







# Voting is open – have your say in Selwyn's local elections

Voting in Selwyn's local elections is now open. Most residents will have received their voting papers in the mail by now – and you have until 12 midday on Saturday 8 October to get your vote in.

Voting takes just a few ticks, but it's a really important way that you can help to shape Selwyn's future and the way the district develops over the next three years.

"This a significant opportunity for Selwyn residents to have a say on the district's future – and it only comes around once every three years," says Deputy Electoral Officer Stephen Hill.

"We encourage people to take time to find out about the candidates in their area, then complete the voting forms and drop them into the post."

This guide has information on how to vote, special voting, where you can post your votes, and who the candidates are.

For more information check out our elections pages online at selwyn.govt.nz/elections



## How to vote

Voting in local council elections is by postal vote. Anyone who is enrolled on the general (parliamentary) electoral roll is automatically enrolled for the local elections as well.

Most eligible voters will have received their voting papers in the mail by about 21 September.

Your voting paper will include details of which Council ward and Environment Canterbury constituency you are in.

You will be able to vote for the Mayor, for councillors in your ward, and for Environment Canterbury members.

If you live in the Tawera subdivision of the Malvern ward, you will also be able to vote for community board members. No election is needed in the Hawkins and West Melton subdivisions. See page 4 for more information about candidates.

The voting system used in Selwyn District Council and Environment Canterbury elections is first past the post (FPP). Under FPP, the candidate with the most votes wins. You get one vote and that vote goes to one candidate.

Candidates' names are listed in random order - they will be in a different order on each person's forms.

It's a simple process – just tick the circle next to your preferred candidate/s, put your completed papers in the Freepost envelope, and get them into the post. We recommend you post early – definitely by Tuesday 4 October, so that papers reach the Council by closing date on Saturday 8 October.

You can also drop your voting papers into an official orange ballot box at Council offices, libraries and a number of facilities. Check the map on the inside pages for locations.

# **Special voting**

If you didn't receive voting papers, it could be because, for example:

- you've turned 18 since the last election and haven't enrolled
- you've moved house recently and haven't updated your details
- you enrolled after 12 August 2022
- · your voting papers are lost or damaged
- · you're on the unpublished (confidential) roll

In these cases you can still enrol and vote but you will need to cast a special vote.

To request special voting papers contact the Council on 0800 SELWYN (735 996) or email electoral.officer@ selwyn.govt.nz

You can also call in to the Council offices or any Selwyn library to pick up and complete the special voting papers.

# Ratepayer enrolment

Do you own property in Selwyn but live somewhere else? Wherever you pay rates you can vote. If you own property in Selwyn district but live elsewhere you may be able to enrol as a non-resident ratepayer elector and vote in both areas.

To check your eligibility, visit the portal at electionz. com/ratepayer You can only enrol, or be nominated to enrol, once in each Council area, no matter how many properties you own in that area.

# What you need to know



Voting closes 12 midday Saturday 8 October



Post by Tuesday 4 October



Or drop in a ballot box at Council facilities until Saturday 8 October



Find more info at selwyn.govt.nz/elections

# Where can you post your vote in Selwyn?

# At Council facilities

You can post your vote in an official orange ballot box at any of these Council facilities during opening hours:

- ROLLESTON COUNCIL OFFICES Norman Kirk Drive
- TE ARA ĀTEA Tennyson Street
- DARFIELD LIBRARY South Terrace
- LEESTON LIBRARY Messines Street
- LINCOLN LIBRARY Gerald Street
- SELWYN AQUATIC CENTRE Broadlands Drive
- SELWYN SPORTS CENTRE Broadlands Drive
- WEST MELTON COMMUNITY AND RECREATION CENTRE West Coast Road
- ROLLESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE Rolleston Drive
- LINCOLN EVENT CENTRE Meijer Drive

These facilities will also be open to receive votes up to 12 midday on Saturday 8 October.

# ☑ At any NZ Post postal centre or postbox

Check the locations on the map for a NZ Post postbox near you.

The map shows most locations in Selwyn - but you can post your vote in a postbox anywhere in New Zealand.

NZ Post services listed here are a mix of street postboxes, agencies and post centres.

Some centres may only be open during business hours, and postboxes are subject to collection times.

- ROLLESTON Rolleston Square | Chaucer Street | Izone | Faringdon
- WEST MELTON Weedons Ross Road
- SPRINGSTON Ellesmere Junction Road
- LINCOLN Gerald Street | University
- TAI TAPU Christchurch Akaroa Road
- PREBBLETON Springs Road
- BURNHAM Freyburgh Road
- DUNSANDEL Main South Road
  DOYLESTON Leeston Road
- LEESTON High Street | Pharmacy
- SOUTHBRIDGE High Street
- KIRWEE Main West Coast Road
- DARFIELD South Terrace | Kimberley Road | Bangor Road
- COALGATE Bridge Street
- GLENTUNNEL Philip Street
- HORORATA Bealey Road
- SHEFFIELD West Coast Road
- WADDINGTON West Coast Road
- SPRINGFIELD West Coast Road
- ARTHURS PASS Village

Check nzpost.co.nz/tools/postshop-kiwibank-locator for details and other locations.

Post by Tuesday 4 October to make sure your vote is received by closing date.

# ► At a local pop-up location

We'll be bringing ballot boxes to local markets and community locations at specified dates and times across the district. Check the dates and times in the box on right, online at **selwyn.govt.nz/elections** or at **facebook.com/SelwynDistrictCouncil.** 

**VOTING CLOSES AT 12 MIDDAY, SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER.** 



# Who am I voting for?

In Selwyn, elections are being held for the following roles:

- The mayor (elected 'at large' across the entire district)
- 10 councillors across four wards
- 5 Malvern Community Board members, elected across three subdivisions

(Note: no election is required in the Hawkins and West Melton subdivisions, as the number of candidates matched the number of vacancies.)

• Environment Canterbury constituency member/s.

Candidates in Selwyn council areas are listed below.

#### MAYOR

Sam Broughton

Calvin Payne (Know Payne-Know Gain)

Bill Woods

#### **MALVERN WARD**

Andrea Clemens (Independent)

Jenny Gallagher

Lydia Gliddon (Independent)

Bob Mugford (Independent)

Samantha Samuel

Samuel Wilshire

#### **ROLLESTON WARD**

Phil **Dean** 

Sophie McInnes

Calvin Payne (Know Payne-Know Gain)

Moneel Pratap (Your life is my life - Independent)

Nicole Reid

Mel Stenhouse (Independent)

#### **ELLESMERE WARD**

Elle Archer (Independent)

Shane Ngapou O Te Hahi Epiha (Independent)

Elizabeth Mundt (Independent)

#### **SPRINGS WARD**

Dave Colloty (Independent)

Debra Hasson (Independent)

Malcolm Lyall

Grant Miller

#### **TAWERA SUBDIVISION**

Sean Ellis

Vicky Frost

Bill Woods

#### **HAWKINS SUBDIVISION**

#### **NO ELECTION REQUIRED**

Ken May

Sharn Nu'u

#### **WEST MELTON SUBDIVISION**

#### NO ELECTION REQUIRED

Calvin Payne (Know Payne-Know Gain)

Bruce Russell

### Find out more about candidates

To find out more about candidates in Selwyn elections visit selwyn.govt.nz/elections

- · You can find contact details which are provided by the candidates.
- You can also see their photo and official profile statement, if provided.

Voters can find additional information on candidates by searching in news media and social media. Many candidates have also contributed information to the independent site Policy.nz

Public 'Meet the Candidate' meetings are being held across the district during the election period. These meetings are not organised by the Council - they are generally arranged by local community or residents' groups. Check local media and social media for information on public meetings. You can also contact candidates directly.

You can find out more about Environment Canterbury elections and candidates at ecan.qovt.nz

# What ward are you in?

Your ward or subdivision will be noted on your voting papers. For more information on wards and boundaries check our Selwyn wards maps page at selwn.govt.nz/elections.

There have been some changes to wards and ward boundaries since the last elections, so you may find your ward has changed. The former Selwyn Central Ward has been replaced by the Rolleston Ward, and West Melton is now part of the Malvern Ward.

## Why should I vote?

Voting in the local elections is important if you want to have your say on what matters to you.

Councils look after things like your water, roading, and rubbish and recycling. But we also do so much more. In fact you really can't get through the day without making use of many of the services the Council provides.

We provide libraries, sports facilities and community centres, as well as great parks, reserves and playgrounds to explore. We offer fantastic events, support for local tourism and business, help plan for our future and ensure the district continues to prosper.

The Council also builds and maintains the essential infrastructure to provide transport and roading, water, wastewater and stormwater, rubbish, organics and recycling services, and we provide vital civil defence support in emergencies.

The councillors and community board members you elect have a significant input into how these activities are planned and funded, and where the district's priorities should be over the coming years.

The Council meets regularly (twice-monthly on Wednesdays) to make decisions that impact your life every day.

Make sure your vote counts and have your say in these elections.



Vote for your future. Voting closes 12 midday Saturday 8 October

For more information visit selwyn.govt.nz/elections





