

CouncilCall

Wednesday 2 April 2025



Strengthening community spirit

Applications for the next round of Community Fund grants close on 30 April, with community groups, history projects, and events all eligible to apply for support.

The fund aims to make Waikirikiri Selwyn an even better place to live, work, and play by enhancing community wellbeing, bringing people together, celebrating the district's unique taonga, and attracting visitors.

The fund supports a wide range of initiatives, including arts, culture, sports, recreation, youth programmes, older persons' activities, and multicultural activities. Its goal is to increase participation, engagement, and enjoyment while showcasing Selwyn's history, stories, and special places.

Projects that foster a sense of belonging and strengthen community spirit are encouraged, particularly those that support disadvantaged communities and remove barriers to participation. The fund also helps community groups build their capability and sustainability, encouraging collaboration on initiatives that benefit the wider district.

Supporting volunteering is another key focus, with funding available for projects that strengthen the local volunteer sector and encourage active involvement. The fund also welcomes applications from projects that highlight Selwyn's diverse attractions and bring visitors to experience all the district has to offer.

For full details and to apply, visit selwyn.govt.nz/communityfund.

Support Selwyn's up-and-coming artists

Love live music? Don't miss the Selwyn heat of the 2025 Battle of the Bands national championship on 12 April!

Talented up-and-coming bands from across the district will take to the stage, competing for a spot in the national finals.

This is your chance to witness the future of New Zealand music, with electrifying performances and a variety of musical styles. The competition promises an exciting night of entertainment as these rising stars battle it out for a chance to represent Selwyn at the national finals.

Come along and support local talent, enjoy great music, and be part of the action. The national finals will be held in Wellington on 27-28 June, but you can catch the best of Selwyn right here!

Mark your calendars, bring your friends, and join us for a fantastic night of live music at Rolleston Community Centre on Saturday 12 April. There will be an onsite bar (R18) and earlybird tickets are only \$5 per person and available until Wednesday 9 April. Find out more and book your tickets at selwyn.govt.nz/battleofthebands

Tender for Licence to Occupy

Tender is sought for a Licence to Occupy the below land for a term of five years. The land is approximately 1.8 hectares and situated on Homebush Road, Coalgate.

The legal description of this land is Pt RES 1557 and a section of unformed legal road. Tender is for pastoral or arable/grazing activities of the said land. This excludes cattle or pigs. The successful tenderer is responsible for the payment of rates on the land. A copy of the plan is viewable at selwyn.govt.nz/property-and-building/rental-properties.

If you would like to submit a tender, please email property@selwyn.govt.nz to receive a tender pack or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996) and ask for the leasing team. Tenders close strictly at 5pm on Thursday, 17 April 2025 and must be submitted on the appropriate form contained in the tender pack. Submissions made on the incorrect format will not be accepted.

Experience Chinese culture through the Gansu Fellowship

Applications close 10 April.

For more information, please contact selwysistercities@gmail.com

What is an ANNUAL PLAN?

Every three years, councils in New Zealand must produce a Long-Term Plan, which sets out what projects they plan to do each year for the next 10 years. For the next two years, councils must produce an Annual Plan detailing what they will do that year to deliver on the Long-Term Plan.

If the Council proposes to change what it's going to do from what it agreed in the Long-Term Plan, then it must consult with residents on whether it should change. If the Council is going to do what it agreed with residents in the Long-Term Plan the law says it does not have to consult again with residents as we would be asking you the same questions over again.

In Selwyn, we produced our Long-Term Plan last year, based on record feedback from over 1,500 people. In the coming year, we are proposing to do what we agreed with you in the Long-Term Plan, so we have agreed that we will not be consulting again, asking you the same questions you answered last year.

We are working on the Annual Plan over the coming months and will have more information before the plan is adopted at the end of the June. We'll keep you updated!

Council and Community Board Meetings

Economic Development Subcommittee

Wednesday 16 April, 9am
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Council Meeting

Wednesday 16 April, 1pm
Council Chambers, Rolleston

Councillor Briefing

Wednesday 30 April, 9am
Council Chambers, Rolleston

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

Events

Community Planting Days

Saturday 5 April, 10am-2pm, Greendale Domain
Sunday 13 April, 10am-2pm, Coalgate Domain

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

FREE

UV Sports

Saturday 5 April, 90 minute sessions at 11.30am and 2pm, Selwyn Sports Centre
\$10 per person.

Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

We Will Remember Them Researching Your Military Ancestry

Wednesday 9 April, 11am-12pm, Te Ara Ātea

Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

FREE