

Be prepared for springtime wind storms



Damage from the September 2013 wind storm (photo courtesy of Orion)

September is the start of Spring. Strong winds can occur at any time of the year but gusty nor' west winds are especially common in springtime.

In September 2013 Selwyn experienced its worst wind storm in nearly four decades, with winds gusting over 150 kilometres an hour in some areas. This caused power outages to 28,000 homes in Selwyn and Christchurch and extensive damage to trees and property.

The first step in being prepared is to check weather forecasts regularly so you know if strong wind is forecast. You can also join the Selwyn Gets Ready website. The website is a database which provides local community response teams with information on who needs help in an emergency and what resources and skills are available in the community. It is also used to send emails warning of severe weather. To join, visit www.selwyn.getsready.net.

Orion is reminding property owners to trim trees near power lines. For information about who can safely trim trees phone Orion on (03) 363 9898 or 0800 363 9898.

If strong winds are forecast there are a number of sensible steps you can take to help protect your home and family:

- Bring outdoor furniture, rubbish bins and anything else that can be moved by wind indoors
- When the wind is strong stay indoors, closing windows and doors
- Power outages are common after high winds so be prepared for this. Check you have bottled water, non-perishable food, a can opener, a first aid kit, a torch and essential medical supplies at hand. You may also wish to fill bathtubs and sinks with water to flush the toilet
- Have a supply of torches and extra batteries handy. Do not use candles (they are a fire risk) or kerosene lamps, which require ventilation and are not designed for indoor use
- Check www.selwyn.govt.nz for information and advice, power outage details are posted at www.oriongroup.co.nz. If the power goes out listen to Radio New Zealand for information
- Stay off the roads if strong winds are forecast – driving may be dangerous due to fallen trees, power lines and other hazards. Driving at night after a major wind storm should be avoided as there could be hazards which you won't be able to see
- Do not touch downed power lines – keep at least ten metres away as they may be live. Report these to Orion on (03) 363 9898 or 0800 363 9898.

The Council can be contacted on 347 2800 or 318 8338 if assistance is required. Power outages should be reported to Orion on 0800 363 9898.



On the roads this week

The Council is laying new water pipes in south east Rolleston to service new properties. Pipes are being laid along roadsides on Springston Rolleston and Dynes Road. Works along Springston Rolleston Road is now complete and work is expected to be completed along Dynes Road by this Friday. Dynes Road is currently one way allowing traffic to travel from Springston Rolleston Road to Goulds Road. A diversion is in place this week with traffic planning to travel north down Dynes Road diverted through Goulds Road. From **Monday 5 October**, Dynes Road will be open to two way traffic again.

Kerb and channel and footpath work is taking place along part of Goulds Road near Foster Recreation Park but the road is open. Footpath maintenance work is also planned in Leeston township.

Intersection improvements are taking place at the Boundary Road/ Weedons Road intersection. The intersection is open but minor traffic delays could occur at peak times.

Road repairs are planned to the following roads which will remain open while work takes place: Duck Pond, Ellesmere, Leeston Dunsandel, Jollies, and Leeston and Lake Roads.

Shoulder removal work is taking place along roadsides to improve drainage of water. Ponding of water on the road can cause potholes and edge damage. These roads are open while work takes place: Leeston and Lake, Lower Lake, Harts, Washbournes, and McEvedys Roads. Maintenance grading work is planned along roads in the following areas: Hororata, Windwhistle, Dunsandel and Hororata.

Selwyn Community Board News

The Board held its September meeting at the West Melton Community Hall. Members received an update from the Defence Force representative.

The meeting also agreed to investigate an interpretation panel outlining the areas history at Cream Can Corner (Corner Goulds and Lowes Roads) where local farmers left milk for collection by the Tai Tapu Co-op Dairy Company. Board members were concerned Rolleston had very little early history left and felt it was important to acknowledge our past history.

The Board allocated a grant to West Melton Primary School to help fund an educational trip later this year. The Board will attend the Rolleston Fireworks on 7 November and be at the Council tent.

We would like to let the wider Selwyn Central community know that the Community Board has grants available to support community groups and individuals – to find out more about the grants and associated criteria, visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/grants.

The next Board meeting will be **21 October** at the Council in Rolleston.

Lincoln Town Centre Plan update

The Council has been working on developing a town centre plan for Lincoln. This document is a framework for the future development of Lincoln town centre. It outlines opportunities that exist to co-ordinate development in the centre of Lincoln. It aims to ensure that development is of a high quality and the village atmosphere is retained. The plan is expected to be released for public consultation in November.

Selwyn hosts exhibition of Gandhi photographs

Selwyn residents will have a rare opportunity to view a historic collection of photographs of Indian spiritual and political leader Mahatma Gandhi.

The 34 photographs of Gandhi were taken by Dr Dahdboy Rustam Wadia in the 1940s. They include portraits and informal photographs of Gandhi with his friends, followers and other leaders of the Indian independence movement.

The exhibition opens on Friday 2 October, at 7pm. Limited tickets to the opening event are available. The free public exhibition runs at Lincoln Event Centre on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October and from Friday 9 to Sunday 11 October. It is open from 9am to 4pm. Images from the exhibition will also be displayed as smaller photographs at Darfield Library during Darfield Artweek from 10 to 17 October.

The Selwyn Arts Trust and Selwyn District Council are presenting the exhibition. The photos are from a private collection made available with the support of Surinder and Archana Tandon. To request a ticket to the opening event email arts@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2722.



Consultation on Central Plains Water loan

The Council is currently consulting on a proposal to amend its Long-Term Plan 2015-25 to allow an \$8 million loan to be made to Central Plains Water Limited to fund design work for the next stage of the Central Plains Water Enhancement Scheme. More information about this proposal is set out in a feature in this week's *Selwyn Times*, online at www.selwyn.govt.nz, and from Council offices and libraries. Public meetings to discuss the proposal will be held at:

- Darfield Recreation Centre on Tuesday 6 October, 7pm
- Dunsandel Sports Centre on Wednesday 7 October, 7pm
- Rolleston Council offices on Thursday 8 October, 7pm

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

MALVERN & ELLESMERE AREA PLANS

The first stage of consultation on the Malvern and Ellesmere Area Plans has been completed. Consultation ran from 27 July - 28 August and included local drop in sessions and online comment options. The consultation sought feedback on the themes of communities and township character, growth and development, transport and infrastructure.

A summary of submissions is now available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans and at Council libraries/service centres. The feedback from consultation will complement technical information being gathered to help to form Draft Area Plans and township specific growth strategies. The information in the summary of submissions is intended to help the Council in making decisions on the development of Local Area Plans but is not a final decision on where growth will occur, or what services are provided. Those decisions will be made after receiving local area plan submissions. The Draft Ellesmere and Malvern Area Plans are expected to be released for public consultation in late February 2016. The final plans are expected to be adopted by the Council in late June 2016.

Any queries on the summary of submissions, or Area Plans can be directed to Andrew Mactier, on 347 2800, 318 8338 or by emailing andrew.mactier@selwyn.govt.nz.

SENIOR NET AGM

To be held on **Monday 19 October**, 12pm at Lincoln Event Centre. All welcome.

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 meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 6 Oct 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 7 Oct 3pm

Council Meeting

Wed 14 Oct 1pm

Followed by a Citizenship ceremony open to the public

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 7 Oct 7.30pm

DOG PARK CLOSURE

Rolleston Dog Park will be closed to the public on Saturday 3 October from 8.30am-4pm and on Sunday 4 October from 7.30am-4 pm. The Selwyn Dog Training Club is holding their flygility and agility competitions. You are welcome to come and watch but please don't bring your dog.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 30 September
Hororata School* 11.30am -1pm
Greendale School* 1.20-1.50pm

*These are community and school stops

Thursday 1 October

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

Tuesday 6 October

Tai Tapu Monkeys & Munchkins 10-10.30am
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45-11.15am
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Domain 1.50-2.20pm (*new stop*)

LAND USE RECOVERY PLAN - LINCOLN AND ROLLESTON

Consultation is open until 9 October on future plans for central Rolleston and Lincoln. To find out more and make a submission see selwyn.govt.nz. Submission forms and more information is also available from Council libraries.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PART OF STOCKWATER RACES

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

Ellesmere Scheme

- Closure of 5.4km of race through 6 properties east of South Two Chain Road near Breadings Road
- Closure of 8.3km of race through 9 properties east of Cowans Road north of Lochheads Road
- Closure of 4km of race through 5 properties west of Cowans Road and south of Southbridge Leeston Road
- Formalise closure of 3.2km of race through 2 properties off Sharlands Road south of South Two Chain Road
- Formalise closure of races through 1 property below Sharlands Road between Ardlui and Mitchells Roads
- Closure of 9.7km of race through 6 properties south of Wrights Road at South Two Chain Road
- Closure of 8.3km of race through 5 properties south of Westenras Road
- Closure of Haldon intake and 4.5km of downstream races to Hororata Dunsandel Road through 3 properties

Paparua Scheme

- 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 maps can be viewed at www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrclosure or at the Council offices in Rolleston. For more information contact Jo Golden on 347 2800 or waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz by **16 October 2015**.

Broadfield Hall

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 5 Oct 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Darfield Township Committee

Thurs 15 Oct 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 14 Oct 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Hororata Reserve Management Committee

Wed 7 Oct 7.30pm
Hororata Reserve Admin Building

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve Pavilion

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee

Fri 9 Oct 7.45pm
Ladbrooks Community Centre

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 5 Oct 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Wed 30 Sept 7.30pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Prebbleton Hall - AGM

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee

Thurs 15 Oct 7.30pm
Sheffield Community Hall

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 6 Oct 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Thurs 1 Oct 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.

Wed 7 Oct 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tue 29 Sep 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

West Melton Residents Association

Wed 14 Oct 7.30pm, West Melton Community Centre

Windwhistle District Society Incorporated AGM

Tue 29 Sep 7pm
Windwhistle School Library
All welcome for this AGM

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 12 Oct 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall



WEDNESDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Water Quality

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am

U3A Ellesmere presents Shelley McMurtrie to speak about fresh water quality issues. She has previously worked for NIWA & Christchurch City Council and is a research consultant

THURSDAY

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Family Fun Day

Lincoln Event Centre, 11am-2pm

Clowns, face painting, sports, bouncy castles, music, Plunket car seat checks & more! BYO lunch. Gold coin donation. www.spn.org.nz

THURSDAY

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The Dog Park - Fun or Frightening

Rolleston Community Centre, 7pm

A seminar covering issues you might see at the park, dog behaviour, safety tips & more. Gold coin donation, supper provided. Contact nzmevans@gmail.com

UNTIL

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OCTOBER

Spring Pool Fest

Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Fun sessions for kids from 1-3pm. Tuesday & Thursday: volleyball, Wednesday: inflatable obstacle course, Friday: Flippa Ball for year 4-7 children. Normal pool admission prices apply

MONDAY

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OCTOBER

Lincoln Envirotown Meeting

Lincoln Event Centre, 7.30pm

Council staff will provide an update on work on the Lincoln Town Centre Plan. All welcome. Contact 03 423 0456 or lincolnenvirotowntrust@gmail.com

SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

Multicultural Festival

Lincoln Event Centre, 1-5pm

Showcasing art, craft, music, dance, & food from local diverse nationalities. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Lincoln, with support from Council & other sponsors

SATURDAY

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Robert & Robyn Guyton Workshop

Rolleston Community Centre, 9.45am-12pm

Hear about this Riverton couple's life in a thriving forest-garden & their work to help save heritage apple species. See selwyn.govt.nz/events for prices & booking

SUNDAY

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OCTOBER

Spring Fling

Broadfield Garden, 11am-5pm

Lincoln & Districts Community Care fundraiser. Live music, garden tours, arts & crafts, food, children's activities. \$20 adults, school children free. www.lincolncomcare.co.nz

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

