

Over the last three years in Canterbury car crashes have caused the deaths of 26 people who weren't wearing their seatbelt. This is over a third of all fatalities during this period.

If you are involved in a crash, wearing a seatbelt dramatically reduces the risk of drivers and passengers receiving fatal or serious injury.

It's important to ensure you are not seated too close to the steering wheel or dashboard, as in a crash, your seatbelt and airbag needs time and room to do its job. Many people, unaware of the physics of an impact, feel safer sitting close to the steering wheel or dashboard, putting themselves at greater risk.

Remember, the driver is responsible for ensuring all passengers under 15 years old wear seatbelts or are in an approved restraint. If you don't wear a seatbelt or you allow a person under 15 years to travel unrestrained, you could face a fine of \$150 for each belt not worn. People 15 years and older are responsible for their own fine.

Police see the non-use of seatbelts as a serious issue and will be strictly enforcing this in Selwyn district.

For more information on seatbelts, child restraints or airbags, check the information on nzta.govt.nz or contact the Road Safety Co-ordinator at the Council.

## Explore Selwyn - Otira Valley Walk

On your way through Arthur's Pass?

There's a short scenic walk nestled amongst the mountains just west of the Arthur's Pass Township. Otira Valley walk is a relatively easy graded track that follows up a deep alpine valley on the northern side of Mt Rolleston. The track winds through the valley to the Otira River then runs alongside the river. The alpine birds and gentle river flow create a tranquil atmosphere with a stunning view of the towering alps.

The track climbs over an old glacial moraine, then follows the contour through subalpine scrub and tussock to the Otira River foot-bridge. Melted ice and snow trickle down the mountains creating mini waterfalls along the track.

The track is relatively level but a few small streams to cross and some large rocks to step up onto make the track interesting and enjoyable to navigate.

Check out a video of this track on our Facebook page.

Warning: The track finishes at the foot-bridge. Travel past this point requires map reading and route finding skills. For experienced alpine trampers and mountaineers only. This track is subject to avalanche hazard in winter so it is not recommend going past this point in winter.

Time/Distance: 45 minutes one way.

**Difficulty:** Easy. Not suitable for buggies or wheelchairs.

How to get there: The track starts at the Otira valley car park just west of the Arthur's Pass township. Located 1 hour 45 minutes from Rolleston or 1 hour 25 minutes from Darfield.

Dogs not permitted.



## Reduce your waste at home

Council is sponsoring two waste-free workshops next month. These workshops will be hosted by Kiwi mum Kate Meads.

In the first workshop, Waste Free Parenting, Kate will teach you exciting and inspiring ways to minimise waste, while introducing you to modern sustainable products for use in the home.

The workshop will show you lots of ways you can reduce waste at home, show the environmental impact of the choices you make and dispel the myths about what happens to your waste.

Kate is also hosting another workshop called Food Lovers Masterclass. This is a session focusing on education around ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals.

Kate admits she wasn't always the waste free person she is now. "I used to be the ultimate consumer and master waste producer. Since having my son Daniel in 2005 I have since become a waste free parenting warrior – promoting waste free alternatives for lots of different products including nappies," Kate says.

"Often we believe we need to change everything to make a difference, in the long term this is true but in the short term it seems too hard. What we forget is that if we all just make a small seemingly insignificant change every day the results will be hugely significant."

Every year the average New Zealand family throws away three shopping trolleys worth of food, Kate will talk about how you can stop wasting money and creating unnecessary waste.

The workshops are being held on Saturday 16 September at the Lincoln Event Centre with the first session from 10am–12.30pm and the second 5.30–7.30pm. Tickets are \$25 each or for a couple. Every ticket comes with a \$100 goodie bag. Bookings are required – to book visit www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz

## Osbornes Drain – a holistic approach to water management

The Osbornes Catchment Management Working party has reached a significant milestone to improve water quality in the Osbornes Drain catchment.

At a recent meeting held at Council Headquarters, the working party celebrated the successful granting in February 2017 of a resource consent for the land drainage discharge from Osbornes Drain. The Selwyn District Council holds the consent.

Council Asset Manager Water Services Murray England says an exciting process has now begun to ensure the sustainable management of the catchment and drainage system.

"Council is working together with Environment Canterbury, Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu, Te Taumutu Rūnanga, Wairewa Rūnanga, The Department of Conservation, and Osbornes Drainage Committee to ensure sustainable catchment and drainage management," he says.

"This type of management of the drain allows the group to progressively identify issues, provide interventions, monitor and adapt, to achieve the required water quality outcomes."

The Osborne Catchment Management Working party's key objectives for the management of Osbornes Drain:

- The protection and enhancement of attributes which contribute to the values of both Ngāi Tahu and DOC in the network and from the pump station discharge
- The improvement of water quality and ecosystem health in the catchment and in particular in both the network and receiving environment
- · Restore the mana of the wetland and drainage system downstream of the pump station
- $\cdot$  The avoidance of erosion and the effects of sediment discharge
- $\cdot$  The reduction of the adverse effects of flooding
- Efficient and effective drainage system which facilitates sustainable farming practices.

### Pick up one of our Official Visitors Guides today

Our new Visitors Guide brochures are now available at your local library and service centre. Check out local events, accommodation, recreation, dining, shopping and transport options around the Selwyn district.





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**

#### **ELLESMERE STOCK WATER RACE SHUT DOWN**

Water supply to the Upper Ellesmere Water Race Scheme will be shut down for scheduled intake maintenance from 11-15 September.

The outage will affect all races downstream of Early's intake. Supply to Ellesmere stock water race scheme will be affected for this time.

Any questions please contact the Surface Water Department 347 2800.

#### **DOG MICROCHIPPING**

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 1 September at

- Rolleston: 9-9.30am
- Lincoln: 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 Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive), other locations are outside
- · Microchipping won't occur

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey on 347 2800 or

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

Wednesday 30 August Hororata School 11.30am-1pm Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 31 August Rolleston First Learners 11-11.30am Faringdon, Shopping Centre 11.40am–12.10pm ABC Rolleston 12.45–1.15pm Paradise for Little Angels 1.30-2pm

Edukids Faringdon 2.15-2.45pm Monday 4 September Hororata Playcentre 9.30–10am

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

Tuesday 5 September 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



#### 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 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 BOARD**

Unless otherwise stated all of these meetings will be held at the Rolleston Council Building.

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 5 Sep 2pm Lincoln Event Centre

Audit & Risk Sub-committee

Wed 6 Sep 3pm

**Property Committee** 

Mon 11 Sep 10.30am

**Council Meeting** 

Wed 13 Sep 1pm Dunsandel Community Centre

Citizenship Ceremony Wed 13 Sep 6.30pm

**LOCAL COMMITTEES &** 

**ASSOCIATIONS** 

Castle Hill Community Association

ON THE

**ROADS** 

Thurs 7 Sep 5.30pm via Skype

Darfield Recreation & Community Centre Committee

Mon 4 Sep 7.30pm Darfield Recreation Centre

**Doyleston Community** Committee

Wed 6 Sep 7.30pm Osborne Park Pavilion

Greendale Recreation

Reserve Committee Tue 5 Sep 8pm Greendale Pavilion

Killinchy Community

Centre Committee Mon 11 Sep 7.30pm

Killinchy Community Centre Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Management Committee

Mon 11 Sep 7.30pm Kirwee Reserve Sports Pavilion

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 4 Sep 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

**Lincoln Community Committee** 

Mon 11 Sep 7pm Lincoln Event Centre

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Mon 4 Sep 7pm Lincoln Event Centre

Prebbleton Public Hall Society Mon 11 Sep 7.30pm Prebbleton Hall Supper Room

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee

Thurs 31 Aug 7pm Rolleston Community Centre Springfield Township Committee Tue 5 Sep 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Thurs 14 Sep 7.30pm Springston Hall

**Tawera Memorial Hall Committee** Wed 13 Sep 7.30pm, Tawera Hall Note week later

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Sep 7.30pm Waihora Bowling Club

Weedons Reserve Committee

Mon 11 Sep 7pm Weedons Reserve Pavilion

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 11 Sep 7.30pm Glentunnel Hall

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Brookside.

Ellesmere Historical Society Mon 11 Sep 7.30 pm Leeston Community Room There will be a powerpoint presentation on Dr Jessie Scott. . Jessie Scott was the daughter of David and Mary Scott of

Southbridge Swimming Pool Committee AGM

Wed 30 Aug 7pm, Southbridge Swimming Pool Office

# Selwyn Events

**THURSDAY** 

**AUGUST** 

#### Stimulating memory through art

Rolleston Community Centre, 1.30-2.30pm

A free five-week therapeutic art class led by local Selwyn artist Bridget Carr. Sessions aim to encourage memory recall through the process of creating art. The final class is on 28 September. Please register by Wednesday 30 August by contacting Bridget on 347 3577 or 021 248 4315.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER

## Canterbury plantout

Mid Canterbury/Selwyn area, 9am-6pm

Come along for a full day of native planting, community energy, food and learning for all ages. A plantout bus will pick you up in or near your suburb. For more information and to register go to www.kakariki.org.nz.

SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER** 

## **Dad's Day out**

FREE pool admission for all dads!
Enjoy taking a dip with your family, relax in the spa or swim some lengths.
Each father goes in the draw to win one of two 10 Free Swim Concession Cards.
Dads need to be accompanied by at least one child (of any age, including adults) to be eligible for free admission.

FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER

Selwyn Video Competition Lincoln Event Centre, 6pm Attend the awards ceremony and public viewing of all videos made for the Selwyn Video Competition. The competition aims to encourage use of any combination of animation, video or slides to promote environmental awareness.

SUNDAY

**SEPTEMBER** 

Native planting at the Liffey Domain

Liffey Domain, Lincoln, 10am

Do you want to get involved in improving the ecology of our local reserve? Meet by the playing area on the corner of Liffey Place and North Belt. For information contact Ralph on

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

Michael Griffiths: Cole Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm

Lincoln Event Centre, 7pm
A first Christchurch Arts Festival event in Selwyn. Dive into the colourful life and timeless songs of Cole Porter with Helpmann Award winner Michael Griffiths: hedonism, grave misfortune, enduring love and a legacy that sparkles with wit and wisdom ... sometimes anything goes. Tickets are available at ticketek.co.nz

# On the roads this week

Flooding repairs are occurring on Roecombe Road, Two Chain Road and Fyvie Road. Unsealed road maintenance is occurring on Gilmours Road, Malvern Hills Road and Tramway Road. Traffic controls will be operating at all sites.

Footpath repairs will be occurring on Hoskyns Road (Rolleston). This footpath will be closed.

Culvert work is occurring on Mt White Road and Malvern Hills Road.

Cattlestop cleaning and ford reinstatement is occurring on Algidus Road.

Sewer line installation work is continuing on Hamptons Road, Shands Road and Selwyn Road with mainly the berm tidy up to be completed.

Waimakariri Gorge Road (Inland Scenic Route) will be closed between Waddington and Minchins Road for up to three days from Thursday 31 August. This is to allow for a CPW pipe crossing just south of Minchins Road. The closure is scheduled for a maximum of three days, but is likely to be completed sooner. A detour will be available via Minchins Road and Old West Coast Road, with access across the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge still available at all times.

(03) 347 2800

Darfield call free 318 8338 www.selwyn.govt.nz SelwynDistrictCouncil

