



Last few days – get your votes in and have your say

Voters in Selwyn’s local elections have just a few days left to get their votes in. The deadline for voting is 12 midday this Saturday, 8 October – and all votes must be in the Council’s hands by then to be counted.

The best option this week is to drop voting papers into a Council ballot box. These are available all week at the Council’s Rolleston offices, libraries and most Council facilities, right up to 12 midday on Saturday.

Anyone who hasn’t received voting papers, or who has moved since they last enrolled, can apply for a special vote by contacting the Council on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz.

Voters can also apply for a special vote at the Council offices, Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln libraries, and at Te Ara Ātea, during open hours.

“There’s still time to vote, and we’re hoping to see more people getting their votes in over the next few days to have their say,” says deputy electoral officer Stephen Hill.

“Voting is an important way residents can help shape Selwyn’s future. The people you vote for have a major say on how local services are planned and funded, and where the district’s priorities should be over the coming three years.”

Initial results for the Selwyn elections are expected to be available on the Council website from mid-afternoon on Saturday, 8 October.

For more details on the elections, including candidate profiles and special voting information, visit our elections pages at selwyn.govt.nz/elections.

Selwyn’s diversity celebrated at CultureFest

The tastes, music, dance and customs of Selwyn’s many cultures came together in a wonderful CultureFest celebration last month from 10-25 September.



The festivities kicked off with an exciting day of performances, food and activities at Lincoln Domain on Sunday 11 September. A crowd of 3,000 festival-goers was treated to an array of delicious food stalls, and 12 ‘have a go’ activities including Brazilian Jujitsu, Latin fire dance, Muay Thai kick boxing, and traditional Filipino street games. On the main stage, Polish folk dancing, kapa haka, West African drumming and a Bangladesh fashion show were some of the 21 performances to entertain the crowds.

The festivities continued over the two weeks with 26 activities and events held around the district.

A Women’s Only night at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre was a big hit, as around 100 women came to learn about water safety and participate in an aqua fitness class.

Twenty-six people sharpened their culinary skills at an Austrian sauerkraut and bratwurst workshop. Scottish dance, an intro to Bollywood dancing, Budo skills, a volunteer planting day, and an exhibition on immigrant journeys to Aotearoa were among the many other activities residents and visitors enjoyed across the festival.

Group Manager Community Services and Facilities Denise Kidd says there was a real sense of pride and community across the festival.

“It was wonderful to see people being so eager and excited to share their culture and customs with each other. They were really leading the experiences and offering a variety of ways for people to enjoy their cultures, which I think enhanced the festival even more. Thank you to all of the groups and contributors who helped make this year’s celebrations such a success.”

The Council is already beginning preparations for CultureFest 2023, with plans to build on the popularity of the interactive activities.

Community funding available

Groups planning an activity or event that will help make Selwyn an even better place to live, work and play are being encouraged to apply for the Council’s Selwyn Community Fund.

The Selwyn Community Fund supports initiatives that contribute to community wellbeing, bring communities together and attract visitors to the district. Applications for the second round of funding are open until Monday 31 October.

Since establishing in 2018, the fund has supported a range of sports, arts and music events, groups or activities that benefit the district.

Rolleston Brass, a community-based band, is one of these groups. Band Manager Leigh Martin says the fund made it possible to hire a space at Rolleston School for the group’s weekly rehearsals.

“We try to offer music at a reasonable cost for people, so the grant was really helpful in covering our room hire.

“We were quite fortunate to get into the Rolleston School. Many of our players are based in Rolleston, so it’s a perfect location for us.”

Since establishing two years ago, Rolleston Brass has grown significantly, welcoming all ages to play and compete in competitions. The band has already competed in three competitions around the country, and also perform locally.

“Being able to grow and provide something like this in our district is very satisfying,” Leigh says. “The Council has been really supportive.”

Find out more or apply for the Selwyn Community Fund at selwyn.govt.nz/services/funding-and-grants.

Support your community, be a part of the change, yours can be a voice for youth in Selwyn.

Get involved in your community and help young people share their views on what is important in their lives.

Applications open 1 to 31 October.

Apply for a position on the Selwyn Youth Council at selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil.

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Protect your bike from theft with 529 Garage

Selwyn residents wanting to deter potential bike thieves or help find their bike if it is stolen are being encouraged to register their bike with the free 529 Garage service.

Canterbury Police have teamed up with the community-powered bike recovery initiative in a bid to curb bike thefts and reunite owners with their stolen property. It follows a costly year for owners in 2021, with more than \$2 million worth of bikes pinched and an average of four bikes a day reported stolen to Canterbury Police.

The 529 Garage service works by recording a bike’s details, including serial numbers, photos and identifying features. This makes it easy for Police to identify stolen bikes and return them to their rightful owners.

Once registered, owners can obtain a unique code on a tamper-resistant shield to stick on their bike, which acts as a warning to would-be thieves that the bike is registered. Potential buyers can also search the database to check if a secondhand bike they’re looking at has been flagged as stolen.

If stolen, bike owners can update the 529 Garage app, and a notification is sent to the local 529 Garage community, advising them to keep an eye out for the bike.

The initiative is a collaboration between Canterbury Police, Project 529, and Christchurch City Council, with Auckland and Wellington also participating.

The 529 Garage app can be downloaded for free from the App Store and Google Play.

Once registered, tamper-resistant shields can be obtained from Christchurch City Council or from several Christchurch bike stores. Visit the Christchurch City Council website ccc.govt.nz for more information.

Milestone reached for Hororātā community hub

The Council and the Hororātā Community Trust have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) around the creation of a community hub in the township.

Mayor Sam Broughton signed the MOU last week confirming the Council will transfer the Hororātā Community Hall and surrounding endowment land to the Trust, along with a grant of \$1 million to support the trust in building the new community hub.

The Council has been working with the Hororātā community and with the Trust for a number of years, with a view to building a new community facility for the township, and the MOU is an important stage in that process, Council Chief Executive David Ward says.

“The Council is excited to have this agreement in place, and confirm its support for the Trust to get the community facility built. A lot of hard work has gone into this from all sides to ensure Hororātā receives a facility that meets its needs now and into the future, and this is a positive step towards seeing that completed.”

Hororata Community Trust Trustee Richard Lang said it was an important day for the Hororātā community. "We are looking forward to developing a vibrant community hub which will feature our areas heritage and celebrate our stories."

Notices

Private Plan Change 74 (Rolleston): Call for further submissions

Hughes Developments Limited has requested to rezone approximately 20 hectares of Rural Inner Plains-zoned land in West Melton to enable approximately 130 residential sites. A summary of the submissions on the plan change request, along with a copy of the original submissions is now available for viewing at selwyn.govt.nz/pc74. Further submissions are limited to supporting or opposing an original submission. Information on who can make a further submission and how to make a further submission is available at selwyn.govt.nz/pc74. The closing date for further submissions is 5pm Wednesday 19 October 2022.

Dog microchipping

This free monthly service is available on Friday 14 October at:

- Darfield Library, 9-9.30am
- Lincoln Library, 9-9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11-11.30am
- Leeston Library & Service Centre – no clinic this time

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

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN (735996)

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

Following the end of the triennium, the Council and Community Boards are in recess until the results of the 2022 local government elections are confirmed

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Springston Community Committee
Wednesday 19 October 7.30pm
Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Reserve



On the Roads

Weedons Ross Road seal widening
Final tidy up works are taking place on the Newtons Road intersection. Stop/go controls will be required on some days.

Other repairs and upgrades

The Hawkins River ford on Homebush Road is closed for repairs. Repairs are also taking place on Telegraph Road between Essendon Road and Charing Cross, and on Selwyn Lake 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.



Business Support

Jason MacRae, Business Growth Advisor for Canterbury Chamber of Commerce will be offering free advice for Selwyn businesses, through sessions for businesses of all sizes and stages looking to grow and overcome challenges. Each business will be provided with individual feedback and suggestions along with expert connections and resources to move their business forward.

Dates for support sessions:
Wed 12 October Wed 26 October

The support sessions are 45 minutes each, held at Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston, 8.30am – 1pm.
Bookings essential. Contact Jane Denton at jane.denton@selwyn.govt.nz to book.



Event Guide

Thursday 6 October

Let's Grow a Pumpkin (Growing Competition – Step One)

Darfield Library, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Join Helen from Rolleston Community Garden and begin your pumpkin growing journey. Learn some great pumpkin growing tips and get ready to enter our biggest pumpkin competition next autumn! All resources supplied. Suitable for all ages, including families. Caregiver required for children under 8 years. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Friday 7 October

Introducing Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri Selwyn Stories

Darfield Library, 10.30am–11.30am

A presentation introducing the new library digital heritage repository, Kā Kōrero o Waikirikiri Selwyn Stories. It's a place to celebrate our past knowledge and collective stories - a marker of where we've been and our shared journey towards the future. Free. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Saturday 8 October

Teen School Holiday Pool Party

Selwyn Aquatic Centre, 6pm–8pm

Join us for an epic pool party, featuring inflatables, a bombing platform, water rollers, music, giveaways and more! Open to people aged 10-17. \$5 per person, bookings required. Visit selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Monday 10 October

Introduction to Astronomy

Rolleston Community Centre, 9am–12 noon

Join us for a five-day short course to learn all about the night sky. Gain fascinating insights into the planets, stars and galaxies that make up our solar system, plus delve into the Big Bang theory and the role it played in creating our universe. \$50 per person. Bookings required for this SWELL – Aging Well in Selwyn event. Book online at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

Tuesday 11 October

Dinosaur Party Storytime

Te Ara Ātea, 10am–10.30am

T-Rex, Triceratops, Pterodactyl, Velociraptor - whatever dinosaur you like, come along to our awesome dino storytime party and take part in our interactive stories, songs and activities! Free. Bookings not required. For more times and locations visit selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

Tuesday 11 October

Connecting Selwyn

Leeston Library, 10am–12 noon

A drop-in session where you can find out about support in employment, education and training. The people at Connected will assist in finding the right service for your needs, joined by the Ministry of Social Development and supported by the Selwyn District Council. Free. Suitable for all job seekers. Register your interest at selwyn.govt.nz/events, and drop-in any time during the session.

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT
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