



Media Advisory

Monday 17 June 2013

Flooding and Snow Advisory

Heavy rain over recent days has caused flooding and ford closure on some roads in Selwyn District.

Surface flooding is affecting many areas in the district. Flooding has been reported on a number of roads in the district and many fords are closed. Motorists should be very careful when driving, and should not attempt to cross fords or roads if the water level is high.

Rain is forecast to continue over the coming days. The Selwyn River has also risen to a high level. The Council is monitoring river and stream levels throughout the district. Residents living near to rivers should also watch river levels and if they are concerned about rising waters they should contact the Council or move to a safe location.

Pumping also began this morning at Tai Tapu to transfer stormwater back into the Halswell River from the Tai Tapu township stormwater system. This stormwater system is not able to operate normally in high river flows and pumping is a normal occurrence in heavy rainfall.

Snow may also affect Selwyn District, from Wednesday – Friday this week. People living in Selwyn should ensure they have food, water, medicine, torches and an alternative heating source available in case their household is affected by snow.

Residents should check weather forecasts for updates over the coming days.

The following fords in Selwyn are closed due to flooding:

- The Hawkins River fords at Auchenflower, Homebush and Essendon Roads
- The Waireka River - all fords - at Beattys, Waireka, McLaughlins, Essendon, Coaltrack, Haketts, Scotts, Warrens, Mills and Riversleigh Roads, Happy Jacks on Plantation Road

- The Selwyn River fords at McGregors ford on Selwyn Road, Withells ford on Brookside and Burnham Road, Coes ford on The Lake Rd, Crossgates Corner/ Southbridge Rakaia Road.

Updates to this list of ford closures are available online at Selwyn.govt.nz.