



Public information campaign on flooding and coastal hazards starts

The Council has started informing landowners of the latest findings on flooding and coastal hazard risks, and how it's proposing to manage them in the new District Plan.

As part of the current District Plan Review, the Council is required to assess and manage natural hazards. It now also has to look at more extreme weather events and the possible effects of climate change over the next 100 years, says Tim Harris, Council's Group Manager Environmental and Regulatory Services.

As is now required, the Council has carried out flood modelling to predict the possible extent and depth of flooding outside of coastal areas during a one-in-200-year flood, he says.

As a result of this modelling, a much larger area of the district has been identified as susceptible to flooding.

"A one-in-200-year flood has a 0.5 percent chance of happening in any given year. However, it's important we let all affected landowners know of an existing natural hazard and how we propose to manage it in the new District Plan," says Mr Harris.

Rules proposed to address this in the new District Plan are similar to the current plan, but include an increased minimum floor height for all new dwellings in affected areas. This proposed height would be 300mm above a one-in-200-year flood level, instead of the current one-in-50-year level.

These rules would come into effect with the new plan, which is expected to be in place in mid-2022.

From this week, as is legally required, any new Land Information Memorandum (LIM) reports for an affected property will contain a note indicating it may be susceptible to flooding, or coastal erosion, or inundation under certain circumstances. The note will identify the latest technical information held by the Council.

The Council is expecting to notify the Proposed District Plan for public consultation by the middle of this year.

For more information, including a map of affected areas and all the technical reports, check out the Council's engagement hub at selwyn.govt.nz/districtplanreview.

For further questions you can call the Council on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or talk to a planner at one of our public drop-in sessions.

Please check closer to the time for any changes to the schedule.

When	Where
Tuesday 24 March 2020, 6–7.30pm	Darfield Recreation and Community Centre, Lounge Room, 92 North Terrace, Darfield
Thursday 26 March 2020, 6–7.30pm	Lincoln Event Centre, Baylis Lounge, 15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln
Monday 30 March 2020, 6–7.30pm	Rolleston Community Centre, 95 Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Tuesday 31 March 2020, 6–7.30pm	Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall, Lakeside Road, Leeston



On the roads this week

Tennyson Street is closed from 43 Tennyson Street to the Rolleston Police Station due to the Rolleston Town Centre infrastructure upgrade. Lowes Road is one way both sides of the Tennyson Street intersection, open to traffic travelling away from the intersection, due to the intersection upgrade. Traffic management will also be in place on Tennyson Street from Bronte Way to just south of the intersection.

Speed restrictions are in place on Springs Road between Birchs Road and Trents Road due to maintenance work on the water system. Stabilising and sealing work is being done on Bealey Road, Telegraph Road and Birchs Road and resurfacing is being done on Cullens Road, Clintons Road and Old West Coast Road. Traffic management will be in place.

An intersection upgrade is taking place at the intersection of Highfield Road, Homebush Road and Old West Coast Road until 10 April 2020. There will road closures on Homebush Road and Highfield Road from Old West Coast Road to Woolshed Road during this work. Traffic management will be in place.

High Street Leeston will be closed from Messines Street to Leeston and Lake Road and Messines Street will be closed from Station Street to High Street from 7am–5pm Saturday 28 March for the Leeston Fête. NZTA has advised that Hoskyns Road is left in and left out only at State Highway 1.

The Weedons Interchange is now fully open and Berketts Road is open for left turn in (southbound) traffic only from State Highway 1.

Tertiary Scholarships supporting success

Scholarships from Selwyn District Council are helping Selwyn young people thrive beyond school.

The Council awarded six tertiary education scholarships to year 12 and 13 students at Darfield High School, Ellesmere College and Lincoln High School in 2019, for a broad range of tertiary education and training. This year, scholarships will also be offered to students at Rolleston College.

The scholarships have been expanded to encourage diversity, reach and access.

Students are encouraged to apply if they have achieved academic, sporting, cultural, or art successes at school, in clubs, or organisations, or overcome barriers or hardships.

Mekaela Fleener, from Ellesmere College, received a scholarship to purchase a violin for her music studies at the University of Canterbury.

"I think the scholarship is a really neat opportunity, especially for those who aren't good at getting high marks, who might have merit in other places."

Molly Barker, from Lincoln High School, bought seven health science textbooks for her studies at Otago University with her scholarship.

"I think it's really great to have a scholarship from outside of your school. The external party can view candidates more equally."

Mayor Sam Broughton says the scholarships have a wider impact than just helping individuals.

"There are many ambitious young people in Selwyn focussed on furthering their education to in turn contribute to their families and community."

Councillor Jenny Gallagher has been involved with the scholarships for over five years and says the scholarships ensure Selwyn youth have similar access to opportunities as those in bigger metropolitan areas.

Councillor Shane Epiha was also on the selection panel and thought every individual was a worthy candidate.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for our rangatahi future leaders – some have amazing stories of perseverance overcoming challenging situations."



Directory helps local businesses connect

The refreshed Selwyn Business Directory helps businesses in the district with another chance to be seen and make connections.

The searchable online directory is open for businesses to sign up, offering the opportunity to advertise their details including a map location, contacts, website and social media links and a summary of their business.

With almost 500 businesses already listing their details and more joining every week, the directory is part of Council's work to support local businesses and encourage people to think local when looking for goods and services, Community Services and Facilities group manager Denise Kidd says.

As well as providing a free opportunity to promote to customers in the district to customers the directory will help business to business links, she says. "The directory is a great tool for finding local resources to assist your business. As a smaller district we know businesses are strengthened by looking at where they can complement each other and by working together and the directory's a good way to connect."

To make a listing visit selwyn.govt.nz/directory-register.

Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

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

Wine Plus Gifts Limited has applied for the renewal of an off licence. Objections are open until 27 March.
Fine Dining Hospitality Group Limited has applied for an on licence. Objections are open until 31 March.
Harnes Limited has applied for the renewal of an on licence and an off licence. Objections are open until 2 April.

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 Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five 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

Malvern Community Board
Mon 23 March 4pm
Darfield Library

Council
Wed 25 March 1pm
Rolleston Council offices
Audit & Risk Subcommittee
Wed 1 Apr 9.30am
Rolleston Council offices
DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Coalgate Township Committee – Public Meeting on proposed legalisation of undesignated roads in the township
Tue 24 March 7.30pm
Coalgate Bowling Club
Coalgate Township Committee – ordinary meeting
Tue 31 March 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station
Doyleston Community Committee
Wed 1 April 7.30pm

Osborne Park
Glentunnel Township Committee
Mon 30 March 7.30pm
Glentunnel Community Centre
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 6 April 7.30pm
Sports Pavilion, Kirwee Recreation Reserve
Leeston Park Association Committee
Mon 30 March 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion
Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 6 April 7pm, Fitzgerald Room, Lincoln Event Centre
Whitecliffs Township and Domain Committee
Mon 6 April 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

A short stay becomes a new start

Continuing our series celebrating the Faces of Selwyn. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn for the full story.

For Reza Zarnekabi an internet search for a short study stint has turned into a new life.

Born in northwest Iran, Reza was working in a consulting engineers’ company when he decided he wanted to continue his studies further with a PhD.

He jumped on the internet and found Lincoln University offering exactly what he wanted to study. In April 2012, Reza and his wife Leila made the move to New Zealand, where the native Turkish speakers had to spend six months in Auckland to learn English before finally making the move to Christchurch.

Not planning to be here for long Reza took unpaid leave from his job in Iran.

Housing was tight in the years following the earthquakes and they had to stay in a hotel, before securing a one bedroom flat in the city centre.

While studying Reza landed work at a consulting engineering company, similar to his job in Iran. Juggling study and work proved tricky, so he eventually made the tough decision to terminate his study after two years and has been working successfully and happily at the consultant engineering company since.

He and Leila have gained residency and built their own house in Lincoln, where the country air feels much more like home.

The couple love New Zealand and its acceptance of different cultures and diversity. They have travelled most of the South Island and think it’s beautiful. They’ve made friends in the Iranian community in Christchurch, as well as with tramping, gaming and dinner groups.

They are unsure about what their future holds in New Zealand, but for now they are happy; they have found a great community.



Arthur’s Pass Community Fête returns

The Arthur’s Pass Community Fête is coming back with an extra autumn fête held this weekend.

About 700 people attended the first community fête last year, held by the YMCA Arthur’s Pass Outdoor Education Centre.

The organisers were supported by the Selwyn Community Fund, which provides funding to community groups, including to hold events and activities that promote Selwyn’s uniqueness, help build the community and encourage visitors to the district.

Arthur’s Pass Outdoor Education Centre Manager Gemma Murphy says the funding was an important part of being able to get such a good turn-out at the first fête.

“The funding Selwyn District Council generously contributed enabled us to advertise the event through newspapers, posters and social media. As this was the first event of its kind here, we needed to promote it far and wide,” Miss Murphy said.

The fête will include music, a bouncy castle, a raffle, local craft and second-hand clothing stalls, fun activities for kids and light refreshments.



The Arthur’s Pass Outdoor Education Centre run programmes focussed on teaching basic outdoor skills and environmental education for young people to discover what New Zealand has to offer and how they can enjoy it safely.

Money raised will be put towards providing experiences and opportunities for free, or at low cost, and equipment such as rain jackets and tents for children who have participation barriers.

Selwyn Events

THURSDAY

19
MARCH

Prebbleton Picnic in the Park and Summer Skate Jam
Prebbleton Community Park, 5–7pm

Enjoy an evening at the park with the family, with live music, a free sausage sizzle, and more and take the opportunity to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go. Something for all abilities.

THURSDAY

19
MARCH

Selwyn Community Funding Series
Lincoln Event Centre, 5.30–7.30pm

A free workshop about the funding opportunities that are available in Selwyn. Hear from speakers from the Council, Rātā Foundation and Department of Internal Affairs about the funding opportunities that are available in Selwyn. And some tips and tricks to put together a more lucrative application. To register contact michael.heywood@selwyn.govt.nz.

SATURDAY

21
MARCH

Food Waste and Food Redistribution

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens, 10–11.30am

Toss it, sell it, redistribute it? What can we do with the ugly produce? Meike Rombach of Lincoln University will talk about food waste. Gold coin donation. Bring a chair for comfort. For more information see Eventbrite or contact Ruth Wood, 021 074 3905 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz.

MONDAY

23
MARCH

Scrabble Club
Lincoln Library, 11am–12.30pm

Join our weekly Monday Scrabble Club. Whether you’re a competitive player or just happy to play and enjoy a social chat this is a great place to get to know people and enjoy a good game.

WEDNESDAY

25
MARCH

Leeston Summer Skate Jam
Leeston Skate Park, 3.30–5.30pm

A great way to introduce young people to skating with free gear hire, prizes, music and coaching from Cheapskates Skate Skool. Join us in a relaxed environment to give it a go. Something for all abilities.

FRIDAY

27
MARCH

Sport Swap and Expo
The Station, Station St Leeston, from 6.30pm

Bring any sports gear (in good condition) that you no longer need and swap with others. Those attending will be able to choose items to take free of charge, or buy higher value items. Individuals or clubs wishing to sell higher value items, or promote their sport and recreation group can contact Lesley Fairbairn for further details 027 306 3019.

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

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Gerald Street, Lincoln
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