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Selwyn DISTRICT COUNCIL

Supporting the Arts in Selwyn

Selwyn artists and community groups have an exciting opportunity to bring their creative projects to life with support from the Creative Communities Scheme. Applications for the next round of funding are now open and close on Sunday 8 June.

The scheme aims to increase participation in the arts at a local level and broaden the range and diversity of artistic experiences available within communities. Whether you're planning a community performance, a creative writing workshop, or an art exhibition, this fund can help turn your vision into reality.

The Creative Communities Scheme is run in partnership between Creative New Zealand and local councils across the country, with each council responsible for delivering the Scheme in its own area. What makes the scheme unique is its emphasis on local decision-making. All applications are assessed by a committee of people who understand the needs and character of the Selwyn community.

Funding is available for a wide range of costs, including materials for arts activities, venue or equipment hire, promotion and publicity, and even food for participants and audiences when appropriate.

Recipients of 2024 funding include the Malvern School of Music an example of how the fund is helping to support the arts in Selwyn.

Malvern School of Music used their funding for their 37th Annual Concert (pictured) which was well received by both the audience and participants. A spokesperson says, "playing with a conductor is a new experience for many, it was a great opportunity for all our pupils to have the motivation of practising their music so that it can be enjoyed by all."

The 38th Annual Malvern School of Music Concert is planned to be held on Sunday 19 October in the Darfield High School hall.

If you have an idea for a community-based arts activity, now is the time to act. For more information on how to apply, visit **selwyn.govt.nz/funding**

Super Mayor

Video game Super Mayor, developed by the Selwyn Youth Council, was recently nominated as a finalist in the NZ Game Awards in the Excellence in Representation Category. The 2D platformer game was developed in collaboration with Indever Games and invites players to step into the shoes of a councillor and navigate the intricacies of local governance.

Selwyn Youth Council chairperson Mackenzie Wills is proud that Super Mayor was recognised for raising understanding about the work that Council does in the community.

Wills explains that the idea came from the Youth Council's engagement with the young people of Selwyn which revealed a gap in local government awareness.

"With the backing of Council, this game presented a fresh approach to connect with youth, to make

sure the Council remains relevant and stimulates a connection with future votes," says Wills.

In Super Mayor, players embark on a journey to solve community issues, engage with residents, and ultimately ascend to the coveted position of mayor.

With local elections this year the game is a great way to get young people engaged in local government. Download the game from Steam at **store.steampowered.com**

Find out more at **selwyn.govt.nz/news**

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Want to find out more? Attend a candidate information session.

Monday 26 May, 6.30–7.30pm,
Lincoln Event Centre

Tuesday 3 June, 6.30–7.30pm,
Doyleston Hall

Thursday 5 June, 6.30–7.30pm,
Rolleston Council offices

Tuesday 10 June, 6.30–7.30pm,
Darfield Library and Service Centre

Monday 30 June, 6.30–7.30pm,
Online session

Find out more at
selwyn.govt.nz/elections

Council and Community Board Meetings

Council Meeting
Wednesday 21 May, 1pm,
Council Chambers

Livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

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Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings
Policy Review Consultation

Final week to have your say.
Consultation closes 23 May.

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