gorge Experience (Thursday 29 September, 10am-2pm). Enjoy magnificent views of the gorge and learn about its history, botany and wildlife from your DOC guide. This 10km walk is suitable for fit individuals, but not for pushchairs or wheelchairs. Booking required, numbers limited. Departs Rakaia Gorge Bridge car park.
- Lincoln Mums and Bubs (Wednesday 30 September, 10-11.30am) Enjoy a 4km stroll around Lincoln and its historic buildings, finishing with coffee and a chat. Children welcome, walk suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Dogs welcome if on a lead. Booking not required, walk departs from Lincoln University Recreation Centre.
- Motukarara Railway Station (Thursday 8 October, 10am-2pm). Meet at the historic Motukarara Railway Station and join a 10km trek to discover this section of the Little River Rail Trail. Booking required, numbers limited.

To book a place on the Rakaia Gorge or Motukarara walks please phone 347 2719.

Selwyn residents can also join walks in Christchurch and Waimakariri, including walks along the Avon River, beach walks at Sumner and South Brighton, a Port Hills by Night walk, the Great Dog Walk at Roto Kohatu Lakes or the Pukeko Stomp walk for kids with storytelling at Travis Wetland. More information at www.walkingfestival.co.nz.

New Arthur’s Pass vehicle put into snow service

The Arthur’s Pass Volunteer Rural Fire Force have put their new emergency response vehicle to good use – rescuing stranded travellers from a snow storm.

Hamish Reid, Nic Menary and local police officer Scott Carmody spent six hours rescuing people stranded in Otira Gorge on the West Coast side of Arthur’s Pass, after responding to a call on the evening of 7 August.

Around 20 vehicles were stranded, including three buses. While most of the vehicles had already been evacuated, the fire team, along with a West Coast police unit and roading contractors from Sicon Ferguson, worked from 8pm to 1am to evacuate another 20 people.



Rural Fire Force Controller Nic Menary says the new Landcruiser handled the conditions exceptionally well, and the team would have never attempted the rescue with their regular fire appliance.

“Although the regular fire appliance is a four-wheel drive, it was inadequate for the conditions that night. The Landcruiser muscled through the snow drifts with ease. This day was particularly bad as a layer of ice from the night before was on the road and this received a healthy dump of snow on top. The fact it is a double cab allowed us to move people more quickly.”

The new vehicle was handed over to the rural fire force in July this year to replace an older vehicle from the 1970s. The Council provided \$60,000 for the vehicle to be purchased, fitted out and brought up to emergency response standards.

The Toyota Landcruiser double cab is now suitable for use in the extreme weather conditions Arthur’s Pass experiences and can also be used for tackling small vegetation fires, spot fires and car fires.

100 buckets of water... for less than \$1 a day

A typical family household in Selwyn uses 1000 litres of water a day – that’s roughly 100 buckets full. Whether it’s for washing, watering, drinking or paddling, Council makes sure you have access to clean, safe water, readily available at the turn of a tap.

All for less than a dollar a day. That’s great value.*

*Based on district rate for non-metered Council water supplies.

... good living, great value

Ideas sought for restoring Reid’s Pit

An old quarry between Lincoln and Rolleston could be developed as a recreational reserve, and Council is looking for input from local residents.

Reid’s Pit is a former gravel extraction pit located near the junction of Selwyn Road and Weedons Road, about 4 kilometres south-east of Rolleston.

As part of the development of the open spaces network across Selwyn District, the Council is investigating options for the future of the site.

Consultant for the Council, Michele Frey, says it would be great to hear local residents’ ideas for the development of the pit.

“We’re keen people’s thoughts about the future of the pit and how it might be developed for recreational use – for example as an open space with planting, walking trails, a mountain bike track, or picnic areas,” she says.

“We also want to hear from anyone who has background information about the site, and can help fill in some of the history.”

Anyone with ideas or information should contact Michele by **Monday 12 October**, by emailing Michele.Frey@opus.co.nz or phoning (03) 972 5000 or 027 208 1090.



Consultation opens on recovery plan

Public consultation is now open on proposed District Plan changes affecting Rolleston and Lincoln.

The proposed changes are being progressed as part of the Land Use Recovery Plan (LURP), which identifies the location of residential and business activities within greater Christchurch.

Lincoln and Rolleston town centres are identified as Key Activity Centres – focal points for commercial, community and service activity. These provisions will enable more shops and businesses to locate in Rolleston and Lincoln, providing a wider range of shops, places to eat and local services, and helping create more local jobs. Changes are also proposed to provide more industrial land in Rolleston.

Residents can find out more at drop-in sessions next week at:

- Rolleston Council offices – Tuesday 22 September, 6.30-8.30pm and Sunday 27 September, 2-4pm
- Lincoln Event Centre – Thursday 24 September, 6.30-8.30pm and Sunday 27 September, 10am-12pm

For more information and to find out how to make a submission visit www.selwyn.govt.nz

Planting and pathway development underway at Foster Park

Springtime is tree-planting time at Foster Recreation Park in Rolleston. Development of the new district sport and recreation facility is well under way with trees being planted around the park exterior and along pathways. Paths are being laid along the Dynes Road boundary and between Dynes Road and Broadlands Drive. Once the paths are completed in the summer, people will be able to start using the park for walking and cycling.



Tree planting under way at Foster Park

Notices

MOBILE LIBRARY
TIMETABLE

Wednesday 16 September
Arthurs Pass, 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill, 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield, 3-3.30pm

Thursday 17 September
Council Headquarters
12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston
1.30-2pm
Rolleston First Learners
2.10-2.40pm

Monday 21 September
Burnham Montessori
11-11.30am

Tuesday 22 September
Kirwee, 10-10.45am
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
Cats Pyjamas West Melton
1.50-2.20pm

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 25 September** at:

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

Please note: All clinics last for half an hour. The Rolleston

venue is in Norman Kirk Drive, other venues are outside libraries. Cancelled if wet. If you have any questions regarding microchipping, contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PART STOCKWATER RACES

Ellesmere and Paparua Schemes. Selwyn District Council, pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, advises its intention to discontinue the following sections of water races:

- Ellesmere**
1. Closure of 5.4km of race through 6 properties east of South Two Chain Road near Breadings Road
 2. Closure of 8.3km of race through 9 properties east of Cowans Road north of Lochheads Road
 3. Closure of 4km of race through 5 properties west of Cowans Road and south of Southbridge Leeston Road
 4. Formalise closure of 3.2km of race through 2 properties off Sharlands Road South of South Two Chain Road
 5. Formalise closure of races through 1 property below Sharlands Road between Ardlui and Mitchells Roads
 6. Closure of 9.7km of race through 6 properties south of Wrights Road at South Two Chain Road
 7. Closure of 8.3km of race

through 5 properties South of Westernas Road

8. Closure of Haldon intake and 4.5km of downstream races to Hororata Dunsandel Road through 3 properties

Paparua

9. Closure of 0.37km of race through Izone stage 7 north of Railway Road.

These closures are considered to be of low significance and do not alter the intended level of service of the overall water race schemes. Directly affected ratepayers have agreed to close these water races.

Detailed information including location maps can be found on the Selwyn District Council website www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrclosure or can be viewed at Council offices in Rolleston. For more information contact Jo Golden, Water Services Engineer, phone 347 2800 or email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz by **16 October 2015**.

ROLLESTON FIREWORKS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of interest are invited from vendors interested in having a site at this year's event on **Saturday 7 November**. Note, an expression of interest does not guarantee a site. Local not-for-profit groups, local schools and sporting groups are given first priority. Please contact Jens Christensen on 347 1600 or 027 433 4179.

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 16 Sept 4.30pm, West Melton 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 23 Sept 1pm

Malvern Community Board

Mon 28 Sept 4pm, Supper Room Kirwee A&P Grounds

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LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 15 Sep 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee

Thurs 17 Sep 7.30pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

Dunsandel Community Committee

Wed 23 Sep 7.30pm, Dunsandel Sports Centre – *note week earlier*

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 15 Sep 8pm, Glenroy Hall

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 28 Sep 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 22 Sep 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm
Killinchy Community Centre

Kimberley Recreation Reserve Committee

Thurs 24 Sep 8pm
Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Community Committee

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Lake Coleridge Community Committee - AGM

Fri 18 Sep 7.30pm
Lake Coleridge Hall

Leeston Park Association

Mon 28 Sep 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 30 Sep 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Community

Association

Tues 15 Sep 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm, Prebbleton Hall Supper Room - AGM

Rolleston Reserve

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 28 Sep 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 28 Sep 7pm
Southbridge Hall

Springston Community Committee

Mon 21 Sep 7.30pm
Springston Hall Supper Room

Springston Hall Committee

Thurs 1 Oct 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Springston Reserve & Associated Sports Combined Committee Inc. - AGM

Wed 16 Sept 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tues 29 Sep 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Reserve Board Committee

Mon 21 Sep 7pm, West Melton Rugby Football Clubrooms

Windwhistle District Society Inc. - AGM

Tue 29 Sep 7pm
Windwhistle School Library



TUE & THURS

15 & 17
SEPTEMBER

Representation Review drop-in sessions

Find out about changes to ward boundaries and community boards, and how you can have your say.

- Darfield Library, Tue 15 Sep, 2-5pm
- Leeston Library, Tue 15 Sep, 2-5pm
- Lincoln Library, Thurs 17 Sep, 5-7pm
- Rolleston Library, Thurs 17 Sep, 6-8pm

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Worm Farm Care and Maintenance Workshop

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, James St, 10am-12pm

Gold coin donation appreciated (or donate time to the Selwyn Timebank). Contact Ruth Wood on 325 2193 or email ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz

SUNDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Selwyn family race day

Banks Peninsula Trotting Club, Motukarara, first race 12.20pm

All Selwyn ratepayers attending have a chance to win a general rates rebate (subject to conditions). Enter the draw for a horse in Race 8, and whoever draws the winning horse will win a rebate up to a value of \$1,800. Admission, race books and entertainment are free

UNTIL

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SEPTEMBER

Ecoartists New Zealand

Down By The Liffey Gallery, Lincoln

A display by various artists with a portion of sales funding local tree planting. Open Wed-Sun, 10am-4pm

FROM

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SEPTEMBER

Lincoln Living Well Programme

Lincoln Community Care Centre, 16 Lyttelton Street
Mondays 5.30-7.30pm

A six-week programme for people affected by cancer and their families/whanau, held by the Cancer Society. Monday evenings until 2 November. Light refreshments, plenty of parking. To register or for information contact the Coordinator on 379 5835.

UNTIL

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OCTOBER

Michael Ballard: Expressions of interest. Tony Arden: Not what it should be.

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

An exhibition of woodcarving and painting. Open 10am-4pm daily except Monday. www.selwyngallery.co.nz

THURSDAY

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OCTOBER

Family Fun Day

Lincoln Event Centre, 11am – 2pm

Clowns, face painting, sports, bouncy castles, music, Plunket car seat checks, and more! BYO lunch and picnic blanket, limited food and drinks available for purchase. Gold coin donation