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Remember to vote in local elections

Selwyn Electoral Officer Douglas Marshall is reminding people to return their voting papers soon to ensure their votes are counted in the local elections.

Voting closes at noon on Saturday 12 October, but people should post their voting papers by Wednesday 9 October to ensure they are received on time.

If voting documents are not posted by 9 October, they should be dropped into the ballot boxes available at the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, or the Darfield, Leeston or Lincoln Library and Service Centres before 12 noon on Saturday 12 October.

Voting packs including voting papers, a candidate information booklet and a freepost envelope have been posted to people on the electoral roll. If families are away over the school holidays, the freepost envelope can be posted from anywhere in New Zealand.

People who have not received their voting papers can still vote by casting a special vote but need to contact the Electoral Officer on 03 347 2800 or 03 318 8338, or visit the Council's Rolleston Headquarters, or the Darfield, Leeston or Lincoln Library and Service Centres during normal opening hours.

As part of the local elections, people can vote for candidates for the roles of Mayor, Councillors, Community Board and Canterbury District Health Board members.

In the Springs and Ellesmere wards the number of candidates for Councillors matches the number of vacancies so no elections for these roles will take place. The Selwyn Central Community Board and the Hawkins subdivision of the Malvern Community Board also have the same number of candidates as the number of vacancies so no election will take place for these roles.

Where no election for a Councillor or Community Board member takes place, people will still have the opportunity to vote for other representatives, like the roles of Mayor and Canterbury District Health Board members.

Information about voting is also available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

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