



Last few days for voting in local elections

Have you voted yet? With just a few days left until voting closes in the local elections, it's time to get your votes in.

Votes must be received by the Council by 12 midday on Saturday (12 October).

The best option this week is to drop voting papers in to a Council ballot box. These are available all week at the Council's Rolleston offices, at the Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston libraries, Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Lincoln Event Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre during normal opening hours, and on Saturday up to 12 midday.

Anyone who is eligible to vote but hasn't received voting papers, or who has moved since they last enrolled, can apply for a special vote by contacting the Council on 347 2800 or email electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz.

Voters can also apply for a special vote at the Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston libraries during open hours.

"There's still time to vote, so it would be great to see more people getting their votes in over the next few days," says deputy electoral officer Stephen Hill.

"Local elections are an important way for people to have a say on issues that are important in their local communities, and on how services and facilities are planned and developed for the future."

Preliminary results for the Selwyn elections are expected to be available late Saturday afternoon, and will be published on the Council website as soon as they are available.

More information on the 2019 local elections is available on the Council's elections page at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.

Faces of Selwyn – “This time we were crying happy tears”

Continuing our series celebrating the Faces of Selwyn. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/facesofselwyn for the full story.

In Ayyam O'Brien's Rolleston home, neatly arranged wall décor fills the room with the words 'live', 'laugh' and 'love.' On the fridge is a list of meals planned two weeks in advance.

It looks effortlessly organised for the young mother of two. Yet life has not always fallen so neatly into place.

Ayyam was five when her family left Iraq as refugees. Ayyam and an older sister lived in Turkey for two years travelling by bus to Istanbul to apply for asylum in different countries. They were rejected three times.

"Every time we'd drive back on the bus, we were just crying the entire way, because we were so over living in Turkey and being so poor."

On their fourth application, New Zealand accepted the family. "I will never forget that moment. All of us were up that night just dancing. This time we were crying happy tears."

Arriving in 2000, she says New Zealand has given her everything she hoped for.

"I feel like my country is New Zealand. I love how it's accepted me as a person."

The one thing she missed was the community feel. Something she and husband Chris did not feel living in Auckland, spending up to four hours a day travelling in the car. "We're very allergic to traffic," she says.

That all changed when they were offered the chance to work in Rolleston.

Today, Ayyam coaches her son's football team, organised a quiz night raising \$4,000 for the Prostate Cancer Foundation and started The Dancing Bellies Selwyn Facebook page. She loves the people, the lifestyle and vibe of Selwyn.

"It's that feeling that I feel here that I guess I never knew I had until I moved here," she says, "I thought, I actually really do love a community feeling, how everyone's there for each other".



On the roads this week

Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on Torlesse Crescent, Coleman Place and Snowdon Place. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.

Springs Road will be closed to all traffic between Birchs Road and Trents Road 7am Saturday 12 October to 6pm Sunday 13 October. A detour will be in place.

Protecting our natural heritage

A lone beech tree and a love of the high country led Ian Reed to protect some of Selwyn's significant natural heritage.

With Council and Environment Canterbury support, Mr Reed has protected four Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on his farming block in the Malvern Hills.

There are 71 SNAs in Selwyn, which are home to significant native plants and animals, which the Council helps landowners to identify, protect and manage.

SNAs are at the heart of efforts to preserve our indigenous biodiversity, Council Biodiversity coordinator Andy Spanton says.

"It's like our natural heritage that's part of our historic landscape. We're seeing a change in attitude towards protecting, managing and restoring our native heritage. We have a tremendous group of landowners, and our community, who we work with to protect and manage significant sites."

Mr Reed says his love of the high country and native plants converged when a friend told him a lone tree he admired in a gully was a native beech.

A botanist from the University of Canterbury identified it as a locally rare black beech and identified a wetland on the property that was later assessed as an SNA.

With Council funding he fenced the area around the beech seven years ago and the wetland last year. Both are thriving with Elizabeth and David Forest planting the area around the beech with about 2000 plants native to upper Selwyn and supplied by Graeme McArthur.

Mr Reed's biodiversity efforts have also spread to the family farm near Darfield where he is replacing removed shelter belts with native bushes, supported by the Canterbury Plains Water Environmental Management fund.

"I have a son saying, 'Why don't we plant pines, we will have shelter in two years', and I say 'Use a longer vision, if you just plant pines for now you may regret it later. Work in generations and plant with the long term in mind.'"

For more about protecting our natural biodiversity, go to selwyn.govt.nz/snef or email or email biodiversity@selwyn.govt.nz



Community recycling days

We're holding two community recycling drop-off days next month in Malvern and Ellesmere.

This is a great chance to clean up your shed, backyard and garden and drop off garden waste, scrap metal, tyres, child car seats and e-waste to a local collection point.

Garden waste: Prunings, tree trimmings and weeds. Charges apply.

Scrap metal: Metals, bicycles, BBQs, small appliances, whiteware, tins, pots and pans. Free.

Tyres: Car \$3, 4WD \$5

Child car seats: \$15 per seat.

E-waste: Flat screen and CRT TVs and monitors, computers, printers, phones, cameras, stereos and cables. Charges may apply.

Mixed recycling: Clean cardboard and paper, clean and empty glass jars and bottles, plastic bottles and containers (1-7) and clean steel and aluminium cans. No lids please. Free of charge.

We don't accept general rubbish, flax, cabbage tree leaves, trees or branches over 10cm diameter, gas bottles, items containing oil or fuel or tyres covered in dirt, polystyrene and soft plastic.

Only household amounts will be accepted. Please ensure you are able to unload your own materials.

The drop-off days will be at Ellesmere on Saturday 2 November, 10am-4pm, Cemetery Pit, Southbridge Leeston Road and Malvern on Saturday 23 November, 10am-4pm at Hawkins Pit, Darfield.

Cash only (no eftpos). A donation will be made to a local not-for-profit organisation for their help with these events.

For information contact 347 2800 or admin@selwyn.govt.nz.

Council Call

Selwyn District Council
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2800 or 318 8338

Rolleston Library
Rolleston Drive, Rolleston
Ph 347 2880

Darfield Library & Service Centre
1 South Terrace, Darfield
Ph 318 8338 or 347 2780

Notices

DOG MICROCHIPPING

This free monthly service is available on Friday 11 October at the following places:

- Leeston 9–9.30am
- Darfield 10.15–10.45am
- Rolleston 11.30am–12pm
- Lincoln 12.45–1.15pm

If your dog was first registered after 30 June 2006 and is not a working dog, the law requires him or her to be microchipped. Please note:

- All clinics last for half an hour.
- The Rolleston venue is in Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive). All others are

at libraries

- Microchipping will not take place if wet.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 347 2800 or 318 8338.

DISCONTINUANCE OF A STOCKWATER RACE

The Council is consulting on a proposal to close the following stockwater races:

3300m of race through 6 properties on Southbridge Rakaia Road, Tramway Road, Feredays Road and Wills Road

410m of race through 1 property on Hoskyns Road

1300m of race through 1 property on Weedons Road and Springs Road

600m of race through 6 properties on Waterholes Road

Full details of the closures can be found on selwyn.govt.nz.

To make a submission please email waterraces@selwyn.govt.nz or contact Council. Submissions close on 18 October 2019. This is being done under the Local Government Act 2002.

Meetings

Public Forums: *Council, Community Board and local committee meetings are open to the public. Time is available at the start of meetings for people to speak on matters of concern. Please notify Therese Davel or Bernadette Ryan if you wish to speak at the Council meeting at least five days before the meeting.*

Township, Hall and Reserve Committees: *To list or make changes to meeting details, email meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

Council

Wed 9 Oct 1pm
Tai Tapu Community Centre

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Arthur's Pass Association Inc.
Sat 26 Oct 4pm
Arthur's Pass Community Centre

Coalgate Township Committee
Tue 22 Oct 7.30pm
Coalgate Fire Station

Darfield Township Committee
Thu 17 Oct 7.30pm

Darfield Library

Dunsandel Community Committee
Mon 21 Oct 7.30pm
Dunsandel Community Centre

Glenroy Community Hall Committee
Tue 15 Oct 7.30pm
Glenroy Community Hall

Kirwee Recreation Reserve Management Committee
Mon 14 Oct 7.30pm
Kirwee Recreation Reserve Sports Pavilion

Kirwee Township Committee
Mon 21 Oct 7.30pm
Kirwee Community Hall

Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall Incorporated Society
Mon 14 Oct 7pm
Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall

Leeston Park Committee
Mon 21 Oct 8pm
Leeston Park Pavilion

Lincoln Community Committee
Mon 14 Oct 7pm, Lincoln Event Centre, Fitzgerald Room

Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee – Triennial meeting
Sun 20 Oct 11am, Community Room, Little Rakaia Huts

Rolleston Community Centre

Management Committee – Triennial meeting
Thu 31 Oct 7pm
Rolleston Community Centre

Sheffield/Waddington Community Committee
Thu 17 Oct 7.30pm
Sheffield Fire Station

Southbridge Advisory Committee
Mon 14 Oct 7pm
Southbridge Hall

Springston Community Committee & Recreation Reserve Committee
Wed 16 Oct 7.30pm, Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve

Tai Tapu Community Association AGM
Wed 16 Oct 7.30pm
Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

Weedons Reserve Committee
Mon 14 Oct 7.30pm
Weedons Reserve Pavilion

West Melton District Residents' Association
Wed 9 Oct 7.30pm
West Melton Community & Recreation Centre

Whitecliffs Township & Domain Committee
Mon 14 Oct 7.30pm
Glentunnel Hall

Pop up museum celebrates Selwyn's history

A pop up museum will be helping celebrate Selwyn's history.

The interactive and engaging museum will be at the Ellesmere A&P Spring Show at the Ellesmere Showgrounds on Saturday 19 October.

The district's museums, historic societies and heritage collection holders have come together with the Council to create the pop up museum with a modern twist as part of the Beca Christchurch Heritage Festival.

The museum will provide an interactive experience using historic films, online tools and displays to weave together tales of Selwyn's heritage and enable visitors to journey through time and across Selwyn.

The museum is a great opportunity to enjoy and discover the things that have made the district what it is today, District arts coordinator Becca Bouffandeau says.

"It's been a huge collaborative effort from many different groups to put together something informative and fun that really speaks to who we are as a district."

Homebush Stables will also be holding an open day on Sunday 20 October 10am–4pm as part of the festival. The museum, historic buildings and gardens are on the historic family property of the Deans family, who were the first European settlers on the Canterbury plains.

Entry to Ellesmere Spring Fair Showgrounds: Adults \$15, Children free (under 12 years).
Entry to the Homebush Stables open day is \$5, children under 14 free.

VOTE 2019

LOCAL ELECTIONS

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Saturday 12 October

Drop voting papers in to

Council offices Rolleston

Lincoln library

Selwyn Aquatic Centre

Darfield library

Rolleston library

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

Leeston library

Lincoln Event Centre

For special voting contact us on 347 2800 or electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz or visit any Selwyn library

Selwyn Events

11– 20
OCTOBER

Selwyn Arts Festival

Celebrate the vibrant arts scene in Selwyn in this inaugural arts festival, with events across the district including Darfield Art Week, workshops and opportunities to create your own. Win two tickets to Art Couture wearable arts show on Saturday 12 October – head to the Council Facebook page. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/artsfestival for a full programme.

SUNDAY

13
OCTOBER

Art Crawl
10am–4pm

Join art connoisseur, Kristin Kinney from Taste of Life Tours as she guides you around Selwyn's art galleries to view an opening, view demonstrations, meet the makers and the chance to be immortalised in art. Bring your wallet for cash 'n' carry opportunities. Tour departs from and returns to Rolleston Community Centre. Tickets \$25 and are available at Eventbrite.co.nz.

SUNDAY

13
OCTOBER

Golf in the Park
Tai Tapu Golf Club, 1–3pm

An opportunity to come and try free, fun golf activities for all ages, enjoy a bbq and plenty of spot prizes. Have fun, learn new skills and just have a go at smashing balls, hitting targets and watching it fly.

SATURDAY

19
OCTOBER

Dad and Kids Time
Darfield Library, 1–2pm

A special time for kids to spend with their dads or grandads. Bring your imaginations for a fun workshop.

UNTIL

27
OCTOBER

Spring into Art
Down by the Liffey Gallery, Lincoln, selected hours
Wednesday to Sunday

A spring exhibition by Yulia Potts, Jane Ayres and Bev Jones. Water, batiks and funky pottery. An eclectic, colourful and collectable exhibition celebrating spring and on during the Selwyn Arts Festival.

LIBRARIES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Selwyn Libraries

Space week, story times, robots, herb gardens, crafts, fashion, giant games and the secrets of China's oldest form of writing.

Check out the Selwyn Libraries website selwynlibraries.co.nz for school holiday fun for children of all ages.



For information on listing a community event visit www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall

Leeston Library & Service Centre
19 Messines Street, Leeston
Ph 347 2871

Lincoln Library & Service Centre
Gerald Street, Lincoln
Ph 347 2876

(03) 347 2800
Darfield call free 318 8338
www.selwyn.govt.nz
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