

Council Call

Wednesday 28 August 2024



Fund helps inspire the beginnings of emerging artists

On the hallway walls of the Lincoln Event Centre, artwork from emerging artists can be viewed and purchased.

These artworks have been proudly crafted by members of the Art Group of Lincoln, who meet twice a month at the Lincoln Event Centre.

Formed in 2003, this group now has 30 members aged 35 to 96 and is open to anyone interested in art, who drop in to sessions funded through the Council's Creative Communities Scheme. At the sessions, members enjoy connecting with like-minded individuals and learning from art tutors.

Treasurer, Faye White says the group would not exist without the funding, which supports their use of the Lincoln Event Centre and the Prebbleton Community Cottage and booking art tutors.

"It has been very much appreciated. The fund has allowed us to progress from being beginners to feeling confident enough to exhibit our work."

Need funding for your Selwyn community arts, culture group, workshop, performance or exhibition? Apply now for the Creative Communities Selwyn Scheme before 31 August. For more information visit: www.selwyn.govt.nz/funding

Tertiary Scholarship applications closing

Applications for the Council's Tertiary Scholarship to help fund fees for our rangatahi close at 5pm on Wednesday 11 September.

Currently studying in his first year of Health Science at the University of Otago, Angus Hyslop says the scholarship he received last year helped cover a laptop and an iPad which have been essential to his study.

University of Canterbury Bachelor of Science student Mason Thompson says he put the money he received from the scholarship towards his student fees, which has helped relieve financial pressures and allowed him to focus more on his studies. Another recipient who is studying engineering at University of Canterbury, Finlay Cotton says that the scholarship can make a real difference to someone who might otherwise struggle financially to attend university.

"Make sure you apply, it has helped me so much. You lose nothing by putting yourself forward, other than the time it takes to complete the application."

For more information or to apply, visit selwyn.govt.nz/tertiaryscholarships.

Have your say on Representation Review

We are asking for people's feedback on our proposal for future representation arrangements around the number of councillors and community boards we have and the shape of our wards.

The Council's initial proposal for our future representation arrangements includes reducing the number of councillors from 10 to eight, and having no community boards.

This proposal is based on research and feedback received from the community this year.

Other matters the Council has decided on are to continue using the first past the post voting system, and to not establish Māori wards, following consultation with local rūnaka who have indicated they do not support having a Māori ward at this stage.

You can learn more about this proposal at our public drop-in sessions. You can find drop-in session times and more information or make a submission at selwyn.govt.nz/repreview

The beauty of Malaysian culture and cuisine at CultureFest

The countdown to CultureFest is on, with just over two weeks until it all kicks off!

CultureFest brings over 30 different cultures to the Lincoln Event Centre on Sunday 15 September, 10am – 3pm. Fiza Abdul Rahman from returning food vendor Fezzlicious says they are excited about promoting the beauty of Malaysian culture and cuisine, offering this through their delicious, culturally rich halal meals.

"Last year, I noticed that there weren't many halal food options, and the few that were available ran out quickly due to high demand. This year, by participating, I hope to contribute by offering more options for the community to enjoy. I also want to use this opportunity to promote Malaysia, especially as we celebrate our National Independence Day on August 31st and Malaysia Day on September 16th. This event will be a great way to gather Malaysians in our area who we may not have met before, helping to foster a sense of belonging and support."

To find out more, visit selwyn.govt.nz/culturefest

New funding for Individuals and Teams

Starting 1 September 2024, individuals and teams can apply for the new Individuals and Teams Fund. Applications will be assessed in mid-October. For more information, visit the website: www.selwyn.govt.nz/funding

This fund replaces the Ward Discretionary Funds which supported individuals, teams and community groups.

For community groups:

Community groups are encouraged to apply for the Community Fund. For more information, visit selwyn.govt.nz/communityfund

If you are an individual or team requiring funding prior to mid-October 2024, or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact selwyn.communityfund@selwyn.govt.nz.

Council and Community Board Meetings

Waikirikiri Ki Tua Future Selwyn hearings
Friday 30 Aug 9am, Rolleston Council Offices*

Councillor Briefing
Wednesday 4 Sept 9am, Rolleston Council Offices *

*Livestreamed on the Council YouTube channel.

Events

Cupcakes and Yoga (for Caregivers of Teenagers)

Thursday 29 August-19 September,
7-8pm, Selwyn Youth Hub,
Rolleston Community Centre

Donation per person, bookings
required at selwyn.govt.nz/events

Dads Swim Free!

Sunday 1 September 2024, 8am-8pm,
Selwyn Aquatic Centre
Drop in.

For more information, visit
selwyn.govt.nz/events

FREE

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Drop-in

Tuesday 3 September, 10am-1pm,
Te Ara Ātea

For more information, visit
selwynlibraries.co.nz/events