



# Voting opens in 2019 local council elections

Voting is now officially open in the 2019 local council elections.

Most Selwyn electors will have received their voting papers in the mail by the end of this week – and voters are being encouraged to get their completed voting forms in the post as early as possible.

Everyone who is enrolled as a parliamentary elector should receive voting papers automatically, says Deputy Electoral Officer Stephen Hill, but anyone who hasn't received their papers by the end of the week should contact the Council on 347 2800.

Local elections are held by postal voting, and voting papers must be received by the Council before midday on Election Day, Saturday 12 October. "The sooner people can get their papers into the post, the more certain they can be that their vote will be counted," Mr Hill says.

"We're also providing ballot boxes at several Council locations across the district including Council headquarters in Rolleston, libraries at Darfield, Leeston, Lincoln and Rolleston, and at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, Lincoln Event Centre and West Melton Community and Recreation Centre.

"It was great to see the first votes cast last Friday as residents dropped their voting papers in to the ballot box at Council HQ."

For details on the elections, including special voting and candidate information, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/elections](http://selwyn.govt.nz/elections).

## Magical creatures spotted at McHugh's Park

A touch of magic has descended on McHugh's Forest Park.

Blown in by the nor'west wind, a magical community has moved into the forest near Darfield just in time for the school holidays.

From Friday 27 September families can find 20 magic doors hidden in the forest. Look out for the signs and see if you can spot the dragon sleeping.

The magical community will also be visiting Darfield Library to support a magical storytime on 27 September at 3.30pm and a Faerie Party on Friday 4 October, 10.30am–12pm, including dancing, face painting, and a treasure hunt.

The idea for the doors had been used internationally and in other Canterbury districts, but with the creative genius of the men at Darfield Menz Shed, which built and decorated the doors, it has been adapted to something special for Selwyn, Community Services staff member Kelsey Waghorn says.

"They bring a bit of joy in a different way and give people another reason to visit one of the many really cool outdoors spots that Selwyn has to offer."

To help the magical creatures feel welcome it is important visitors respect their space and take only photographs and leave only footprints.

If you do take photographs Darfield Library will print these for free, to display in the library and a copy to take home.



## Work begins on Aquatic Centre extension

Work is beginning this week on the extension to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The Council has appointed Armitage Williams Construction Limited to carry out the extension and refurbishment of the existing pool.

The new 10-lane, 25-metre pool will more than double the lane capacity at the aquatic centre and accommodate increasing demand from aquafitness, casual swimming, deep water and other activities. There will also be additional changing rooms, foyer and administration space and the option for a possible café in the future.

The extension is expected to be open to the public in late 2020. The total cost of the project will be \$13.8 million.

The work will be completed in stages to minimise disruption to pool users. From Monday, traffic management will be in place along Broadlands Drive when required to allow truck access in and out of the site.

Aquatic Facilities manager James Richmond says the centre is one of the most popular destinations in the district with more than 380,000 visits per year. "We know people wanted more lane space and learn to swim capacity and we're looking forward to a fantastic pool at the end that will serve everyone in district."

## Swim School instructor wins national award

Selwyn Swim School instructor Jenny Heaton's outstanding contribution to teaching swimming has been recognised nationally.

Ms Heaton won the Outstanding Contribution to Learn to Swim award at the New Zealand Swim Coaches and Teachers Association national awards for her 14 years of teaching, including six at Selwyn Aquatic Centre, where she is the Preschool Coordinator.

She also set up Splash Time, a free class for parents and children, trained and mentored six volunteers to become qualified swim instructors, and championed the introduction of the popular safe boating programme.

Council Aquatics Facilities manager James Richmond says the career award was a huge achievement to win against people who had been working in the industry all their lives.

It is well deserved for a teacher who is loved by children and parents, he says. "Jenny is attentive to all 570 children enrolled in the preschool programme. She engages with and tracks them all."

Originally a preschool teacher, Ms Heaton first got into teaching when she was taking her children to swimming classes and doing some lifeguarding.

She says she loves seeing children grow and learn about being safe around water. "It's my happy place in the pool."

She did not know the team had nominated her for the award until a few weeks before the awards ceremony.

"It was a bit of a shock to hear my name called out. It's a pretty cool award to get, but it's not something you do on your own, it's a team effort."

Selwyn Swim School based at Selwyn Aquatic Centre was also a finalist in the Outstanding Swim School category.

## Faces of Selwyn celebrated

At 8.30 on a Sunday morning, Gabi Michael is tucked away in her home brewery trying to brew the perfect beer.

Gabi moved to New Zealand in 2003 from Campo Grande, Brazil, and is the co-founder, sales and marketing manager at Gladfield Malt. Her story is part of a new project by the Selwyn District Council celebrating the diversity of the district and the things we have in common as the many Faces of Selwyn.

The Faces of Selwyn project will begin with an exhibition at Lincoln Event Centre from 2–9 October showcasing 10 stories of recent arrivals to the district and those who have been here much longer.

In the past 10 years the population of Selwyn has nearly doubled. "Each person brings different stories that enrich us, but they also have many shared links. These things weave together to give us such a vibrant culture and we want to celebrate that," Council Community Services Group manager Denise Kidd says.

Following the exhibition the 10 stories will be used in displays at Selwyn Libraries. Along with further stories to come they will also feature on the Council website and in other Council publications.





### On the roads this week

The intersection at Larcombs Road and Main South Road will be restricted to left turning traffic only for two weeks before being closed permanently as part of the Christchurch Southern Motorway extension.

Zig Zag Road will be closed for maintenance from 6.30am–6pm until Friday 27 September. A detour will be in place. Footpath construction is taking place in Darfield on Kimberley Road and Snowdon Place. These footpaths will be closed during the construction.



Notices

TERTIARY SCHOLARSHIPS

Council is offering scholarships for up to six senior local high school students to pursue their passion and aspirations beyond school. Applications for the Selwyn Secondary School Students' Tertiary Scholarships are open until Monday 30 September. The scholarships of up to \$3000 are available to six senior local high school students. For information or to apply go to [selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships](http://selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships)

PROPOSAL TO REVOKE RESERVATIONS ON RESERVES WITHIN SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Pursuant to Section 24(2)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977, the Selwyn District Council gives notice that it proposes to have reservations revoked on the reserves identified as being surplus to its requirements as listed in the schedule below.

A comprehensive audit of these reserves has been carried out to identify those that are surplus to requirements because they are either no longer required for that purpose or have no future use or benefit to the Council. Once revocation has been approved, it is intended that these reserves will be handed back to the Department of Conservation for revocation and disposal procedures.

Submissions to this proposal are open until Friday 25 October 2019.

To make a submission or an objection, or to find out more about this proposal, please contact the Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Officer in writing, either by email to [property@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:property@selwyn.govt.nz) (Subject: Proposal to Revoke Reservations of Reserves) or by post to:

Acquisitions, Disposals and Leasing Officer  
Selwyn District Council  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643

Reserve	Location	Area (Hectares)	Purpose
Reserve 2323	Cnr Sharlands Rd & Hunters Rd, Dunsandel	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 2312	Te Pirita Rd, Te Pirita	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 1346	Cnr Wrights Rd & Keens Rd, Springfield	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 982	Wright's Rd, Sheffield	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 1518	Bridge Rd, Greendale	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 1565	Bridge Rd, Greendale	3.9886	Recreation
Reserve 2732	Cnr Selwyn Rd & Norwood Rd, Lakeside	0.9105	Gravel Pit
Part Reserve 1249	Cnr West Coast Rd & Wylies Rd, West Melton	0.3895	Gravel Pit
Part of Part Reserve 1045	Cnr Edwards Rd & Ellesmere Junction Rd, Rolleston	1.33	Gravel Pit
Part Reserve 1052	Old West Coast Rd, Courtenay	1.0117	Gravel Pit
Part Reserve 2285	Rockwood Rd (& Saunders Rd), Hororata	2.8328	Gravel Pit
Reserve 5088	Christchurch Akaroa Rd, Motukarara	1.7988	Plantation
Reserve 2322	Old South Rd, Bankside	2.0234	Gravel Pit
Reserve 96	Cnr North Rakaia Rd & Rakaia Selwyn Rd, Dunsandel	28.2976	Ferries

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 Council 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](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz) or phone 347 2800 or 318 8338 by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.*

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD

**Property Committee**  
Wed 2 Oct 10am  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

**Audit & Risk Subcommittee**  
Wed 2 Oct 11.30am  
West Melton Community and Recreation Centre

**Council**  
Wed 9 Oct 1pm

Tai Tapu Community Centre

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Coalgate Township Committee**  
Tue 24 Sept 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

**Coalgate/Glentunnel Reserve Management Committee**  
Tue 1 Oct 7.30pm  
Coalgate Fire Station

**Darfield Recreation and Community Centre Management Committee**  
Mon 7 Oct 7.30pm  
Darfield Recreation and Community Centre

**Doyleston Community Committee**  
Wed 2 Oct 7.30pm  
Doyleston Hall, Osborne Park

**Glentunnel Township Committee**  
Mon 30 Sept 7.30pm  
Glentunnel Community Centre

**Hororata Citizens Committee**  
Tue 24 Sept 7.30pm  
Hororata Hall

**Hororata Reserve Management Committee**  
Wed 2 Oct 7.30pm  
Hororata Hall

**Leeston Community Committee**  
Mon 7 Oct 7.30pm  
Leeston Library Community Room

**Leeston Park Committee**  
Mon 30 Sept 8pm  
Leeston Park Pavilion

**Springston Hall Committee**  
Fri 4 Oct 4pm  
Springston Hall

**Tai Tapu Community Association AGM**  
Wed 2 Oct 7.30pm  
Tai Tapu Hotel Function Room

**Waihora Park Reserve Committee**  
Tue 1 Oct 7.30pm  
Waihora Bowling Club

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

CultureFest is almost here

CultureFest is here with an extravaganza for everyone this weekend.

Take your senses on a trip around the world at Lincoln Domain on Sunday 29 September from 10am–4pm.

Enjoy performances on the big stage, taste delicious food from 14 different countries and take part in activities from around the world.

Te Taumutu Rūnanga and Te Awhioraki Lincoln University Māori Students' Association will also be bringing activities, performances and food for a flavour of our history here in Selwyn.

There will be activities and stalls for all ages and interests including face painting, Pedalmania, bouncy castles, the Edge Connector, Fire and Emergency, Plunket, Lincoln Rotary and Henna just to name a few.

If the day is wet CultureFest will move indoors to Lincoln Event Centre. Find out more at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).



Selwyn Events

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Annual Spring Fair

St John's Anglican, High Street, Leeston, 9.30am–12pm

Heaps of fun and games, pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting and stalls selling food, plants, novelties, books, cakes and sweets. A monster bargain bin in the church hall is also open on Friday 27 September from 2.20–4.30pm for early bird shoppers.

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

Annual Craft and Spring Fair

Trinity Church Darfield, 9am–1pm

Something for everyone, Christmas gifts, crafts, produce, plants, cakes and a giant white elephant stall in the church hall. Free entry.

SUNDAY

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SEPTEMBER

CultureFest

Lincoln Domain, 10am–4pm

CultureFest 2019 will showcase the growing diversity of the district and the delights of home with more than 30 different cultures taking part. Take a culinary tour of the world, enjoy fantastic performances, arts, crafts and demonstrations, and have a go at some of the fun activities on offer.

SUNDAY

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OCTOBER

Ellesmere Spring Fling

Broadfield Garden, 11am–4pm

Country fête in award winning garden with live music, garden tours, demonstrations, artisan stalls, food and drink and more. Presented by Community Care Lincoln. Pre-purchased tickets \$15 adults, school children free. Gate sales \$20. Phone 325 2007 for tickets or buy on Eventfinder.

WEDNESDAY

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OCTOBER

SWELL Expo  
Ageing well in Selwyn

Lincoln Event Centre, 10am–3pm

Over 70 exhibitors showcasing volunteering, social activities, healthcare, life planning and community groups. Enjoy fun activities and entertainment and learn about ways to help you age well in Selwyn.

LIBRARIES SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Selwyn Libraries

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

Check out the Selwyn Libraries website [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz) for two weeks of jam packed school holiday fun for children of all ages.



For information on listing a community event visit [www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/councilcall)

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19 Messines Street, Leeston  
Ph 347 2871

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

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