

# Restrictions help keep water flowing



Water restrictions introduced in early January are helping to provide better water pressure in the mornings and evenings.

The restrictions were introduced as the dry weather meant the water use has been much higher than is normal in the summer. The restrictions affect Doyleston, Kirwee, Leeston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, Springfield and West Melton.

Water use peaks in the evenings between 4-9pm and in the mornings between 6-9am when many people water their gardens as well as using water indoors. With an official drought being declared (which covers all of Canterbury) because of the lack of rain, the watering restrictions are likely to remain in place during March and into the early Autumn. Significant rain fall is needed before the restrictions can be lifted. Council staff are monitoring water use, as it is possible if there continues to be very little rain, a higher level of restrictions may need to be introduced which would mean that no lawn watering would be allowed at any time in some towns.

Before the water restrictions were introduced, many households were experiencing low water pressure in the evenings because the demand for water was very high at that time.

"It is pleasing to see that people have been avoiding watering during the times when water restrictions are in place and so water pressure has generally improved," says Murray England, Selwyn District Council Water Manager.

The main purpose of introducing water restrictions was to smooth demand for water more evenly throughout the day, rather than having most of the demand occur in the morning from 6-9am and in the evening between 4-9pm and also reduce the demand on high use days (often hot days during the weekend) to provide more even water pressure. An example of how water restrictions are helping is that in Prebbleton, Lincoln and West Melton water use on high use days has dropped by between 7-9% since restrictions were introduced.

## Explore Selwyn Lincoln Historical Walk

Explore Selwyn's second largest town: Lincoln. James Edward Fitzgerald, politician and founder of The Press, sub-divided his land in 1862 to develop Lincoln. He named all the streets after himself, his sons or his Irish family connections.

There are two walks you can choose from: the short walk (45 minutes) or the extended walk (1-1.5 hours). Both offer a trail around the Lincoln township, with historical landmarks and buildings along the way.

As there isn't a set path for this walk, you can wander along the paved footpaths and choose which sites you want to visit. There are an interesting range of historical buildings to see including Liffey Cottage, Union Church, Pioneer Hall, and the Police Station. Some other heritage buildings have been demolished due to earthquake damage but using the guide you can identify where they used to be located and read about their history.

During the walk you will also pass the Liffey Domain and stream, a great area for a picnic or to enjoy some shade on a hot day.



Union Church, built 1881

### Difficulty:

Easy, flat

### Time:

Short walk 45 minutes; Whole walk 1-1.5 hours

### Suitable for:

Wheelchairs and strollers

### Access:

The walk starts at the first historical site: Liffey Cottage on James Street. It finishes at the Fire Station (45 minute walk) or on the corner of Moffat Drive and South Belt (long walk, 1-1.5 hours).

A walking guide to this route can be downloaded from [www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz/new-zealand/walks](http://www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz/new-zealand/walks)

## New camera helps to reduce fire risk in Selwyn

The Council has purchased a new camera which will help local firefighters reduce the possibility of fires reigniting by identifying hotspots after a fire.

The Flir Handheld Thermal Imaging Camera can scan up to 50 metres and capture images of hot spots that cannot be seen otherwise. It is currently at the West Melton Fire Station and is available to be used by trained Council staff or trained members of the West Melton volunteer Fire Force throughout the district.

Traditionally, firefighters rely on their sense of smell, vision and on sensing heat on the back of their hand to identify hotspots, but the camera highlights hot spots through colour.

Selwyn District Council's Emergency Management Support Officer Carrie Lakin says the camera will help to ensure any hotspots that are at risk of reigniting are fully extinguished.

"The great thing about the thermal camera is that it can detect heat in the subsurface layer of the ground and indicate problem areas that are really hot so fire crews can directly deal with them."

"It can also save the local fire brigades time and resources as with a large fire it is time consuming to check an area for hotspots by covering the ground," she says.

Miss Lakin says the camera was extremely effective when it was used after fires near Darfield and Sheffield last week.

The camera also provides a temperature reading which helps firefighters decide whether to treat the spot with hand tools and water or with machinery if it is very hot.



Carrie Lakin (Council) and Wayne Evans from the West Melton volunteer rural fire force using the new camera

For emergency preparation and alerts join [www.selwyn.getsready.net](http://www.selwyn.getsready.net)

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Digital Librarian Christine Grant with a selection of magazines available for free electronically through zinio

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Selwyn District Council  
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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

### Community Board Funding Available

Funding grants are available from the Malvern and Selwyn Central Community Boards, to support individuals, teams and organisations whose projects contribute to the strengthening of community wellbeing. Funding is also available for the Ellesmere and Springs Ward. Information on funding criteria and application forms are available at: [www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding). For further information contact the Council Secretary on 347 2800.

### Dog Microchipping

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires it to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available on Friday 27 February at:

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

#### Please note:

- All clinics last for only half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive, other venues are outside libraries.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

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

### Impounded Stock

Tenders are now being accepted for these seven sheep. Tenders must be submitted on a form available by phoning Animal Control on 347 2800 or from Council Service Centres. Please forward tender in a sealed envelope by 5pm Friday 6 February 2015, addressed to Sheep Tender.



### Mobile Library Timetable

**Wednesday 25 February**  
Southbridge Play Centre  
9.40-10am

Rakaia Huts 10.15-11.05am  
Southbridge School  
11.20-12.40am

**Thursday 26 February**  
Ladbrooks School 12.40-1.40pm  
Prebbleton Tavern 4-6pm

**Monday 2 March**  
Upper Selwyn Huts  
10.15-10.45am  
Prebbleton Child Care  
11.45- 12.15pm

**Tuesday 3 March**  
Dunsandel Play Centre  
10.10-10.30am  
Dunsandel Hall 10.30-11.15am  
Dunsandel School 11.20-12.10pm  
Burnham Preschool 12.30-1pm  
Paradise for Little Angels  
Rolleston 1.30-2.00pm

### Private Plan Change 44

The Council has received a private plan change application from Dreamtime Limited requesting to rezone 20.59 ha of existing rural (inner plains) land to Living 3 zone and subdivide and develop approximately 36 rural residential households. The request relates to land at 1535 Main South Road, Rolleston. The closing date for submissions on this application is 5pm on Friday 20 March 2015. For more information on this application and how to make a submission please visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/planchange](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/planchange) or see the public notice in this week's *Selwyn Times*.

### Selwyn Earth Hour Video

Entries are open until 2 March 2015 for this competition. Your video can be on any environmental topic or issue which promotes environmental awareness and action. Group or individual entries are accepted. Videos should be between 1-5 minutes. For more information visit [www.lincolnnvirotown.org.nz/upcoming-events](http://www.lincolnnvirotown.org.nz/upcoming-events) or contact Meredith on 325 7062.

### Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Vacancies exist for committee members. If you are interested please contact Kees Sies on 318 2388 or 0274 863 275.

## 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 25 Feb 1pm

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 3 Mar 1pm

Audit & Risk Sub-committee

Wed 4 Mar 3pm

### Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 5 Mar 3pm

Izone Visitors Centre

*Because of commercially sensitivity, the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Manager Corporate Services, Douglas Marshall.*

#### Council Meeting

Wed 11 Mar 1pm

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

### Local Committees/Associations

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

**Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee**

Mon 2 Mar, 7.30pm

Darfield Recreation Centre

**Doyleston Community Committee**

Wed 11 Mar, 7.30pm

Osborne Park Pavilion

**Dunsandel Community Committee**

Wed 25 Feb, 7.30pm

Dunsandel Sports Centre

**Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee**

Tue 3 March, 8pm

Greendale Pavilion

**Kirwee Recreation Reserve**

Mon 9 Mar, 7.30pm

Kirwee Reserve Pavilion

**Leeston Community Committee**

Mon 2 Mar, 7.30pm

Leeston Library Community Room

**Lincoln Community Committee**

Mon 9 Mar, 7.30pm

Lincoln Events Centre

**Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.**

Mon 9 Mar, 7.30pm

Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

**Rolleston Community Centre Committee**

Thurs 26 Feb, 7pm

Rolleston Community Centre

**Springfield Township Committee**

Tue 3 Mar, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

**Tawera Memorial Hall Committee**

Thurs 5 Mar, 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

**Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee**

Mon 9 Mar, 7.30pm

Glentunnel Hall

# Total fire ban is in place across the Selwyn District

For more information visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)



WEDNESDAY

25  
FEBRUARY

### Summer Skate Jam

Darfield Skate Park, 4-6pm

A fun family event with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool

WEDNESDAY

25  
FEBRUARY

### Selwyn Timebank Information Session

Rolleston School Hall, 7.30pm

Find out more about timebanking – a way of trading skills in the community where you earn credits to pay for services. See [www.selwyntimebank.net.nz](http://www.selwyntimebank.net.nz)

SUNDAY

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MARCH

### Children's Day & Carboot Market

Rolleston Reserve, 12 - 3pm

Bring your picnic and enjoy bouncy castles, face painting, fairy, farmyard animals, music, free sausage sizzle & more - see [www.spn.org.nz](http://www.spn.org.nz).

You can also sell items at the carboot market for \$5, to book a stall email [enquiries@spn.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@spn.org.nz)



MONDAY

2  
MARCH

### Mature Driver Course, Weedons

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



MONDAY

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MARCH

### Lincoln Envirotown meeting

Lincoln Event Centre, 7.30pm

'Eat Lunch – Change the World.' Find out how packaging is affecting the planet and how simple changes can save the rainforests, slow melting icecaps and save you money

WEDNESDAY

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MARCH

### Summer Skate Jam

Tai Tapu School, 4-6pm

A fun family event with music, prizes, a sausage sizzle and free lessons and gear hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool

SATURDAY

7  
MARCH

### Lincoln Summer Fete

10am-1 pm, Gerald Street

Join the fun! Lots of competitions to enter, puppet show, live music, games, bouncy castle, food, craft and produce stalls. See [facebook.com/lincolnmarket](https://facebook.com/lincolnmarket)

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