

Be prepared for Spring 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. To receive texts or emails warning of severe weather, you can join the Selwyn Gets Ready website. The website also provides local community response teams with information on who needs help in an emergency and what resources and skills are available in the community. 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 can't see
- Don't touch downed power lines - they may be live. Report these to Orion on 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.

Remember to vote!

If you have received your local election voting papers please vote and return these to reach council by 12pm on **Saturday 8 October**. Please post your voting papers back promptly to ensure your vote counts or return them to a ballot box at a Council service centre.

You should have received your voting papers last week. If you didn't please contact the Council on 347 2800 or 318 8338 so we can issue special voting papers to you. Electoral staff can mail voting papers to you or you can visit the Council's Rolleston Headquarters or Darfield, Leeston or Lincoln Library and Service Centres to collect your papers.



Work & Income NZ Superannuation visits

Ken Stevens, a case manager from the Ministry of Social Development, is visiting Selwyn to answer questions regarding superannuation payments, entitlement, and other matters. Visits are by prior appointment – to book an appointment phone (03) 961 9170. Ken is visiting these locations:

- Lincoln Event Centre – Tuesday 4 October, 10am-2.30pm
- Rolleston Community Centre – Tuesday 11 October, 10am-2.30pm
- Leeston Library/Service Centre – Tuesday 18 October, 10am-2.30pm
- Darfield Library/Service Centre – Tuesday 25 October, 10am-2.30pm

Rolleston Reserve plans move forward

The Council will recommend that the Minister of Conservation exchange the reserve status on part of Rolleston Reserve for land at Foster Park. The Council recently agreed to endorse the recommendations made by a Council Hearing Panel, following the hearing of submissions on the exchange proposal. The proposal will soon be put forward to be reviewed by the Minister of Conservation.

A change of use at Rolleston Reserve has been proposed for some time and was included in the 2014 Rolleston Town Centre Master Plan and in the Land Use Recovery Plan.

The proposal would see the reserve status on 4.3 hectares of Rolleston Reserve transferred to 30 hectares of land at Foster Park. Rolleston Reserve was previously surplus Crown land which was later vested in the Council and classified for recreation purposes.

The exchange would allow around half of Rolleston Reserve to be redeveloped to allow the development of a range of shops, a town square and new library. The remaining half of the reserve would remain as green space to be developed over time into an iconic park in the town centre. The playcentre, scout facility, tennis and netball courts would remain at the reserve.

The exchange would formally designate Foster Park as a reserve. The park will be developed over the next decade to provide more sports fields, an indoor courts complex, a major playground, walkways and cycleways and additional parking. Over time many of the sports at Rolleston Reserve will shift to Foster Park or Brookside Park. The Council also recently purchased 99 hectares on Rolleston's north east outskirts which will eventually be developed into a large new park.

Consultation on the exchange occurred in June and July 2016, with 59 submissions received. Submissions were considered by a Hearing Panel made up of Planning Commissioner David Caldwell and Councillor Nigel Barnett.

The Panel considered that overall, the exchange and the development of Foster Park as a sports hub would result in a better recreational outcome for the community than what is offered by Rolleston Reserve currently as Foster Park is considerably larger than Rolleston Reserve, and is well located for Rolleston and Selwyn residents.

The Panel found that the shift of organised sport to Foster Park would reduce the conflict between organised activities and recreational/passive use of the park. The remaining section of the park would be developed into a high quality and high amenity park which could continue to be accessible to Rolleston School, providing at least one open grassed space the area of a full-sized playing field, and for informal recreation.

The Panel considered that parking at Rolleston Reserve should be limited to what was required for users and community use and not used for commercial parking. It also recommended that funds from the development of part of Rolleston Reserve be used for the redevelopment of part of the reserve into a high quality park and on other reserves in Rolleston.

If the exchange is approved by the Minister, the development of shops and commercial spaces could start from 2018/19 depending on interest from developers and the process to relocate existing sports activities to Foster Park. The new library is planned for 2018/19. The development of the retail and community spaces and park is expected to take a number of years. A separate consultation process is planned on the design of the redeveloped park.



An artist's impression of the view from Tennyson Street looking into Rolleston Reserve. The library is to the left, with walkways opening up to green spaces and community gathering areas.

Council Call

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

DOG MICROCHIPPING

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires them to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available on **Friday 30 September** at:

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

Please note:

- Sessions last for 30 minutes
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Sessions won't occur if wet.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

DARFIELD LIBRARY MEETING ROOMS AVAILABLE

Earthquake strengthening work at Darfield Library and Service Centre will soon be complete. Meeting rooms at the building will be available for bookings from 3 October onwards.

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) will be permanently

closed for public use from **10 October 2016**. This is due to plans for the larger site to be used by the Ministry of Education in the future as an additional educational facility for Lincoln Primary School. Alternative public campervan/ caravan dump stations available are at:

- State Highway One, Templeton
- BP Connect - Corner State Highway One and Tennyson St Rolleston
- Rakaia Huts Campground - Pacific Drive, Rakaia Huts Settlement
- 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 are investigating alternative sites.

NOTICE OF DRAIN SPRAYING

The following spray programme will be carried out by Council's licensed spray contractors, on drains using hand spraying methods. This programme will begin shortly and aim to be completed by 31 May 2017, excluding public holidays as specified in Council's spraying consent. Details of the proposed spraying programme

are available at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters. Spraying will occur as required within the following Drainage Districts: Osbornes, Greenpark, L2, Ellesmere, Leeston, Taumutu, Wairiri, and Hororata. The active sprays that will be used in this programme are Glyphosate for general vegetation control. The majority of drains to be sprayed will be dry. No drain should be considered safe from chemicals until 30 June 2017.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 28 September
Hororata School 11.30am-1pm
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 29 September
Rolleston First Learners 11-11.30am
Paradise for Little Angels 1.30-2pm
Edukids Faringdon 2.15-2.45pm

Monday 3 October
Darfield Preschool & Nursery 10.30-11am
Sheffield Hall 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 4 October
Tai Tapu Monkeys and Munchkins 10-10.30am
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45-11.15am
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm
West Melton Domain 2-2.30pm

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 Rolleston Council Building

Council Meeting
Wed 28 Sep 1pm

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee
Tue 4 Oct 1pm

Industrial Park Project Team
Thurs 6 Oct 12pm
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

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee
Mon 3 Oct 7.30pm
Darfield Recreation Centre

Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 12 Oct 7.30pm
Osborne Park Pavilion

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 3 Oct 7.30pm
Dunsandel Hotel

Hororata Citizens Committee
Tue 27 Sep 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Hororata Reserve Management Committee
Wed 5 Oct 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kimberley Hall & Reserve Committee
Tue 27 Sep 8pm, Kimberley Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 10 Oct 7.30pm
Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee
Mon 3 Oct 7.30pm, Community Room Leeston Library

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 10 Oct 7pm
Lincoln Event Centre

Lincoln Event Centre Governance Committee
Wed 5 Oct 7pm

Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.
Mon 10 Oct 7.30pm
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Springfield Township Committee
Tue 11 Oct 7.30pm, Tawera Hall
Note change of date

Springston Community Committee
Mon 17 Oct 7.30pm
Springston Hall Supper Room
Triennial elections

Springston Hall Committee
Thurs 6 Oct 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association Inc.
Wed 5 Oct 7.30pm, Tai Tapu Library

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 10 Oct 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Weedons Residents Association Inc.
Tue 11 Oct 7.30pm
Weedons Domain

West Melton Residents Association
Wed 12 Oct 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 10 Oct 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Windwhistle District Society Incorp. - AGM
Thurs 13 Oct 7.30pm

Windwhistle School Library

On the roads this week

Road repairs are planned on Leaches Road and Bealey Road (between Telegraph and Essendon Roads), with traffic controls in place. Road repairs are also currently taking place on Lyndon Road between Harper Road and State Highway 73 with the road closed. Road work will also take place on North Rakaia Terrace with traffic controls in place. Maintenance grading will take place in the High Country, Springfield, Te Piritā, Motukarara and Greenpark areas.

East Maddisons Road continues to be open to traffic travelling from Selwyn to Goulds Roads while work continues to seal the road and complete other works. It is closed to vehicles travelling from Goulds to Selwyn Roads.

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

(03) 347 2800
Darfield call free 318 8338
f www.selwyn.govt.nz



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY
28
SEPTEMBER

Down by the Liffey Gallery AGM
Lincoln Community Care, 7.30pm
All welcome. Lincoln Community Care is at 16 Lyttelton Street, Lincoln

THURSDAY
29
SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Day
Lincoln Event Centre, 11am-2pm
A fun day with entertainment, Magic show (12.30pm), LEGO®, face painting, bouncy castles, mega slide, animals & more. BYO lunch & picnic. Gold coin entry. For details phone 021 268 8964

FRIDAY
30
SEPTEMBER

Blood Pressure & Stroke Awareness Workshop
Lincoln Community Care, 1.30pm
Covers what a stroke is, what its affects are, how to recognise & prevent strokes. Free. A registered nurse will offer free blood pressure checks

UNTIL
30
SEPTEMBER

Spring Pool Fest
Selwyn Aquatic Centre
Fun activities from 1-3pm, with paddle boats (Tuesday & Friday), small inflatables (Wednesday) & Flippa Ball (Thursday). Normal admission prices apply, under 8's need supervision in main pool

FRI-THUR
30-27
SEP-OCT

Works from Lincoln University art collection
Selwyn Gallery, Darfield
Lincoln University shares highlights of its collection in an exhibition titled *Pleasure and Provocation*. Open daily (except Mondays) 10am-4pm. Official opening 6.30pm, 30 September

MONDAY
3
OCTOBER

Lincoln Envirotown Meeting
Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm
Ben Wong from Council talks about plans for Lincoln's walking & cycling network. Followed by a Lincoln Envirotown Meeting. All welcome

UNTIL
6
OCTOBER

Selwyn Libraries School Holiday Programme
Fun activities at libraries including *The Wonky Donkey Show*, Scratch computer programming, young writer workshops & Bee-bot challenge sessions at Glenroy, Tai Tapu, Southbridge & Burnham. See www.selwynlibraries.co.nz for details

SAT-SUN
8-16
OCTOBER

Darfield Artweek
Darfield Recreation Centre
Over 200 works by established, emerging & local artists in varied mediums. Open 10am-5pm daily. Free. Works by Svetlana Orinko & Charles Pickworth are also displayed at Darfield Library during library opening hours in Artweek

SUNDAY
9
OCTOBER

Spring Fling
Broadfield Garden, 11am-4pm
Country fete in an award winning garden with live music, garden tours, demonstrations, artisan stalls, food & drink & more. \$20 adults, school children free. Phone 325 2007 for tickets