

## Voting made easy in Selwyn

Your voice matters in the 2023 General Election, and we're committed to ensuring it's heard. Selwyn District offers a range of conveniently located voting places, including all major Council facilities, making it easier than ever to cast your vote.

The voting period is from Monday, 2 October to Election Day, Saturday, 14 October. Voting place opening hours may vary, so we encourage you to check the specific times before you head out. On Election Day, all voting places will be open from 9am to 7pm.

Find your local Selwyn Voting Place at [vote.nz/find-a-voting-place](https://vote.nz/find-a-voting-place). Join us and make your voice count in the General Election 2023.

## Just like home in the Himalayas

Returning for its third time on air, Faces of Selwyn 2023 features six residents sharing their journey to Selwyn from across the globe.

This year's podcast episodes were recorded at PlainsFM, hosted by three New Zealand Broadcasting School students Charlotte Mulder, Katie Oliver and Davina Zimmer.

In one episode, Davina sits down with Amulya from Nepal to hear his story. Listen to this story on PlainsFM <https://plainsfm.org.nz/prog/facesofselwyn> or read more below.

Born in the southern part of Nepal, close to the Indian border, Amulya grew up on the flat plains of a small rural village, nestled in the shadows of the Himalayas.

He's very used to the diversity of Kiwi weather, having grown up in a desert-like climate with sweltering summers and equally chilly winters. School was a daily 6km cycle/walk away, and after completing his secondary education, he moved to Kathmandu to start college.

After a few years Amulya wanted something more and began looking beyond the Nepalese borders. Deterred from Aotearoa New Zealand because he'd been told that no people actually live there, he moved to Australia where he got his Bachelor's degree.

Homesickness drew him back to home soil where he met the woman who would later become his wife. But things weren't going so well in Nepal, and with a civil war making job hunting difficult they decided to make the move to Aotearoa for better career opportunities. Several years, plenty of challenges and one beautiful baby boy later, they are proud to call Selwyn their home.

Amulya loves the people, community and the flat terrain with the southern alps peeking out in the distance. Amulya looks back on the rumours of no one living in New Zealand and laughs.

He's glad he took the plunge, extremely content with the life he's built in Selwyn, saying it feels just like home.



# KICKSTART ROADSIDE

Get more out of your ride

Connect with experts and meet fellow riders over a free coffee.

Find out more [facebook.com/kickstartcanterbury](https://facebook.com/kickstartcanterbury)

## Youth Council — Be the Change

Know a young person who would be an excellent representative for their community? The Selwyn Youth Council is looking for new members.

Applications for the 2024 Youth Council are now open, with young people aged 12–24 who live in the district welcome to apply by 31 October.

The Youth Council provides a voice for Selwyn's rangatahi, and delivers projects designed to support youth. It also consults with the community and provides advice to the Selwyn District Council.

Selwyn Youth Councillor Makaira Halliday says the group is a great space to meet other likeminded people with similar passions.

"It's a great starting point for rangatahi who want to provide a voice for youth and strengthen their wellbeing. Through my time with the Youth Council, I've been part of efforts to get the new Rolleston Youth Hub up and running, as well as the new skate park."

Fellow Youth Councillor, Mackenzie Wills says, "The Youth Council has opened doors for me to have a real-life impact on my community. My experience has been nothing but positive and I would recommend the Youth Council to anyone who wants to share their voice and break stereotypes."

To see the selection process or apply to be a Selwyn Youth Councillor, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil](https://selwyn.govt.nz/youthcouncil). Application forms must be completed by 31 October.



## Helping newborns and ageing well

In just a few weeks, the SWELL Seniors' Lifestyle Expo will be taking place for older residents to connect with more than 100 community clubs, organisations and wellbeing providers and have a great day out.

The expo will be held on Monday 16 October from 9am–2pm at the Lincoln Event Centre. SWELL celebrates the wellbeing and inclusion of Selwyn's older residents, who can listen to insightful guest speakers, participate in fun activities, and enjoy a variety of food vendors and local market stalls.

One of this year's stallholders is Lisa Paget, who runs a programme in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Christchurch Women's Hospital for babies/pēpi, called Cuddle Hearts. It works by having the mother and baby wear a fabric heart and swap them over at the end of the day, so they have each other's scent. This can help reduce anxiety and increase bonding.

"Some of our older folks would know someone or would have had family go through NICU and understand how tough that journey is," says Lisa. "We've had a lot of grandparents wanting to help by making Cuddle Hearts, the stitching is easy to follow and it's something positive to do. The feedback that we get from parents is overwhelming."

"People can pick up a pack with fabric, a pattern and instructions from any of the libraries in Selwyn, and we plan to have some made up for the SWELL Expo. I'm really looking forward to participating."

The Cuddle Heart programme needs about 3000 hearts every year. Volunteers also help Lisa to sanitise, iron and package the hearts before they get delivered to the hospital. To find out more about Cuddle Hearts, email [nicucuddlehearts@gmail.com](mailto:nicucuddlehearts@gmail.com) or call Lisa on 0275210320.

A two-week series of fun activities called The SWELL Series is also happening after the expo, running from 17–26 October 2023. From high tea and fitness classes to walks and bingo — there is something for everyone. You can find more information at [selwyn.govt.nz/swell](https://selwyn.govt.nz/swell) or pick up a copy of the latest What's on in Selwyn brochure from your local library or Council Community Centre.



# Council Call

**SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Norman Kirk Drive, Rolleston  
Ph 0800 SELWYN (735 996)

**TE ARA ĀTEA**  
56 Tennyson Street, 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 13 October at:

- Darfield Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Lincoln Library and Service Centre, 9–9.30am
- Rolleston Council Offices, 11–11.30am
- Leeston Library and 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 them to be microchipped.

- Clinics last for 30 minutes.
- The Rolleston venue is Norman Kirk Drive.
- Microchipping will not take place if wet.
- Clinics in Darfield and Leeston are alternated monthly.

Any questions regarding microchipping, please contact Animal Control on 0800 SELWYN 735 996

ALCOHOL NOTICES

Craig & Jane Scott Partnership (The Raspberry Café, Tai Tapu) has applied to renew its on licence. Objections to this application are open until 31 October. For more information visit [selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices](http://selwyn.govt.nz/alcoholnotices).

Meetings

**Public Forums:** Council and Community Board 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 by emailing [meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:meeting.changes@selwyn.govt.nz)

COUNCIL & COMMUNITY BOARD MEETINGS

**Representation Review Committee\***  
Tuesday 10 October 4pm  
Council Offices Rolleston

**Council Meeting\***  
Wednesday 11 October 1pm  
Council Offices Rolleston

**Malvern Community Board**  
Monday 16 October 4–5.30pm  
Darfield Library/Service Centre

**Community Services Committee\***  
Wednesday 18 October 9am  
Council Offices Rolleston

**Transport & Infrastructure Committee\***  
Wednesday 18 October 1pm  
Council Offices Rolleston

**Planning and Climate Change Committee\***  
Wednesday 25 October 9am  
Council Offices Rolleston

**Finance & Performance Committee\***  
Wednesday 25 October 1pm  
Council Offices Rolleston

*\*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel*



Auchenflower Road is closed from SH73 to Deans Road for flood repairs and Coaltrack Road is closed from Homebush Road to Cross Street for maintenance and repairs.

Temporary traffic lights are in place for repairs and maintenance on Ayelsbury Road from SH73 to Kivers Road; Kowai Road from Pococks Road to Midland Road; Rakaia Terrace Road from Te Pirita Road to Ardlui Road and from SH73 to Kivers Road.

Stop Go controls are in place on Bealey Road from Greendale Road to Lambs Road; Burnham Road from SH1 to Brookside Road; Coleridge Road from Snowdon Road; Goulds Road from Ellesmere Junction Road to Raven Drive; Leaches Road from Steeles Road to Rockwood Road; Leeston Road from Bookside and Irwell Road intersection; and Norwood Road from Burnham School Road to Selwyn 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](http://selwyn.govt.nz/roadclosures).



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Proposed  
Selwyn District Plan decisions  
Appeals period closing  
5pm Friday 6 October  
Visit [selwyn.govt.nz](http://selwyn.govt.nz)



Event Guide

Thursday 5 October

Kids' Market

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, 1–3pm

Buy or sell some pre-loved treasures! Grab unwanted toys, sports gear, and books and set up a stall to make some pocket money over the school holidays. 5–15 years, caregivers required. \$5 per stall. Bookings required at [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Thursday 5 October

English/Mandarin Bilingual Storytime  
Lincoln Library, 10–10.30am

Join us for a special bilingual storytime, where we will celebrate and explore Mandarin language and culture through rhymes and stories. Suitable for 3–5 years. Free. Bookings not required.

Saturday 7 October

Kickstart Motorcycle Riders Event  
The Store at Tai Tapu, 10am–2pm

Dust off your leathers and join the Road Safety Team for a free barista coffee to coincide with ACC's Motorcycle Awareness Month (MAM). It's an opportunity to connect with fellow riders from your local motorcycle community and chat all things motorcycle. For more information see [selwyn.govt.nz/events](http://selwyn.govt.nz/events).

Saturday 7 October

DIY Skin Care  
Glentunnel Community Centre, 1–3pm

Join Back to the Wild's Sonia Barrish as she shares her knowledge and recipes and create a variety of natural skin care products including lip balm, deodorant, and a whipped body butter. Suitable for 18+ years. \$20 per person Selwyn Libraries members, \$40 non-members. Payment can be made in-library beforehand, no payments can be taken at the event. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Saturday 7 October

Pastel Art  
Darfield Library, 10.30am–12.30pm

Create your own masterpiece using oil pastels and watercolour paper while learning a new art form. De-stress, gain self-confidence, and express yourself through colours and art with Sean Simpson, renowned local graffiti artist. Suitable for 10+ years. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events).

Saturday 7 October

TOCK: endangered animals and the importance of being kaitiaki  
Te Ara Ātea, 10.30–11.30am

Meet Tock the time travelling robot as he investigates endangered animals and the importance of being kaitiaki. With stories, songs and lots of activities, this session will teach young minds how to look after the environment. Come dressed as your favourite animal! Suitable for 3+ years. Free. Bookings required at [selwynlibraries.co.nz](http://selwynlibraries.co.nz).

FOR MORE COUNCIL EVENTS VISIT  
[SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS](http://SELWYN.GOV.T.NZ/EVENTS)