

# **Driving tips for wet weather in winter**

During winter, there isn't as much sunlight and the frequency of rain usually increases, which makes driving difficult. It is important to plan ahead; stay alert; slow down; and drop back.

Before the wetter season arrives, check the tyres on your vehicle are correctly inflated, have plenty of tread and are fitted appropriately to give your vehicle maximum grip on the road and if your windscreen wipers need replacing.

In wet conditions, it takes a lot longer to stop your vehicle, so increase your following distance between yourself and the vehicle in front and reduce your speed; the two-second rule becomes a four-second rule. Look out for any road signs

warning of flooding and excess surface water on the road. It is also important to slow down when taking corners to avoid sliding into the other lane or off the road.

To defog your windscreen, use both the heater and air conditioner, and turn off air recirculation, which keeps air dry and prevents your windscreen from fogging up.

If it is raining, dip your headlights to make it easier for other road users to see you. Clean your vehicle regularly so water runs off the windscreen easier, to help improve visibility.

For more information about driving safe in winter, visit selwyn.govt.nz/winterdriving.

# **Ellesmere to Pines Pipeline** Leeston Road Works

Temporary traffic lights will be in place along Leeston Road between Leeston and Old Bridge Road South Intersection and Leeston and Selwyn Lake Road intersection from 29 July. The road will be open to traffic flow both ways.

The works will happen from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, with the occasional Saturday work.

Our biggest individual infrastructure project this year, the Ellesmere to Pines Wastewater Treatment Plant Pipeline will stretch approx. 24 km, futureproofing the wastewater system for Leeston.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the Council are committed to investing in our long term infrastructure.

"The current wastewater treatment facility in Leeston will soon be too small to cope with the population growth in the Ellesmere area. We all know that Selwyn is the fastest growing district in the country, and we need to make sure our infrastructure is prepared for the future."

More detailed project updates and information relating to temporary traffic management at selwyn.govt.nz/ellesmerepipeline or contact ellesmere.pipeline@selwyn.govt.nz



## **Discounted dog registration** fees end 31 July

If you like saving a bit of money when it comes to dog registration, make sure to register your pooches before 31 July to get a discounted fee of \$60, instead of \$75, and avoid the potential penalties for having an unregistered dog.

Registration renewal forms were sent to owners in June — if you haven't received your registration form, please let us know and we can re-send this out. If you are new to the district or your dog has not previously been registered with Selwyn District Council, you can download a new form from the Council website. All dogs over three months of age including working dogs need to be registered.

Thanks to the metal lifetime One Tags owners won't be issued a new tag for their canine. If damaged or lost, a replacement tag can be issued for \$5.

Dog registration fees help to pay for a range of Council services and facilities for your four-legged friends, including providing dog safety education programmes and microchipping clinics, reuniting lost or wandering dogs with their human friends or finding them a new fur-ever home.

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/dogregistration.

## **Dog Microchipping Clinics**

Our free monthly microchipping clinics are taking place on Friday 26 July at the following locations.

Lincoln Library & Service Centre: 9am to 9.30am Darfield Library & Service Centre: 9am to 9.30am Council Offices, Rolleston: 11.00am to 11.30am

No clinic at Leeston this month. Please note clinics will not take place if wet. Any questions, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

#### **Council and Community Board Meetings**

**Malvern Community Board** 

Monday 22 July 4pm Darfield Library Meeting Room\*

**Finance and Performance Committee** 

Wednesday 24 July 9am Rolleston Council Offices\*

**Planning and Climate Change Committee** 

Wednesday 24 July 11am Rolleston Council Offices\*

**Council Meeting** 

Wednesday 24 July 1.30pm Rolleston Council Offices\*

For speaking in a public forum, please email council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz

\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

### **Local History Drop-in Session**

Thursday 18 July, 10am-12pm at

Leeston Library and Service Centre.

All ages. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Manga **Drawing Workshop** 

Saturday 20 July, 11am-12.30pm, Darfield Library and Service Centre.

Ages 12+. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events



### **Kanopy School Holiday Movie: Astro Kid**

Saturday 20 July, 1-2.30pm, Leeston Library and Service Centre. Sunday 21 July, 1-2.30pm, Te Ara Ātea

All ages. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events **FREE**