



Port Hills Fire Recovery Continues

Work to help affected Port Hills residents and assist with the recovery of the area is continuing. A draft Discussion Document and Recovery Plan for the Selwyn area affected by the fire is now available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay, with comments on the draft plan open until **Friday 26 May**.

A meeting was held for property owners in the Port Hills area in late March to discuss how the risk of fires in the area could be reduced in the future. Property owners provided valuable feedback which has been used to help develop Selwyn’s draft recovery plan.

The Council’s Recovery Team is continuing to work with families affected by the Port Hills Fire by offering assistance and advice as well as helping with advocacy to other organisations. Reseeding work has been coordinated and carried out in this area by the community. A number of skips have been placed in the Port Hills area by the Council to make clean-up work easier for families.

Aerial re-seeding has also been undertaken on some of the private land within the Christchurch City area, with volunteers also helping to clean up rubbish in the Sugarloaf to Cass Peak area.

The New Zealand Fire Service and the National Rural Fire Authority have appointed Australian Firefighter Alan Goodwin to lead the fire operational review. Alan has 25 years’ experience including working as the Chief Fire Officer for the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in Victoria. He will be joined by New Zealand Fire Service National Operation Efficiency Manager Trevor Brown and Auckland Council Principal Rural Fire Officer Bryan Cartelle on the review. An operational review is carried out after all major fires. It is hoped the findings will be released in around October this year.

Stay bright, use your lights!

Winter can bring snow, ice, fog, rain and less daylight. In these conditions you need to ensure you switch your lights on to make sure you’re visible. The Road Code says that you must use your vehicle headlights from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise and at any other time you can’t clearly see a person or vehicle 100 metres away.

“Most times it is very obvious when you need your lights on, but outside the guidelines given in the road code, there are a number of other circumstances where using your lights will improve your visibility and make it safer for you and other road users,” says Ngaire Tinning, Selwyn District Council’s Road Safety Coordinator.

“When there is fog, it is raining or where there is the potential for sunstrike, it can be more difficult to see other vehicles. Using your lights on dip is the best way to ensure you are seen,” Mrs Tinning says.

Many people drive with their park lights on but these are only designed for use when a vehicle is stationary and are not clearly visible from a distance.

Increasing following distances and taking more care to check ahead before passing in these conditions is also essential as if other cars do not have their lights on they can be hard to see. Using your lights will greatly increase your chances of seeing and being seen by other vehicles.



On the roads this week

Road maintenance will take place on Auchenflower Road with traffic controls in place. Footpath reconstruction work will take place on School Lane in Kirwee.

Road widening work is continuing on Jones Road between Weedons Ross Road and the Lyttelton Port Company until mid-June. The road will remain open, but may be reduced to one lane at times with traffic delays expected. This work is occurring now in order to be completed prior to the NZ Transport Agency starting work on a new Motorway interchange at Weedons Ross Road. Maddisons Road is suggested as an alternative route to Jones Road at peak times.

Road closures – Manse/High Streets, Aylesbury and Hoskyns Roads

The intersection of High Street and Manse Road in Leeston will be closed this week. A turning bay is being created and the road then resealed. The intersection should reopen by Saturday 21 May. Please detour via Station Road and Cunningham Street while the closure is in place.

Aylesbury Road will be partially closed between 9am and 4pm on Friday 19 May to allow the NZ Defence Force to carry out tree removal. The road will be closed one way to traffic travelling from State Highway 1 to Burdons Road (but open the other way). The road is open both ways from Burdons Road west. A detour will operate via Walkers Road.

Hoskyns Road will be closed from 9am-6pm on Saturday 21 May (between Link Drive and Jones Road) to allow splitter islands to be installed. A detour will operate via Link Drive.

Christchurch Southern Motorway extension

Weedons Ross Road will be open to a one-way system flowing from Main South Road to Jones Road from next week. Weedons Road from Main South Road through to Levi Road is a one-way system, in place from early next week. From as early as Monday 15 May 2017, Waterholes Road will be a one-way system from Hamptons Road to 833 Waterholes Road running south towards Robinsons Road with detours in place.



New dog park planned for Leeston

A new dog park is planned for Leeston and is expected to be ready in the spring time. A 1.8 hectare dog park is planned in the area of Council land between the entrance to the A & P Showgrounds and the land leased to the Ellesmere Heritage Park. The area will be fenced and will include planting, dog exercise equipment and a small pond. The project to establish the new park has been promoted by the Leeston Township Committee.



Notices

ALCOHOL LICENCE APPLICATION

An application for an off and on licence renewal has been received from Rolleston Inn with objections closing on 29 May 2017. See www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices for details.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 10 May

Hororata School 11.30am-1pm
Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm

Thursday 11 May

Rolleston First Learners 11-11.30am
ABC Rolleston 12.45-1.15pm
Paradise for Little Angels

1.30-2pm
Edukids Faringdon 2.15-2.45pm

Monday 15 May

Hororata Playcentre 9.30-10am
Darfield Preschool & Nursery 10.30-11am
Springfield School 12.30-1.30pm
Sheffield Hall 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 16 May

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

SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND

Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Funding is available for Selwyn sport teams who need to travel to local competition games and are comprised of members aged 5-19 years (school competitions in school time are not eligible). This funding round is for winter sports only.

For information and application forms contact Stuart Westoby on 347 2708 or at stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz. Applications for this funding round close Friday 19 May 2017.

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 stated meetings are held at Rolleston Council Building.

Draft Annual Plan Submission Public Hearings

Thurs 18 May 10am – 8pm
Fri 19 May 9am

Malvern Community Board

Mon 22 May 5pm
Sheffield Hall

District Plan Review Committee

Wed 24 May 9am

Draft Annual Plan Public Deliberations

Thurs 25 May & Fri 26 May

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Arthur's Pass Association

Sat 27 May 4pm
Community Centre, Arthur's Pass
Annual General Meeting

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 30 May 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee

Thurs 1 Jun 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee

Thurs 18 May 7.30pm
Darfield Library

Glenroy Community Centre Committee

Tue 16 May 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 16 May 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre

Glentunnel Township Committee

Mon 29 May 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Hororata Citizens Committee

Tue 23 May 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Leeston Park Committee

Mon 29 May 7.30pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Prebbleton Community Association

Tue 16 May 7.30pm
Prebbleton Community Cottage

Rolleston Residents Association Inc.

Mon 22 May 7.30pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 29 May 7pm
Southbridge Hall

Springston Hall Committee

Fri 26 May 7.30pm
Springston Hall

Springston Reserve Committee

Wed 17 May 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion

West Melton Community Centre Committee

Tue 30 May 7.30pm
West Melton Community Centre

Thanks for your submissions and comments!

Annual Plan submissions and survey comments closed on 3 May.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the Council was pleased to receive a significant number of submissions and survey comments on the Annual Plan.

“This year we tried to offer some different options which made it easier for people to share their views on the topics we were consulting on in the Annual Plan. We were really pleased to get a wide range of people participating in the consultation and taking part in our survey or sharing their thoughts with Councillors when they visited local supermarkets and other facilities.”

185 submissions were received on the Annual Plan, along with 241 survey comments. Councillors will be reviewing these along with the comments received on the Council’s Facebook page and in person. Submission hearings are being held this week on Thursday from 10am-8pm and on Friday from 9am at the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters. Members of the public are welcome to listen to submissions.

Submissions and survey comments showed strong support for carrying out planning work for a new pool at Selwyn Aquatic Centre, completing further footpath extensions and developing a health hub. Submission and survey comments showed a range of views about introducing a standard stormwater rate and changing library opening hours.

Agricultural chemical collection

Agrecovery is planning a collection of agricultural chemicals from Canterbury farms. The collection is free or subsidised and covers more than 3,000 products. To find out more about the collection and make a collection booking see www.agrecovery.co.nz. Bookings need to be made by 26 May.



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

17
MAY

Save Lives, Give Blood

Lincoln Event Centre, 2-6pm

80% of us will need blood or a blood product in our life time. You can help others by donating blood – to book an appointment see www.nzblood.co.nz or phone 0800 448 325

WEDNESDAY

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MAY

Treaty of Waitangi

Workshop

Darfield Library, 6.30pm

A free session looking at pre-Treaty New Zealand, ancestral origins, Māori industry, Declaration of Independence, Te Tiriti O Waitangi/ The Treaty of Waitangi. To book visit www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

THUR-FRI

18-19
MAY

Skate Park consultation

Outside Lincoln Event Centre, 3.30-4.30pm

Chat to our staff about plans for a new skate area near the play area outside Lincoln Event Centre. A great chance for kids, teens & parents to see plans & share their comments

FRI-SAT

19-20
MAY

Lincoln Scouts Book Sale

Scout Den, North Belt

Thousands of \$2 books to choose from. Open 6-8pm 19 & 9am-1pm 20 May. Book donations accepted 6.30-8pm 16-17 May at the Den

FRI-SAT

19-21
MAY

Art Sale

Prebbleton Community Cottage

The Art Group of Lincoln offer a range of works from \$20. Cash & EFTPOS sales (no credit cards). Open Fri 1-4pm, Sat & Sun 10am-4pm. The cottage is on the corner Blakes & Springs Roads

WEDNESDAY

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MAY

Treaty of Waitangi

Workshop

Darfield Library, 6.30pm

This session will cover legislation, assimilation, the Ngāi Tahu story & Treaty claim, & Te Reo Māori. To book see www.selwynlibraries.co.nz

THURSDAY

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MAY

Ellesmere Vintage Club AGM

Osborne Park Hall, Doyleston, 8pm

Current members & new members welcome. Any apologies – please contact Stuart on 324 4280

FRIDAY

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MAY

Selwyn Movie Nights – Zootopia

Lincoln Event Centre, 6.30-8.30pm

Bring the family to enjoy a winter indoor screening of this great PG movie. \$5 per person, \$10 for small family/ group (3 people), \$15 family/group (4-6 people). See www.selwyn.govt.nz/events for details

TUESDAY

30
MAY

Lincoln Farmers’ & Craft Market AGM

Habgood Lounge, Lincoln Event Centre

All welcome. Refreshments provided

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
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Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
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