

# Council Call

Wednesday 14 August 2024



## Tertiary Scholarships a game changer for Selwyn students

**Students can now apply to get a head start with their fees, through the Council's tertiary scholarship.**

There are 12 scholarships up for grabs, including eight scholarships for year 12 and 13 students attending Darfield High School, Ellesmere College, Lincoln High School or Rolleston College. This year the Council has introduced four new scholarships to be awarded to students regardless of which school they attend, including home schoolers.

The scholarship is awarded to students who reside in Selwyn and are planning to undertake full-time education/training at a recognised university, polytechnic or training institution in New Zealand.

Students who have achieved outstanding success in academic, sport, cultural, art, social responsibility or other areas at school or in their community, and students who have overcome barriers or hardships, are encouraged to apply.

Receiving the scholarship last year, meant that student Caitlyn Stewart (*photographed above*) who

is studying towards her Bachelor of Agricultural Science at Lincoln University could focus more on her studies and work less while still being able to pay her tuition.

She said applying for the scholarship was super easy and encourages all students in Selwyn to give it a go and just be yourself. Darfield High School student Emma Cunningham who also received the 2023 scholarship is currently studying a Bachelor of Nursing at Ara Institute of Canterbury and says the scholarship has made a huge difference in her life, both financially and in terms of motivation.

"It has been a game changer! It has alleviated much of the financial burden and allowed me to have all my focus on my studies rather than working extra to cover the costs of extra books, and equipment."

Applications for the scholarships are open until 5pm, Wednesday 11 September 2024.

For more information or to apply, visit [selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships](https://selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships).

## Supporting those with a disability to volunteer

**Join Volunteer Canterbury in partnership with Selwyn District Council in a workshop focused on enhancing your organisation's ability to support volunteers with disabilities.**

This vital session on Wednesday 21 August 1-2pm at Te Ara Ātea will provide practical tools and strategies to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all volunteers.

Learn from experts in accessibility and inclusion and leave equipped to expand your impact by embracing the full potential of every volunteer.

Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your organisation and champion inclusion within your community! For more information scan the QR code.



## Representation Review 2024



### What is a representation review?

**A representation review looks at a local government's representation arrangements. How many councillors there are; if you have wards and community boards; and where the ward boundaries are.**

All councils must do a representation review at least once every six years, as required under the Local Electoral Act 2001. Waikirikir Selwyn is one of the fastest growing districts in the country – since 2021 our population has grown about 13%.

The population in some parts of our district has grown more than others and councillors are now representing an uneven number of people. Because of this, we need to be more responsive to our representation arrangements to ensure our community continues to have fair and effective representation at our elections.

Our representation review is open for consultation until 5pm, Thursday 12 September. We encourage you to make a submission about our initial proposal at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview](https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/repreview)

## Council and Community Board Meetings

**Sister Cities Annual General Meeting followed by an Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday 20 August 4.30pm Rolleston Council Offices

**Community Services Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 21 August 9am Rolleston Council Offices\*

**Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting**

Wednesday 21 August 1pm Rolleston Council Offices\*

*For speaking in a public forum, please email [council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:council.secretary@selwyn.govt.nz)*

*\* Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.*

## Events

### Deep Restore Yoga

Sunday 18 August, 2-4pm,  
Darfield Recreation and  
Community Centre.

Bookings required at  
[selwyn.govt.nz/events](https://selwyn.govt.nz/events)

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### Local History Drop-in Session

Thursday 15 August, 10am - 12pm,  
Leeston Library.

For more information visit  
[selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

FREE

### Backyard Vege Gardening How to plan a Garden

Saturday 17 August, 11am - 12pm,  
Darfield Library

Bookings required at  
[selwynlibraries.co.nz/events](https://selwynlibraries.co.nz/events)

FREE