



## Experience Chinese culture through Gansu Fellowship

The Gansu Provincial Foreign Affairs Office is once again offering a 20 day fellowship to an individual who lives or works in Selwyn to join others from around the world to study and experience Chinese culture and business.

Fellows join a cohort from some of Gansu's 62 Sister Cities, including countries like Ghana and Turkmenistan.

Selwyn's Sister City relationship with Shandan County in Gansu Province was established because of the relationship put in place by Rewi Alley from Springfield. Rewi built vocational schools and established cooperatives in Gansu for local communities during his sixty years in China.

The fellows will stay in Lanzhou city on the Yellow River, which is located on the Silk Route, from 1 to 20 June 2025.

Applicants are required to be between 22 and 50 years of age and preferably come from a government, scientific research or business background.

The Gansu Government pays for local transport, international travel, accommodation and gives a small allowance. The successful applicant must pay for their insurance, medical checks, internet and food.

Previous fellows have found this a worthwhile experience for themselves and for their workplaces.

"Opportunities like this fellowship open doors to new perspectives, connections, and experiences that can shape both personal and professional growth. If you have the chance to step outside your comfort zone and learn from another part of the world, take it — you never know how it might inspire your future," said Councillor Lydia Gliddon, who travelled to Lanzhou city last year with the Fellowship.

For more information, please contact [selwynsistercities@gmail.com](mailto:selwynsistercities@gmail.com)

Applications close on Thursday 10 April.

## Looking after our stormwater and drainage with new bylaw

We are updating our rules around stormwater and drainage with a new bylaw.

These are our rules around what can be done in the stormwater network to make sure water drains away in rain events and to protect our water system.

All councils are required to regularly review their stormwater and drainage bylaws.

We are making minor changes to bring our bylaw up to date with new legislation, such as rules around treating stormwater, identifying and monitoring high risk situations to keep our water systems clean, and to provide clarity on the responsibilities of land owners and the Council.

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 is open until 5pm Thursday 17 April. You can find out more and make a submission at [yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/stormwater-bylaw](https://yoursay.selwyn.govt.nz/stormwater-bylaw)

## Dog Microchipping

Our free monthly microchipping clinics are taking place on Friday 28 March at the following locations.

- Lincoln Library Service Centre: 9 to 9.30am
- Leeston Library Service Centre: 9 to 9.30am
- Council Offices, Rolleston: 11 to 11.30am

No clinic at Darfield this month.



Please note clinics will not take place if wet. Any questions, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

## Temporary Road Closure

Leeston Fete

Saturday 22 March, 10am to 3pm

High Street, Leeston (between Cunningham Street and Market Street, Leeston & Lake Road) will be temporarily closed.

**Selwyn Heat 12 April.**  
[battleofthebands.co.nz](http://battleofthebands.co.nz)

## Council and Community Board Meetings

**Your Water Done Well Hearings**

Thursday 20 March 9am,  
Council Chambers, Rolleston  
(Friday 21 March as back-up day if required)

**Audit and Risk Subcommittee**

Monday 24 March 1pm,  
Council Chambers, Rolleston

**Malvern Community Board**

Monday 24 March 3.30pm,  
Darfield Library Meeting Rooms

**Extraordinary Council meeting**

Wednesday 26 March, 9am,  
Council Chambers, Rolleston

**Your Water Done Well Deliberations**

Wednesday 26 March 10am,  
Council Chambers

Livestreamed on the Council's website and YouTube channel.

### Community Planting Days

FREE

Friday 21 March, 10am–2pm,  
Preston Downs Reserve 3, West Melton  
Saturday 22 March, 10am–2pm,  
Greendale Domain

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

### Autumn Fruit Tree Pruning

FREE

Saturday 22 March, 1.30–3pm,  
Leeston Library  
Ages 16+.

Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

### Month of Sundays Rolleston

FREE

Sunday 23 March, 1–4pm,  
Rolleston Town Centre  
(the grass area behind Te Ara Ātea)

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