



New housing areas to be developed in Rolleston

The Minister for Building and Housing has approved 113 hectares of land in south east Rolleston for residential development.

In December, Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe and Building and Housing Minister Dr Nick Smith (pictured) signed a new housing accord for Selwyn aimed at improving land availability and affordability.

Selwyn has been the fastest-growing district in New Zealand for the last eight years, but the district’s rapid growth has meant that further land needed to be made available for housing.

The new areas identified as special housing areas cover the southern portion of the Faringdon subdivision as well as land inside an area bounded by East Maddisons, Selwyn and Springston Rolleston Roads. The new housing areas could accommodate around 1,300-1,500 new homes. Ten percent of the homes will be affordable housing.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe says the Housing Accord will help ensure there is an adequate supply of residential housing. “This will enable competition, and price restraint, as well as choice for potential buyers in the future.”

Identifying areas as special housing areas enables a more streamlined consenting process to be followed, while providing the Council with controls to encourage quality home design. Special housing areas will also provide more housing choice for homebuyers, as more affordable housing will provide smaller, more compact housing options suitable for older people, young professionals or small families. Currently smaller housing options are limited in Selwyn, but demand for this type of housing is expected to increase as our population ages.

Agrichemical collection

Agrecovery, in conjunction with Environment Canterbury, is collecting unwanted or expired agrichemicals from farms in Canterbury. This service is free or subsidised for most chemicals.

Another service providing free chemical collection is The Great DDT Muster which specifically collects persistent organic pollutants (POPs), such as DDT and Lindane. POPs were widely used in the 1950-1970’s but have since been banned from sale and use due to their health risks.

Agrecovery and POP collection can be booked via www.agrecovery.co.nz (under the ‘chemicals’ link) and will be collected at the same time. Please complete an online inventory form and book the disposal of your chemicals online by **25 March**. For more information phone 0800 247 326.

Paying your water meter bill online

If you live in Rolleston and have recently received a water meter bill, please check that you have entered the account number provided at the top of your water bill in the reference field if you pay your bill through an online banking transaction. The Council’s Bank account number is 03 1587 005 0000 00.

Water meter bills need to be paid as a separate transaction to any rates payments so they can be correctly coded by the Council.

Check out Rolleston’s newest playground

A barnyard themed playground is now open for fun in Stonebrook subdivision (on Granite Drive off Brookside Road). New plantings and paths have also been developed nearby.

A second smaller playground for pre-schoolers has also been developed in Stonebrook between Sandstone Crescent and Jasper Court.



Join us to switch on Foster Park’s new lights

The first major multi-field LED light system to be installed on a New Zealand sports ground has now been installed at Foster Park and Selwyn residents are invited to attend the official illumination of the new lights.

When fully developed, the park will have around 20 playing fields, and will be used by a range of sports codes for competition and training. The first 10 fields are nearly ready for use in winter. The park will also include a large children’s play area, family picnic space, events space and walking and cycling paths.

The new LED lights are more energy efficient than normal lights and have a longer lifetime. They provide concentrated light in the evenings at the sportsfields, with little spill over into surrounding areas.

On **Monday 7 March** the new lights will be officially switched on. Selwyn residents are invited to visit the park at 8pm for a short guided walk around the sports field area and hear about the future vision for the park, after which the new lights will be illuminated.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Old West Coast Road, Springs Road (between the University Car Park and Collins Road) and Telegraph Road, with traffic controls operating. Seal widening is planned along Tramway Road.

Resealing will occur along Kimberley, Auchenflower, Tramway, Hacketts, Beattys, Aitkens, Hummocks, Bealey and Essendon Roads, Hart Place, Harper Place, Ryton Place, Riverview Terrace and Acheron Avenue. Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.

Road closures – Jones Road and Railway Road

Jones Road is currently closed between Weedons Ross and Hoskyns Roads, to allow the installation of a rail siding by Lyttelton Port Company at MidlandPort. A detour is operating via Weedons Ross, Maddisons and Hoskyns Roads. New water and wastewater pipes and fibre cables to service MidlandPort are also being installed during the closure, as well as an entranceway and right hand turning bay into the site and associated road widening and reconstruction works. The closure allows these works to be coordinated by contractors. Vehicles using the detour should expect a short increase in travel times and some delays at main intersections, especially on weekdays from 7.30-9am and 4-6pm.

Railway Road is closed until 7 March. The closure is between Jones Road and Kerrs Road and allows sewerage pipes and an entranceway to be installed. A detour is operating via Kerrs Road and Wards Road.



Find out about waste-free parenting

Have you ever wanted to find out more about how you can reduce waste while saving money at the same time?

A waste-free parenting workshop coming up in March will help explain how you can do this. The workshop will provide advice on choosing, purchasing and using cloth nappies, introduce you to sustainable household products and show you how you can reduce waste. Even making one change – like switching to using cloth nappies – can save you hundreds of dollars a year.

The workshop is on **Wednesday 16 March**, from 10am-12.30pm at the Rolleston Rugby Football Club. There is a \$25 charge for an individual or couple to attend but you receive a nappy pack valued at \$100 when you register. To book your place please visit www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz. The workshop is supported by Selwyn District Council.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

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

Wednesday 2 March
Arthur's Pass 11.30am-12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40-2.15pm
Springfield 3-3.30pm

Thursday 3 March
Lincoln Montessori 11-11.30am
Council Headquarters 12.45-1.15pm
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30-2pm

Monday 7 March
Dunsandel Playcentre 10-10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11-11.30am
Darfield Primary School 12.15-1.15pm

Tuesday 8 March
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
Cats Pyjamas West Melton 1.50-2.20pm

WATER RESTRICTIONS STILL IN PLACE

Formal mandatory water restrictions remain in place for properties connected to Selwyn District Council water supplies. The water restrictions are helping to sustainably manage demand for water more evenly during the week and we would like to thank Selwyn households for their help with this.

Under the water restrictions:
· Watering of lawns is permitted between 9am-4pm and 9pm-6am on alternate days only. If your street address number is an even number you may water only on even numbered days; if your street address number is an odd number you may water only on odd numbered days.

For example, if your property number is 2, 34b, or 108 you can water your lawn as needed on the 2, 4, 6 March and so on, during the permitted times. If watering during the day we recommend choosing a cooler day to reduce evaporation
· Garden watering is permitted at any time
· There is a requirement to decrease demand, especially during peak periods. This means you should only water during permitted hours and avoid wasting water.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping is available on Friday 4 March at:
· Lincoln from 9-9.30am
· Leeston from 10.15-10.45am
· Darfield from 11.30am-12pm
· Rolleston from 12.45-1.15pm
Please note:
· Clinics last for only 30 minutes.
· The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive, other locations are outside libraries.
· Microchipping won't occur if wet.
Contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338 for queries.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Zig Zag Road (from the intersections of Rakaia Gorge Road (SH77) to Coleridge Road) will be closed from 9am-5.30pm on Sunday 6 March for the Autosport Club 'Rakaia Zig-Zag Sprint' motorsport event. During the closure, traffic is requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Queries can be directed to Joanne on 347 2887.

SELWYN SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Selwyn has sister city cultural and friendship relationships and exchange visits with our sister cities in Japan; China; Coventry in Rhode Island, USA; and Toraja, Indonesia. The Committee will meet on Monday 7 March, 6pm

at Selwyn District Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Bernadette on 347 2830 or email bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz for catering purposes.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS INTRODUCED

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 22(2) of the Forest & Rural Fires Act (1977), the lighting of fires in the open air within the rural areas of Selwyn District is restricted from 9am Monday 29 February 2016 until further notice.
In a restricted fire season, only gas barbeques, crop residue and rubbish fires inside contained drums, and fires which have received a written permit from Selwyn District Council are allowed in rural areas of Selwyn. There are a number of conditions which must be met before fires can be lit – these are available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/fire.
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. Fires also cannot be lit on Council reserves - including Coes and Chamberlains Fords and Whitecliffs Reserve.

JOIN THE LINCOLN COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

The Lincoln Community Committee is seeking new members. Do you have time and want to help your community grow? Do you want to be part of a great team? If so, you should join our Committee, which meets on the second Monday of each month, and help make Lincoln a great place to live. For more information phone Pauline on 329 6045 or email lccsecretary@outlook.co.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 stated meetings are held at the Rolleston Council Building.
Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee Tue 1 Mar 3.30pm, Flock Hill
Audit & Risk Subcommittee Wed 2 March 3pm
District Plan Committee meeting Wed 2 March 9am
Industrial Park Project Team Thurs 3 Mar 3pm
Izone Café Meeting Room Meeting cancelled
Council Meeting

Wed 9 Mar 1pm
Followed by a public Citizenship Ceremony at 6.30pm
Selwyn Central Community Board Wed 16 Mar 4.30pm
Is there an issue affecting your community that you want to bring to your Community Board's attention and find out how we can help? See 'Meetings' above for information on our Public Forum.

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Castle Hill Community Association – AGM Sun 6 Mar 5.30pm by Skype
Coalgate Township Committee Tue 15 Mar 7.30pm Coalgate Fire Station
Doyleston Community Committee Wed 9 Mar 7.30pm Osborne Park Pavilion
Glenroy Community Hall Committee Tue 15 Mar 8pm, Glenroy Hall
Glentunnel Community Centre Committee Tue 8 Mar 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre Note meeting is a week early
Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 1 Mar 8pm Greendale Pavilion
Hororata Reserve Management Committee Tue 8 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall Special Meeting
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee Mon 14 Mar 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion
Leeston Community Committee Mon 7 Mar 7.30pm, Community Room, Leeston Library
Lincoln Community Committee Mon 14 Mar 7.30pm Lincoln Event Centre
Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc. Mon 14 Mar 7.30pm Prebbleton Hall Supper Room
Springfield Township Committee Tue 1 Mar 7.30pm, Tawera Hall
Springston Recreation Reserve Committee Wed 16 Mar 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion
Weedons Reserve Committee Mon 14 Mar 7.30pm Weedons Reserve Pavilion
Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee Mon 14 Mar 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

FRIDAY

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MARCH

Darfield Music on the Green

Darfield Domain, North Terrace, 6-9pm
Bring a picnic & be entertained by local musical talent. Free

SUNDAY

6

MARCH

Malvern Fun Run/Walk/Bike

Darfield Domain, 10am
Choose from a 3,6 or 12km run or walk, 6km bike & fun obstacle courses – with hay bale maze, water features & tyres. Food, entertainment & prizes. See facebook.com/malvernfunrun. Registration from 9am

SUNDAY

6

MARCH

Children's Day

Rolleston Community Centre, 12-3pm
Free fun day with bouncy castles, face painting, circus show (1.30pm), skate jam, farm animals, mega slide, army vehicle, sports & more.

MONDAY

7

MARCH

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Meeting

Lincoln Event Centre, 7.30pm
Taking responsibility for a sustainable future. All welcome

WEDNESDAY

9

MARCH

Tai Tapu Skate Jam

Tai Tapu School, 4-6pm
With a DJ, free equipment hire from Cheapskates Skate Skool, sausage sizzle & prizes. Free

FRIDAY

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MARCH

Drive in Family Movie

Lincoln Baptist Church (530 Birchs Road), 7-9.30pm
Enjoy Back to the Future 3 on a huge outdoor screen

SATURDAY

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MARCH

Ministry of the Mind Annual Rock Concert

Lincoln Green (By Lincoln Library), 4-8pm
A family friendly, all ages event. Listen to four great local rock bands for free. Supported by Council. Food & refreshments available to purchase

MON-MON

14-21

MARCH

Science Alive Sessions

Selwyn Libraries
Find out about bats at Science Alive sessions for kids at local libraries. Sessions run 3.30-4.30pm in March at Lincoln (Mon 14), Leeston (Tues 15), Rolleston (Wed 16), & Darfield (Mon 21). Gold coin donation please. Book at www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

SATURDAY

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MARCH

Earth Hour Candle Lit Ceilidh

Lincoln High School Hall, 7.30pm
Turn your lights off, bring food to share & join a candlelit dance with music by Southern Celtic Fiddle Orchestra. Tickets from Rolleston & Lincoln Libraries & Lincoln Event Centre (\$12, door sales \$15). Phone 423 0445