



Media Release

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## Regular JP services now operating in Selwyn

Selwyn residents now have access to a convenient free JP (Justice of the Peace) service at Rolleston and Lincoln libraries.

A new JP service is now operating at Rolleston Library every Monday from 12-2pm. An existing JP service is also available at Lincoln Library and Service Centre every Tuesday from 10am-1pm.

Being a JP is a voluntary position and JPs are qualified to certify copies of official documents such as passports, birth certificates, immigration and citizenship papers. They can also witness signatures on documents such as mutual consent divorce papers. It is helpful if people bring photo identification with them to the JP sessions if they have this.

Raj Bedi is certified JP and a local Rolleston resident who will be at Rolleston Library each Monday lunchtime to offer the new JP service. Mr Bedi is an interpreter and speaks fluent Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu and English. He is also a White Ribbon Ambassador and works as a marriage celebrant.

"I enjoy the opportunity to meet people from different background and cultures as a JP and to assist our community," says Mr Bedi.

Mr Bedi also visits the Citizens Advice Bureau at Hornby every Thursday to provide a JP service from 11.30am-1.30pm and says that people from Rolleston, Templeton and other surrounding areas often visit Hornby so it seemed like a good idea to offer a service based at Rolleston Library so that people didn't need to travel into the city to see a JP.

There are a number of other JPs operating all across Selwyn. You can also find out if there is a JP in your area by visiting [justiceofthepeace.org.nz](http://justiceofthepeace.org.nz).

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Photo attached: *Raj Bedi will visit Rolleston Library every Monday lunchtime to offer a free JP service.*

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