

# West Melton kea crossing is all go!



The kea crossing installation has been completed for West Melton Primary School on Weedons Ross Road.

Senior students from the school trained as Road Patrollers with School Community Officer Constable Rick Groen on Monday morning. The patrollers learnt how to safely operate the newly installed and much awaited kea crossing to ensure their fellow students and caregivers get across the busy road safely.

Kea crossings are operated by the trained patrollers along with an adult supervisor. The patrollers are taught how to find a safe gap in the traffic flow to swing the stop arms out into, to hold the pedestrians until traffic has stopped and to release pedestrians to cross once the path is clear.

Sue Jackson, Principal of West Melton Primary School says the kea crossing is an opportunity for students to be involved in the community with leadership responsibilities.

“We are delighted to endorse our Safe School Travel Plan by supporting our students in their leadership roles as road patrol monitors, ensuring the safety of the school community as they cross the now busy Weedons Ross Road.”

The kea crossing and footpath extension north on Weedons Ross Road complete the recent shopping centre landscaping and school frontage development. Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler urges parents to use the kea crossing and try active transport.

“We want our young people to be getting to school actively where they can and the kea crossing and footpath is another tool to open up routes to the community across a busy road. Caregivers need to be mindful that they are role models for all kids, not just their own and use the kea crossing to and from school when the flags are up.”

Drivers are asked to keep an eye on their speed around pedestrians, when entering and exiting the shopping centre and near the school.

“This is your village and for your children to be safe getting to school you must slow down,” Mrs Hautler says.

When the kea crossing is not under the control of the road patrol team the cross point operates like any other piece of road where pedestrians have to wait until the road is clear before crossing and to wave drivers through who stop to let them cross.

## Open Fire Season

Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) has advised the Selwyn district is now in an Open Fire Season.

No fire permit is needed to light a fire in open air in an Open Fire Season. However, you are still responsible for the fire and must ensure that the fire does not get out of control and spread to vegetation or property.

Fires in the open air in urban areas must comply with the Environment Canterbury Air Regional outdoor burning measures. To learn more about Fire Seasons visit the FENZ website [www.checkitsalright.nz](http://www.checkitsalright.nz).



## Ex-cyclone Gita skims past Selwyn district

Selwyn was fortunate to be spared the worst effects of ex-tropical cyclone Gita last week.

On Tuesday (February 21) evening the Council declared a Civil Defence State of Emergency in response to predicted extremely heavy rainfall and high winds. While the district received sustained rainfall which caused river levels to rise and some surface flooding, the forecast weather didn't eventuate. By Wednesday (February 22) afternoon the declaration was lifted.

Selwyn Civil Defence local controller Helene Faass says the decision to declare on Tuesday evening was to allow the Council Civil Defence team to get on with the job and take action if it needed to.

“The rainfall didn't reach predicted levels, however taking a precautionary approach and declaring meant we had access to powers and resources to evacuate low-lying settlements such as the upper and lower Selwyn Huts if necessary. We were also able to place other agencies on standby to assist,” she says.

Coes Ford, Chamberlains Ford and Whitecliffs campgrounds were closed to campers for two nights due to the high level of the Selwyn River.

The Council would like to thank the community for its support and cooperation during the extreme weather event. Thanks also to our community response teams, staff, contractors and volunteers for their work.

You can join Selwyn Gets Ready to receive vital emergency information relevant to the area where you live. Messages are sent via email and more urgent messages requiring immediate action will be sent to your mobile [selwyn.getsready.net](http://selwyn.getsready.net).



Coes Ford in flood

## Have your say on Water Bylaws

The Council is inviting submissions to three bylaws covering key water services across the district.

The current Water Supply Bylaw 2008 and the Water Race Bylaw 2008 have both been reviewed, while a new Stormwater and Drainage Bylaw 2018 has been drafted for consultation.

The Water Supply Bylaw relates to water supplies under Council control and management across the district. It has worked well over the past 10 years but now needs to be updated to reflect changes in operations and in the district's water needs. The updated bylaw will clarify the obligations of the Council and customers, provide flexibility in approving connections and generally make the bylaw easier to understand.

The Water Race Bylaw, which relates to the Council's water race network, has also been in place since 2008, and the amended version is not significantly different. The changes mainly relate to technical aspects such as terminology and definitions, and ensuring it meets current statutory requirements.

The new Stormwater and Drainage Bylaw 2018 provides a framework for managing the stormwater and drainage network across Selwyn. It covers development and maintenance of the network, and measures to minimize risks to the network from damage, interference or contamination.

The three bylaws are open for public consultation until Wednesday 21 March. Information on the proposals, including a copy of the draft bylaw and details on making a submission, are available at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay)

## Water meters installed in Southbridge and Rakaia Huts

Southbridge and Rakaia Huts are the latest townships in line for the rollout of water meters across the district's water supplies.

Installation of water meters at households connected to these supplies will begin early next month, and is scheduled to be completed by late April.

Around 90% of Council supply households across the district are already on meters, and this project will complete installations at around 315 properties in Southbridge and 106 in Rakaia Huts.

Metering has been shown to reduce water consumption as it links water use to charging – so households that use less water benefit from lower charges, while those using more pay higher charges.

Households with average water use will find their total charge remains similar to what they currently pay. You can help avoid incurring extra charges by monitoring your water use – see [www.selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering) for more information and tips on how to read your water meter.

# 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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Wednesday 28 February  
Arthur's Pass 11.30am–12.30pm  
Castle Hill 1.40–2.15pm  
Springfield 3–3.30pm

Thursday 1 March  
Giggles & Scribbles Early Learning Centre 10.15–10.45am  
Prebbleton Playcentre 11–11.30am  
Council Headquarters 12.45–1.15pm  
Cat's Pyjamas Rolleston 1.30–2pm

Monday 5 March  
Dunsandel Playcentre 10–10.30am  
Burnham Montessori 11–11.30am  
Darfield Playcentre 12–12.30pm  
Darfield Primary School 1–1.30pm

Tuesday 6 March  
Kirwee 10–10.45am  
Kirwee School 10.45–11.30am  
Preston Downs, Cnr Prestons/Weedons Ross Rd 12.15–12.45pm  
West Melton School 12.45–1.30pm  
West Melton Learning Centre 1.30–1.50pm  
Cat's Pyjamas West Melton 1.50–2.20pm

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

The Creative Communities Assessment Committee needs a new community representative for the Selwyn Central Ward (Rolleston and West Melton). The committee operates under the wing of the Selwyn District Council to distribute Creative New Zealand funds for local arts and cultural projects. It meets four times a year to consider funding applications.

The unpaid position starts from 1 April 2018, for a term of three years. Travel expenses are reimbursed. Ideally candidates will have been actively involved in the arts in the Selwyn Central Ward, and be keen to encourage and promote arts activities within Selwyn district. Applicants must reside in the Selwyn Central ward.

If you are interested in this position, please apply in writing or email, including details of your involvement in the arts, by 5pm, Friday, 9 March 2018.

Post your application to Creative Communities Assessment Committee Position (Selwyn Central), Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643, Attention Stuart Westoby or

email [stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz). For further information, contact Stuart Westoby 347 2708.

DOG MICROCHIPPING CLINIC

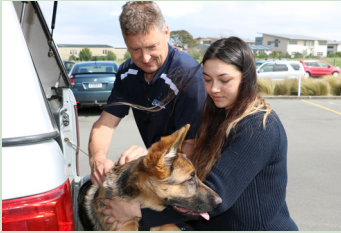
Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 9 March at

- Leeston: 9–9.30am
- Darfield: 10.15–10.45am
- Rolleston: 11.30am–12pm
- Lincoln: 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 libraries
- Microchipping won't occur if wet.

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



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](mailto: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 28 Feb 9am

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee

Tue 6 Mar 2pm  
Lincoln Event Centre

Property Committee  
Wed 7 Mar 9am

Audit & Risk Subcommittee

Wed 7 Mar 3pm

Council Meeting

Wed 14 Mar 1pm

Citizenship Ceremony

Wed 14 Mar 6.30pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES & ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee

Tue 6 Mar 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Coalgate Township Committee

Tue 27 Feb 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

Doyleston Community Committee

Wed 7 Mar 7.30pm  
Osborne Park Pavilion

Greendale Recreation Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Mar 8pm  
Greendale Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 12 Mar 7.30pm  
Kirwee Recreation Reserve

Lake Coleridge Community Committee

Fri 16 Mar 7.30pm  
Lake Coleridge Hall

Leeston Community Committee

Mon 5 Mar 7.30pm, Leeston Library Community Room

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 12 Mar 7pm, Fitzgerald Room Lincoln Event Centre

Springston Hall Committee

Thur 1 Feb 7.30pm  
Springston Hall

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 28 Feb 7.30pm  
Tawera Memorial Hall  
*Week earlier*

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 6 Mar 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee

Mon 5 Mar 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre  
*Week earlier*



On the roads this week

Stabilised seal repairs will be occurring on Hororata Road, Minchins Road and Leaches Road. A road reconstruction will be carried out at the Sleemans Road and Leaches Road intersection. Reseals will be carried out on Waterbridge Way, Tramway Road and Dalethorpe Road. Repairs to isolated areas of slumped seal will be carried out on Tennyson Street. Digout repairs will occur on Waimakariri Gorge Road. Edge breaks and shoulder build up will be carried out on Minchins Road and Aylesbury Road. Armour seal will occur on Jones Road. Please stop on request at these sites.

An intersection upgrade including traffic lights, cycle lanes and footpaths (both separate and shared), as well as storm water work and road resurfacing is continuing at the Masefield Drive/Rolleston Drive intersection in Rolleston. Removal of existing islands and vegetation has been done and ducts installed for cables for the new layout.

Footpath reconstructions will be carried out in Prebbleton.

Work has begun by NZTA on SH73 at Cornishmans Rise, between Arthur's Pass and Lake Pearson involving installing more gabion baskets, repairing the shoulder and replacing guardrail. This section of highway is reasonably narrow, with tight curves, steep grades and blind rises in some locations. Take care as you approach the site and stick to the posted speed limit which will be 30km/h.

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Selwyn Events

WEDNESDAY

28  
FEBRUARY

Faringdon Summer Skate Jam – Tai Tapu

Tai Tapu School, 3.30–5.30pm

Head to Tai Tapu School to show off your moves. Bring your own gear or hire for free. Coaching available with experienced skate instructors. Prizes up for grabs for best tricks! For details go to [facebook.com/summerinselwyn](http://facebook.com/summerinselwyn)

FRIDAY

2  
MARCH

Spectrum Lighting and Sound Outdoor Movies – Leeston

Anderson Square, 7–9pm

Bring a seat, bean bag or blanket and chill out in front of our huge outdoor screen. Hot drinks and movie snacks will be onsite to purchase. For details go to [facebook.com/summerinselwyn](http://facebook.com/summerinselwyn).

MONDAY

5  
MARCH

Waste Free Parenting Workshop

Rolleston Community Centre, 9.30am–12pm

Kate Meads, 'waste-free warrior' and motivational speaker, will teach you exciting and inspiring ways to minimise waste, while introducing you to modern sustainable products for use in the home. This is a Council sponsored event. 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](http://www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz).

MONDAY

5  
MARCH

Food Lovers Masterclass

Rolleston Community Centre, 6.30–8.30pm

This session, hosted by 'waste-free warrior' and motivational speaker Kate Meads, focuses on education around ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals. This is a Council sponsored event. 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](http://www.wastefreeparenting.co.nz).

WEDNESDAY

7  
MARCH

Faringdon Summer Skate Jam – Leeston

Leeston Skate Park, High Street, 3.30–5.30pm

Head to Leeston Skate Park to show off your moves. Bring your own gear or hire for free. Coaching available with experienced skate instructors. Prizes up for grabs for best tricks! For details go to [facebook.com/summerinselwyn](http://facebook.com/summerinselwyn)

THURSDAY

8  
MARCH

Funding meeting

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am–12pm

The Canterbury Rural Community Organisation Grants Scheme (COGS) Local Distribution Committee is holding a public meeting in Selwyn. Representatives of community organisations are invited to meet the people who offer funding. RSVP to [christchurchdiafunding@dia.govt.nz](mailto:christchurchdiafunding@dia.govt.nz) by Friday 2 March.

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