

Southern Motorway extension will bring safer journeys



The NZ Transport Agency’s project to extend the Southern Motorway is about to be tendered, with construction likely to begin in late 2016. It will take around three years to complete and involves building a new section of motorway from Halswell Junction Road to join Main South Road at Robinsons Road and continuing to Weedons Road and upgrading the existing section of State Highway 1 to four lanes just north of Hoskyns Road.

The new motorway is expected to halve vehicles numbers on Main South Road through Templeton and reduce heavy vehicle numbers by 2,000 per day. Less traffic on local roads and intersections as a result of the new motorway will also improve safety on nearby roads. The travel time between Rolleston and Christchurch is expected to halve at peak times. The Transport Agency also expects there will be a 40% reduction in fatal and serious crashes once the new route is operating. A median safety barrier will be installed along the motorway to separate traffic.

Pathways for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided on the new bridges and underpasses along the route while other links will be provided to existing cycleways such as the Rail Trail at Prebbleton which will then connect to the wider Christchurch cycling network. The Transport Agency and Selwyn District Council will coordinate roading works to create a cycleway from Rolleston to Templeton using a new access road and pathways alongside the railway line and Jones Road.

Selwyn District Council has included a programme in its Long-Term Plan to progressively upgrade key local roads and intersections connecting to the main motorway interchanges at Shands and Weedons Ross Roads. This work includes installing new roundabouts and widening roads so traffic can access the motorway safely and quickly. Work is planned at Rolleston and Prebbleton and also includes intersection improvements on Jones Road.

The Transport Agency will confirm the order of construction with the successful project contractor. It is expected that the nine bridge structures to be built for the new motorway will be developed early on and new public and private roads providing alternative access to affected properties will be operating before changes are made to the Main South Road layout.

The Council is working with the Transport Agency and other organisations to accelerate work to improve access to the Rolleston Industrial Zone. This includes widening Jones Road and upgrading the Jones/Hoskyns Roads intersection. The Council’s longer term intention is to create a new flyover over the highway and rail line connecting Hoskyns/Jones Road to Rolleston Drive/Kidman Street to allow traffic, pedestrians and cyclists to move safely and quickly between Rolleston’s industrial area, town centre, residential areas and a new motorway interchange at Weedons Ross Road.

Council Services over Easter

Rubbish and recycling collections that normally occur on Friday 25 March will occur on **Saturday 26 March**, and collections that normally occur on Monday 28 March will be collected as normal. Pines Resource Recovery Park is closed on Friday 25 March, and open from Saturday 26–Monday 28 March from 10am-4pm.

The Council’s Rolleston Headquarters are closed from Friday 25 March and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 29 March. The Selwyn Aquatic Centre is open from 8am-8pm from 25–28 March. Selwyn Libraries are closed Friday 25 March, Sunday 27 March and Monday 28 March, and open on Saturday 26 March from 9.30am-12.30pm. Rolleston Community Centre and Lincoln Event Centre are closed on Friday 25 March and Monday 28 March. Rolleston Community Centre is open 26–27 March, Lincoln Event Centre’s hours on Saturday 26 March are 9am-12pm and on Sunday 27 March 9am-11am.

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned to Lyndon, Rakaia Terrace and Springs (between Colins Road and the University) Roads, with stop/ go traffic controls being used.

Resealing will occur along Rakaia Terrace, Telegraph and Greendale Roads, Landsborough Drive, Witcombe Place and Cardale Street, with stop/go traffic controls used. Where work is not completed this week, work will continue next week.

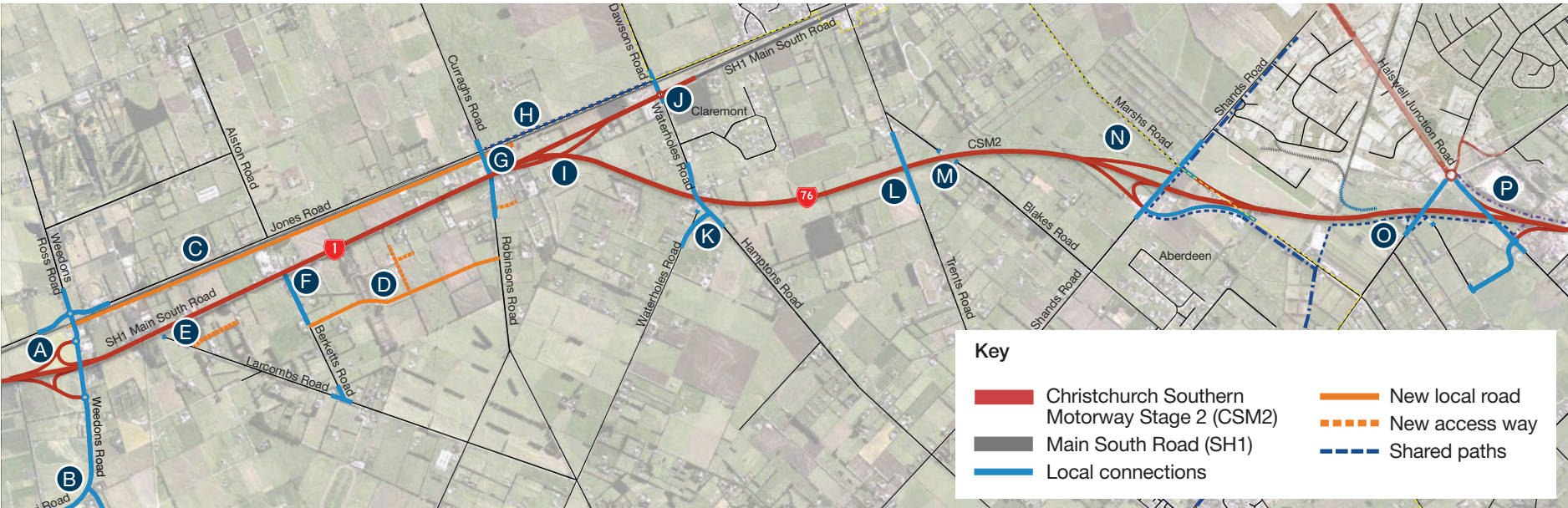
The section of Jones Road that was closed between Weedons Ross and Hoskyns Road has now reopened. Railway Road is currently closed between Jones and Kerrs Roads to allow sewerage pipes and an entranceway to be installed. A detour is operating via Kerrs Road and Wards Road.

Join a visit to Toraja, Indonesia

As part of a Sister Cities friendship relationship the Selwyn District Council Sister Cities Committee is planning a trip to Toraja in Indonesia in July 2016 and welcomes applications to join the tour.

Toraja is a Christian coffee growing area in the highlands that has been supported for ten years by a group of Canterbury farmers. North Toraja has a population of around 215,000 and is a popular tourist destination. The trip is at your own expense and a tentative itinerary will be available soon.

Applications will be considered by the Sister Cities Committee and Council staff. There are places available to active, fit adults who live or work in Selwyn district. Applications close on **20 April 2016**. Application forms can be obtained from Bernadette on 347 2830 or email bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz.



A. A full grade-separated interchange at the Weedons/ Main South Roads intersection will allow full access to Weedons and Weedons Ross Roads, while keeping Main South Road free-flowing

B. Weedons Road realigned at Levi Road, with priority changed

C. A new local road by the railway line provides alternative access to properties on the west side of Main South Road

D. Direct access to properties on Main South Road from Weedons to Robinsons Roads will be removed to improve safety

D. Alternative access to properties on the east side of Main South Road will be provided. This includes a new local road between Berketts and Robinsons Roads

E. Larcombs Road closed at Main South Road

F. Left turns in and out of Main

G. Robinsons Road passes under Main South Road to stay connected with Curraghs Road

H. A new off-road shared cycle path runs between Curraghs and Dawsons Roads

I. A new grade separated ‘Y-junction’ north of Robinsons Road

J. A new roundabout at the

K. Waterholes Road passes over the new motorway. A minor realignment of Waterholes and Hamptons Roads will improve the intersections safety

L. Trents Road passes over the new motorway

M. Blakes Road is cut into two cul-de-sacs by the motorway

N. A full grade-separated

‘diamond’ interchange at Shands Road (south of Marshs Road) keeps traffic flowing while providing access to and from Shands Road via on/off ramps

O. A new walking and cycling path connects the motorway shared use path with the Little River Rail Trail

P. On and off-ramps at Halswell Junction Road connect to the city

· Halswell Junction and Springs Roads pass over the motorway

Notices

TOTAL FIRE BAN

A prohibited fire season (total fire ban) is currently in place in Selwyn district. Under the restrictions no outdoor fires can be lit in Selwyn. The burning of crop stubble is also not allowed. Gas barbeques with a water source at hand are allowed but not charcoal barbeques. For more information see www.selwyn.govt.nz.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

McLachlans Road (from the intersection with Leeston Taumutu Road to the intersection with Gullivers Road) and Gullivers Road (from the intersection of McLachlans Road to the intersection with Leeston Taumutu Road) will be closed between 9am-5pm on **Sunday 3 April** for the Taumutu Shingle Sprint motorsport event. During the closure, traffic is requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Any queries – please phone Joanne on 347 2887.

PUBLIC NOTICE BY CHORUS NEW ZEALAND LTD AND SPARK NEW ZEALAND TRADING LTD

Partially Operative Selwyn District Plan - Section 173, Resource Management Act 1991
Under section 172 of the Resource Management Act 1991, Selwyn District Council has received a decision from Chorus New Zealand Ltd and Spark New Zealand Trading Ltd on the Notice of Requirements for 18 telecommunication and radiocommunication sites. The decision is to designate 18 sites around the district for telecommunication, radiocommunication and ancillary purposes. The decision on the Notice of Requirement may be inspected during opening hours at Council

Service Centres/Libraries. Rights of appeal on this decision are outlined in Section 174 of the Act but are only available to the Council and submitters. Appeals must be lodged with the Environment Court within 15 working days of this notice of decision. Questions on the process or decision can be directed to Ben Rhodes at Selwyn District Council on 347 2824.

VISIT JAPAN

As part of a Sister Cities friendship relationship Selwyn District Council's Sister Cities Committee and the Malvern Community Board are planning a trip to visit Akitakata and Yubetsu in Japan in late September and welcome applications to join the tour. The group will visit local farms, Hiroshima Peace Park, Miyajima Island, Tokyo and experience Japanese life and culture. The group will join the Darfield High School delegation in Akitakata and can join at Tokyo also. The trip is at your own expense. A tentative itinerary will be available soon. Some homestay accommodation is provided. There are places available to active, fit adults who live or work in Selwyn. Applications close **2 May 2016**. Application forms can be obtained from Bernadette on 347 2830 or email bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz.

PROPOSED ROAD STOPPING

Section of unformed road, Struie Road Hororata
The Council has received a request from the Campbell Tuer Family Trust for consent to the proposed stopping of an unformed legal road at Struie Road, Hororata and containing a total area of 1.4387 hectares, so that it may be incorporated into their adjacent land. This section of road serves only the land belonging to

the Campbell Tuer farming operation. The land is more particularly described as Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the Survey Office Plan SO 470492. The road stopping process is in accordance with Section 345 of the Local Government Act 1974 and has been formally approved by Selwyn District Council by resolution on 8 July 2015. It has also received Ministerial consent under section 342(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 1974.

Further details of the proposed road stopping can be inspected at the Council's Headquarters at 2 Norman Kirk Drive Rolleston. Anyone opposing the road stopping should submit a written objection to the Council no later than 4pm, **2 May 2016**.

Post or deliver to: Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Officer, Property and Commercial Department, Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

Fax to: (03) 347 2968. Please also post a copy of the objection to ensure it is registered.

For questions on the proposed road stopping please contact the Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Officer or email roadstopping@selwyn.govt.nz

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 23 March
Rakaia Huts 9.10-9.30am
Southbridge Playcentre 10-10.30am
Southbridge School 10.45am-12pm

Thursday 24 March
Ladbrooks School 2-2.30pm
Prebbleton Tavern 4-6pm

Tuesday 29 March
Burnham Kindy 9.40-10.10am
Burnham PreSchool 10.15-10.45am
Dunsandel Childcare 12.20-12.40pm
Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston 1.30-2pm

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 AND COMMUNITY BOARDS

Unless stated meetings are at the Rolleston Council Building.

Council Meeting
Wed 23 Mar 1pm

Malvern Community Board
Tue 29 Mar 4pm, Darfield Library
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' for information on our Public Forum.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 5 Apr 1pm

Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 6 Apr 3pm
Industrial Park Project Team
Thurs 7 Apr 3pm
Izone Café Meeting Room
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

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Arthur's Pass Association
Sun 27 Mar 4pm
Arthur's Pass Community Centre
Broadfield District Community Centre Committee
Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm, Broadfield Hall
Darfield Pool Administration Committee
Wed 6 Apr 7pm, Darfield Pool
Darfield Recreation and Community Committee
Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre
Dunsandel Community Committee
Wed 23 Mar 7.30pm
Dunsandel Sports Centre
Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 22 Mar 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm, Hororata Hall
Kimberley Hall & Reserve Committee
Tue 22 Mar 8pm, Kimberley Hall
Leeston Community Committee
Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm, Community Room, Leeston Library
Leeston Park Association
Mon 28 Mar 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Wed 23 Mar 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre
Rolleston Residents Association Inc.
Mon 4 Apr 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre
Late meeting due to Easter
Springston Hall Committee
Thurs 24 Mar 7.30pm
Springston Hall
Southbridge Advisory Committee
Mon 28 Mar 7.30pm
Southbridge Hall
Springfield Township Committee
Tue 5 Apr 7.30pm, Tawera Hall
Tai Tapu Community Assoc. Inc.
Wed 6 Apr 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Library

Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

23
MARCH

Prebbleton Picnic in the Park & Skate Jam

Prebbleton Community Park, Stationmasters Way, 5.30-7.30pm
Enjoy DJ music, bouncy castles, fun on wheels trailer, face painting, prizes & free sausage sizzle. Try out your skateboarding moves, with free skate equipment hire. Bring a picnic. Free

FRI-SUN

25-27
MARCH

Arthur's Pass Easter events

Join these free events at Arthur's Pass Community Centre: a movie night from 8pm, Friday 25 March, a BYO shared barbeque with volleyball, pool & darts from 5pm, Saturday 26 March, & a Quiz night (gold coin donation) from 7pm, Sunday 27 March. A service at Arthur's Pass Chapel from 5.30pm on Saturday 26 March is also planned

SATURDAY

26
MARCH

Lincoln Easter Market

Lincoln Green (by Lincoln Library), 10am-1pm
Enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt for kids, live music from Chris Williams, a range of produce, artisan baking, craft stalls & fundraising baking stall for Fiji Cyclone Appeal.

SATURDAY

2
APRIL

Community Garden Waste Day

Cemetery Pit, Southbridge Leeston Road, 10am-4pm
Get rid of garden prunings, tree trimmings & weeds. General rubbish, soil, flax, cabbage tree leaves, trees or branches over 10cm in diameter can't be accepted. Cost: \$5 per car, \$10 per ute or single axle trailer, \$15 per twin axle trailer. Cash only. Funds donated to Ellesmere Heritage Park

SAT-SUN

2-3
APRIL

13th Annual Exhibition of Selwyn Arts & Craft

Rolleston Community Centre, 10am-4pm
Fantastic exhibition presented by Arts Heart - Selwyn Central Arts Council. Entry \$10 Arts Heart members, \$25 non-members. Contact krms@extra.co.nz for details

TUESDAY

5
APRIL

Stepping UP: Google & the Internet

Leeston Library, 6.30-8.30pm
Free class covering the Internet, how to use Google to search, Google maps & images & inserting images into Word. Book at www.steppingup.nz or phone the library on 347 2871. Open to people aged 13 & over. Maximum 5 per class

FRIDAY

8
APRIL

Stepping UP: Facebook

Darfield Library, 10am-12pm
Learn about Facebook, & how you can use it to help you connect & share information with friends & family worldwide. Facebook has over 1 billion users worldwide. Free. Open to people 13 & over. You need an email address to participate. Book at www.steppingup.nz or phone the library on 318 7780. Maximum 5 per class