

CouncilCall

Wednesday 30 April 2025



Supporting the Restoration and Protection of Selwyn's Biodiversity

Applications are now open for the Predator Free 2025 Fund. The fund's purpose is to support the restoration and protection of Waikirikiri Selwyn's indigenous biodiversity (plants and wildlife) through the elimination of introduced predator animals.

Communities will play a critical role in Aotearoa New Zealand becoming predator free, as to be successful, support and commitment is required throughout the country and across communities. Increasingly people around Aotearoa New Zealand are coming together to form local predator trapping programmes.

An example of great community collaboration is at Taumutu, where Dave Tilson (pictured above) is voluntarily managing a network of Ellesmere Sustainable Agriculture's traps.

The traps are moved around local farms, waterways and wetlands to reduce predator numbers, to protect indigenous wildlife and improve the success of native plantings. Dave has been working with Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Pest Free Banks Peninsula and now has a small team of local volunteers helping him manage the traps.

Last year Dave and his team caught over 2,000 predators, including 1,268 possums. The work is paying off, with a Matuku/Australasian bittern (Threatened – Nationally Critical) recently being spotted at a new planting site in the area.

Applications close on 30 May 2025. For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/funding.

Leeston Park Playground Set for Exciting Upgrades

The existing playground at Leeston Park will temporarily close in May as part of the first stage of a planned upgrade. This initial refresh will include the replacement of some play equipment and an update to the safety surfacing, improving the experience for children of all ages.

The upgraded play space will feature new items designed for both preschoolers and primary/senior-aged children, offering a wider range of activities and encouraging active, imaginative play.

In addition to this first phase, an extra play item is scheduled to be installed later in the year, adding further variety and fun to the playground. These works are part of a broader vision outlined in the Leeston Park Master Plan, with further developments to follow as budget becomes available.

Thank you for your patience while this important upgrade is being carried out. The improvements are aimed at making the park a safer, more enjoyable space for families and children now and into the future.



Local Body Elections 2025

PLAN TO VOTE.

STEP 1: REGISTER.

Check if you are enrolled at vote.nz

Need help? Visit any of our facilities and talk to a friendly team member.



Council and Community Board Meetings

Audit and Risk Subcommittee

Tuesday 6 May, 9am,
Council Chambers

Climate Change and Sustainability

Wednesday 7 May, 9am,
Council Chambers

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



Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Review Consultation

Share your views on draft changes to our policy.

Consultation is open from
23 April – 23 May.

Visit yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz
or scan the QR code.



Events

Women's Wellness Workshops

Sunday 4 May, 12–3.30pm,
Selwyn Sports Centre

Three workshops to choose from.
\$5 per person per session.

For more information and to book, visit selwyn.govt.nz/events

Greenpark Open Day

Sunday 4 May, 1–3pm

Join us for a fun afternoon exploring the Greenpark Memorial Community Centre. Bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, soft play and face painting.

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Mother's Day Crafts

Tuesday 6 May (Lincoln),
Wednesday 7 May (West Melton),
Thursday 8 May (Rolleston)

3.30–4.30pm. All ages welcome.
\$5 per person.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events