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Aquatic Centre fundraising passes \$1million mark

Around \$70,000 in donations and sponsorship and \$1,060,000 from funders has pulled the Selwyn Aquatic Centre fundraising campaign to two-thirds of its desired total, \$1.5million.

Selwyn Aquatic Facilities Manager Kathy Moore says as well as grants from major funders, donations have been arriving regularly since the campaign launch earlier this year.

"Our community fundraising has earned us \$70,100 in cash and kind donations and sponsorships. These generous Selwyn people need to be acknowledged for their input:

- Platinum sponsorship (donations above \$15,000): McMillan Water Wells
- Gold sponsorship (\$10,000 +): Mayor Kelvin Coe
- Silver sponsorship (\$5000 +): Buddle Findlay; Adrienne & Michael McEvedy; Kajens Trading (Jens & Karen Christensen); Cr Mark Alexander; Nicola & Nigel Barnett
- Bronze sponsorship (\$2000 +): Alan Peacock; Douglas Marshall; Lincoln New World; Patrick George Morrison

"We've received some support in our Aquatic Star category – donations of \$500. These people will be acknowledged with wall tiles and on our Aquatic Star walkway when the new facility opens midway through 2013," Mrs Moore says.

Major funders who have contributed to the facility to date include Lotteries NZ (\$680,000), The Southern Trust (\$300,000) and EECA grant (\$50,000).

Funding applications awaiting decisions include an application to the Canterbury Community Trust.

Information about sponsorship tiers are available from Mrs Moore at the Council, or Library/Service Centres.

"We'd also love to get families involved – they'll be able to purchase and design their own wall tiles in the new few months for inside the centre, at \$75 per tile (including paints). And fundraising T-shirts, swimming caps, badges and keyrings are available to purchase now."

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For more information, contact Selwyn District Council Aquatic Facilities Manager Kathy Moore, 347 2841 or 027 328 3011.