



Building Consent Team achieves New Zealand first in reaccreditation

The Council has been reaccredited as a Building Consent Authority, and is the first Council in New Zealand to be reaccredited three times without needing to make any changes to existing consent processing practices or systems.

The team was audited in October for reaccreditation as a Building Consent Authority, which enables the Council to issue building consents. As part of the assessment process, IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand) routinely require corrective actions, when non-compliance with Government regulations are identified, or issue strong recommendations about how consent processing systems or methods could be improved to better comply with regulatory requirements.

IANZ assessors found no issues which required corrective actions and made no strong recommendations for Selwyn to improve its processing systems. The IANZ report also identified Selwyn's records of processing and inspection decisions and reasons for decisions, and training processes as being of a particularly high standard and cited these as examples of good practice and performance.

In 2013, Selwyn introduced a new online building consent application system. The system has been refined over the past two years and allows people to lodge and check on consent applications at any time from their office or from home. It also allows code compliance certificates to be issued onsite once a final building inspection is completed which enables new home owners to move in immediately.

The system was developed by Council and Alpha Group and won the Society of Local Government Managers Supreme Excellence Award in April 2015.

Selwyn District Council is one of the busiest building consent authorities in New Zealand. In the year to June 2015, we issued the third highest number of new dwelling consents after Auckland and Christchurch. The Council processed 2,790 building consent applications in total, and the average time to issue a consent was 12 working days. Selwyn has been New Zealand's fastest growing district for eight years running.

Building Manager Ian Butler says the results of the reaccreditation process mean that people building or renovating homes in Selwyn can feel confident that the Council has appropriate systems and processes in place to deliver building controls which meet or exceed government expectations.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Birchs, Goulds, Ellesmere Junction and Bellam Roads, with stop and go signs being used by contractors to control traffic. Road repairs are also planned to Rockwood, Leeston Lake, and Wards Road (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 the Old West Coast Road between Waddington and Pinegrove Roads. The road will remain open with traffic controls in place.

This week resealing work is planned along Duckpond, Fiddlers, Ridge and Ahuriri Roads. Stop and go signs will be used for traffic control. Maintenance grading work is planned around the High Country, Lake Coleridge, Leeston, Dunsandel, Springston and Rolleston areas, with roads remaining open. Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.



Restricted fire season introduced

A restricted fire season is now in place across the rural plains areas of Selwyn.

The restricted fire season has been introduced as the fire risk has increased over recent weeks as weather conditions have become drier. In a restricted fire season, only gas barbeques, crop residue and rubbish fires inside contained drums are allowed in rural areas of Selwyn. There are a number of conditions which must be met before fires can be lit (see 'What's allowed in a restricted fire season' below).

If you are thinking of lighting a fire, you should always check whether you can do so and what safety guidelines they must meet by visiting www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire.

Over summer people may see crop residue fires burning. Fire services are often called out to attend rural fires that are being supervised and managed appropriately. It's expensive and time consuming for volunteer fire fighters to attend false call outs so we encourage people to check if there are people on site supervising the fire. If there is no one present people should report this by dialing 111.

What's allowed in a restricted fire season

- In residential areas the only type of fire permitted throughout the year is a gas barbeque. Other fires need a resource consent from Environment Canterbury. In rural areas in Selwyn in a restricted fire season the following rules apply:
- Gas barbeques are allowed if a water source is nearby.
 - Fires in drums must be covered with a wire mesh top sized no greater than 20mm or have a lid and flue with a spark arrester fitted. Only material that has had a minimum of at least a six week drying period may be burnt under Environment Canterbury's Air Plan. The only type of materials that may be burnt according to these rules is dried vegetation, paper, cardboard and untreated wood.
 - Crop residue burns are allowed but only during daylight hours and must be attended at all times. Fires may not be lit when strong winds are blowing or forecast, fire fighting equipment and an adequate water source must be nearby and a 10 metre firebreak must be cleared around the edge of the area to be burnt
 - Fire may be lit if a permit has been issued by Selwyn District Council and the conditions of the permit are followed

What's not allowed:

- Any type of fire not listed as permitted above
- Fire cannot be lit on Council reserves

In the high country and hill areas of Selwyn, a restricted fire season is permanently in place.

Explore Selwyn: Cave Stream

You can explore Selwyn's spectacular high country scenery by visiting one of two walking tracks from different ends of the cave entrances. One walk allows you to walk around the cave entrances and explore the surrounding environment, while the other walk allows you to travel through the 600 metre long cave itself.

The northern track takes you through a diverse limestone landscape, rillenkarran (water-grooved rocks) and sculptured rock formations. The other track leads to a terrace overlooking the junction of Cave Stream and Broken River.

If you choose to walk through the cave you will need a headlight and extra batteries, warm clothing, and sturdy footwear. Read the warning signs outside the cave carefully before entering as it can be dangerous. The water is waist deep, so is not suitable for young children. If the stream is abnormally high, with the water discoloured or foaming, do not enter. Entering the cave at the outflow end is recommended and walking against the flow of the stream. There are several small waterfalls to climb. Outside the nearby limestone formations provided the setting for the movie *Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Getting there:
The reserve is on State Highway 73 between the Broken River road bridge and Craigieburn Forest Park entrance.

Time:
30 minutes return, allow extra time if visiting caves.

Difficulty:
Easy walking on good tracks.

More information:
See www.doc.govt.nz 'Parks and Recreation' then 'Walking and Tramping' for details of this and other DOC walks. Dogs are not permitted.



Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston
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

SPORTS PEOPLE WANTED FOR FUNDING COMMITTEE

Selwyn District Council's Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee is seeking applications from Malvern Ward residents to join the committee.

The committee operates under the wing of Selwyn District Council, meeting twice each year to consider applications for funding from clubs seeking assistance with travel costs for local competition matches. The unpaid positions are for three years, with travel expenses reimbursed. Applicants need to live in the Malvern ward - to check your ward please call Stuart on the number below. The ideal candidate will have been actively involved in sport or sports administration, have an overview of sport or recreation in Selwyn and be keen to promote sport.

Applications must be in writing, including details of sporting/ sporting administration involvement, and be received by 5pm Friday 4 December 2015. Applications may be handed to Council Library/Service Centres (Attention: Stuart Westoby) or mailed to: Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee Position, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643. Attention: Stuart Westoby
For more information contact Stuart on 347 2708 or 318 8338 or email stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz.

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.

District Plan Committee

Wed 25 Nov 9am

Council Meeting

Wed 25 Nov 1pm

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, Douglas Marshall

Council Meeting

Wed 9 Dec 1pm

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE LEESTON

High Street, Leeston (from Messines Street to Leeston and Lake Road) will be temporarily closed between 5.30-10.30pm on Friday 4 December 2015 (postponement date 11 December) for the Leeston Christmas Parade and Carols by Star Light.

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

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 service is available 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 only half an hour
- The Rolleston venue is in 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.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPETITION

Community groups, pre-schools and schools are invited to enter a Christmas Tree into a Selwyn

Libraries competition. Trees can be taken to Darfield, Lincoln or Leeston Library branches where they will be on display for visitors to vote for their favourites!

Trees will be accepted from Monday 30 November until Saturday 5 December.

Entry categories are: junior (0-18 years) and adult (18 years and over). A height limit of 1.5 metres applies for entries. For more information please contact your local library.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

New members welcome, sign up for a library card on the bus. Call our friendly drivers on 021 773 400

Wednesday 25 November
Hororata School 11.30-1pm
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 26 November
Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston 1.30-2pm
Tai Tapu Playcentre 10-10.30am

Monday 30 November
Springfield School 12.30-1.30pm
Sheffield School 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 1 December
Tai Tapu Monkeys and Munchkins 10-10.30am
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45-11.15am
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Domain 2-2.30pm

Followed by a Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm which is open to the public

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 2 Dec 7.30pm
Broadfield Hall

Darfield Pool Administration Committee

Tue 24 Nov 7pm, Darfield Pool

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 7 Dec 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 9 Dec 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee

Wed 25 Nov 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre

Greendale Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Tue 1 Dec 8pm
Greendale Pavilion

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 24 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 2 Dec 7.30pm
Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Lakeside Reserve Management Committee

Tue 24 Nov 7pm, Aquatic Clubrooms, Lakeside Domain

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

Leeston Park Association AGM

Mon 30 Nov 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 25 Nov 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

Thurs 3 Dec 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Note changed from 17 December

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 1 Dec 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Mon 30 Nov, 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Note 3 December meeting cancelled

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

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tue 24 Nov 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Residents Association

Wed 9 Dec 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

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



WEDNESDAY

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NOVEMBER

Twilight Youth Market

Rolleston Skate Park, 6-9pm

People aged 24 & under can register for a free stall by emailing chris.martin@selwyn.govt.nz. With stalls, live music, bouncy castles & free skate lessons

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Bees - Angels of the Environment

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 11am

Dr Barry Donovan talks about the importance of bees to our economy, local species, their life cycles & more. See a colony of non-aggressive bumble bees. The gardens are behind Lincoln Maternity Hospital on James Street. Please park on the street. Gold coin donation. Phone 325 2193

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Prebbleton Crafts & More Market

Prebbleton Hall, 10am-2pm

Stalls include cards, jewellery, chocolate bouquets, Christmas decorations, embroidery, plants, tea, coffee & more. Free.

WED-TUE

2-15
DECEMBER

Christmas Storytime Sessions

Selwyn Libraries

An hour of stories, songs and fun for 2-7 year olds from 6-7pm at: Lincoln Library (Thursday 2 December, phone 347 2871), Darfield Library (Tuesday 8 December, phone 347 2780), Leeston Library (Thursday 10 December, phone 347 2871) and Rolleston Library (Tuesday 15 December, phone 347 2880). Bookings required through local libraries

FRIDAY

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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

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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

Community events in January

Please note that the first edition of Council Call for 2016 will be published on 19 January. The Council will be publishing a summer events calendar in December – if you are planning to host a free or low cost community event between 1-23 January and would like your event added to this calendar please email editor@selwyn.govt.nz with details of the event by 30 November.