

# CouncilCall

Wednesday 9 April 2025



## Celebrating Selwyn achievements

**The Selwyn Awards are back for 2025, celebrating the amazing people, businesses, and organisations making a difference in our community.**

Held every two years, this year's awards will be held on Saturday 2 August 2025 at the Selwyn Sports Centre and are a perfect chance to recognise and celebrate the best of Waikirikirī Selwyn.

With nine award categories, there's something for everyone—from Arts, Culture & Heritage to Community Volunteering, Environmental Action, Startup Businesses, Diversity & Inclusion, and more. Whether you're a local small business, a passionate volunteer, or a community-driven organisation, this is your chance to shine.

Previous winners have included inspiring local businesses, dedicated volunteers, and innovative startups, all making a real impact in Selwyn. Past attendees have described the experience as "a true gala event, such a special celebration" and "an amazing evening. Being part of the event as a nominee was fantastic."

Think you or someone you know deserves the spotlight? Applications are now open!

For all the details and to apply, visit [www.selwynawards.co.nz](http://www.selwynawards.co.nz).

## Revitalising our cemeteries

Starting in April and through to June, the Selwyn District Council will be revitalising the ash gardens at the Lincoln, Ellesmere, Dunsandel, and Greendale cemeteries. The work will include replacing the soil and planting new greenery. While we will be removing the heritage roses, they will be placed back exactly where they were, once the soil has been topped up. The work will bring the gardens back to the high standard that people deserve to enjoy when they are visiting their loved ones.

If you have placed any special mementos in the garden, we ask that you remove these and take them home to keep them safe while we're working inside the garden.

Once we've finished refreshing the gardens, you're welcome to bring your mementos back and place them along the concrete in front of your loved one's plaque.

If you have any questions, please contact the Cemeteries team on **0800 SELWYN (735 996)**.

## Leeston Library closure

Leeston Library and Service Centre is relocating after recent routine roof repairs and further assessments revealed substantial water ingress issues at the library. We thank you for your patience and support and are pleased to share that while we work to set up a new, temporary site in central Leeston, we will be operating a pop-up library from 9.30am-4pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the following locations over the next few weeks:

**Thursday 10 April and Monday 14 April** – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

**Tuesday 15 April** – Doyleston Hall

**Thursday 17 April** – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

**Monday 21 April** – CLOSED (Easter Monday)

**Tuesday 22 and Thursday 24 April** – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

For more details, visit [www.selwynlibraries.co.nz/whats-on/news](http://www.selwynlibraries.co.nz/whats-on/news).

## Council adopts new water services entity

The Selwyn District Council has voted in favour of creating a new council-controlled organisation for the district's drinking water and wastewater services, while stormwater services remain within Council.

Mayor Sam Broughton thanked the many Council staff and residents who participated in the consultation process for the time and effort invested to reach this historic decision.

"New regulatory requirements have directed the Council to change the way we deal with our water services. Our Councillors, after weighing up all available information, expert opinions, and community views, feel that an independent specialist water services organisation, fully owned by the community, will be service our district for generations to come," says Mayor Broughton.

For more information and updates, please visit [selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater](http://selwyn.govt.nz/yourwater).

## Stormwater bylaw consultation

It's the final week to have your say on the new stormwater, drainage and watercourse bylaw. The bylaw covers how we protect the health of our water by managing and controlling discharges into the Council-managed stormwater and drainage networks. We want to hear from you if the draft bylaw covers the areas it should, or if there are updates you think we should make.

Consultation closes 5pm Thursday 17 April. You can find out more and make a submission at [yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/stormwaterbylaw](http://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/stormwaterbylaw)

## 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

### Medieval Family Day

Saturday 12 April, 11.30am-2.30pm,  
Te Ara Ātea

Drop in to this free, whānau-friendly event celebrating all things medieval.

For more information, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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### Community Planting Day

Sunday 13 April, 10am-2pm,  
Coalgate Domain

For more information and to register, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

FREE

### Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 12 April until  
Thursday 27 April.

Find colourful eggs hidden in playgrounds, parks and community facilities in Rolleston.

For more information, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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