

# CouncilCall

Wednesday 3 July 2024



## Navigating sunstrike during the winter months

**Sunstrike is a blinding glare that can be incredibly dangerous for motorists during winter months in Aotearoa. It is important to plan ahead; stay alert; slow down; and drop back.**

It can happen at any time of the day but is most likely during the morning or afternoon, when the sun's rays can hit your windscreen at a low angle, making it difficult, or even impossible, to see. One way to help combat this and improve visibility is keeping the inside and outside of your windscreen clean, as excess dust or grime can increase the effects of sunstrike.

Keep a clean waffle-weave microfibre cloth handy to wipe the inside of your windscreen. Sun visors also help reduce glare.

Before heading out, check your water and window washer fluid levels are full. If possible,

keep polarised sunglasses in your car to wear to minimise the amount of sun in your eyes.

When you can't see at intersections due to sunstrike, look outside your windows and proceed extremely slowly until the sunstrike clears. If you are struggling to see or don't feel comfortable driving in the conditions, pull over safely and wait a few minutes to see if the conditions improve or the sun moves into a different position.

Pay attention to who else is on the road, including cyclists and pedestrians, who may also experience sunstrike and not see vehicles approaching. Increasing your following distance gives you more time to react, and reducing speed can help ensure everyone using the road gets home safely.

For more information about driving safe in winter, visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving)

## School holiday colouring competition

**Looking for something to keep the kids busy during the school holidays?**

Enter our Selwyn Dog Colouring Competition for your chance to win a colouring-in kit!

Competition closes on 31 July. For T&Cs and to download and print the colouring page, go to [selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration](http://selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration).


**Here's how to enter:**

Email: [dogrego@selwn.govt.nz](mailto:dogrego@selwn.govt.nz)  
(Subject line: Dog Colouring Competition)

Post it to: Selwyn District Council  
Freepost 104 653 PO Box 90 Rolleston 7643  
Attention: Dog Colouring Competition

Deliver it to: Council offices in Rolleston,  
or Selwyn Libraries & Service Centres.

Make sure to register your dog by 31 July for a discounted fee. Learn more and register online: [selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration](http://selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration)



**Waikirikiri Ki Tua**  
Future Selwyn

**Consultation is open until 4 August.**  
View our interactive website  
and make your submission.

**During the consultation period**  
we are hosting drop-in sessions  
throughout the district.

**This weeks drop-in session:**  
**Saturday 6 July at 10.00 - 11.00am,**  
**Leeston Market.**

## Disposing of hot ashes safely

**A warm fire in the fireplace is one of the best things about winter, but without care it can quickly become a hazard. One of the easiest ways fires start is not disposing properly of hot ashes.**

Ashes can stay hot long after a fire has gone out and they can and do start fires in household rubbish bins. Hot ashes have also started fires in rubbish trucks and transfer stations.

**Always remember — bucket, bag it and bin it.**

- Using a small metal shovel, scoop ash from your fireplace into a metal bucket with a lid. It's really important that you only use a metal bucket or container and not something that could easily catch fire from any residual heat left in the ashes such as plastic or cardboard.
- Take the bucket outside, away from any buildings, and douse with water.
- Leave to cool for at least five days. Once the ash has been safely cooled you can empty the cold ash into a rubbish bag and place it into your rubbish bin. **Please do not place ash into your recycling or organics bin.**



**Dispose of hot ash safely**

**1. Bucket and soak it**

**2. Bag it and bin it**

## Council and Community Board Meetings

### Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 3 July 10.30am Rolleston Council Offices\*

### Extraordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 3 July 3.45pm Rolleston Council Offices\*

### Selwyn Waihora Zone Committee\*

Monday 8 July 4pm Tai Tapu Community Centre\*

### Representation Review Subcommittee

Tuesday 9 July 4pm Rolleston Council Offices\*

For speaking in a public forum, please email  
[council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz)

\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

## Events

### Toro Atua Opening

Saturday 6 July 2024, 5.30pm - 7.00pm,  
Rolleston Reserve, behind Te Ara Ātea.  
Outside event - dress warm.

Register at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

**FREE**

### Navigating the Pacific with Canterbury Museum

Sunday 7 July 2024, 11.30am - 12.30pm,  
Lincoln Library and Service Centre.  
Discover how Māori sailed across the ocean,  
then build a navigational aid from lego®.

Five to 13 years. Bookings required at  
[selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

**FREE**

### Recreational Fishing

Thursday 4 July, 6.30pm - 7.30pm,  
Te Ara Ātea.

Join Peter Langlands, of Wild Capture, as  
he shares his knowledge and experience  
of recreational sea and freshwater fishing.

All ages welcome. Bookings required at  
[selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

**FREE**