



Local elections are coming up in October and the deadline for checking you're enrolled to vote is coming up soon.

Selwyn residents 18 or older and who are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident are eligible to vote, if they are enrolled on the parliamentary electoral roll.

But you need to make sure your enrolments details are correct by Friday 12 August.

Everyone on the electoral roll should have received an enrolment pack from the Electoral Commission last month. If your details were correct – then you don't need to do anything.

If you haven't received an enrolment update pack in the mail by now it may mean you're not enrolled, or your details are not up to date. This could be because you've recently moved into the district, changed addresses, or have turned 18 – and you'll need to update your details. To enrol or update your details, visit vote.nz or call 0800 36 76 56.

You can also check a copy of the preliminary electoral roll at the Council offices or any Selwyn library, as well as the Arthur's Pass Store, Dunsandel Store, or Tai Tapu Store.

If you miss the 12 August deadline, but you're eligible to vote, you can still vote but you'll have to request special voting papers from the Council's electoral officer.

If you own property in Selwyn district but live in another district you may be able to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector and vote in both areas. Check your eligibility and get more information at the Ratepayer Elector Enrolment Portal on the Council's website at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.

Selwyn deputy electoral officer Stephen Hill is encouraging residents to check their enrolment early and make sure they have everything in order to be able to vote.

"Councils get to make decisions that affect every Selwyn resident, and have a big impact on the community – including the services that residents receive and what they cost," he says.

"Local elections are your chance to have a say and help shape Selwyn's future."

New toilet funding a boost for visitor experience

Visitors to several popular Selwyn locations will enjoy a more comfortable experience after the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment approved funding for toilet and car park upgrades.

Nearly \$300,000 has been granted from MBIE's Tourism Infrastructure Fund for new or upgraded toilets at the Darfield Grain Shed, Waimakariri Gorge and the Little River Rail Trail, and car park improvements at Joyce Reserve in Glentunnel, and at Lake Lyndon Reserve.

The existing old concrete toilet block at the Grain Shed, beside the historic jail site in Darfield, will be demolished and a new block installed.

At Waimakariri Gorge the existing facility will also be replaced with a new one, and the location will be moved closer to the road access.

On the Little River Rail Trail a brand new toilet block will be built about midway between Lincoln and Motukarara, close to the Ahuriri Lagoon.

Council Community Projects manager Cam Warr says this facility will be a welcome addition for cyclists, who otherwise face a 15 kilometre stretch between the two settlements.

The rest stop car parks at Joyce Reserve and Lake Lyndon Reserve will be sealed.

In Darfield, the township committee has supported the toilet upgrade at the Grain Shed site, which is well used by the local community and visitors to the historic Darfield Jail.

Cam says the TIF funding has made a big difference to visitor facilities around the district in recent years. "It has been really valuable in allowing us to improve and enhance the experience of travellers and tourists exploring our district," he says.

"It's amazing how much we have managed to achieve with this fund – either bringing forward projects to upgrade assets earlier or putting place new assets we would otherwise have struggled to fund."

Previous TIF projects have included campground and toilet upgrades at locations including Lakeside Domain, Coes Ford, Lake Coleridge, Hororata Domain and Springston.



Cyclists on the Little River Rail Trail.

Rates accounts and payment options

Rates invoices for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2023 should have arrived in your letterboxes or inboxes.

You can check out the changes in your rates, by visiting selwyn.govt.nz/rates and clicking on property search.

If you pay by direct debit, you should have received information on your new direct debit in a separate letter. If you're on direct debit then, provided you have sufficient funds in your bank account to cover the payments on the due dates, you will not be charged penalties.

For ratepayers not on a direct debit, rates are payable in four instalments – 15 September 2022, 15 December 2022, 15 March 2023 and 15 June 2023. Penalties are charged on instalments not paid in full by the due dates and there is a further penalty if rates are not paid by 30 June 2023

Your rates invoice details the rates assessed for your property for both the Council and Environment Canterbury. The Council assesses a general rate, based on your property's capital value, district-wide targeted rates, plus other targeted rates based on where you live, or the services you receive. We also act as agent for the collection of Environment Canterbury rates within Selwyn.

The average rates increase for the 2022/23 year is 6%, however this will vary for individual properties. Rates take account of capital values, as well any changes to your property, for example if you have built a house on your section, or if you have changed your wheelie bins.

For more information about rates, including forms and payment options, visit selwyn.govt.nz/rates or phone 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

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How do I

Apply for a rates rebate

Ratepayers who are on a low income and who pay rates on the property they live in may be eligible for a rates rebate. If your gross household income to 31 March 2022 was \$28,080 or less, and you pay rates on the property where you live, you may qualify for a rebate.

If your income was more than this, you may still be eligible, depending on the total cost of your rates and the number of dependents in your family.

To find out if you are eligible for a rates rebate, and to download forms, visit ratesrebates.govt.nz. Forms are also available from Council service centres. If you received a rates rebate last year you will automatically be sent an application form.

To apply, you will need to provide accurate details and copies of your gross income, and that of any partner/spouse/joint homeowner who lives with you, for the tax year ended 31 March 2022. You can apply for your rebate at any Council service centre.

- Rolleston – Selwyn District Council 2 Norman Kirk Drive Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm (no appointment necessary)
- Darfield Library and Service Centre Phone 03 318 7780 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10am–12pm, Thursdays 1–3pm
- Leeston Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2871 to book an appointment: Mondays 2–3pm, Fridays 11am–12pm
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre Phone 03 347 2876 to book an appointment: Wednesdays 10–12pm, Tuesdays 1–3pm

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Ageing well in Selwyn

EXPO OCTOBER 2022
Exhibitors – register now!
selwyn.govt.nz/swell

Love the arts?

Selwyn District Council is looking for people to help assess the Creative Communities Scheme fund.

For more information go to selwyn.govt.nz/creativecommunities or creativenz@selwyn.govt.nz

Who is needed?

- People who know what's happening in the arts locally
- People who have experience in one or more forms of art
- People from a range of communities
- People with specific cultural knowledge relevant to the arts
- People of all ages. We would particularly like to include young people on the committee

This is a voluntary position.

**Applications close
5pm on Friday 26 August**



Notices

Alcohol Notices

Natalie Paula Edwards (Cross Hares) has applied for a variation of the conditions of an Off Licence. Country Lane Group Limited (Suburban Eatery) has applied for the renewal of an On Licence. Objections to the above applications are open until 12 August 2022.

Temporary road closure – Auchenflower Road/Malvern Hills Road

Auchenflower Road closed approx 500m from Deans Road intersection, left into Malvern Hills Road finishing approximately 1km from SH72; between 8am and 5pm on Sunday 7 August 2022. The purpose of the closure is to conduct the Coalgate Sprint motorsport event. During the road closure, traffic will be requested to detour along the nearest alternative route. Enquiries to Joanne Harkerss (03) 347 2887.

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 5 August at:

- Darfield Library, 9- 9.30am
- Lincoln Library, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Leeston Library, no clinic this month

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.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes
- Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive (off Rolleston Drive).
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston will be alternated each month.

If you have any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Tracey Wheeler on 0800 SELWYN (735996)

Rabbit control operation Rhodes Park

A rabbit control operation is under way in Rhodes Park, Tai Tapu Domain. The operation, using baited carrots in the bush area, will run until mid-August (weather dependent). Rabbits are a continuing problem in the park causing damage to plants and playing fields. Night shooting and trapping have not been effective in controlling the pest. Park users should not touch baited carrots (they will be green in colour) or allow dogs to eat or remove them. Domestic animals are less susceptible than rabbits but may still be at risk from large doses.

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 0800 SELWYN (735996) by 9am Wednesday the week before publication.

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

Council Meeting*

Wednesday 10 August 1pm Rolleston Council Offices
Wednesday 24 August 1pm Rolleston Council Offices

Malvern Community Board

Monday 22 August 2pm Darfield Library/Service Centre

** Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel*

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Whitecliffs Township Committee

Calling all Whitecliffs residents to a meeting to discuss forming a new Whitecliffs Residents Committee.
Monday 8 August 7.30pm Glentunnel Community Centre

Lakeside Memorial Hall Incorporated AGM

Monday 15 August 7.30pm
Lakeside Soldiers Memorial Hall
Anyone interested is welcome to attend
Enquiries to the Secretary, Brendon Stillwell.
lakeside1917@gmail.com 027 566 2908

Sheffield-Waddington Township Committee

Meeting Thursday 18 August 7.30pm Sheffield Hall

Rolleston Residents Assn Inc.

Monday 22 August 7.30pm Rolleston Community Centre

On the Roads

Darfield Kirwee Wastewater Pipeline – Courtenay Road closure

Courtenay Road in Kirwee, from just south of the railway line to SH73, remains closed until early September. Vehicle access between Kirwee and properties to the south is via a detour along Bealey Road. Pedestrian access is available from Courtenay Road direct to the township. The closure is for the installation of pipes under the railway line and will be the last one required as part of this project.

The final stage of the project will be the installation of the pipeline under SH73 at the pumpstation site in Kirwee. This will happen once Courtenay Road is reopened. Traffic lights will be in place while that work is under way, but no road closure. *All completion dates are approximate depending on weather*

Weedons Ross Road seal widening

The road is now fully open to two-way traffic from Kingsdowne Drive to Maddisons Road. A shoulder closure is now in place for Orion contract works, on the Newtons Road intersection through to early August. Manual four-way stop/go will be required on some days. Please follow signs and controls for the safety of all road users and workers.

Other repairs and upgrades

Flood damage repairs are continuing in a number of locations across the district including Wainiwaniwa Road, Algidus Road, Kowai Road, Whitecliffs Road. Ford repairs are continuing at Adams Road, Storeys Road and Lambs Road, and these fords are closed.

Unsealed road maintenance and grading are under way at Northbank Road, Rakaia Selwyn Road, and Burnham School road.

Please take care around work sites and follow site signage. Follow the QR code with this story for a map of these works, or view our road closures map at selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures.



Event Guide

Thursday 4 August

Cardmaking Workshop Series

Te Ara Ātea, 6-7.30pm

Join Wendy from Wee Bee Crafty and learn how to make beautiful cards using techniques such as stamping, embellishing, cutting, placement and watercolours.

Suitable for 18+ years. \$15 per session.
Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Saturday 6 August

Dr. Sketchy's Anti-Art School

Te Ara Ātea, 6.30-9pm

Ever been to a life drawing class and thought it could do with some spicing up? Throw in some costumed characters, humour and prizes and you've got Dr. Sketchy's - a night of life drawing like no other. No artistic skills required! A variety of art materials will be provided, or feel free to bring your own.

Suitable for 18+ years. \$10 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$20 non-members.
Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Sunday 7 August 2022

Commonwealth Closing Ceremony

Selwyn Sports Centre, 10am-2pm

Have you ever wanted to try a Commonwealth Games sport? To celebrate the conclusion of the Games, the Selwyn Sports Centre is hosting a fun 'try it out' event.

10am-12pm – volleyball or pickleball
12-2pm – netball or basketball

All ages and abilities welcome. \$3 per person.
Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Sunday 7 August

Understanding the Treaty in 2022

Te Ara Ātea, 1.30-3.30pm

Presented by Network Waitangi Ōtautahi, this introductory session is designed to refresh your understanding and clarify what the Treaty of Waitangi means today.

We will begin to explore ancestry, cultural difference and cultural safety; pre-Treaty and post-Treaty history; colonisation and social statistics, and new ways of thinking, living and working towards a Treaty-based society in 2022.

Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events

Sunday 7 August

Mahoe Reserve Working Bee

Mahoe Native Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, 2-4pm

Join us to look after your reserve! Please wear closed toe shoes, gloves and eye protection. Working bees are the first Sunday of every month.

LincolnEnvirotown.org.nz/event or contact, mahoereserve@gmail.com

FOR INFORMATION ON LISTING A COMMUNITY EVENT
VISIT SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/COUNCILCALL.

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