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Selwyn Aquatic Centre a hot destination in the cold weather

Over 30,000 people visited the new Selwyn Aquatic Centre in its first six weeks of operation.

Aquatic Facility Manager Kathy Moore says that the centre has been an extremely popular place to visit and has been busy every day since it opened.

"The new centre has been visited by people from right across the district and of all ages. Many customers comment on how great the centre is and how convenient it is to have the facility here in Selwyn," she says.

Mrs Moore says that swimming is a particularly good way for people to stay active during the winter months. "It's hard for people to get exercise after or before work when its dark and the weather is cold, but we can offer a safe place for people to swim in and nice warm pools to enjoy."

On average over 700 people a day have been visiting the new centre since it opened on 24 June.

"The school holidays were particularly busy time for us, and our staff enjoyed celebrating Kids Fest at a Pirate Pool party with games and inflatables with the children and families who came along to that."

Swim lessons are now underway at the Aquatic Centre for children over five. Jesse (8) and Joseph Stevens (11) of Irwell are some of the children attending lessons.

Their father Thomas Stevens says that Jesse and Joseph are loving their lessons. "I've been a big supporter of the Aquatic Centre from the beginning and the facility is great. My daughter Hazel is also starting lessons."

Lessons for pre-schoolers begin next week.

Around 75 children of intermediate and high school age are attending swim squad training sessions at the centre and a local Masters group also uses the centre.

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Photo attached: Swim instructors Samantha Nichols and Josh Smith at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre teaching freestyle swimming technique to a class.

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