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## Local success stories to be celebrated

Nominations are open now for the 2018 Selwyn Awards.

The Selwyn Awards are held every two years, and seek to recognise individuals and organisations for outstanding work or inspirational achievements.

The Selwyn Awards will be recognised at a gala dinner at the Lincoln Event Centre on Saturday 4 August 2018, where all nominees will be celebrated and the winners in each of the 10 categories will be announced.

Mayor Sam Broughton says the awards are an opportunity to celebrate local success and share our stories with one another.

“Selwyn is full of people doing great work, not for glory but, because they believe in what they are doing. It’s good to recognise and highlight these achievements as models and examples of our development and leadership as a district,” he says.

“I encourage you to think about who is deserving of this recognition and nominate them.”

The award categories open for nomination this year are: Arts, Culture & Heritage, Community Service, Environmental, Innovation Excellence (new award for 2018), Large Business, Small Business, Sport, Tourism, and Young Achievers.

For the first time, a People’s Choice Award will be presented. This is an opportunity for the community to get even more involved in the awards. Voting for People’s Choice will take place on the Selwyn Awards website from Friday 22 June. The closing date for nominations is Friday 15 June.

Nominees will be assessed by independent and expert judges in each category across a range of areas. In 2016, a total of 55 nominations were received.

The 2016 Award winners were: Agri-Business – Gladfield Malt Ltd, Arts & Culture – Amelia Dunbar, Community Service – Neville Sinclair Benny, Environmental – West Rolleston Primary School, Te Kura o Te uru Kowhai Establishment Board of Trustees (EBoT), Large Business – The Laboratory, Small Business – COBi Digital Productions Ltd, Sport – Francie Turner, Tourism – The Tea House, Young Achiever – Elin Harris.

The awards are open to individuals and organisations who live, or are based, in Selwyn district and meet the criteria for entry listed on nominations forms. The 2016 award winners are not eligible to enter the same category in 2018. Award nominees must give permission to be entered on the entry form. Self-nominations are not permitted.

**Key dates:**

Nominations (online) open: now until 15 June

Gala Dinner tickets on sale: 28 May–27 July (5pm)

People's Choice voting: 22 June–28 July

Gala Dinner: Saturday 4 August

See [www.selwynawards.co.nz](http://www.selwynawards.co.nz) for more information and the nomination forms.

**PHOTO:** West Rolleston Primary School, Te Kura o Te uru Kowhai Establishment Board of Trustees were the Environmental award winners in 2016.

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