

Construction of the new multi-purpose Dunsandel Community Centre officially started last week with a ground-breaking ceremony at the site.

The new facility is being built at Dunsandel Domain and will replace the former Dunsandel Hall. The hall was severely damaged in the September 2010 earthquake, and demolished in 2012, although planning for a new facility had begun before the earthquake.

Building is due to be finished in May 2017, with the work planned to avoid the busy rugby season. Arrow International has the contract to build the centre.

"It's exciting to see the start of a new facility that will cater for the township's growth. It will comfortably accommodate all sorts of activities from school end-of-year assembly and fundraising events to club and community group meetings, business events, functions and much more," says Russell Dalzell, chair of the Dunsandel Community Committee.

The new centre, which has a total cost of \$3.4 million, will feature a multi-purpose hall for up to 250 people, a reception area and meeting and training room space. It can be divided if needed and will have kitchen and bar facilities, an office and storage space. Outside, the building will have terraces around it for watching sport and the northern side will be landscaped and designed for outdoor gatherings.

Funding for the project is from a variety of sources including grants, insurance, reserve funds, development contributions and a loan to be funded by a targeted rate. Community fundraising is also a major contributor to the facility.

Help keep Selwyn beautiful

Keep New Zealand Beautiful Clean-Up week runs from 12-18 September. You can join an organised clean-up event or set up your own and register it online at www.knzb.org.nz/cleanupweek. Once your event is registered you will receive everything you need like rubbish and recycling bags, gloves, participation certificates and an event guide with information on how to plan your event. You can also dispose of rubbish and recycling in the official KNZB bags from registered events at Pines Resource Recovery Park for free.



On the roads this week

East Maddisons Road (pictured below) between Selwyn Road and Goulds Road is currently closed to allow the road to be sealed and the East Maddisons Road/Goulds Road intersection to be upgraded and realigned. This area is to be developed as part of stage 6 of the Faringdon subdivision, and a new primary school will also be located off East Maddisons Road. The work will also include kerb and channel work, footpath development along part of the road and streetlights being installed. Road works are being undertaken by the developer. The road is expected to reopen in September.

Gravelling and reshaping work will take place on Auchenflower and Malvern Hills Roads, with traffic controls in place. Footpath fault repairs and resealing work will take place in Rolleston on Chaucer and Byron Streets and Cressida Place. Guardrail repairs will take place at the intersection of Websters and Drain Roads with traffic controls operating. The upgrade of Lowes Road including kerb and channel, footpath and berm construction is continuing.



Rates rebate applications open

Applications are open from August for eligible Selwyn ratepayers to apply for a rates rebate.

The rates rebate programme is a nationwide programme which provides a rebate on part of the cost of council rates for low income households.

Ratepayers with a gross household income of \$24,470 are eligible to apply. However, if your income exceeds this amount you could still be entitled to a rebate depending on the total cost of your rates and if you have dependants. To be eligible homeowners need to have been living at the property they are applying for a rates rebate for on 1 July 2016. You can check out the rates rebate calculator and example tables on the Department of Internal Affairs website - www.ratesrebates.govt.nz.

If you wish to return your application to a library please make an appointment for a personal consultation at Darfield (phone 318 7780), Lincoln (phone 347 2876) or Leeston (phone 347 2871). To complete an application form you can also visit the Council's Rolleston Headquarters during opening hours (8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday). No appointment is required at Council's Rolleston Headquarters.

Proof of you and your partner's gross income to 31 March 2016 is needed as part of the application process. Applications for this financial year close on 30 June 2017.



Water meter billing update

Edendale, West Melton and Claremont households can expect to receive a water meter reading and bill in September, with water meter bills for Darfield and Johnson Road supplies due out in October and Rolleston, Armack Drive and Raven Drive bills due out in November. Meter reading and billing for Doyleston and Te Pirita will occur in December.

Some water supplies may receive a bill slightly earlier than the normal six monthly billing cycle. After changes occur to the spring meter reading cycle due to new areas switching to metering, meter readings will resume in a normal six monthly billing cycle.

In Selwyn these areas have fully metered water supplies: Armack Drive, Burnham, Claremont, Darfield, Doyleston, Edendale, Johnson Road, Raven Drive, Rolleston and West Melton. Doyleston, Darfield and West Melton are areas which moved to a fully metered scheme this year from 1 July 2016 onwards. In all of the above areas, households pay a reduced rate of \$213 per year, plus a charge of 43 cents per cubic metre of water. A cubic metre is 1,000 litres.

Other households connected to a Council water supply pay a base water rate of \$370 per year. If you have a water meter installed at the property and you use more than 375 cubic metres of water per year (or 375,000 litres) there is also a charge of 43 cents per cubic metre of water for any water used in excess of 375 cubic metres. 72% of water connections are now metered: if no water meter is installed you will pay only the base water rate of \$370 per year and won't be charged for additional water.

Water use is typically much higher over the summer and autumn as watering lawns and gardens, and filling swimming pools consume a lot of water. Watering your lawn for just one hour with a sprinkler can use more water than your household normally uses in a full day. You can find out more about water use and monitoring your water consumption through your water meter online at www.selwyn.govt. nz/waterbilling.

The Council is planning to install water meters on all properties connected to Council water supplies over the next two years, which will result in properties paying the reduced water rate plus a charge per cubic meter of water, as they do in fully metered areas now.

Properties not connected to a Council water supply, for example rural properties which have their own bore, are not required to pay water rates or charges to Council.



Notices

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATIONS

An application for an on licence renewal has been received from LJ Control Enterprises Limited which is open for submissions until 5 September. An on licence application has been received from Hickman Hospo Limited which is open for submissions until 31 August. See www. selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices for details.

NOTICE OF AGM - SELWYN SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE

The AGM meeting will be held at 6pm, Monday 12 September at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Selwyn district has Sister Cities cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our Sister Cities in Japan, China, Coventry in Rhode Island, USA, and Toraja, Indonesia. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bernadette Ryan on 3472 830 or email bernadette.ryan@selwyn. govt.nz for catering purposes.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PART STOCKWATER RACES

Ellesmere, Malvern and Paparua Schemes

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

1. Closure of 0.2km of race through one property between Jones Road and SH1 east of Curraghs Rd (Council)

Malvern

2. Formalise the closure of 1km of race through one property on the intersection of Creyke Road and Miles Road (Schnel)

Ellesmere

3. Closure of 2km of race through two properties north of

Southbridge Leeston Road (Lill) 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 online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/wrclosure or can be viewed at Council offices in Rolleston.

For more information or to make a submission, contact Jo Golden, Water Services Engineer, phone 347 2800 or email waterraces@selwyn.govt. nz by 14 October 2016.

ROLLESTON FIREWORKS

Saturday 5 November 2016 Organising for this year's event is well underway. We are now calling for expressions of interest from vendors who are interested in having a site at the event. Please be advised an expression of interest does not guarantee a site. Local not for profit groups, local schools and sporting groups are given first priority.
This is a community run event (not Council run). Please contact Jens Christenson on 347 1600 or 027 433 4179.

Rolleston Fireworks Committee



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

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

Wednesday 24 August Rakaia Huts 9.30-10am Southbridge School 10.45am-12pm

Thursday 25 August Prebbleton Tavern 4-6 pm

Monday 29 August

Tai Tapu Playcentre 9.30-10am Ako Rolleston 10.30-11am Rolleston Christian School 12.15-1.15pm Selwyn Kids 1.30-2pm Rolly Kids 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 30 August

Glenroy Hall 11.40am-12.10pm Windwhistle School 1-1.30pm Glentunnel School 1.55-2.55pm Glentunnel Hall 3-3.30pm

CREATIVE COMMUNITIES FUNDING

Are you involved in the arts, but need some financial assistance to make your project work? The closing date for the Creative NZ Creative Communities Scheme funding applications is Friday 26 August 2016. The application form and criteria are available at www.selwyn.govt.nz or by contacting Stuart on 347 2708 or emailing stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz. These grants were made last funding round: Kirwee Players Inc - \$2,700 for 'Oliver' production Joanna Preston - \$254 for

poetry writing workshop Glenroy Community Hall Committee - \$870 for art workshop costs

Cecilia Pascoe - \$320 for cello workshop

Selwyn Embroiderers Group \$1,365 for embroidery workshop Ella Waswo - \$540 towards Aestival festival hall hire Isabella Bell - \$2,400 for Pop Up Theatrical Cabaret costs & \$1,200 towards artist fees for concert at Hororata Highland

Springston Floral Art Group -\$255 for workshop costs Nin McKay - \$2,880 for craft workshop costs Malvern School of Music - \$676

Games

for 2016 annual concert Arts Canterbury Inc - \$958 for 2016 The Art of Canterbury guide

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 stated meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Council Meeting Wed 24 Aug 1pm

Industrial Park Project Team

Thurs 1 Sept 3pm Izone Café Meeting Room Due to commercial sensitivity. the public may be excluded from part of or all of the meeting. Enquiries to Property and Commercial Manager, Douglas Marshall

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 6 Sept 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 7 Sept 3pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Castle Hill Community Association Mon 5 Sept 5.30pm by Skype

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 5 Sept 7.30pm **Darfield Recreation Centre**

Dunsandel Community Committee

Mon 5 Sept 7.30pm Dunsandel Hotel

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Sept 8pm Greendale Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee Mon 5 Sept 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

Leeston Park Association Mon 29 Aug 7.30pm

Leeston Park Pavilion **Prebbleton Community**

Association Inc. Tue 16 Aug 7.30pm Prebbleton Cottage

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 6 Sept 7.30pm Tawera Hall

SATURDAY

AUGUST

WEDNESDAY

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Selwyn Timebank orientation session

Regional Council

Selwyn Events

Rolleston Community Centre, 11.15am

Meet the Candidates for

Stewart 1, Lincoln University, 6.30pm

Hear from electoral candidates for Environment Canterbury, including an opportunity for questions

Find out how to trade your skills with others to get jobs done for free. Contact selwyntimebank@gmail.com for details

UNTIL

Darfield High School student art

Down by the Liffey Gallery

A free exhibition of work by talented Year 13 visual art students. Open 10am-4pm Wednesday-Sunday

MONDAY

AUGUST

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Christchurch-Little River Rail Trail Trust AGM

Lincoln Events Centre, 7.30pm

All welcome, registration not required. For questions please email railtrail. trust@gmail.com, for more information visit www.littlerivertrail.kiwi.nz

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST

Meet the Candidates

West Melton Community Centre,

A chance to meet the candidates for local elections

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER

Ellesmere Heritage Park Trust AGM

Leeston Community Room, 7.30pm

With guest speakers Historian Roger Gilbert (on the old Leeston Hotel's history) & Scott Bradford (on the new Leeston Hotel). For more detail contact ellesmereheritagepark@gmail.com

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER

Native planting day

The Te Ara Kākāriki & Living Water event takes place at Ararira wetland/ Yarrs Flat & native greendots at Tai Tapu. Email register@kakariki.org. nz by 30 August & receive further information, plus bus details

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

Dad's Day Out

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 8am-8pm
Free pool admission for Dads to have fun with your family! Dads must be accompanied by at least one child (of any age, including adults) to qualify for free entry

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER

Lincoln Envirotown meeting

Guest speaker Lyn Minchington talks about her Masters Research on community gardens at 7pm, followed by the meeting. All welcome

JP service available

A free JP service now operates at Rolleston Library and Lincoln Library and Service Centre. JPs can witness signatures on documents and certify copies of documents. They can also take oaths and declarations.

The JP service operates at Rolleston Library every Monday from 12-2pm and at Lincoln Library and Service Centre every Tuesday from 10am-1pm. You can also find out if there is a JP in your area by visiting justiceofthepeace.org.nz.

