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Discover Sensational Selwyn Expo popular

The Discover Sensational Selwyn Housing and Lifestyle Expo this weekend attracted around 1000 people over two days, with a significant number from Christchurch city.

The Expo at the Rolleston Community Centre attracted 62 stands, including developers, house builders, banks, local businesses and tourism attractions and was designed to promote the quality housing and lifestyle benefits of living in the district.

Mayor Kelvin Coe says people seemed pleasantly surprised by what was on offer in Selwyn District.

"We talked to standholders over the weekend and they were very positive about our Expo visitors, who were very interested in the value for money of buying properties and building in the district.

"Our Selwyn District Council stand was busy right through, with people asking about planning and building consents, what there is to do in Selwyn, and loads of interest in our new Selwyn Aquatic Centre and community recreation opportunities," he says.

Children didn't miss out, with many taking the opportunity to pat a couple of Ilamas from Watford Grange Llamas, jump around in the bouncy castle or get their faces painted. And there were loads of giveaways at the various stands.

"The Housing and Lifestyle Expo was the first time Selwyn District Council has done anything like this and it's been a great opportunity to raise our profile with city dwellers looking for new options. We think we're definitely going to get some new residents as a result," Mayor Coe says.

The Council will be analysing feedback forms from exhibitors before deciding whether they would look at repeating the Expo annually or biennially.

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