

# Drive safe this winter

June marks the official start of winter which brings more challenging driving conditions including rain, fog, ice, and often snow. Daylight hours are also shorter, and visibility is often poor during the morning and evening rush hours when many people are on the roads.

“While the weather has been quite mild for much of May - June, July and August traditionally bring colder weather with frosts often occurring in the morning and snow fall can also occur in Selwyn. During winter, people need to allow extra time for journeys to defrost the car before starting and travel more slowly on wet or icy roads,” says Selwyn Road Safety Coordinator Ngaire Tinning.

“If visibility is poor in the morning or evening or due to gloomy conditions or fog, putting your lights on will make your vehicle more visible to others and will make your journey much safer.”

If you travel in the morning or evening in frosty conditions, reduce your speed on frosty mornings as ice is likely to be present. Ice can also be a problem during the day on patches of road shaded by trees or fences, so look out for this and reduce your speed before entering these areas.

Check out our driving tips to help make your journey safer in winter:

## Driving in the wet

Stopping distances nearly double on wet roads. You need to:

- slow down and keep a generous distance from the car in front of you
- the two-second rule should be a four second rule
- be extra vigilant – take corners slowly. Watch out for road signs warning of flooding and allow more time to stop in wet conditions.

## Driving in snow and ice

Go slow on ice and snow:

- whenever possible, avoid driving in heavy snow and ice
- if you cannot avoid driving on snow or ice, then slow down, allow for much greater braking distances and avoid braking suddenly.
- if you're driving on a winding road, keep left and drive slowly, as you could quickly lose control
- watch out for ice in shaded areas, particularly if has been wet. After snow melts, there is likely to be ice, especially in shaded places and bridges
- you should also carry chains, know how to fit them and use them when necessary

## Driving in fog

Turn on your headlights, not just your park lights. You should also:

- reduce your speed as visibility is poor and keep a large following distance
- keep your headlamps on low (dip) beam, as high beam will reflect off fog and produce glare

Only use fog lamps when visibility is severely reduced (for example in snow or fog). It is illegal to use fog lamps in clear conditions as they can dazzle other drivers.

## Driving with sun strike

Sunstrike generally occurs early morning and late afternoon. Familiarise yourself with the areas where it happens and take more care at these locations. Always keep your windscreen clean, inside and out, and reduce your speed.

Free windscreen cloths and ice scrapers are now available at Council library/service centres.

# Warm up with a coffee at Selwyn Libraries

New coffee machines are now operating at Darfield, Leeston and Rolleston Libraries. You can choose from a flat white, black coffee, espresso, cappuccino, mochaccino or hot chocolate from the machines for only \$2.

Local libraries are a great place to keep warm with a good book over winter. They also have newspapers for reading, free Wi-Fi and computer access as well as regular storytime and rhymetime sessions for pre-schoolers and a range of other library events.



# Matariki events at Selwyn Libraries

Selwyn Libraries have a range of activities planned to celebrate Matariki – the Māori new year. For more information and to register to attend a library event visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz).

Local storyteller Rosaline Brown will visit Leeston Library on Thursday 9 Piripi (June) from 3.30-4.30pm to share traditional Māori stories at a free session for all ages.

Free craft sessions open to children and adults are planned between 16-24 June at libraries where artist Tracey Te Karu will show you how to weave harakeke (flax) stars.

Science Alive will also visit local libraries from 21-27 June to explain the science of Matariki stars and deliver some fun hands on activities. These sessions are free and are recommended for children aged 5-10. Children 7 and under need caregiver supervision.

People are invited to visit their local library to help create tō tātou korowai (our community cloak). Material will be provided from 3pm each day in June to help create the feather cloaks for display.



# On the roads this week

Footpath repairs will take place on Levi Road in Rolleston and Railway Terrace in Glentunnel.

## Rail Crossing Closure - Hoskyns Road

Part of the rail crossing on Hoskyns Road, next to State Highway 1 at Rolleston, will be closed on Friday 10 June from 9am-3pm. The closure has been requested by KiwiRail to allow them to complete urgent maintenance work on the crossing.

During the closure period vehicles will still be able to travel from Rolleston township and State Highway 1 towards Izone and Hoskyns Road, but the crossing will be closed to traffic coming in the other direction. A detour will operate via Jones and Weedons Ross Roads while the closure is in place. To manage traffic at the State Highway 1-Weedons Ross Road intersection, manual traffic controls using stop and go signals will be in place if necessary. KiwiRail thanks motorists for their patience while this essential maintenance is carried out.



# School embraces road safety

Clearview School recently held a Road Safety Week. During the week the children had the opportunity to see inside two large trucks from Heavy Trucks, look at the view truck drivers have of the road and learn about safety around trucks. The event was organised by the New Zealand Trucking Association and the Council. The day was the launch of the Trucking Association's education programme which they plan to roll out to more schools in the future.

The Council also delivered an off road cycle training session, and the school ran a number of road safety activities for children including a mufti day where children dressed in bright clothing.

Clearview School is one of a number of Selwyn schools which has a School Travel Plan. The school developed the plan with support from the Council. It aims to ensure children get safety to and from school, and supports children to walk, scoot and cycle if they choose to.



# 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

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION

An on license renewal application has been received from Hampton Tea House Limited which is open for submissions until 20 June. See [www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices) for details.

2017 EXHIBITIONS AT SELWYN GALLERY

Applications are now open for artists who would like to apply for a month long exhibition at Selwyn Gallery. Groups and solo exhibitors can apply. Artists in all media will be considered.

Information is online at [www.selwyngallery.co.nz/artists](http://www.selwyngallery.co.nz/artists). Please email [mcac@clear.net.nz](mailto:mcac@clear.net.nz) with photographs or website details by 30 June.

WEST MELTON FOREST CLOSURE

Environment Canterbury will close the forest to the public from 10am Saturday 11 June – 1pm Sunday 12 June to enable a National Sled Dog Racing Championship event to occur.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

Free microchipping will take place on Friday 10 June at:  
· Leeston from 9-9.30am  
· Darfield from 10.15-10.45am  
· Rolleston from 11.30am-12pm  
· Lincoln from 12.45-1.15pm  
Please note:  
· All clinics last for half an hour.  
· The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off

Rolleston Drive), other venues are outside libraries  
· Sessions won't occur if wet.  
Please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or 318 8338 if you have any questions.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 8 June  
Hororata School 11.30am-1pm  
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 9 June  
Rolleston First Learners 11-11.30am  
Paradise for Little Angels, Rolleston 1.30-2pm  
Educare Faringdon 2.15-2.45pm

Monday 13 June  
Darfield Preschool & Nursery 10.30-11am  
Springfield School 12.30-1.30pm  
Sheffield Hall 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 14 June  
Tai Tapu Monkeys and Munchkins 10-10.30am  
Whippersnappers Lincoln 10.45-11.15am  
West Melton School 12.45-1.30pm  
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30-1.50pm  
West Melton Domain 2-2.30pm

SUBMISSIONS ON AREA PLANS CLOSE SOON

Submissions on the Malvern and Ellesmere Area Plans are open until 12 noon on Monday 13 June 2016.  
The Area Plans will guide the growth of townships in Ellesmere and Malvern through to 2031. The plans include options for where residential

and business development could occur, if needed, and future Council infrastructure and services that may be needed in different townships.  
Submission forms and further information on the plan can be found at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/areaplans) and at Council library/ service centres.

LIBRARY CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

Selwyn District Libraries is undertaking a customer satisfaction survey from 13-24 June, through electronic and hard copy surveys within the library and also in person in each of our main centres. We are keen to learn your views on what you like and dislike about the libraries, the service you receive, and suitability of library opening hours, and gain an understanding of why some people don't use library services. The survey results will be used by Selwyn Libraries to develop wider objectives and annual plans to support the district's growing population. For information on the survey please contact Isabel Milward, Community Librarian – Services on 347 2792.



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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARDS

*Unless stated all meetings are at the Rolleston Council Building.*  
**Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee**  
Tue 7 June 1pm  
**Council Meeting**  
Wed 8 June 1pm  
**Selwyn Central Community Board**  
Wed 15 June 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' for information on our Public Forum*  
**Council Meeting**  
Wed 22 June 1pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

**Castle Hill Community Association**  
Mon 13 June 5.30pm by Skype  
**Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee**  
Thurs 9 June 8pm

**Coalgate Fire Station Coalgate Township Committee**  
Tue 21 June 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station  
**Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee**  
Tue 7 June 7.30pm  
Darfield Recreation Centre  
**Darfield Township Committee**  
Thurs 16 June 7.30pm  
Darfield Library  
**Doyleston Community Committee**  
Wed 8 June 7.30pm  
Osborne Park Pavilion  
**Dunsandel Community Committee**  
Tue 7 June 7.30pm  
Dunsandel Sports Centre  
*Note change of date due to Queen's Birthday*  
**Glenroy Community Hall Committee**  
Tue 21 June 8pm  
Glenroy Community Hall  
**Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee**  
Tue 7 June 8pm  
Greendale Pavilion  
**Kirwee Community Committee**  
Mon 20 June 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall  
**Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee**  
Mon 13 June 7.30pm  
Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion  
**Leeston Community Committee**  
Mon 13 June 7.30pm  
Leeston Library  
**Lincoln Community Committee**  
Mon 13 June 7pm  
Lincoln Event Centre  
**Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee**  
Mon 20 June 7.30pm, Little

**Rakaia Huts Community Centre Prebbleton Community Association Inc.**  
Tue 21 June 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Cottage  
**Prebbleton Public Hall Society Inc.**  
Mon 13 June 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Hall Supper Room  
**Prebbleton Reserve Committee**  
Mon 20 June 7.30pm  
Prebbleton Rugby Football Club  
**Rolleston Reserve Management Committee**  
Mon 20 June 7.30pm  
Rolleston Community Centre  
**Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee**  
Thurs 16 June 7.30pm  
Sheffield Hall  
**Springfield Township Committee**  
Tue 7 June 7.30pm, Tawera Hall  
**Springston Community Committee**  
Mon 20 June 7.30pm  
Springston Hall Supper Room  
**Springston Recreation Reserve Committee**  
Wed 15 June 7.30pm  
Errol Tweedy Pavilion  
**Weedons Reserve Committee**  
Mon 13 June - **Cancelled**  
**Weedons Residents Assn Inc.**  
Tue 14 June 7.30pm  
Weedons Domain  
**West Melton Residents Association**  
Wed 8 June 7.30pm  
West Melton Community Centre  
**Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee**  
Mon 13 June 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Hall

# Selwyn Events

[WWW.SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](http://WWW.SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS)

SUNDAY

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JUNE

### Rolleston Envirotown Market

Rolleston Square Carpark, 10am-1pm

Choose from local produce & craft. Email [enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz)

WEDNESDAY

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JUNE

### Financial Security & Wellbeing Workshop

Lincoln Community Care (16 Lyttelton Street), 1.30pm

To mark World Elder Abuse Day Age Concern, Westpac & the NZ Police will offer advice around money management, scams, investments & financial security. To register phone 325 2007

SATURDAY

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JUNE

### The Working Artist – Key Tools for Success

Lincoln Event Centre, 9.30am-3.30pm

A free workshop for Selwyn artists on how to build or develop your career. Topics include marketing, pricing, approaching galleries, reproducing works, running exhibitions, social media, funding & more. Register at [theworkingartist.eventbrite.co.nz](http://theworkingartist.eventbrite.co.nz) by 15 June. Organised by the Selwyn Arts Trust & Selwyn District Council

WEDNESDAY

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JUNE

### Volunteer Expo

Lincoln Event Centre, 3-8pm

Want to help your community? The expo is a chance to find out more about the different volunteering options available locally in a range of areas like community services, sports & more. There's no pressure to sign up and you can chat to different organisations to find out more about their work & what being a volunteer is like. To register a volunteer organisation to attend & have a free stall please phone Lisa on 347 2755

UNTIL

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JUNE

### Flow & Thinking in Print

Selwyn Gallery, Darfield

An exhibition of ceramics by Jane McCulla & printmaking works by the staff & students of Rangi Ruru Girls School. Open daily (except Mondays) 10am-4pm.

For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall)