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Nomination for local elections now open

Nominations for the 2019 local elections open today [Friday 19 July] and anyone thinking of standing is encouraged to get their nomination in early.

In Selwyn, elections will be held for the mayor and 11 councillors, along with five members of the Malvern Community Board. Voters will also vote for representatives on the Mid Canterbury Constituency of the Canterbury Regional Council (Environment Canterbury) and for board members of the Canterbury District Health Board.

Nominations are open until 12 noon on Friday 16 August, and Selwyn District Council deputy electoral officer Stephen Hill says potential candidates should aim to get their nominations completed as early as possible.

“Getting nomination forms in early means we have plenty of time to check that everything is in order and all the documentation is completed in time,” he says.

“Anyone thinking of standing for the Council or Malvern Community Board should take the time to check the information in our candidate handbook, which is available online.

“This includes everything candidates need to know about eligibility to stand for election, the nomination process, who can nominate you, key dates and how the election process works.”

Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election if they are a New Zealand citizen and on the electoral roll. Nomination forms must be signed by two people who are enrolled as electors in the ward or subdivision that the person is nominated for.

Nomination forms, and a downloadable copy of the candidate handbook, are available at www.selwyn.govt.nz/elections or from Council offices and service centres.

The web page will also provide a list of candidate nominations, which will be updated daily as nominations are confirmed.

“We are encouraging people who want to make a difference in their communities to stand – and look forward to having a pool of competent and passionate candidates who are keen to get involved in local issues,” Mr Hill says.

Electoral rolls are also available for inspection at Council offices and service centres over the next four weeks.

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