

# 2025 Local body elections

## Who's standing for Selwyn District Council

Confirmed candidate profiles are now available below, per ward. All candidates were invited to film a short video answering three questions. The videos see candidates outline their top priorities, why they are right for a governance role and what the biggest challenge is facing the district. Videos are available below for candidates who took up this opportunity.

### Mayoralty (1 Vacancy)

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

Kia ora.

I love Selwyn and I'm proud to serve as your independent Mayor.

I've focused on delivering real, tangible progress, better roads, upgraded water networks, and new sports and community facilities delivered on time, on budget, and without losing sight of what makes Selwyn special.

I've always believed my job is to give you a voice, listening to what matters and making council work better for our communities.

Selwyn is thriving. We've kept housing affordable, backed local jobs, and helped 2,000 new businesses launch in just 3,000 days.

I don't like rate rises any more than you do, but after years of inflation and under investment, increases were unavoidable. I am committed to future rates rises being below 7%.

With 8 out of 10 Councillors stepping down, now is the time for proven mayoral leadership.

I am ready to keep delivering success for Selwyn, and appreciate your vote.

Sam

Kia ora.

He nui taku aroha ki a Selwyn, ā, e whakapehapeha ana ahau ki te tū hei Koromatua motuhake mō koutou.

Kua arotahi ahau ki te whakatutuki i ētahi ahunga whakamua tūturu: kua pai ake ngā huarahi, kua whakahōutia ngā pūnaha wai, me ngā whare hākinakina me ngā whare hāpori hōu i tukuna i runga i te wā tika, i roto i te tahua tika, me te kore ngaro i te aro ki ngā āhuatanga motuhake o Selwyn.

Kua noho whai utu ngā whare, kua tautokohia ngā mahi ā-rohe, ā, kua āwhina mātou i te whakatūnga o ngā pakihi hōu e 3,000 i roto noa i ngā rā 3,000.

I te waru o ngā kaikaunihera tekau kua tohua kei te heke tūranga īni, ināianei ko te wā mō te rangatiratanga me te Koromatua kua whakamātauria.

Kua rite ahau ki te mahi tonu ki te whakatutuki angitū mō Selwyn.

[https://youtu.be/RjgdD3nH2as?si=\\_2WWHY5Njsli\\_QtC](https://youtu.be/RjgdD3nH2as?si=_2WWHY5Njsli_QtC)

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

I'm standing for Mayor because Selwyn deserves leadership that listens, empowers, and delivers. I believe in working alongside our community to strengthen trust and transparency in council decision making. When people are heard and processes are open, we all benefit.

My background in business and agriculture gives me a grounded perspective, and my time on Council has proven my commitment to Selwyn. I've served on the front lines of community conversations and understand the pressures our residents face. I'm committed to putting people first.

Selwyn is growing rapidly, and with that growth comes responsibility. We must ensure growth pays for growth, rates are fair, and community voices are genuinely valued, not just when convenient.

I want to see councillors empowered to do their jobs, budgets properly scrutinised, and the public involved every step of the way. I'll bring back principled, people first leadership that restores trust in local government.

<https://youtu.be/kaE5oCiSouU?si=QxG6lf1LwO13HtSa>

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

Canterbury has always been home, not just for me but for generations of my family. I've lived, worked, and built relationships across Selwyn, and I believe it's time we focused more on what connects us than what divides us. I'm a local small business owner who has spent my life in practical, hands-on roles. I don't lead from behind a desk. I listen, I work, and I stay solution focused. That's the kind of leadership I want to bring to council. I'm standing because trust in local government has taken a hit. People feel unheard, and that needs to change. We need leadership that reflects the communities it serves. My goal is to rebuild that trust, bring spending and rates under control, and plan for Selwyn's future, including the next generation. Every step of the way, I'll be asking one thing: How can I help?

<https://youtu.be/TS6Nc7EoaAQ?si=2NhM9Ki0eyzjLjxG>

**Council – At-large (2 vacancies)**

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

With over 36 years as a proud resident of Selwyn District, and over 30 years experience in Finance, I am deeply committed to making this community a better place to live. I've run a rewarding business for 9 years dedicated to helping individuals purchase their own homes and being financially secure. My goal is to enhance resident's quality of life by promoting transparency within council process, a positive culture, and mutual respect within the Community and local Council. I am also dedicated to stimulating local business growth through sincere receptiveness, stability and listening to residents needs regardless of their location rural or urban while working collaboratively to ensure Selwyn is a thriving and welcoming place for everyone in the future.

<https://youtu.be/OZOLWdYHQO0?si=LgYuYgEoU23dzwx3>

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area. I am also standing for Tawera Community Subdivision.

A retired engineer, I bring practical experience and a strong commitment to rural and urban communities. I'm an active member of the Arthur's Pass Residents Association, Wildlife Trust, and Community Response Team. I've worked closely with SDC to upgrade Arthur's Pass' drinking water supply.

My skills in 3 Waters will assist in the oversight of the WSC-CO.

I support initiatives to achieve Energy efficiency and Sustainability.

Raised on a mixed family farm in Methven, I understand the importance of balancing development and protecting productive farmland. The use of Groundwater and stored Irrigation schemes for production of food are important.

The current rate increases are unsustainable, new funding methods need exploring.

Being on the Selwyn District Council will give me the opportunity to engage with and ensure the needs of people in the District are heard and addressed.

I will work to ensure people in all our communities have a voice.

[https://youtu.be/JPB5VYKuxPw?si=chKq0y10goO\\_jDqt](https://youtu.be/JPB5VYKuxPw?si=chKq0y10goO_jDqt)

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

Selwyn's growing fast — but so are our rates and Council spending.

I'm Tracey MacLeod, a former lawyer with courtroom experience, specialising in construction, contract, and employment law. I've helped national, regional, and local sports organisations, clubs, and not-for-profits fix systems, cut waste, and stretch tight budgets — often for reduced fees or none at all.

I've taught law and ethics, stood up to one of New Zealand's biggest councils as a leaky-home advocate, and supported people and groups who needed someone in their corner.

I live here, I care, and I know how to ask tough questions and get results.

Council must focus on the basics: real priorities, credible budgets, and respect for

ratepayers — whether you're in Rolleston, a small town, or on the land. I'll bring full-time commitment, honest scrutiny, and practical leadership — and I'll work hard for you every day.

<https://youtu.be/AKYY7mOZBik?si=caGZIK2PalGFUE59>

*Calvin PAYNE*

Independent Know Payne - Know Gain

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area. I have a BSc Honours degree in Construction Engineering and I am a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors and have completed their training on Governance and Finance. I am currently an elected member on Malvern Community Board, including being the member responsible for finance. My current project work via my own business, includes Te Kaha the One New Zealand Stadium and Student Accommodation for UC and our very own Lincoln University. I consider I have sound Business, Financial and Engineering experience that could be effectively utilised at the Council table in order to ensure Common Sense decision making for our future. My objectives will be: reduce rate rises, enable water services that are affordable for rate payers, support safe and robust highways and roads for the future and promote the effective use of Community Boards across Selwyn District. Vote Calvin Payne – Know Payne – Know Gain

[https://youtu.be/LI9yZwsCO-I?si=JI4KTVFggC\\_hprkK](https://youtu.be/LI9yZwsCO-I?si=JI4KTVFggC_hprkK)

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My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area. I am also standing for Hawkins Community Subdivision.

Kia ora! I am a proud Cantabrian, raised in Christchurch, graduated from the University of Canterbury in Engineering, and live in Kirwee.

For over 20 years, I've worked in the food, petroleum, and dairy industries of New Zealand.

The fresh perspective I'll bring to council comes from the passion I have for our community and for turning concerns into action that improves the community's wellbeing.

We are fortunate to live in a rich, natural environment; however, we need to protect our natural capital and work together for a more sustainable future.

My professional background and education will inform how I support our community to address difficult challenges like climate change that will affect future generations.

The breadth of my professional experience has equipped me with the skills necessary to work collaboratively to voice residents' concerns at council, to be a strong voice for our community, and to seek positive outcomes.

Kia ora! Nō Waitaha ahau, ā, i tipu au ake au i konei i puta hoki taku ihu i Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha. Kei te noho ahau ki Kirwee.

Neke atu i te 20 tau kua mahi au i ngā umanga nui o Aotearoa.

Ko taku aronga ki te Kaunihera i takea mai i taku aroha nui ki taku hapori me te manako kia piki te hauora o taua hapori.

Waimaria tātau ki te noho i tēnei taiao; heoi me aro nui tātau ki te oranga tonutanga o te hapori a haere ake nei.

Mā aku mahi o mua e tohu ai au me pēhea taku tautoko hei turaki i ngā taero pēnei me te āhuarangi ka pā ki ngā reanga kei te heke mai.

Ko tāku e hiahia nei kia tū hei reo, hei ringaringa, hei waewae mōu i te Kaunihera e kōkiri ai ngā kaupapa.

<https://youtu.be/fqttFeriK8I?si=rlWe2YIQZbkYNhC2>

*Samuel WILSHIRE*

Stop the spend, start the mend

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Stop the spend, start the mend

My principal place of residence is in the Selwyn District Council area.

I'm a proud father of 3 boys, a local business owner and have lived in Selwyn all my life.

I've seen Selwyn change in the past 10 years from sprawling paddocks to a bustling community, this hasn't happened without growing pains.

As your elected Councillor for At large, I will rein in spending, cut the fluff so rates can be affordable for everyone, old and young.

I've run for council at large because I wish to see the divide between Rural and Urban, Rich and Poor, young and old closed!

We need to refocus on core services, reduce council borrowing and deliver the services we need to deliver.

For too long the people of Selwyn have been used to fund change and growth, many residents I've spoken to are at breaking point.

If we have to tighten our belts, then so should council!

Stop the spend and start the mend!

<https://youtu.be/iWUMoBvzRCM?si=hR3fyz9Mle8f7xUm>

## Tawera Malvern Ward (1 vacancy)

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My principal place of residence is in the Tawera Malvern Ward area.

With a background in analytics, corporate strategy, and project delivery, I bring a clear, pragmatic lens to local government. I currently serve on the Malvern Community Board, and until recently was a trustee of a youth trust. I have a proven record of engaging with our community through schools, sports, youth and cultural initiatives.

I'm proud to call Malvern home — raising a family here and contributing through voluntary roles that reflect my deep commitment to this place and its people. My professional skill set complements my grassroots involvement, giving me the tools to assess issues thoughtfully and act decisively.

I'm standing for Council to offer strong local leadership — someone who understands both the numbers and the human impact behind every decision. Malvern needs a voice that's informed, accessible, and ready to lead.

Vote Sharn Nu'u – A strong advocate for Malvern. Committed to community. Focused on what matters.

<https://youtu.be/FcQlPMrglQs?si=mzoq-8X-x3EEw3x2>

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My principal place of residence is in the Tawera Malvern Ward area.

As Deputy Chair of the Malvern Community Board, I've listened to residents and advocated for our communities. With qualifications in Law, Education, and Environmental Management, and experience managing council legal departments, I understand how council decisions affect ratepayers.

I'll bring practical, independent leadership to the Council: focusing on stopping wasteful spending, ensuring developers pay their fair share, and keeping rates affordable. I support local representation, better engagement with our rural towns and communities, and a fair say for all.

I opposed the flawed Water Services Council Controlled Organisation proposal and will work for transparent, accountable governance that delivers real value for ratepayers. I will listen and raise community concerns. I stand for transparent, accountable governance and a Council that delivers for the people in Tawera Malvern and the Selwyn District.

Let's make good decisions and put our communities first.

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### Kā Mania Rolleston Ward (3 vacancies)

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

I am running for Councillor because young people, renters, and everyday residents deserve more than to be left on the sidelines. Nearly 45% of Rolleston is under 35, yet we have zero youth voices on council. I'm 18, but I've already clocked over 500 hours of volunteering, from running free Bhangra dance fitness classes to co-leading cultural and youth events that build community from the ground up.

I'm not here to tick boxes or make vague promises. I'm here because I live what I stand for, that being real representation, smart spending, improving public transport, and a council that listens before it acts.

Rolleston is growing fast. We need leadership that reflects who we are now, a younger, more diverse, and ready for the future. If you want fresh ideas, action, and someone who actually shows up, I'm ready and committed.

Let's build a Rolleston we believe in together.

[https://youtu.be/\\_wQH8Esi5XI?si=i9Rq9aGe6vfHMad5](https://youtu.be/_wQH8Esi5XI?si=i9Rq9aGe6vfHMad5)



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My principal place of residence is not in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

Healthy Water – with my experience delivering infrastructure within the water sector for the last 20 years. I will be advocating to return Selwyn water to an unchlorinated supply and ensuring we have enough quantity, quality, and safe water across the district.

Affordable Rates – with my skills in business management, I am a firm believer in considered growth for Rolleston and the region. The cost of infrastructure and assets are to be delivered within the taxpayers means. Selwyn's debt growth needs to be stopped.

Good Governance – I will bring a strong voice on behalf of the community and good governance to affordable rates, healthy water and infrastructure planning for Rolleston. I am standing clear of party politics. I stand with integrity, experience and a genuine commitment to local issues, prioritising affordable rates and a return to healthy water for Selwyn.

[https://youtu.be/d27TVg5YWYk?si=Pa\\_6BEm\\_f5kKST\\_z](https://youtu.be/d27TVg5YWYk?si=Pa_6BEm_f5kKST_z)

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Hey there! So, about four years back, my partner and I rented a place in Rolleston while our new house was being built. In that time, the town has grown a lot and spread out quite a bit.

As someone who's totally blind and uses a guide dog, I've seen firsthand how tough it can be for many people to navigate around our community. Like most of you, I've been sitting on the sidelines and commenting on decisions made by the ratepayers of the Canterbury Region. But now, I think it's time to stand up and speak up for our community. We want a positive change, where our voices will be heard in decision-

making that affects us all.

In our diverse and multi-generational community, we all need a spokesperson in council. I'd be thrilled to be able to make a positive difference on your behalf.

<https://youtu.be/j1XCkEZRnY?si=OQsuzJZK8XnAUFXV>

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

Hello Rolleston, I'm Ashwin Mani aka Robert, a devoted resident with a strong interest in community development. I'm standing for councillor for a safer, fairer, better Rolleston for all. I'm going to prioritise the genuine concerns of young families, families who deserve safer streets where children can be children without fear.

I will stand up for small business owners who need some real support, fewer barriers, and a council that knows how to encourage growth, not squander it. These people are the ones who keep our local economy spinning; I will make sure their voices are heard! For our elderly residents, I will advocate for improved access to services, faster response, and policies that provide dignity and ease to their everyday lives.

Rolleston needs a voice of strength to listen and act. I will fight for what is right, because we all deserve a council that puts its people first.

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

As your councillor since 2019, I am an active, accessible point of contact via the residents' association, at local events, in the community, and online. My family and I work, learn, play and volunteer in our district, and I'm always ready to discuss concerns with both respect and realism.

Over time, I've served as deputy chair of the Infrastructure & Transport committee and chair of Housing & Urban Development, supporting intergenerational initiatives like spatial planning, the Reconnect waste management project, and the Youth & Older Persons' Hub.

My commitment is reinforced by a Masters in Environmental Policy & Management from Lincoln, and Institute of Directors membership. Both are deeply relevant to making tough decisions that balance today's needs with the challenges of population growth, environmental protection, and community resilience.

In 2025-2028, I will continue to advocate for affordable, future-focused investment, and ensure that Selwyn responds effectively to government reforms.

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<https://youtu.be/cmdDg1lQOd8?si=vreb9SKNXSQMwcE6>

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I'm standing for council because it's time for practical leadership, accountability, and community-focused thinking to guide the decisions shaping Selwyn's future.

With 14 years in the New Zealand Defence Force, I bring experience in leadership, planning, and working under pressure for the good of others. I've also worked as a local tradesman, small business owner, and like many of you, I'm a ratepayer. I know how rising costs and council decisions affect our homes, families, and livelihoods.

Our community needs voices who ask the hard questions, challenge wasteful spending, and push for smart, long-term investment in infrastructure and services. That means listening to residents, not rubber-stamping staff agendas.

I'm not here to climb a political ladder. I'm here to serve the people who live, work, and raise families in Selwyn, just like I do.

If you want someone who'll put Selwyn first, I'd be honored to have your support.

<https://youtu.be/gPr2Q9MJH60?si=JOGJdc71MGD0avUK>

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

A Voice for Rolleston Families

As a Rolleston resident and a parent navigating the realities of young family life, I understand the pressures we face. The rising cost of living is making it harder for families to thrive, let alone significant long-term rates, which present a real risk to the financial stability of many.

With a professional background covering financial analysis, operational management and procurement, I'm standing to be a strong, relatable voice, and will use these skills to focus on advocating for planned and fiscally responsible decisions that deliver efficiency and value for money in every council service.

I'm committed to transparent processes, rebuilding trust, working collectively, and holding council accountable for the outcomes that matter to you. Let's build a council that truly reflects and responds to the people's needs whilst remaining affordable, ensuring our district remains a fantastic place to raise families, now and in the future.

<https://youtu.be/OgA0rzXVPug?si=AlHbYkoSvzQb4QYB>

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

Supports to Cap Council Rates, to not amalgamate with Christchurch, focus on core services and new build GST returned to Council.

Wellington born and raised, I'm proud to call Rolleston my home a district with immense potential. I've a Commercial background, Governance experience and operate a staffing business.

I hold a degree in Accounting and Business qualifications.

Actively involved in our community through various initiatives and volunteer for our Rugby Club and Selwyn Civil Defence.

I'm practical, financially responsible and solutions focused to simply get things done. Council has an operating spend of \$236m which needs an inspection.

My focuses:

Rates review, relieving financial pressure; Advocating for better infrastructure and

Essentials such as mobile coverage and healthcare; Crime Prevention and Community Safety including better, safer roads.

I'm young, energetic, and passionate about enabling Rolleston to grow well, not fast.

Vote Moneel for Positive Change.

moneel4selwyn.com or 020-4-SELWYN for more info.

[https://youtu.be/d7E-V4vObv4?si=jU3s\\_y15srtcWape](https://youtu.be/d7E-V4vObv4?si=jU3s_y15srtcWape)

*Big Red SHEFFORD*

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

Big Red is the owner of a business that employs over 50 people, all from the local area.

Prior to that he spent 8 years in the NZ Army, completing tours in Afghanistan & East Timor.

He has lived in Selwyn since 2001 & is passionate about the area.

Understanding the importance of community, Big Red has been behind many local events and fund-raising initiatives. You will often find him behind the BBQ at the rugby, school fetes, fundraisers and charity events.

Having been in business ownership since 2010 he understands the motto of Go Woke Go Broke which is one of the key reasons why Big Red is standing in this years local body elections.

With the little spare time he gets he grows a vege garden, feeds his chickens, goes fishing & is constantly looking for his next conspiracy as many of them have come true.

<https://youtu.be/ce1NSnh8AlQ?si=5SmOuy0PURDmlCyQ>

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I am standing for election to the Selwyn District Council 2025 to represent our vibrant and growing community with integrity, transparency, and a focus on sustainable

development.

As a long-time resident of Rolleston, I understand the unique challenges and opportunities our district faces. I bring experience in community work and a strong commitment to making Rolleston a place where families and businesses can thrive.

My priorities include:

Ensuring responsible infrastructure development to meet the needs of our growing population; Advocating for efficient public services, including transport, libraries, parks, and emergency preparedness; Encouraging community engagement and better communication between council and residents, committed to listening to your concerns and making decisions that reflect the best interests of our whole community.

I respectfully ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

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Vote for Change

[https://youtu.be/Ns6-dTXLpRE?si=AkQjrrGOj\\_2VP1S3](https://youtu.be/Ns6-dTXLpRE?si=AkQjrrGOj_2VP1S3)

*Chris TILL*

ACT Local: Real Change. Lower Rates.

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

Ratepayers are being let down by Selwyn District Council with outrageous rates hikes and wasteful spending on unnecessary projects and services. It's time to give the Council a wakeup call and focus on the things that matter in Selwyn.

As a Selwyn local, I see first-hand the issues facing our community, and my background working with Local Government in the UK and New Zealand, and leadership in the financial sector, means I know how to deliver practical solutions that put ratepayers first.

By voting for me as an ACT Local, you know exactly what you are going to get:

I will keep rates down, cut wasteful spending, restore transparency and accountability to the decision-making process, and remove all race-based policies and services.

If you want to see common sense back around the Council table, then please give me one of your votes.

My principal place of residence is Rolleston Ward.

<https://youtu.be/aLo2YDx218M?si=KCHIIWullyXDp3R8>

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Mānia Rolleston Ward area.

The reason I'm standing for council is because of the high rates rises in this term of council.

I built a house here in Rolleston 9 years ago and my partner Lucy and I love this town.

However, I'm concerned that Rolleston is becoming unaffordable for many to live. Rates rises hit those on fixed incomes and pensioners hard. I have seen residents struggling to make ends meet because of council spending.

I am a senior teacher and have degrees in Marketing, Science and English. Prior to teaching, I worked in managerial roles. Being a teacher has given me the ability to work with a wide range of people, analyse complex issues, and think critically.

My focus is making sure future developments can be paid for without hitting residents in the pocket. If we don't need it - don't spend money on it.

<https://youtu.be/89jzzhqcxVU?si=YRKM0JVHJx4AZeY7>

**Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward (1 vacancy)**

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My principal place of residence is in the Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward area.

I am seeking re-election following a 3-year break to concentrate on work, family and personal commitments.

I have lived and worked in the Ellesmere district all my life and have extensive connections to the Community via numerous sports, community support and advocacy groups.

My governance experience includes Trustee and Chair of Leeston and Ellesmere Schools, our Contracting Companies and 2 Terms as Ellesmere Ward Councillor 2016 –

2022 during which time I was a member and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and Biodiversity Working Group.

I am an Independent Candidate with no connection to any political party or political lobby groups. I have a strong work ethic and consider all matters on merit not biased by what will benefit me.

As a self-employed contractor I have the time, energy and experience to dedicate myself to performing this role from day one of the new Council.

<https://youtu.be/z8hGtDqlOss?si=4tVjKH9ZeuMw1vEf>

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My principal place of residence is in the Te Waihora Ellesmere Ward area.

As your current Ellesmere Councillor, I have worked tirelessly to advocate for the best outcome for Selwyn residents for affordability and democracy where the ratepayers are heard when Council makes decisions.

Like many ratepayers I have been frustrated and strongly opposed to the direction Council has taken.

I voted against the WSCCO water decision, as the inhouse model was more economical for ratepayers.

I voted against the Long-Term Plan as yearly double-digit rate increases are beyond so many.

I voted to retain both rural councillors in Malvern and Ellesmere Wards, to have the rural voice around the table and fairer representation.

I will continue to be outspoken and ethical in Council. My proven voting record shows my commitment to our community.

I will focus on delivering due diligence, value for money and halting non-essential spending to limit our rising intergenerational debt.

Thank you for your vote.

<https://youtu.be/j-c1Xw8JyuM?si=vP3SMLXYVSKrB2HE>

**Kā Puna Springs Ward (3 vacancies)**

*Sarah BARNSLEY*

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

My name is Sarah Barnsley, and I am proud to stand for Selwyn District Council. I've lived, worked, and raised my family in this vibrant district for the past 13 years, actively contributing to local schools, sports clubs, and community initiatives. I believe in a collaborative, consensus-based approach to governance—one that values diverse perspectives and sound judgement. I support solutions that are not only financially responsible but also environmentally and community-focused, and sustainable, ensuring ratepayer funds are managed wisely and investments align with long-term priorities as determined by the people of Selwyn. Good decision-making means listening carefully, balancing local needs and regulations, and striving for outcomes that align with our district's strategic goals while inclusive of all voices. With sound judgement and a deep commitment to Selwyn's wellbeing, I will work hard to ensure our district remains a place we are proud to call home—now and for future generations.

<https://youtu.be/FtvXu90l6dE?si=xZAAG7QYJczpz7r7>

*Denise CARRICK*

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

Your Voice – Your Vote!

My priorities are:- Genuine Consultation; transparency of Council systems; careful financial governance to reduce rates rises; developer contributions charged appropriately, growth needs to pay for growth; safe clean drinking water; safe roads; safe progressive communities with a Springs Ward Community Board to empower our community; protecting and improving our natural environment; protecting our rural and highly productive farmland; advocating for a great education for all students and all local services needed here in Selwyn for every generation.

The rapid growth in Selwyn has been great but left unmanaged it will be increasingly detrimental to our rates, our communities, our small businesses, and the future of Selwyn, Our Home.

Lincoln Voice spokesperson, Selwyn Community Patrol, BA Hons, PG Dip.

Website for further info: - [Denisecarrick.my.canva.site/denise-carrick-cole](https://denisecarrick.my.canva.site/denise-carrick-cole)

Facebook: - Denise Carrick – Candidate for Selwyn Council, Springs Ward.

<https://youtu.be/ZDJSRIZnznY?si=TEoZeXR0EhAUu48W>

*Aaron MCGLINCHY*

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

Selwyn Council needs more independent thinking and accountability. I bring financial and analytical skills, experience managing a \$100M budget, and training in governance and finance. I'm solutions focussed, I'll listen to the community, and ask the necessary questions to make informed decisions.

Large, unsustainable, rates increases are being used to dig Council out of a financial hole. By 2029 debt will hit \$600M (triple 2024). We must get costs under control— budgeting accurately, spending efficiently, and reconsidering nice to haves.

Selwyn's been home for 30-years, my family connection 75-years. My grandfather farmed at Broadfield, my father was in Lincoln High's first intake. My wife teaches preschool locally, I've worked at a Lincoln research centre, my children attended Springston Primary and Lincoln High, and I coached Selwyn Football for years.

Now I'm able to give back. This is why I'm standing, to serve Selwyn residents in a fair, sustainable, affordable way.

[https://youtu.be/KdwtskLDcU?si=K\\_aGWvLmKYjwk0Os](https://youtu.be/KdwtskLDcU?si=K_aGWvLmKYjwk0Os)

*Till PETERS*

Independent – for Kā Puna Springs

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

Local. Committed. Experienced. Delivering for the community.

Living in West Melton with my family for over 10 years now, I am the right candidate for Kā Puna Springs because I am deeply committed to our community and environment.

I'm working hard to protect our rural landscapes and prioritise our local economy, supporting jobs and businesses that benefit us all. I approach the responsibilities that come with serving our ward with prudence and tenacity, advocating for diligent and transparent spending of our ratepayers' contributions.

Above all, I listen to residents, ensuring your voices guide every decision. I'm all ears for the concerns I'm hearing from locals including responsible growth, traffic management, and water chlorination.

Please feel free to reach out to share your thoughts via [linkedin.com/in/tillpeters](https://www.linkedin.com/in/tillpeters), [till.for.kapunaspings@peters.co.nz](mailto:till.for.kapunaspings@peters.co.nz) or 022 484 8205.

I thank you for considering my candidacy and invite you to support me.

Till Peters

[https://youtu.be/OGf\\_mjq3ADs?si=QDZfm\\_5oQPgQkKQa](https://youtu.be/OGf_mjq3ADs?si=QDZfm_5oQPgQkKQa)

*Tim POW*

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

I am Tim Pow, proud to call Selwyn home, with deep roots stretching from Darfield to Weedons. Raised on a family farm, I've inherited a practical, hands-on approach to challenges—a No. 8 wire mindset that believes every problem has a solution.

My professional journey has equipped me with experience working alongside local and central government, government agencies, and everyday community members. I'm known for my pragmatic thinking, solutions focus, and willingness to challenge the status quo when needed.

If elected, I promise to ask the tough questions, demand the best for Selwyn, and represent your interests with integrity and energy. I am committed to being a strong, independent voice for our district, ensuring our communities thrive now and into the future. Lets do this, Together Better. Vote Pow!

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

I'm a husband, parent, grandparent, a civil engineer (with Honours degree), an MBA graduate, a business owner and operator, and a Selwyn ratepayer.

As an independent candidate, I am standing for Council to work for the people of Selwyn, keep rates low, cut wasteful spending, promote transparency and remove race-based politics. But good ideas mean nothing if council staff delay or distort elected decisions. Right now, the unelected administration holds too much influence, and residents are disempowered.

I've spent my life solving tough engineering problems and standing up for over 500 people with earthquake claims – fighting EQC and big insurance companies that tried to push them around. I'll bring that same experience to council, demand clear answers, hold administration accountable, and make sure elected councillors are the ones making the real decisions. Vote Zoran Rakovic, someone with guts, experience, and a proven record of pushing back when it matters.

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*Karim SABET*

Independent voice for our community

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My principal place of residence is in the Kā Puna Springs Ward area.

I'm standing for Ka Puna Springs Ward to deliver common-sense leadership, smarter budgeting, and a modern council that is efficient and accountable to its people.

My family loves living in Prebbleton. Like most, we've chosen Selwyn for its community spirit and quality of life, and I want to help protect what makes it special.

My global experience living and working across eight countries has given me insight into what makes communities happy and successful.

Selwyn's extraordinary growth needs careful planning, financial transparency, and modern systems. I previously co-founded a Canterbury technology company that helps Australasian councils make financial information intuitive and accessible for everyone, earning us national recognition for improving spend clarity and boosting public engagement.

With your support, I will work to balance Selwyn's community needs, push for cost effectiveness, encourage growing businesses, supported by a more transparent, trusted council that delivers real value for you, the ratepayer.

<https://youtu.be/l9t68bioPQQ?si=wIB1h0wL2H4nMHhQ>

**There is also an election for a Community Board in the Malvern Ward. A total of five Community Board members will be elected, from two subdivisions:**

### **Tawera Community Subdivision (2 vacancies)**

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My principal place of residence is in the Tawera Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

Having successfully operated motels in Ashburton with my husband for the last 20 years, while raising two energetic boys, I now choose to call this wonderful community home.

My background in small business has equipped me with management skills, practical decision-making, and a deep understanding of what it means to serve others. By managing staff, supporting guests from all walks of life, and problem-solving under pressure has given me valuable insights into communication, accountability, and getting things done, skills that are directly transferable to the role of a Community Board member.

I am passionate about drinkable water, food security, and rate reductions.

I am approachable, down-to-earth, and genuinely committed to ensuring local voices are heard. I am ready to work hard for positive outcomes across the Tawera Subdivision and Tawera Malvern Ward.

Committed to Community, Grounded in Experience.

[https://youtu.be/4qBNW2iL1XQ?si=tSgSRzHk\\_hvKXjKK](https://youtu.be/4qBNW2iL1XQ?si=tSgSRzHk_hvKXjKK)

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My principal place of residence is in the Tawera Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area. I am also standing for Council - At Large.

A retired engineer, I bring practical experience and a strong commitment to rural communities. I'm an active member of the Arthur's Pass Residents Association, Wildlife Trust, and Local Community Response Team. I've worked closely with SDC to upgrade Arthur's Pass' drinking water supply.

Being on the Malvern Community Board will give me the opportunity to engage with and ensure the needs of people in our rural towns and villages are heard and addressed.

Raised on a mixed family farm in Methven, I understand the importance of protecting productive farmland. I support our rural communities and sustainability. The use of Groundwater and stored Irrigation schemes for production of food are important. I will work to ensure people in our rural communities have a voice.

The current rate increases are unsustainable, new funding methods need exploring.

<https://youtu.be/JPB5VYKuxPw?si=CX5EsvJM6sWDKXAR>

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My principal place of residence is in the Tawera Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

About Me. Completed a degree in Forestry Science at Canterbury University in 2002.

Served 10ys in the British Army as a Military Surveyor/ Engineer and spent 10ys in Engineering consultancy when moving to Canterbury in 2011. Currently work self employed across a number of sectors including tourism, forestry, agriculture and digital mapping services.

I have become very concerned about the running of Selwyn District Council, namely the lack of transparency and accountability of elected representatives and senior council staff. This has lead to excessive wasteful spending and unsustainable debt loads held against community assets and rates.

I will look to ensure local communities are aware of key council decisions and submissions, look to coordinate responses from the community and advocate for community interests with the council.

## Hawkins Community Subdivision (3 vacancies)

*Erin BRODIE*

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

If elected to the Malvern Community Board my commitment will be to fight for those without a voice, to stand on the street and meet you where you live and work and where you hold your dreams. If needed I will be that lone voice and will not give up asking the tough questions. So who am I? At 63yrs I'm a retired Social Worker, mother of five, dog lover, chook owner and 'sheep whisperer'. A member of the Darfield Residents Association, the Malvern Writers Cafe and the Sheffield Book Club. Like you I call this community 'home' and although we may not always see eye to eye I will take your voice to the Board and Council table and work tirelessly for honest, transparent and accountable outcomes. With your vote we may not always win but together we will not be ignored, forgotten or left behind.

<https://youtu.be/xsodhyS0H5s?si=yHjZRxr4KB9cPe1d>

*Evan FREW*

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

I grew up in Darfield and went to school here. On leaving school I started work at Frews Transport where I stayed for the next 40 years progressing from office boy to CEO.

My Local Body experience includes:

Malvern County Councillor for 12 years with 2 as Deputy Mayor; Selwyn District Councillor and Finance chair for 6 years; Director of several Council-owned businesses including Sicon; Acted for Council for first Izone land purchase.

My Aims:

I believe that the ratepayers of SDC have to be governed by a more democratic model.

This can be achieved, in our community, by the SDC giving the Malvern Community Board broad and clearly delegated responsibilities.

I believe rate increases must align with the rate of inflation. If this is not possible then Council must reduce its service and costs to achieve this goal.

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

I am a Chartered Engineer & Project Manager, with over 45 years experience in Commercial Construction Projects.

I graduated from University of Liverpool & worked in the UK for many years before migrating to NZ in 2001.

In NZ my first role was with Sicon, based in Darfield. I later joined CDHB, working on many projects including Christchurch Womens Hospital & early design stages on the new Burwood & Christchurch Hospital redevelopments. During that period I also had a small role in the design of the Darfield Medical Centre.

Subsequently I worked for Lincoln University, responsible for new construction projects, including two new science facilities with a combined budget of \$100M, both now operational.

We live in Darfield, previously in Kirwee (with a role on the Township Committee) and West Melton.

Now retired, I hope my experience can assist the Community Board in representing community concerns with SDC staff.

[https://youtu.be/or43Lqm7IUY?si=FI7TpkY\\_TUOd0rEA](https://youtu.be/or43Lqm7IUY?si=FI7TpkY_TUOd0rEA)

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

I'm a new Pensioner, but have enjoyed running successful small businesses for the past 38 years. Married for 40 years, we've enjoyed being residents of Darfield for the past 27 of them.

In that period I made time to attend Lincoln University, gaining my Masters Degree through their part-time courses.

Passionate about Aviation, I was elected to the Council of the Aviation Industry Association of New Zealand, serving on that body from 1997 – 2013, focussing my efforts on developing a coherent Export Strategy for the industry in New Zealand. My mantra in business has always been to Buy Local where I can, spend money responsibly , and avoid waste while delivering first class service to our clients, both locally and in our export markets.

In this regard I believe I can offer solid experience and pragmatism to the people of Tawera Malvern, who I would be honoured to serve.

<https://youtu.be/qMJuEDF-kEE?si=S99XvwFy8xr2hfo>

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area.

Growing up in a rural community like Darfield, and having lived in Christchurch for 29 years, made me realise how much alike rural communities are. Moving into the Selwyn District had a feel of going home. As an import to New Zealand, this country has offered me much, and it is time for me to offer something back. I spend my life in the software industry, working internationally and exclusively focused on manufacturing and construction businesses. The skills you build up in working with different industries and different cultures are largely transferable. Serving the Malvern ward, will be based on building environments that are focused on principles of self-governance, liberty and stewardship. Having done some coaching and mentoring, I do believe that most people know what needs to be done or worked on. My job will be assist and facilitate that within the parameters set for our ward..

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My principal place of residence is in the Hawkins Subdivision of the Malvern Community Board area. I am also standing for Council - At Large.

Kia ora! I am a proud Cantabrian, raised in Christchurch, graduated from the University of Canterbury in Engineering, and live in Kirwee.

For over 20 years, I've worked in the food, petroleum, and dairy industries of New Zealand.

The fresh perspective I'll bring to council comes from the passion I have for our community and for turning concerns into action that improves the community's wellbeing.

We are fortunate to live in a rich, natural environment; however, we need to protect our natural capital and work together for a more sustainable future.

My professional background and education will inform how I support our community to address difficult challenges like climate change that will affect future generations.

The breadth of my professional experience has equipped me with the skills necessary to work collaboratively to voice residents' concerns at council, to be a strong voice for our community, and to seek positive outcomes.

Kia ora! Nō Waitaha ahau, ā, i tipu au ake au i konei i puta hoki taku ihu i Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha. Kei te noho ahau ki Kirwee.

Neke atu i te 20 tau kua mahi au i ngā umanga nui o Aotearoa.

Ko taku aronga ki te Kaunihera i takea mai i taku aroha nui ki taku hapori me te manako kia piki te hauora o taua hapori.

Waimaria tātau ki te noho i tēnei taiao; heoi me aro nui tātau ki te oranga tonutanga o te hapori a haere ake nei.

Mā aku mahi o mua e tohu ai au me pēhea taku tautoko hei turaki i ngā taero pēnei me te āhuarangi ka pā ki ngā reanga kei te heke mai.

Ko tāku e hiahia nei kia tū hei reo, hei ringaringa, hei waewae mōu i te Kaunihera e kōkiri ai ngā kaupapa.

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