



## Selwyn welcomes new government data on local councils' performance

Selwyn District Council welcomes the Department of Internal Affairs' (DIA) new Council Performance Measurement Framework launched last week.

The initiative compares councils on key metrics such as rates, infrastructure investment, debt levels, and population growth.

Selwyn is grouped with other small metro and large provincial councils, including, Ashburton, Hastings, Invercargill and Waikato. Selwyn stands out as the fastest-growing region in the country, with its population doubling over the past 14 years to reach 85,000 residents.

Despite this rapid growth, Selwyn continues to deliver high-quality services while maintaining affordable rates and low debt levels.

It is also important for the community to see how the district stacks up compared to our neighbours and other high-growth councils.

Compared to our neighbours and other high-growth councils such as Tauranga and Queenstown-Lakes, Selwyn's rates remain low.

You will also see from our Long-Term Plan 24-34, that we have also planned to keep future increases lower for our community, averaging under 7% over the next eight years and dropping to 3.6% by 2034.

The DIA data also shows over 80% of Selwyn's capital spending also goes directly into the services our residents rely on every day - safe roads, clean water, and waste services.

The data highlights Selwyn's debt per rating unit remains below that of neighbouring and other high-growth councils, even as the district expands to meet the needs of the growing population.

We're investing in infrastructure that lasts and setting us up to continue to be an awesome place to live.

For more information, visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/dia](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/dia)

## Election candidates confirmed

The people standing to represent Waikirikiri Selwyn as Councillors and Community Board members in this year's local government elections have now been confirmed.

Nominations for candidates closed on Friday last week, with 41 candidates confirmed.

The full list of candidates can be viewed online at [selwyn.govt.nz/elections](http://selwyn.govt.nz/elections).

Candidate profiles and contact details will be available from later this week on the Council website [selwyn.govt.nz/elections](http://selwyn.govt.nz/elections) or on request from the deputy electoral officer: [electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz).

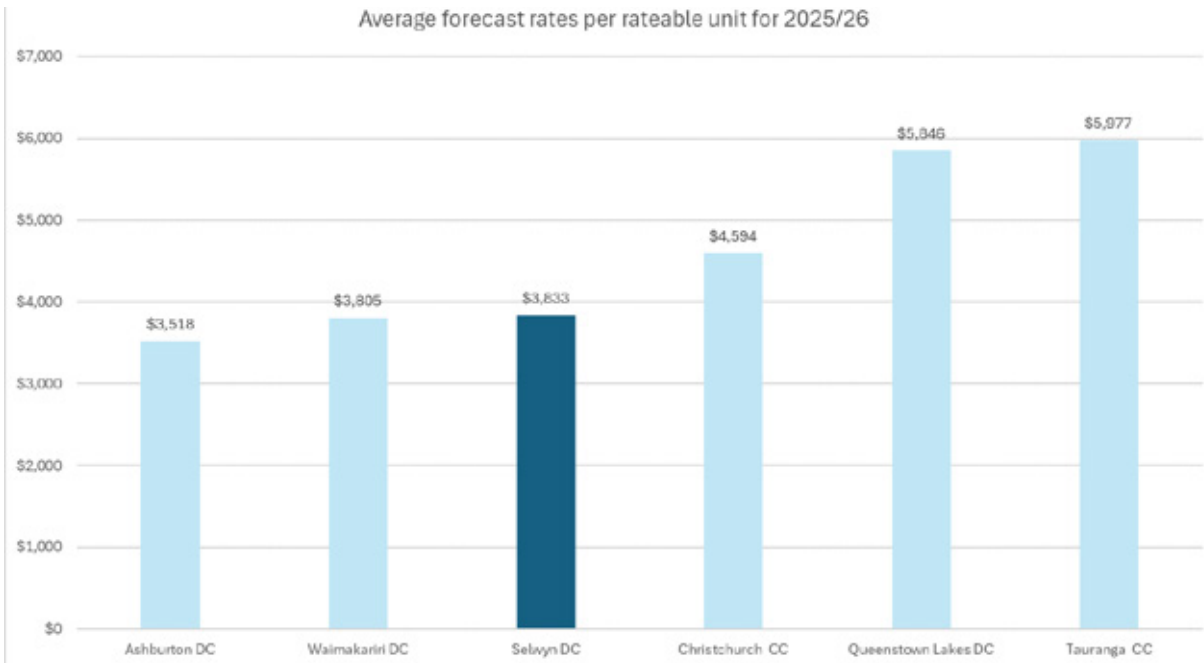
Postal voting papers will be mailed out to all electors from 9 September, with voting open until 12 midday on Saturday 11 October.

## Council and Community Board Meetings

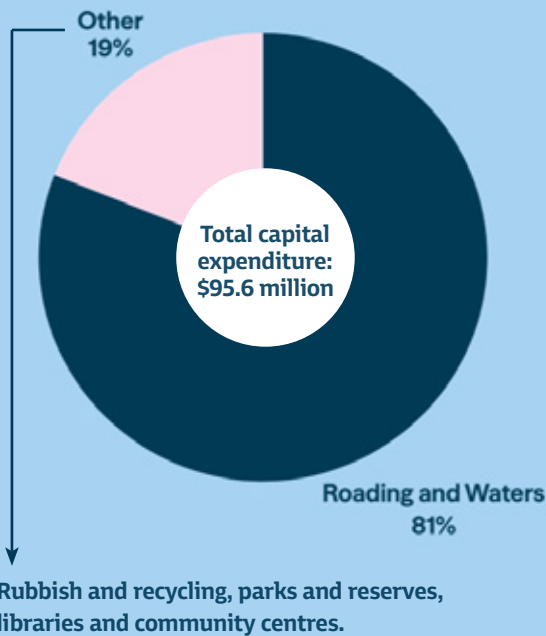
**Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 20 August, 1pm  
Council Chambers

Livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

## Rates



## Council capital expenditure 23/24



## Events

### Deep Restore Yoga

Sunday 10 August, 2-4pm  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

16+ years, \$15 per person.

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

### Variety Dance Club - Bachata

Friday 15 August, 6-7.30pm  
Selwyn Sports Centre

All ages welcome, \$7 per person.

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

### Young Driver Course

Saturday 6 September, 9am-2pm  
Airforce Museum, Wigram

Prepare your young driver for years of better, safer driving. \$132 per person, including entry for one parent/guardian.

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