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Represent your community by standing in local elections

Nominations for candidates for local elections are open until 12 noon on 12 August 2016.

Local councils provide a wide range of services to the community like parks, libraries, roads, community centres, water, events and civil defence and by standing for election you can help make decisions about how services should be provided.

Anyone over the age of 18 can stand for election if they are a New Zealand citizen and on the electoral roll. Candidates must be nominated on an official nomination form available during opening hours from Darfield, Leeston and Lincoln Library and the Council's Rolleston Headquarters. A form can also be posted to you on request by phoning 347 2800 or 318 8338. Nomination forms must be signed by two electors on the electoral roll in the ward or subdivision that the person is nominated for.

For more information on standing as a candidate visit www.vote2016.co.nz or contact Selwyn District Council Electoral Officer Douglas Marshall on 347 2701 or email douglas.marshall@selwyn.govt.nz.

The local elections are held by postal vote. Voting papers will be posted on 16 September, with voting closing at 12 noon on 8 October.

By now, Selwyn residents should have received their electoral enrolment packs in the mail.

"If you received your pack, you need to check your details are correct. If they are correct, you don't need to do anything and you're ready to vote in the upcoming local elections in October. If your details need to be corrected, then update them and send them back promptly," says Selwyn District Council Electoral Officer Douglas Marshall.

If you didn't receive a pack your address may be incorrect, or you may not be registered to vote. To register or update your details please visit www.elections.org.nz, freetext your name and address to 3676, call 0800 36 76 56 or visit a PostShop.

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