

The people standing to represent Selwyn as Councillors and Community Board members in this year's local government elections have now been confirmed.

Nominations for candidates closed on Friday last week, with candidates confirmed for all vacancies

Provisionally, based on the nominations received the closing date, elections will be required in all four Council wards. One of the three subdivisions in the Malvern Community Board area will also be contested.

Three nominations were received for the Mayoralty, with incumbent Sam Broughton standing along with Calvin Payne and Bill Woods.

In the Malvern ward there are six nominations for two vacancies, while in the Rolleston ward there are six nominations for three vacancies. In the Ellesmere ward three nominations have been received for two vacancies. In the Springs ward, four nominations were received for three vacancies.

In the Malvern Community Board area, no election will be required for the Hawkins and West Melton subdivisions as two nominations were received for two vacancies in each. In the Tawera subdivision three nominations were received for one vacancy.

Selwyn deputy returning officer Stephen Hill says that with many councils around New Zealand struggling to attract nominations it's encouraging to see a full complement of candidates in Selwyn.

"The turnout of candidates is good news for local democracy and for Selwyn. It shows there's a strong level of interest from residents wanting to contribute to their communities and to the district's future.

"It's also great to see so many new names among those taking a stand – more than half of the nominees are people who haven't been involved in the Council or Community Board before."

The total of 29 candidate nominations is four more than the 25 received in the last local elections in 2019.

Candidate profiles and contact details will be available from later this week on the Council website selwyn.govt.nz/elections or on request from the deputy electoral officer: electoral.officer@selwyn.govt.nz.

Postal voting papers will be mailed out to all electors in mid-September, with voting open until 12 midday on Saturday 8 October.

# **New pump track OPEN!**

The new pump track at Prebbleton Domain is open and riders of all ages are now welcome to take to the asphalt to try it out.

The track, designed by Milton and Frews Trailbuilding is right next to the play centre in Toswill Road. It has been designed for - bikes, scooters, skates, roller blades, or skateboards and for users of all skill levels. The track is a continuous loop of

rollers and banked corners, catering for a range of skill levels and ages, from toddlers on balance bikes through to advanced bike riders.

Construction work was completed in July, with the rain delaying the finishing touches. Lines have now been painted on the track, with some minor landscaping still to finish off. The grass areas are closed while the grass beds in and additional seating still to be added.

The Council Community Projects Manager Cameron Warr said it is exciting to have the pump track open.



"This is a great new asset for Prebbleton and adds to the range of activities we have across the district. We know there's been a desire from the community for more pump tracks. This adds another option to get active outdoors, with a number of community parks, bikes tracks and playgrounds developed over the past 12 months. It's been great to have an experienced bike track builder and construction company on board to build something that will cater for such a wide range of riders."

# Introducing medium density housing in Selwyn

Consultation will open this weekend on mandatory variations to the Proposed Selwyn District Plan and private plan changes that have been accepted by the Council.

These variations are required by the Government's new housing intensification legislation, passed last year. The legislation requires some councils to make changes to their district plans—'planning rule books' to allow for more housing and at greater heights in relevant residential areas.

To comply with the law, we are introducing a new Medium Density Residential Zone in Selwyn on relevant current residential land in Lincoln, Rolleston and Prebbleton, and also rezoning additional rural land for residential development within these townships.

Under the proposed changes up to three residential units, each up to three storeys high (11 metres), could be built on a site within the medium density zone without a resource consent. However it will be up to landowners if they wish to develop the site to the permitted standards, or to a lesser level of density.

Information on the proposed changes and how to make a submission can be viewed online from Saturday 20 August 2022 on Council engagement website at selwyn.govt.nz/yoursay, including at Council service centres and public libraries in Darfield, Leeston and Rolleston.

The Council will also run information sessions where Council staff will give a presentation, covering all the key information about the changes and how people can make a submission.

Information sessions will be held at:

- Wednesday 24 August Te Ara Ātea, Rolleston 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- Thursday 25 August Prebbleton Hall
   12.30pm 2pm
- Thursday 25 August Lincoln Events Centre, Nichols Hall 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

In the meantime, if people have any queries about the submission process and what they can cover in their submission, they can contact a Friend of Submitter service, provided by the Ministry of Environment. Contact Jane West at selwynmdrs@jwest.co.nz or call (03) 324 3324.

# **SH73 West Melton upgrades**

It's business as usual at the West Melton Shopping Centre as roading work starts along Weedons Ross Road north of the SH73 intersection.

The work is part of the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency project to improve the road's intersection with SH73. Waka Kotahi Project, Manager Geoff Griffiths says, "Unavoidably, there'll be some inconvenience, which we'll minimise as much as possible.

"We'll be working around the southern entrance to the shopping centre and there will be short periods when this entrance will be closed. However, we'll always make sure there's access to the shops and businesses. It may mean using the northern entrance, which will remain open, and changes to traffic management - please follow the signs - but the shopping centre will be open as normal."

Work along this stretch of Weedons Ross Road includes piping the existing stockwater race, with night works to install the piping under the intersection under way.

A new watermain will be installed on the opposite side of the road with kerb, channelling and shared paths to be constructed.

Mr Griffiths says the aim is to complete the work on Weedons Ross Road North by Christmas. However this will depend depending on the weather and ground conditions.

The project, part of the New Zealand Upgrade Programme, includes includes the installation of traffic signals at the intersection which, together with the construction of the associated new road link, is scheduled for the summer.

"To make the most of the night work we're installing ducting for the traffic signals, trenching for power and stormwater piping through the intersection and on the highway each side of the intersection.

"We know all this work can be disruptive and I thank the community and those travelling through West Melton for their patience. I also encourage the community to support their local businesses while work progresses," Mr Griffiths says.

Find out more about the project and subscribe to updates at nzta.govt.nz/wmwr.



West Melton improvements





## What do YOUth think?

Selwyn Youth Council wants to hear from young people about how they want to be celebrated for achievements in Selwyn.

What type of achievements should be celebrated and how would young people like to be recognised?

As the voice for youth at the Council, we want to let the Council know what youth think to help shape future opportunities. This includes how the Selwyn Awards could become more youth friendly in 2023 and what values, skills or achievements are important to young people.

Complete this survey online at Selwyn.govt.nz/youthsay and go into win a Bluetooth speaker and other awesome prizes. Surveys close midnight Monday 29 August.



### **Notices**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - VINTAGE VILLAGE TRUST & ABBEYFIELD ELLESMERE LTD.

Wednesday 31 August, 7pm, Leeston Library

All interested are welcome to attend. Nominations are called for two trustees. For more information and nomination forms contact the Secretary Leanne Shirtcliff, 027 4740523, leanne@shingle.nz

### **UPPER ELLESMERE WATER WORK POSTPONED**

Due to the recent wet weather events and ground conditions, works around the Upper Ellesmere intake have been postponed until further notice.

The scheme will remain running in the meantime. There may be temporary disruptions as the intake is blocked at the moment (due to river conditions). Works are underway to address this.

We apologise for the change in plans, and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

### 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 meetina.

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 24 August 1pm Rolleston Council Offices Wednesday 14 September 1pm Council Rolleston Offices

### **Malvern Community Board**

Monday 22 August 2pm Darfield Library & Service Centre

\* Livestreamed on the Council website and YouTube channel

### **DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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 in Kirwee, from 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.

Traffic lights are in place on SH73 east of Kirwee while pipe laying is undertaken. The lights will be removed for weekends, coming down from 4pm Friday – 9am Monday. Our contractors will be monitoring wait times through these works to minimise delays as much as possible.

Weedons Ross Road seal widening
A shoulder closure is in place for Orion contract works on the Newtons Road intersection through to end 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

Floor repairs are taking place at Coes Ford and on Zig Zag road and Harper Road from Homestead Road.

Drainage repairs are taking place on Philip Street and on Steeles Road from Rakaia Terrace to Leaches Road. Repairs are also being done on Branch Drain Road between Drain Road and Grahams Road.

Stabilising work is taking place on Railway Road from West Melton Road to Ayelsbury Road, unsealed maintenance is being carried out around Dunsandel.

The Armco barriers are being repaired on Tancreds Road at Raineys Road.

All completion dates are approximate depending on weather. 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 18 August

### **English Learners Coffee Club** Te Ara Ātea, 1.30-2.30pm

Join us to improve your everyday English skills and confidence in a casual setting. Sessions are focused on the needs of learners - so no two classes are the same. Whether you are looking to learn, or simply just to socialise, join us at our weekly coffee club. All language learners welcome.

Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events. Term time only.

# Thursday 18 August

## Skin care Analysis Workshop Te Ara Ātea, 6-7pm

Join local skin care experts from Caci Rolleston to learn about your skin health. The team will use their Observ Skin Analysis machine to assess the health of your skin and learn simple tips and tricks to achieve healthy skin.

Suitable for 16+ years. Free. Bookings required at selwynlibraries.co.nz/events.

# Sunday 21 August

Edu Tech Fun! Creative Learning Lincoln Library, 1–3pm

Come discover what STEAM Technology is and how it can be part of everyday learning. See how it may lead to the jobs of the future. Enjoy hands-on time exploring and playing with our favourites with guidance from Kim Ryan, Programme Manager at Creative Trust

Whether you're a kid, adult, student or teacher; all are welcome.

ounger children to be supervised by an adult please.

# Sunday 21 August

### Paint by Numbers Canvas Animal Print Darfield Recreation Centre, 2-5pm

Create an impressive canvas wall art piece in just a few hours over a bite to eat.

Suitable for 13+ years. \$15 per person. Bookings required at selwyn.govt.nz/events.

# Wednesday 24 August

Staying Safe Driver Course
Rolleston Community Centre, 10am-2pm
A free classroom based refresher course for older drivers. Re-familiarise yourself with with traffic rules and safe driving practices, increase knowledge on other transport options and stay independent for longer.

Free. RSVP to roadsafety@selwyn.govt.nz by Friday 19 August.

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

