



Funding available to protect our natural environment

Support is once again available for restoring and protecting our unique Selwyn environment with applications open for the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund.

At the bottom of the Otahuna Valley, a three-hectare wetland area is growing on the land of Colin and Denise North, restoring an historic wetland and bringing back their beloved birds.

The couple began planting the site in 2019 and have been helped with funding from the Council's Selwyn Natural Environment Fund (SNEF) to plant further and develop the area, Colin says.

"It's restoring it to what it was hundreds or maybe thousands of years ago. It's something I'd had at the back of my mind for years that I'd love to do that. It appealed to take it back to what it was."

Their wetland is one of 62 sites that the fund supported for protection, planting and maintenance of biodiversity across Waikirikiri Selwyn in the past year.

The Fund is open for applications until 20 October providing funding to encourage and assist landowners, individuals, community groups, and mana whenua to protect, restore, and enhance the natural environment.

For the North's their restoration is bringing back birds to the area and is working in well with others who have joined them to protect Waikirikiri Selwyn's unique environment, Colin says.

"One of the appeals for us of our area was that there were others in the area that are developing these sites and it's creating a pathway for birds out to Te Waihora."

Find out more or apply for the Selwyn Natural Environment Fund at selwyn.govt.nz/SNEF



Newest New Zealanders welcomed

People from all over the world were welcomed as our newest Kiwis on Wednesday night.

The group of 99 hailing from all corners of the globe, from Norway to Nepal, Jamaica to Zimbabwe, were sworn in as New Zealand citizens at our latest citizenship ceremony.

A large crowd of family, friends and supporters gathered at the Tai Tapu Community Centre to celebrate each individual as they received their New Zealand citizenship.

Over 940 people have become New Zealanders at Selwyn citizenship ceremonies this year. Citizens have come from 75 different countries with South Africa being the most common location, followed by India, the United Kingdom, and the Philippines.

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Council and Community Board Meetings

Following the end of the triennium on Wednesday 17 September, the Council and Community Boards are in recess until the results of the 2025 local government elections are confirmed.

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Seniors' Lifestyle Expo

Tuesday 14 October
Selwyn Sports Centre





Events

Storytime with Cubbin Theatre

Saturday 4 October, 11-11.30am
Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston

Suitable for babies and tamariki under 6 years, and their whānau.

Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FREE

Meet Our Firefighters

Sunday 5 October, 12-2pm
Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston

Whānau friendly. Drop-in.

FREE

Older Persons Hub Pop-Up

Monday 13 October, 11am-12pm
Leeston Library and Service Centre

Drop-in.