



School's back take care on crossings

Selwyn District Council is asking drivers to stay alert for children as schools return during the coming week.

Over 9,500 Selwyn children will be travelling to school. Many of these young people will be getting off and on school buses, in and out of cars and walking, biking and scooting to and from school.

School Road Safety Coordinator Stephanie Hautler reminds drivers that the only time drivers must stop for pedestrians is on a pedestrian (zebra) crossing, at a school road patrol or kea crossing when the stop lollipops are out, and when pedestrians have a green man at traffic signals.

A crossing point is an area that has been deemed by Council as the best place for pedestrians to cross the road. It may have kerb buildouts to shorten the crossing distance and some may have a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the road to cross the road in stages.

Pedestrians need to stop, look and listen before crossing the road at a cross point, and just like any other section of road, vehicles have the right of way.

"I often see drivers stopping to let children cross at cross points. Although drivers may think it's courteous stopping in the lane, it's incredibly dangerous and setting our children up for failure. Children may develop an expectation that all vehicles will stop for them," says Mrs Hautler.

Road safety educational resources for parents and children are available from Selwyn District Council. Email stephanie.hautler@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2705.

New easy to remember library and service centre hours



Selwyn Libraries and service centres* will have new easy to remember hours of operation from Friday 1 February 2019.

The changes are in response to customer research and a trial of extended opening hours undertaken in 2018. Opening hours have been extended and standardised across the district, with the overall total opening hours across the network increasing from 196 hours to 220 hours a week. The new hours are:

- Monday to Friday 9am–6pm (Lincoln and Rolleston open to 8pm on Thursdays).
- Saturday 10am–4pm
- Sunday 10am–4pm at Lincoln and Rolleston. Closed at Darfield and Leeston.

Alongside the extended hours, the digital and electronic resources are available 24/7.

*changes do not apply to the Rolleston Service Centre at Council Headquarters on Norman Kirk Drive

Have your say – Earthquake Prone Priority Buildings and Strategic Routes

We're currently consulting on the proposed Earthquake Prone Priority Buildings and Strategic Routes.

The Council is welcoming submissions or comments on the Council's proposal for roads, footpaths and thoroughfares which should be prioritised because of the risk associated with the collapse of unreinforced buildings in an earthquake, and to identify and prioritise any strategic emergency routes that may be impeded by building collapse. On 1 July 2017, changes were introduced to the Building Act 2004 which affect the way earthquake-prone buildings are identified and managed. One of the changes provides for public consultation, to assist Council to identify the most vulnerable buildings (earthquake-prone buildings which could pose a danger) on routes where there are high numbers of vehicles and pedestrian traffic, or are of strategic importance.

Changes to the Act shorten the time frames for identifying, strengthening or demolishing earthquake-prone buildings. Once the owners of priority buildings have been notified by Council, they have 7.5 years to strengthen or demolish the building(s). This is a much shorter time frame than the Act allows for other earthquake-prone buildings (15 years).

We propose to prioritise the following thoroughfares:

1. High Street Southbridge from Hastings Street to St James Street
2. High Street Leeston from Market Street to Anderson Square.

No strategic routes have been identified that would be impeded by a building collapse which don't have an alternative access option.

To view the Statement of Proposal (SOP) and to make a submission, go to www.selwyn.govt.nz/eppronebuildings. Hard copy SOPs and submission forms are also available at all Council Service Centres and libraries.

Selwyn Libraries celebrate Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is the biggest festival in China, celebrated over 15 days with fireworks, lantern displays, and traditional lion and dragon dances. This year on Tuesday 5 February is the beginning of the Year of the Pig.

Selwyn Libraries are offering Chinese New Year craft activities during February including lantern and origami making.

For more information go to selwynlibraries.co.nz.

Council services on Waitangi Day

On Wednesday 6 February some Council services may be closed or unavailable due to the Waitangi Day public holiday.

Council buildings in Rolleston, all libraries and service centres, Rolleston Community Centre, West Melton Community and Recreation Centre and Lincoln Event Centre will be closed.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will be open from 8am–8pm. Sheffield, Darfield and Southbridge pools will be open 1pm–7pm. Pines Resource Recovery Park will be open from 9am–4.30pm.

Bin collections will occur as normal.

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall opening

Selwyn District Council is hosting an official opening of the Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall on Friday 1 February at 4pm.

The community celebration will start with a welcome and a karakia followed by light refreshments. The opening ceremony will begin at around 4pm.

The hall was rebuilt in 2018 to serve the local rural community and maintain its status as a soldier's war memorial. It will be used for local groups, charity groups, agricultural training and special events.



Tenth year of 100% dog registration in Selwyn district

For the tenth consecutive year Selwyn District Council has achieved 100% re-registration of known dogs for the year.

This is based on dogs registered in the 2017/18 year which were still on the Council's records. There are now 13,659 dogs registered for the 2018/19 year.

Senior Animal Control Officer Steve Clarke says that result indicates that Selwyn is a dog-friendly district, where dog owners are responsible and take good care of their pets.

"People love their dogs and are usually more than happy to pay the registration fee to avoid seizure," he says. "The Dog Control Act gives Council officers power to seize any unregistered dogs, but thankfully it hasn't come to that."

Mr Clarke says a number of factors contribute to the Council maintaining its 100% registration, as required by law. This includes the comparatively low fees for registering their dogs and Council's online payment service.

"The fee is discounted if it's paid in July, with the full fee payable from August. If fees are not paid the dog owner can expect an infringement notice."

"Online registration has made it even easier for people to register their dogs – 1322 of our owners used our Dogs Online website to make alterations to their record with 914 of them using it to pay the registration. Of our 8519 owners, 7122 received their renewal notices via email."

At the end of the 2017/18 registration year, there were 13,524 dogs registered with Council which was up from 13,202 in the 2016/17 year.

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

MICROCHIPPING

Free dog microchipping will take place on Friday 1 February at
 · Lincoln: 9–9.30am
 · Leeston: 10.15–10.45am
 · Darfield: 11.30am–12pm
 · Rolleston: 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.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

SPORT NZ RURAL TRAVEL FUND COMMITTEE

Selwyn District Council's Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee is seeking applicants from residents in the Springs and Ellesmere Wards to become members.

The committee meets twice each year to consider applications for funding from clubs seeking assistance with travel costs to local competition matches. The position, which lasts three years, is unpaid, although travel expenses will be reimbursed.

The ideal candidates will have been actively involved in sport and/or sports administration, have an overview of sport/recreation in Selwyn and will be

keen to encourage and promote sport in Selwyn district.

Closing date for applications is 5pm Friday 15 February.

Please send applications to stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz or posted to:

SPORT NZ Rural Travel Fund Committee Position
 Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

Attn: Stuart Westoby

For more information please contact Stuart Westoby on 347 2708.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

The Creative Communities Assessment Committee needs a new community representative for the Ellesmere Ward. The committee distributes 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 March 2019, for a term of three years. Travel expenses are reimbursed. Ideally candidates will have been actively involved in the arts in the Ellesmere Ward, and be keen to encourage and promote arts activities within Selwyn district. Applicants must live in the Ellesmere 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 15 February 2019. Please send applications to

stuart.westoby@selwyn.govt.nz or posted to:

Creative Communities Assessment Committee Position (Ellesmere)

Selwyn District Council, PO Box 90, Rolleston 7643

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MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The Mobile Library is unavailable from Wednesday 30 January–Monday 4 February

Tuesday 5 February
 Kirwee School 10.45–11.15am
 Annabel's West Melton 11.40am–12.10pm
 West Melton Community and Recreation Centre 12.15–12.45pm
 West Melton School 1–1.45pm
 West Melton Learning Centre 1.50–2.20pm

The Cat's Pyjamas Preschool and Nursery (West Melton) 2.25–2.55pm

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – ST JAMES ST, SOUTHBRIDGE

St James Street Southbridge from Broad St to the Domain, from 4pm to 9pm on Friday 8 February for the purpose of holding a preseason game between the Crusaders and the Highlanders. Any queries can be directed to Joanne Harkerss on 347 2887.

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 AND COMMUNITY BOARD

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

Property Committee

Thurs 7 Feb 9am

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Thurs 7 Feb 3pm

LOCAL COMMITTEES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee

Tue 5 Feb 7.30pm
 Coalgate Fire Station

Springfield Township Committee

Tue 5 Feb 7.30pm, Tawera Hall

Tai Tapu Community Association

Tue 5 Feb 7.30pm
 Tai Tapu Community Centre
Note change of date due to Waitangi Day

Waihora Park Reserve Committee

Tue 5 Feb 7.30pm
 Waihora Bowling Club

West Melton Districts Residents Association AGM

Wed 13 Feb 7pm
 West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee

Mon 11 Feb 7.30pm
 Glentunnel Hall

Selwyn Events

SUMMER IN SELWYN

THURSDAY

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JANUARY

Leeston Picnic in the Park

Anderson Square, 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.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SATURDAY

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FEBRUARY

Floatchella Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 2–5pm

Relax on lilos while you listen to your favourite tunes played by a variety of local musicians. Normal pool admissions apply.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

SUNDAYS

3, 10, 17 & 24

FEBRUARY

A Month of Sundays

The Lincoln Green (outside Lincoln Library) 1–3pm

Relax, unwind and recharge on your Sunday afternoon at the Lincoln Green and Library with live music, face painting, Henna art and garden games. Bring a picnic and enjoy our talented local musicians.

WEDNESDAY

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FEBRUARY

Waitangi Community Fun Day

Darfield Domain, 10am–2pm

A fun-filled event for the whole whanau hosted by Two Rivers Community Trust. Join in for fun, activities and entertainment. Bring a picnic or enjoy a variety of food options available to purchase.

SUMMER IN SELWYN

THURSDAY

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FEBRUARY

Tai Tapu Picnic in the Park

Rhodes Park 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.

FRIDAY

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FEBRUARY

Lake Crichton Series Triathlon and Duathlon

Lake Crichton Water Ski Park, Dunsandel, 6.30pm

A family-friendly race. Enter individually or in a team. Short and long courses available. For details and to enter go to selwynsportstrust.org.nz.

SUNDAY

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FEBRUARY

Physiomed Women's Triathlon and Duathlon

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 8am

Run or walk, individual or team – you choose. For all ages, abilities and fitness levels. For details and to enter go to womenstri.co.nz.

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

On the roads this week

ON THE ROADS

Seal repairs will be carried out on Bealey Road. Seal surface works will be occurring on Tennyson Street, and Jones Road. Reseals will be carried out on Coaltrack Road, Greendale Road, and Leeston Road. Malvern Hills Road will have work carried out on bridge approaches. Please take care through these sites and stop when requested.

Road rehabilitation will begin on sections of Leaches Road and Cordys Road.

Footpath maintenance will be carried out in Leeston. Township vegetation spraying will be carried out in Darfield and Rolleston.

CSM2 Project Update

The Waterholes Road to Hamptons Road link is now open to two-way traffic.

Traffic management will remain in place until the tie-in to the new Waterholes Bridge is completed.



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

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