

December is a great time to stock up on some good books and magazines from your local library before you head away for a holiday. Selwyn District Libraries are also inviting you to read with them over summer. From 19 December until 20 January, you can 'Stop, Drop & Read' along with library staff and customers every weekday from 2.30-2.45pm.

Selwyn Summer Reading returns from 19 December for school kids, with a chance to win some great prizes including Android tablets, book and swim vouchers. It's important for children to continue reading regularly over the holidays to avoid their reading skills declining over the summer break. To join the programme kids need to visit a Selwyn Library, pick up an official reading log and record how many minutes they spend reading each day. They can read anything, anywhere, anytime. More information is online at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

In January Selwyn District Libraries are hosting 12 fun sessions for school age children. From 10-13 January MakerSpace Lego® sessions will run allowing kids to build a great habitat for an endangered species. From 16-26 January more Makerspace #The Flock art and craft sessions run where kids can make and decorate their own flock of birds to add to the flocks of endangered shore and river birds appearing around Selwyn. On 23 and 24 January award winning author Maria Gill will visit local libraries to host four workshops for kids aged eight and over. Children will be acting out a story with native birds and predator puppets, writing a story about an endangered animal, learning how to draw a native bird and looking at how they can help the environment.

Booking is required to attend sessions and caregiver supervision is necessary for younger children at some sessions. To find out more and make a booking please visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Leeston stormwater upgrade work continues

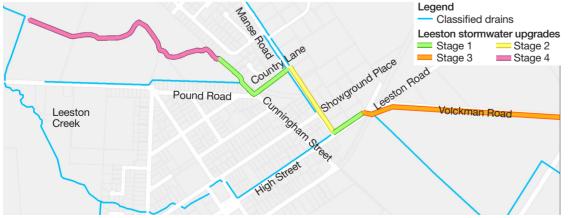
Work is now underway in Leeston to develop stage two of a stormwater bypass. The bypass is being developed in four stages and will allow water to be diverted away from Leeston town centre when heavy rain occurs.

Last year work started on stage one of this project which widened and deepened the drain from the wetland outlet by Country Lane through to Manse Road and on High Street between Manse Road and the Showground. Power cables along the south end of Manse Road were also laid underground to allow for future drain widening.

Stage two work involves widening the drain on the east side of Manse Road from near the intersection with Country Lane to High Street so it can carry more water. This will provide an improved channel between the two sections of drain upgraded as part of stage one of the project. Stage two work is expected to continue until April 2017.

The stormwater upgrade is being undertaken at the same time as roading improvements at the south end of Manse Road. These works include renewing the Leeston Creek culvert under Manse Road, widening the road and creating a footpath on the west side of Manse Road between Selwyn Street and Country Lane. Traffic controls will be in place along Manse Road, Station and High Streets while stormwater and road works occur. The intersection of Manse Road and High Street will be closed from 5-16 December to allow work to occur, and motorists will need to detour via Selwyn and Cunningham Streets.

Stages three and four of the stormwater bypass include an upgrade of the Showground culvert and downstream drains, and the creation of a swale between Leeston Creek and the wetland.



Explore Selwyn

Peak Hill Walk

This is a challenging but rewarding trek. Peak Hill is positioned on the shores of Lake Coleridge. At its peak, 1240m, it offers a stunning overview of the lake and sweeping views of the valley and surrounding area on a fine day. The track is unformed and natural and is marked out with trail markers. It is very steep in places so sturdy tramping boots are recommended.

The track begins with a trek across a private grazing paddock before climbing up the side of the hill through sub-alpine vegetation. The track is highly exposed to the weather so walkers need to be well equipped, and is not recommend on a windy day.

Start early as the track becomes shaded in the afternoon. See www.sensationalselwyn.co.nz, under 'things to do' and 'walks' (Lake Coleridge) for walk information.

Time/Distance: 3 hours return

Difficulty: Harc

How to get there: Peak Hill is located beside Lake Coleridge. Head towards Darfield or Hororata until you meet up with Coleridge Road. Go through Lake Coleridge Village then turn west onto Algidus Road. The signed entrance to Peak Hill is 9km up Algidus Road.



Season's Greetings to Residents of the Malvern Community

At this time of the year when we spend time with our families it is timely to consider how fortunate we are to live in a community that cares.

We would like to give particular thanks to the members of community, hall and reserve committees in the Malvern district for the time and effort you spend in working for the advancement of your community on a wide range of challenging issues. The Board thanks all of you for that contribution.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you and your family a happy and relaxing Christmas and safe and prosperous New Year.

Malvern Community Board



Top row: Councillor John Morten, Mayor Sam Broughton, Chief Executive David Ward, Councillor Bob Mugford.

Front row: Megan Hands, Karen Meares, Jenny Gallagher (chair), Kerry Pauling, Judith Pascoe.



Selwyn District Council Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338 Rolleston Library Rolleston Drive, Rolleston Ph 347 2880 Darfield Library & Service Centre 1 South Terrace, Darfield Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

New members welcome. Sign up for a library card on the bus. Call our friendly driver on 021 773 400. All stops below are the last visit for 2016.

Wednesday 7 December

Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 8 December

Lincoln Montessori 11-11.30am Council Headquarters 12.45-1.15pm Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30-2pm

Monday 12 December Burnham Montessori

11-11.30am Darfield Playcentre 12-12.30pm Darfield Primary School 1-1.30pm

Tuesday 13 December Kirwee 10-10.45am Kirwee School 10.45-11.30am West Melton Domain

12.15-12.45pm West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm Cat's Pyjamas West Melton 1.50-2.20pm

CLOSURE OF LINCOLN CAMPERVAN DUMP STATION

Please note that the Lincoln Campervan/Caravan Effluent Dump Station which occupied the corner of the site at 24 Edward Street Lincoln (Lot 2 DP 430391) is now permanently closed for public use. This is due to the site being used by the Ministry of Education as an additional educational facility for Lincoln Primary School. Alternative public campervan/caravan dump stations are at:

State Highway One, Templeton
BP Connect - Corner State
Highway 1 and Tennyson Street

Rolleston

· Rakaia Huts Campground -

Pacific Drive, Rakaia Huts Glentunnel Holiday Park -

Homebush Road, Glentunnel · Darfield, 68-90 Railway Terrace

The council has consulted the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association in relation to the closure and is investigating alternative sites.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping is available on Friday 9 December

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

Please note:

- Clinics last for only 30 minutes
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive, other locations are outside libraries.
- Sessions won't occur if wet.

For questions contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

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), 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

Unless stated meetings are held at Rolleston Council Building.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 6 Dec 1pm **Council Meeting**

Wed 7 Dec 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 7 Dec 3pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Arthur's Pass Community Centre Committee - AGM

Thurs 8 Dec 7pm, Community Centre. School Terrace

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 7 Dec 7.30pm Broadfield Hall

Coes and Chamberlains Fords **Reserve Committee**

Wed 7 Dec 7.30pm, Sudeley Hall Triennial Elections

Darfield Township Committee Thurs 15 Dec 7.30pm Darfield Library

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm Osborne Park Pavilion

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 20 Dec 8pm Glenroy Community Hall

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Dec 8pm Greendale Pavilion

Hororata Reserve **Management Committee**

Wed 7 Dec 7.30pm, Hororata Hall Kirwee Community Committee

Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Dec 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 12 Dec 7pm Lincoln Event Centre Cancelled

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee

Thurs 15 Dec 7pm Lincoln Event Centre Note change of date

Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee

Mon 12 Dec 6.30pm Community Centre Triennial Election

Prebbleton Community Association Inc.

Tue 20 Dec 7.30pm Prebbleton Cottage

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.

Mon 12 Dec 7.30pm Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Prebbleton Reserve Committee Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm Prebbleton Rugby Football Club

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee

Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington **Community Committee**

Thurs 15 Dec 7.30pm Sheffield Hall Triennial Election followed by ordinary meeting

Sheffield Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Dec 7.30pm Sheffield Domain Triennial Election followed by ordinary meeting

Springfield Township Committee Tue 6 Dec 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Community Committee

Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm Springston Hall Supper Room

Springston Recreation Reserve Committee

Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion Tai Tapu Community

Association Inc. Wed 7 Dec 7.30pm Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee Mon 12 Dec 7.30pm Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Weedons Residents Association Inc.

Tue 13 Dec 7.30pm Weedons Domain

West Melton Residents Assn. Wed 14 Dec 7.30pm West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee Mon 12 Dec 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

WED-MON

7-19 **DECEMBER**

Christmas Storytime Selwyn District Libraries

Join us for stories, songs and fun for kids aged 2-7 & families. Sessions run from 6-7pm at Rolleston (7 Dec), Darfield (13 Dec), Lincoln (15 Dec) & Leeston (19 Dec) Libraries. Booking

THURSDAY

DECEMBER

Composting Workshop Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 3.30-5pm

For details contact ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz. Gold coin donation appreciated

SATURDAY

DECEMBER

Lincoln Christmas Parade & Market

Centre with market at 12 Gerald Street. With bands, Christmas grotto, buskers competition, clowns, decorated bike competition. Postponement date 11 December

SUNDAY

DECEMBER

Rolleston Envirotown Christmas Market

Rolleston Square Carpark, 10am-1pm

Browse local produce & craft. Email enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

Babies in water

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 1-2.30pm

(4 months +) to introduce your baby to water experiences. \$10 includes an activity/ information book. For details & to register phone 347 2738



THURSDAY

DECEMBER

Save Lives, Give Blood Rolleston Community Centre,

'Tis the season for giving - save up to 3 lives in Rolleston. Appointments recommended see www.nzblood. co.nz or phone 0800 448 325

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

Christmas Concert Rolleston Community Centre,

Hosted by Selwyn District Libraries & Belinda Cullen-Reid featuring Selwyn Community Choir members & 'Learn to Sing Rolleston' participants. Entry by donation of an item of non-perishable food per person to go to Ellesmere Food Bank for those in need

Hosting an event in January?

Our first 2017 edition is published 24 January. If you have a community event in January you would like to be considered for listing in a December edition please submit this by **9 December** – see www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall for how to submit a listing

On the roads this week

Resealing work will take place on sections of Cross, Weedons, Colins Road East and Main Rakaia Roads, with stop/go traffic controls in place. Bridge repairs will take place on the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge - motorists can expect delays of up to 15 minutes while work occurs from 8am-3pm. Culvert repairs will occur on Turnballs Road with stop/ go traffic controls operating.

Road reconstruction work continues on Deans Road, and road repairs will take place on Telegraph, Greendale and Mill Roads, with traffic controls operating at all sites. Footpath repairs are planned on Ellesmere Junction Road in Springston. Road work is also planned on Manse Road in Leeston (see story on opposite page). Work continues in December to underground the water race on Tennyson Street, with traffic controls operating. A section of East Maddisons Road is currently open to traffic in one direction only. The turn from Goulds Road into East Maddisons Road is currently closed, but access for vehicles travelling along East Maddisons Road from Lowes Road to Goulds Road is open.

