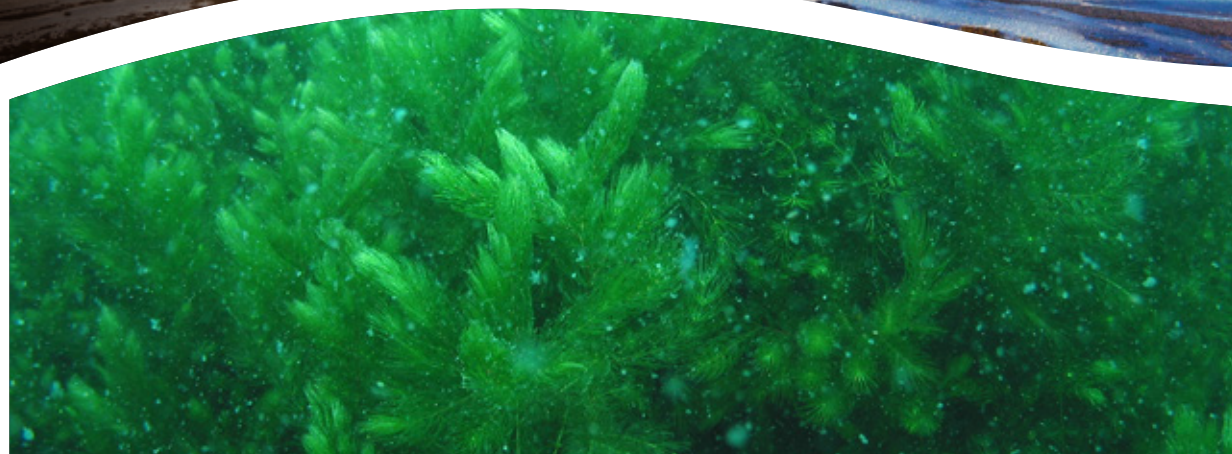


# CouncilCall

Wednesday 28 May 2025



## Help us hunt down hornwort

### Do you have an aquarium, pond or stream on your property?

Environment Canterbury (ECan) is currently on the lookout for the invasive aquatic plant hornwort (*Ceratophyllum demersum*) after reports of it being bought and sold online in Canterbury. Hornwort is often purchased as a plant for aquariums in New Zealand without people realising it. But when it escapes outdoors, the effects can be devastating.

Hornwort has earned the title of 'New Zealand's worst submerged weed'. Its rapid growth can completely dominate local waterways at an alarming rate. It outcompetes native species down to 15 metres in depth, decimating native lake plants. Large infestations can also affect water flow and block key hydro-electrical infrastructure. In areas where hornwort has taken over, recreational activities such as fishing, swimming and boating have become severely limited and in some cases near impossible.

What to look out for:

- Feathery, dark green leaves in whorls (rings) around the stem
- Leaves are rough to touch and densely crowded at the tip and sparse at the base
- No roots, so it can float on the water
- In waterways, it can form dense mats at or just below the surface.

Please report any sightings. If you think you might have hornwort in a home aquarium or pond, you're not in trouble - in fact, you will be helping us.

Take a picture, record the location and contact ECan on 0800 324 636 or via [reportpests.nz](https://reportpests.nz).

If it turns out to be hornwort, ECan will organise its removal and you'll go in the draw to win a prize pack to put towards your pond/aquarium.

## RUN. BACK YOURSELF. RUN FOR COUNCIL.

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

Tuesday 3 June, 6.30–7.30pm,  
Doyleston Hall

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

For more dates, go to  
[selwyn.govt.nz/elections](https://selwyn.govt.nz/elections)

## Temporary Road Closure

### Selwyn Marathon, Sunday 1 June.

Meijer Drive (cul-de-sac) in Lincoln will be closed between 5.00am and 5.00pm for the Selwyn Marathon.

## Council and Community Board Meetings

### Extraordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 28 May, 1pm,  
Council Chambers

### Finance and Performance Committee

Wednesday 4 June, 9am,  
Council Chambers

### Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 4 June, 11am,  
Council Chambers  
Wednesday 4 June, 3.20pm,  
Council Chambers

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



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## Events

### Trial an E-Bike

Saturday 31 May, 1-2.30pm  
Selwyn Sports Centre

If you've ever been interested in trying an e-bike, now is your chance!

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

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### Pool Party

Sunday 8 June, 2-4pm  
Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Normal pool entry cost applies. Drop-in.

### Succession Planning Webinar

Friday 13 June, 12-2.30pm  
Online workshop delivered via Zoom.

Bookings required at  
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