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Join a local community committee

If you're passionate about your township and local facilities, you could join a community committee and help shape local services.

Elections for community committees in Selwyn take place from November 2016 until the end of February 2017. There are 63 community committees in Selwyn district who assist with running local facilities like community halls, swimming pools, reserves and local township or residents committees.

"Community Committees play an important role in our community. By joining a committee, you help make decisions about local facilities and services in your area and give advice to Council to help us provide the right services for your area," says Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton.

"We really appreciate the voluntary work that committee members do and I would encourage people who use and enjoy local facilities and services to consider joining a community committee."

Township or residents committees have discretionary funding to pursue improvement and beautification projects, and facility and reserves committees oversee the maintenance of local facilities and parks.

Community committees act on behalf of the ratepayers of the area. Each committee sets its own meeting schedule, with most committees meeting once every month or every two months. The time commitment is a couple of hours per month in meetings (with most meetings held in the evenings) plus time to follow up on projects, talk with the community and work with Council staff.

If you are interested in joining a committee, visit selwyn.govt.nz for a list of upcoming local election meeting dates.

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Photos attached: Southbridge Hall and Prebbleton Community Cottage are two of the many local facilities which local community committees help run.

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