



Poppies mark history in Leeston

Another salute to Selwyn's past has been added to the streets around the cenotaph at Leeston.

As part of the Poppy Places campaign, a poppy has been added to the signs for Gallipoli Street and Messines Street, which border the township's landmark cenotaph.

Both streets trace their origins to the Leeston war memorial, erected in 1924 to commemorate soldiers from Ellesmere County who lost their lives during the First World War.

Many Territorial soldiers from the Ellesmere area volunteered to serve in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force when it was established at the outbreak of the First World War in August 1914. It was these initial volunteers, and those who followed in the reinforcement contingents in 1915, who fought during the Gallipoli campaign.

The battle of Messines in June 1917 was one of the NZ Division's greatest successes on the Western Front, in that it achieved all of its objectives in the attack battle plan. However, the division sustained 3,700 casualties, including 700 killed. Most likely there would have been soldiers from Ellesmere County involved.

Council Asset Engineer Transportation, Mark Chamberlain, says the historic value of the poppy, street name and location made the addition an easy decision.

"As a growing district it is important to remember the people who have come before us and the sacrifices they made.

"There are a number of families still in the Ellesmere area who would have had family members fight in the First World War, and this gesture is about helping to maintain the knowledge of what our forefathers went through," Mr Chamberlain says.

The cenotaph and the naming of Gallipoli Street and Messines Street have provided the people of the district with a permanent focal point to remember and commemorate the sacrifice members of their community made during the campaign.

Information on the Poppy Places Trust can be found on their website – poppyplaces.nz – with information on Gallipoli Street, Messines Street and the other sites around New Zealand.

Out with the old, in with the new

Nearly 250 new LED lights have been installed on streets around Selwyn, as the district moves away from older street lights to brighter, more efficient technology.

Across the district the Council is in the process of replacing 5,800 existing lights with the new LED models.

The replacement work started in the middle of 2018, and is expected to take three years to complete.

Support from the NZTransport Agency has been a key factor, financing 85% of the \$3.3 million project.

Normally NZTA funds 50% of local roading projects, but wanted to work alongside local councils to help them switch over to LED lighting.

The changeover started around Leeston, as its lighting stock is among the oldest in the district.

Asset Manager Transportation Andrew Mazey says some of the lights in Leeston have been in place for more than 50 years.

"We believe that some of the lights in the area haven't been replaced since they were originally put in, and may date back to World War II", Mr Mazey says.

The new lights are being installed in stages, with older settlements around Selwyn taking priority, due to the age of the lighting infrastructure.

Mr Mazey says Lincoln and Rolleston will be the last areas to have the upgrades.

"With a substantial number of new subdivisions in Lincoln and Rolleston, the two townships have had a head start in the switch over, as new subdivisions have to install LED lighting.

The new lights offer significantly cheaper running and maintenance costs.

Take action on distraction

What kinds of distractions do you encounter while driving?

There are many things that can distract you from driving safely – your passengers, eating food, talking on a hands-free phone, or taking your eyes off the road to look at something.

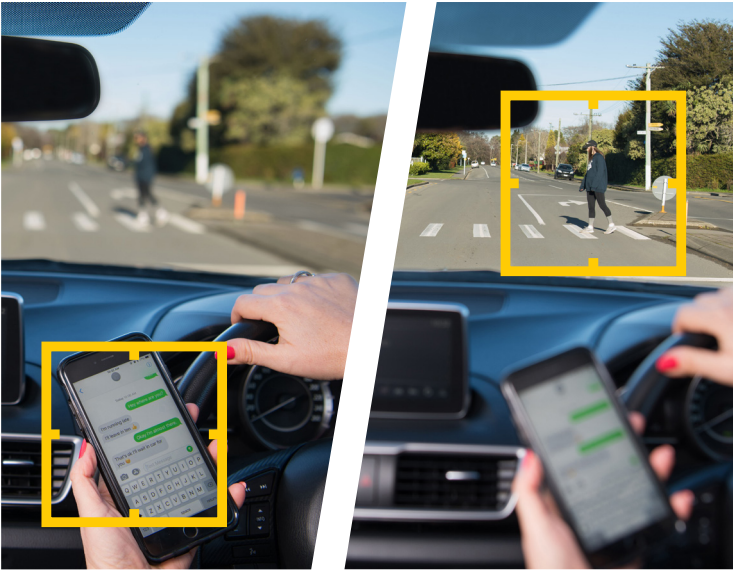
A recent Ministry of Transport crash report showed that in 2016, diverted attention was identified as a contributing factor in a total of 1,097 crashes in New Zealand.

These crashes resulted in 22 deaths and 210 serious injuries.

Selwyn District Council Road Safety Coordinator Peter Daly says drivers need to take responsibility when driving and to ensure their eyes are always on the road.

"Nobody ever thinks a crash is going to happen to them, until it happens," he says.

"The best advice anyone can have when driving is to just drive – leave the cellphone, food, coffee and any other distractions until the car is turned off. If we are distracted when someone else makes a mistake in front of us, we have far less chance to avoid being involved in a crash or incident."



Capacity building workshops

Are you a community group, club or not-for-profit looking to recruit some volunteers?

We'll be running a series of free workshops over the next eight months, for not-for-profit community groups, organisations and clubs as a part of the Capacity Building Initiative. These workshops will consist of a wide range of interesting and useful topics, including funding and fundraising, governance, marketing, coaching and more.

The first of these workshops will be held on Wednesday 17 October from 5.30–7.30pm at the Lincoln Event Centre. The workshop will cover the basics of volunteer management including recruitment, retention and recognition.

If you'd like to learn more about this workshop or RSVP, please contact Michael.Heywood@selwyn.govt.nz. Please RSVP by 5pm, Thursday 11 October.



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

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Southern Resorts Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 24 October. For more information head to www.selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Cancer Society is looking for volunteers around Selwyn, particularly drivers. For more information drop into the Society's new Centre at 6B Kidman Street Rolleston or phone Jane on 379 5835.

DOG MICROCHIPPING

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. This free monthly service is available at the following places on Friday 12 October:
Darfield: 9–9.30am

Rolleston: 10.15–10.45am
Lincoln: 11.30am–12pm
Leeston: 12.45–1.15pm
Please note:
· All clinics last for only half an hour.
· The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
· Microchipping will not take place if wet.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 10 October
Arthur's Pass 11.30–12.30pm
Castle Hill 1.40–2.15pm
Springfield 3–3.30pm

Thursday 11 October
Giggles and Scribbles Early Learning Centre 10.15–10.45am
Council Headquarters

12.45–1.15pm
Bright Beginnings Montessori Preschool 1.30–2.00pm
Monday 15 October
Dunsandel Playcentre 10–10.30am
Burnham Montessori 11–11.30am
Darfield Playcentre 12–12.30pm
Darfield Primary School 1–1.30pm

Tuesday 16 October
Kirwee 10–10.45am
Kirwee School 10.45–11.30am
Preston Downs, Corner Prestons/Weedons Ross Road 12.15–12.45pm
West Melton School 12.45–1.30pm
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30–1.50pm
The Cat's Pyjamas Preschool and Nursery (West Melton) 1.50–2.20pm

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.

District Plan Review Committee
Wed 10 Oct 10am

Council Meeting
Wed 10 Oct 1pm

Road Safety Sub committee
Wed 17 Oct 10am

Malvern Community Board
Tue 23 Oct 4.30pm
Kirwee Hall

District Plan Review Committee
Wed 24 Oct 9am

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 23 Oct 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee
Thur 18 Oct 7.30pm
Darfield Library/Service Centre

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm
Dunsandel Hall

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 16 Oct 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Killinchy Community Centre Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm
Killinchy Community Centre

Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm, Kirwee Hall

Ladbrooks Community Hall Committee
Fri 26 Oct 7.30pm
Ladbrooks Hall
(note change of date)

Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee

Mon 15 Oct 7pm, Little Rakaia Huts Community Room

Prebbleton Reserve Management Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm, Community Cottage, Blakes Road

Rolleston Community Centre Management Committee
Thur 25 Oct 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Rolleston Reserve Management Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm, Rolleston Community Centre Lounge

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee
Thur 18 Oct 7.30pm
Sheffield Hall

Springston Reserve Committee
Wed 17 Oct 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

West Melton Reserve Board Committee
Mon 15 Oct 7.30pm
West Melton Rugby Club



On the roads this week

Pre-reseal repair work is being undertaken along Old Tai Tapu Road and Curve Road. It will be taking place all week, and

motorists are being asked to give way when approaching the work.

Shoulder forming and sealing work is being done along West Belt, over Thursday and Friday, motorists are asked to drive past the site with care.

The road reconstruction work on Waimakariri Gorge Road between Waddington Road and Minchins Road, is continuing with drivers to take care driving through the site.

There will be maintenance grading in the Hororata, Te Pirita and Kirwee areas.

Patch sealing will be undertaken on Websters Road, Harmans Road, Manse Road and Old Tai Tapu Road.

Resealing will take place on The Lake Road and Leeston Dunsandel Road.



Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER

BOOST Splash

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 8–10pm

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will remain open an extra hour on Wednesday night until 10pm for young people aged 13–18 only as part of BOOST. Join the fun from 8pm and test yourself on the brand new inflatable while DJ Rookjay plays your favourite tunes loud.

FRIDAY

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OCTOBER

BOOST Out

Rolleston Reserve, 6–8.30pm

BOOST Out is a free community event to celebrate the finale of Selwyn's first ever BOOST Festival. It will feature food trucks, a skate jam, graffiti art and a number of Selwyn youth bands.

SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

Art Couture New Zealand's Wearable Arts Competition

Lincoln Event Centre, 7.30pm

Art Couture NZ, formed in 2017, brings wearable art to Selwyn. Entry is open to everyone, from children through to experienced artists and seamstresses. There's a range of categories to enter and models can be any age, size, gender or ethnicity. With many designers entering from around Canterbury and New Zealand, it is an event not to be missed. For booking please head to www.dashtickets.co.nz.

SATURDAY

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OCTOBER

2018 Ellesmere A&P Show

1650 Leeston Road, gates open at 7.30am

The Selwyn Spring Show is the first of the show season. Held annually and hosted by the Ellesmere A&P Association at the Leeston Showgrounds the Selwyn Spring Show is a day full of fun and entertainment for all the family.

WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER

Halloween Disco

Lincoln event Centre, 4.30–6pm

Lincoln Event Centre's Halloween Disco is back for 2018! Come dressed to dance in your favourite Halloween costume for an afternoon full of fun and activities. For pre-schoolers and children aged up to eight years. Just \$3 per child or \$5 per family, tickets available from the Lincoln Event Centre reception or door sales on the day

SATURDAY

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NOVEMBER

Rolleston fireworks

Foster Park, 5pm

The iconic event is back again, brought to you by an incredible group of local volunteers. As well as a wonderful fireworks display, there will be plenty of delicious food options, fairground rides and entertainment including on stage performances. Access by way of donation, \$5 per adult and \$2 per child (5 to 12 years). Postponement date of Sunday 4 November.

For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

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19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

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

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