

CouncilCall

Wednesday 25 June 2025



Consultation opens on safer speeds for Selwyn

Selwyn District Council is inviting community feedback on proposed speed limit reductions at 36 locations across the district to support new infrastructure developments and improve road safety.

The proposed changes are required to be consulted on under the new Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2024, which came into effect on 30 October 2024. The Rule sets out how speed limits are determined across New Zealand to improve safety, support economic activity, and keep people and goods moving efficiently.

The proposed changes reflect the way Waikirikiri Selwyn is growing. "As our district grows, roads that were once rural now connect new housing developments, schools, and commercial areas," says Tim Mason, Executive Director Infrastructure and Property. "This proposal is about making smart, targeted speed changes to keep people safe while supporting the district's continued growth."

Each proposed speed change is backed by a Cost Benefit Disclosure Statement, weighing up the likely safety benefits, impact on travel times, and implementation costs.

"Speed isn't the only factor in crashes, but it's a key contributor to how serious the outcomes are," says Mason. "Lowering speeds in the right places is one of the most effective tools we have to reduce harm."

Feedback from the community will help shape the final proposal, which will then be considered for adoption by the Council and submitted to NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi for final approval.

The consultation is open from 9am, Wednesday 25 June to 5pm, Wednesday 6 August 2025. To learn more and make a submission, visit selwyn.govt.nz/saferspeeds

Get a head start on 2026 tertiary fees

Selwyn Year 12 and 13 students can apply to get a head start with their fees, through the Council's tertiary scholarship.

There are 12 scholarships up for grabs, including eight scholarships for year 12 and 13 students attending Darfield High School, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School or Rolleston College. In addition, there are four scholarships to be awarded to students regardless of which school they attend, including home schoolers.

The scholarship is awarded to secondary students who reside in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time education or training at a recognised university, polytechnic or training institution in New Zealand.

Ellesmere College alumna Paige Robertson was a recipient of a Tertiary Scholarship in 2024 for her studies this year. Paige is studying to be a Veterinary Technician through Otago Polytechnic and says the scholarship is a fantastic opportunity to gain financial support while feeling connected to your local community. "Through the application process I was encouraged to reflect on my goals and aspirations," says Robertson. "My confidence was boosted knowing that my community supports my future. It's more than funding – it's encouragement and recognition."

Applications for the scholarships are open until 5pm, Friday 25 July.

Council and Community Board Meetings

Climate Change and Sustainability Subcommittee

Wednesday 9 July, 1pm
Council Chambers

All livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

Selwyn's Annual Plan

Together, we decided on a new place for the community to connect.

Together, we're delivering Waihora Whata Rau, the Leeston township project, including facilities, landscapes & playground refresh.



Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/annualplan

RUN. BACK YOURSELF. RUN FOR COUNCIL.

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

Monday 30 June, 6.30–7.30pm,
Online session

Find out more at selwyn.govt.nz/elections

Consultation on Future Deed of Licence For Upper Selwyn Huts

Consultation is open from 16 June–21 July. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/USH or scan the QR code.



Events

Family Games – Darfield

Saturday 28 June, 7-8.30pm
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

All ages welcome, \$5 per person.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

School Holiday Programmes

30 June – 11 July
Selwyn Sports Centre

Join our Active or Girls on the Go programme for two action-packed weeks of sports, games, trips and other exciting activities!

\$40–\$50 per child daily.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Zumba® Kids

Wednesday 2 July, 10.30–11.15am
Selwyn Sports Centre

Age 6–12 years, \$7.40 per child.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events