









# Your water rates – helping keep the water flowing

For 46 cents, 1 cubic metre (1000 litres) gives you approximately:

					
11 baths	22 5-minute showers	10 full loads of washing	167 toilet flushes	4,000 glasses of water	1 hour watering with sprinkler

Households on Council water supplies will be receiving their latest water rates invoices over the next four months, starting this month.

Every six months, households are billed for their volumetric charge, which is based on the amount of water used. There's also a fixed annual charge, which is billed separately on the rates invoice.

Water rates are charged to fund the ongoing costs of operating the water supply, and to provide funds for maintaining and renewing the supply infrastructure so that it continues to operate at an acceptable level of service, providing reliable, safe, clean water to Selwyn communities.

All councils charge for water supply. Some councils charge households a fixed water rate, some charge a rate based on a property's capital value, some charge a variable amount based on the amount of water used (volumetric charging), and some charge a combination of these methods.

In Selwyn, for the majority of households, the current water rate comprises a fixed charge of \$235 a year, plus an additional volumetric charge of 46 cents per cubic metre of water (1000 litres).

Water meters have been progressively installed across Council water supplies in Selwyn over a number of years, and are installed as standard in all new subdivisions. Currently 98.3% of households on Council water supplies are metered.

One of the benefits of water meters is that they directly link water use to cost, and help to reduce water consumption, as households become more aware of their water consumption. People who use more water pay more in charges, while properties with lower water use benefit from lower charges.

A recent independent comparison of water charges across New Zealand shows Selwyn's volumetric charge is one of the lowest in the country, and when combined with the fixed charge, is in the middle of the range of water charges nationwide.

For more information on water meters and charging, see [selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering](http://selwyn.govt.nz/watermetering).

## Learn how to reduce your waste at home

Council is supporting two waste-free workshops this month hosted by Kiwi mum Kate Meads.

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

The second workshop is a Food Lovers Masterclass, focusing on ways to reduce food waste when cooking and preparing meals and interesting facts like what the difference is between 'use by' and 'best before' dates.

The workshops are being held on Thursday 14 March at the Rolleston Community Centre. The Waste Free Parenting Workshop runs from 12.30–2.30pm and the Food Lovers Masterclass from 7–9pm.

Tickets are \$25 each or for a couple and each ticket comes with a free goodie bag worth \$100. Bookings are required, visit [eventfinda.co.nz](http://eventfinda.co.nz) or [wastefreeparenting.co.nz](http://wastefreeparenting.co.nz) to book.

## Park and ride update

Ducting cabling is being installed on the Kidman Street, Rolleston park and ride site, to allow for lighting of the parking area.

This work will continue and some of the existing lighting will be relocated to suit the new design works. The existing lighting will be upgraded into LED lighting.

Instalment of stormwater services works will continue next week along with general civil works for the formation of the car park.



## Volunteer benefits go both ways

We recognise that volunteering is important for our community, not only because positive volunteering efforts play an important role in building community spirit and resilience, but it also brings rewards to individuals who volunteer. Rewards can include improving individual wellbeing and social connections, increasing self-confidence, broadening knowledge and experience and growing friendships.

Recently Council staff had the opportunity to do some volunteering around the district.

Around 30 staff offered their time to give back to the community as part of a wider volunteering campaign run by the economic development team. A further 10 staff are planning for their volunteer activities to take place over the coming month, due to workload commitments.

The volunteers worked on a number of different projects including native planting at Lincoln Wetland, restoration work at Southbridge Pool and lending a hand at the local Salvation Army second-hand store.

Tracy Beardsley, Manager at Salvation Army, Family Store said the extra volunteer assistance was greatly appreciated.

"It really made a difference as this time of year is always very busy for us," she says.

Andy Spanton, Council Biodiversity Coordinator said the help from the volunteers helped to maintain the Lincoln Wetland as a pleasant spot for the community to visit and explore.

"It was great to have our corporate volunteers assist with managing the native restoration sites at Lincoln Wetland. Those who attended put in some hard work on a hot afternoon to release the native plants and distribute mulch around the sites," he said.

In addition to corporate volunteering, the Council is facilitating increased awareness of volunteering benefits and opportunities for the wider community through an initiative called 'Volunteering in Selwyn'. Volunteering Canterbury are running the six-month initiative in Selwyn at local libraries to connect residents looking to volunteer with local not-for-profit organisations. It will also assist local organisations looking for volunteers.

Go to [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events) for dates and times.

# CHECK— CHECK AGAIN

Every intersection, every time.



Notices

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Wine Plus Gifts Limited has applied for an off licence. Objections are open until Wednesday 13 March. For more information head to [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

No mobile service on Wednesday 6 March.

Thursday 7 March;

Upper Selwyn Huts 10–10.30am  
Lincoln Childcare and Preschool 10.45–11.15am

Whippersnappers, Lincoln 11.25–11.55am

Giggles & Scribbles Early Learning Centre 1–1.30pm  
Lincoln Uni Early Childhood Centre 2–2.30pm

Prebbleton Township/Tavern 3.30–5.30pm

No mobile service on Friday 8–Monday 11 March.

Tuesday 12 March;

Greendale School 10.15–10.45am

Hororata School 11.15–11.45am

Windwhistle School 1–1.30pm

Glentunnel School 1.55–2.55pm

Glentunnel Hall 3–3.30pm

CHIEF ALCOHOL LICENSING INSPECTOR

Selwyn District Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified parties to provide an on-call alcohol inspection and reporting service to assist the Council in meeting its obligations in terms of the legislative requirements under which it operates and provide a high level of service to its customers. The primary legislative requirements are included in the Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012.

The Council will select and negotiate with individuals/contractors who fulfil the requirements sought and who are cost competitive. Copies of the expression of interest documents can be obtained by contacting the Council on 03 347 2800.

General enquiries about the expression of interest may be made to Billy Charlton, at [billy.charlton@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:billy.charlton@selwyn.govt.nz) or 03 347 2878 during business hours.

Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm, Friday 8 March and be sent to:

Billy Charlton, Regulatory Manager  
Selwyn District Council  
PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643.

MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 8 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.



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 AND COMMUNITY BOARD

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

Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee  
Tue 5 Mar 2pm

Property Committee

Wed 6 Mar 9am

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Wed 6 Mar 3pm

Council Meeting

Wed 13 March 1pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Glenroy Community Hall Committee

Tue 19 Mar 7.30pm

Glenroy Community Hall

Glentunnel Community Centre Committee

Tue 19 Mar 7.30pm

Glentunnel Community Centre

Killinchy Community Centre Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7.30pm

Killinchy Community Centre

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7.30pm

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Township Committee

Mon 18 Mar 7.30pm

Kirwee Community Hall

Lincoln Community Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7pm

Lincoln Event Centre

Southbridge Advisory Committee

Mon 11 Mar 7pm

Southbridge Hall meeting room

Tawera Memorial Hall Committee

Wed 6 Mar 7.30pm

Tawera Memorial Hall

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Mar 7.30pm

Waihora Bowling Club



On the roads this week

Seal repairs will be carried out on Wards Road.

Road reconstruction (granular overlay) on Leaches Road and Cordys Road.

Reseals will take place on Bealey Road and Ellesmere Junction Road.

Kerb and channel and footpath construction will continue on Masfield Drive.

Drainage work will begin on Downs Road, Whitcombe Place, Steeles Road and Waianiwaniwa Road.

Kerb and channel and footpath construction will occur on Birchs Road, Lincoln.

Footpath construction will be carried out in Southbridge.

Opportunity for retired teachers

Selwyn is the only Council in New Zealand to have a Sister Cities relationship in Indonesia.

Toraja is a mainly Christian community in the highlands of Sulawesi. Coffee farmers in this region have been supported by a group of Canterbury farmers for over 12 years.

The Selwyn Sister Cities Committee is planning to send a small group of teachers to Toraja for around two to four weeks later this year. These teachers will assist in local schools to help staff and students develop English language skills. Improved English, in time, should assist the business community as they seek to export more high quality coffee and increase tourism to this distinctive cultural area.

The Sister Cities Committee is also aiming to help develop links between Selwyn and Toraja students.

To learn more about the opportunity please contact Bernadette on [bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:bernadette.ryan@selwyn.govt.nz) or 03 347 2800.

Selwyn Events

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

6

MARCH

West Melton Summer Skate/Scooter Jam

West Melton School, 3.30–5.30pm

A great way to introduce children and young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Something for all abilities!

WEDNESDAY

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MARCH

Selwyn Speaker Series: Tips for Young Drivers

Leeston Library, 6–7.30pm

Learn more about the licence process and how to improve the safety of your teenager.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

THURSDAY

7

MARCH

Springfield Picnic in the Park

Springfield Domain, 5.30–7.30pm

Spend your summer evening at the park with live music, Pedalmania, bouncy castles, face painting, entertainment, free sausage sizzle and more.

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MARCH

Tai Tapu Sculpture Garden Annual Autumn Exhibition

199 Cossars Road, 11am–3pm

An outdoor sculpture event with over 70 artworks for sale. Visitors will also enjoy the growing permanent collection featuring works by some of the stalwarts of NZ sculpture. \$10 cash entry for adults. Picnickers welcome.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

13

MARCH

Prebbleton Summer Skate/Scooter Jam and Picnic in the Park

Prebbleton Community Park, 5.30–7.30pm

Spend your summer evening at the park with live music, Pedalmania, bouncy castles, face painting, entertainment, free sausage sizzle and let your children have a go at skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Something for all abilities!

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SUNDAY

17

MARCH

Summer 3X3 Basketball Jam

Faringdon Playground Court, Rolleston, 2–4pm

Jump into a game! No registration required, just come along with a team, join a team or sit back and enjoy watching. Pack a picnic and enjoy basketball, music, and prizes.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

WEDNESDAY

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MARCH

Lincoln Summer Skate/Scooter Jam

Lincoln Skate Park, 3.30–5.30pm

A great way to introduce children and young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from experienced skaters from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Something for all abilities!

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

Leeston Library & Service Centre  
19 Messines Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2871

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

(03) 347 2800  
Darfield call free 318 8338  
[www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)  
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