



Media release

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## Local elections candidate workshop in Selwyn

Anyone thinking about getting involved in local politics and having a say in the future of Selwyn district is invited to find out more about becoming a candidate for councillor, community board member or mayor.

An information evening for people considering standing in this year's local elections will be held on Thursday 30 June from 7-8.30pm at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters.

"This is an opportunity for people interested in standing in the 2016 elections to learn more about the nomination and election processes and the roles of councils and elected members. It's also a chance to have any questions answered," says retiring Mayor Kelvin Coe.

"I would encourage anyone who wants to make a difference in our community to stand," says Mayor Coe.

Mayor Coe says the district needs a range of elected members from different backgrounds and areas to represent our community.

Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election as long as they are a New Zealand citizen and enrolled on the electoral roll.

Nominations for candidates for the positions of Mayor, Councillor and Malvern Community Board members open on 15 July and close at 12 noon on 12 August 2016. Voting papers will be sent out from 16 September and must be received by the electoral officer by noon on Election Day, 8 October 2016.

For further information on standing as a candidate visit [www.vote2016.co.nz](http://www.vote2016.co.nz) or contact Selwyn's Electoral Officer Douglas Marshall on 347 2701 or email [douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz).

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