

Forecasters are expecting a hot and dry summer over the coming months, meaning it's time to start thinking about how we use our water in Selwyn.

Meteorologists believe it is highly likely Canterbury will have a drier than average summer.

Weather patterns over the last few months have been varied, with hot and windy days being interrupted by significant rain.

The Council's Asset Manager Murray Washington says at the moment water demand is manageable.

"However, water supplies are placed under pressure during summer as many people decide to water their lawns and gardens at the same time."

Water demand peaks between 6-9am and 4-9pm.

The Council is recommending that residents limit garden and lawn watering to after 9pm, to keep it away from peak usage times and ensure the sun doesn't quickly evaporate the used water.

If you are considering watering your lawn during the day, it is best to check the conditions and make sure that it won't be too hot or windy when you do it, which would reduce the effectiveness of the water use.

With volumetric charging for water use, consumers are reminded that wasting water can also hit them in the back pocket.

Mr Washington affirms that with everyone playing their part, we will be able to provide water at a good pressure all summer long.

New Kiwis celebrate citizenship in Selwyn

Chasing new partners, education opportunities and escaping less than favorable living conditions were the main themes for the 24 new kiwis sworn in at the latest Citizenship Ceremony held at Selwyn District Council.

The new citizens hail from 14 different countries, continuing to increase the diversity of Selwyn's population. The majority (21) of them are now based in Selwyn Central, but there was also a smattering from Springs (2) and Ellesmere (1).

The ceremony was a colourful event with numerous new citizens sporting traditional dress from their native countries.

Harpreet Singh of Southbridge says the event was a hugely enjoyable evening, for a man who spends his days looking after New Zealanders and helping them relax. Mr Singh has lived the kiwi dream since arriving, although it wasn't as straight forward as he had hoped.

"I turned up to study at Avonmore, but no one was at the airport to pick me up," he says.

"Then things got really confusing when airport staff told me that it was daylight saving, and the clocks had gone back an hour, we don't have that in India."

But since arriving in New Zealand, Mr Singh has made every post a winner. "When I finished studying, I took up an opportunity with Dominos and saved up for my own business."

At that point the affable Indian knew hospitality was the career for him, and he leased the Southbridge Tavern.

"I just love being a part of the community, it gives me a great chance to work with the people I live alongside." He has since gone on to lease two more pubs, one in Rakaia and the other in Christchurch, but for the time being Southbridge is home and he is happy there.

Citizenship ceremonies are held monthly at the Council Chambers in Rolleston.



Less speed, less harm

Summer is one of the busiest times of the year for travelling, socialising and enjoying what our country has to offer, but care still needs to be taken on our roads.

We often hear safety messages throughout winter about driving to the conditions, watching for frost and being careful in the rain; but the arrival of summer can lull us into a false sense of security.

Warm days, hot sun and not a car on the road can make some drivers feel invincible.

Statistics from the NZ Transport Agency show summer is our highest risk period for speed-related crashes.

Selwyn District Council Road Safety Coordinator Peter Daly says there's a simple message for summer driving — less speed, less harm

"People make mistakes on the road, and the best way to decrease the risk of those mistakes is to decrease the speed at which those mistakes happen."

Mr Daly says Canterbury is particularly susceptible to drivers speeding due to the number of long straight stretches of highway, and we can easily end up speeding – every driver needs to take responsibility for their journey and the speed they are doing.

It is also important to show patience while driving long distances. Being stuck behind a truck or a slow driver may be frustrating, but you're better off waiting than attempting a dangerous passing manoeuvre.



Applications closing soon for Creative Communities funding

If you need funding for your creative project make sure you apply by 5pm, Friday 30 November. Funding is available to groups or individuals with community-based creative projects that promote arts or culture in Selwyn.

Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfunding for more information and to apply.

Rewards on offer for Selwyn summer readers

Want to be rewarded for your summer reading? Play Selwyn Summer Reading BINGO, fill in the bingo card with your summer reading and be in to win some great prizes.

There are three age categories this year – children up to 12 years; young adults 13 to 20 years; and adults 21 years and over.

Once you complete your first line, bring it into the library to receive a line prize. If you complete at least 20 of the 25 squares, hand your card into your local library and receive a spot prize. Your card will also go into the grand prize draw.

Pick up your cards from Friday 1 December from any Selwyn Library.



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

GLENTUNNEL MILLENNIUM WALK

Notice: This is a reminder that the Glentunnel Millennium Walk is closed permanently to the public. While we understand this has been a popular trek especially over summer months, a number of risks are apparent along the track and the owners don't want to put the public's safety at risk. We thank you all for your cooperation and respecting the closure.

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

summer sports only. For further information and application forms go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/ruraltravel or contact Stuart Westoby, 03 3472708, stuart.westoby@ selwvn.aovt.nz Applications for this funding

round close Friday 23 November

MOBILE LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Wednesday 21 November Kidsfirst West Rolleston 10-10.30am Hororata School 11.30-1pm

Greendale School 1.20-1.50pm Thursday 22 November

Active Explorers, Rolleston 11-11.30am

Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston

10.15-10.45

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 26 November

Hororata Playcentre 9.30-10am Darfield Preschool and Nursery 10.30-11am

Springfield School 12.30-1.30pm

Sheffield Hall 2-2.30pm

Tuesday 27 November

Active Explorers, Tai Tapu 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

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 21 Nov 9am

Malvern Community Board Mon 26 Nov 4.30pm

Windwhistle School Hall District Plan Review Committee

Wed 28 Nov 9am

Property Committee Wed 5 Dec 9am

ON THE

ROADS

District Plan Review Committee Wed 5 Dec 1pm

Audit and Risk Subcommittee Wed 5 Dec 3pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Broadfield District Community Centre Committee

Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm **Broadfield Community Centre**

Coalgate Township Committee Tue 27 Nov 7.30pm

Coalgate Fire Station **Darfield Recreation** and Community Centre

Management Committee Mon 3 Dec 7.30pm Darfield Rec Centre

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm Osborne Park Hall

Glenroy Community Hall Committee AGM

Tue 20 Nov 7.30pm, Glenroy Hall Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue Dec 8pm Greendale Sports Pavilion

Hororata Citizens Committee Tue 27 Nov 7.30pm, Hororata Hall

Kimberley Reserve and Hall Committée

Thur 22 Nov 7.30pm Kimberley Hall

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

Leeston Park Committee AGM Mon 26 Nov 8pm Leeston Park Pavilion

Rolleston Residents Assn Mon 25 Nov 7pm Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington **Community Committee** Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm

Sheffield Fire Station Springston Hall Committee Thur 6 Dec 7.30pm Springston Hall

Springston Reserve Committee

Wed 21 Nov 7.30pm Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Tai Tapu Community Association AGM

Wed 5 Dec 7.30pm Otahuna Room Tai Tapu Community Centre

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tues 4 Dec 7.30pm Waihora Bowling Club

On the roads this week

Pre-seal repair work and patch sealing is being undertaken on Coaltrack Road, drivers many experience some delays.

Road repairs following the heavy rain event will take place along Hartleys Road early

Emergency river training works will take place at Mt White. Mt White Road is open.

There will be cycle way repairs along Birchs Road. The cycle way will be open but cyclists may have to dismount and walk through the work sites.

There will be footpath maintenance work in Springfield and Rolleston.

Drainage works will be taking place on Piako Drive, Telegraph Road, and Wards Road.

Maintenance grading will take place in the Hororata, Bankside and Greendale areas.

Cantastic Tree

Donate a can, build a tree and help those in need.

Bring your donation to your local library and service centre and place it on the Cantastic Tree between 23 November and 19 December.

Donations must be in cans with original label, non-perishable and within the best before date.

Donations will be given to Ellesmere Food Bank Trust which covers all of Selwyn.

Selwyn Events

UNTIL

NOVEMBER

Found Objects as Art
Selwyn Art Gallery, Darfield
Expect the unexpected at Selwyn
Gallery this November with Found
Objects as Art. Works created largely
from recycled objects will be on show,
with the gallery excited to present a
wide variety of styles, mediums and
imagination under the same roof.

UNTIL

Digital Photobook Workshops

Libraries across the district

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Would you like to learn how to create a digital photobook, but not exactly sure how? Come along to a free workshop and develop your skills to create a digital photobook from your treasured memories. Sessions are held from 15 – 29 November at Lincoln, Rolleston or Darfield library, bookings essential. Visit selwynlibraries.co.nz for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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Paint and Vino

Join us for a fun evening of painting while enjoying a drink or two. Working alongside artists from Down by the Liffey Gallery, create your very own still life painting. Tickets \$20, for more information check out Selwyn Libraries on Facebook and head to its event's section.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

Rolleston Kids Market Rolleston Community Centre, 10am – 12pm

Come along to Rolleston's coolest kids' market to buy or sell some preloved treasures. For children aged 8-13 years, caregiver required. Stalls \$5 each, register as a stall holder at bit.ly/kidsmarket18 by 22 November. No food or drinks to be sold.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

The Courtenay A&P Show Kirwee Showgrounds, from 8am

Featuring fun and friendly competition, a great day out where town and country meet. For more information head to www.courtenayshow.org.nz.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

Selwyn Twilight Christmas Market
Rolleston Community Centre,

A great opportunity to get a roll on with your Christmas shopping. For more information you can contact Debbie Herridge on 027 515 1962.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

Leeston Santa Parade High Street, Leeston, from 5pm

the family, with a variety of food options and stalls as well as street entertainment. The parade starts at 6.30pm and will end with carols by torchlight.

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BOOST Out

Rolleston Reserve, 6-8.30pm

Head on down to the Rolleston Reserve for an action packed Friday evening, featuring food trucks, a skate jam and graffiti art.