



Media Release

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Selwyn Aquatic Centre Turns One

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre has completed a busy first year, with over a quarter of a million visits to the centre in its first 12 months.

The centre was opened on 24 June 2013, and celebrated its first birthday with a pool party on Sunday 22 June.

Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe marked the event by cutting a birthday cake with his daughter Sirinton Stamps, a former New Zealand champion swimmer, and baby granddaughter Penelope Stamps. The community joined in the fun, taking part in dive and colouring in competitions, obstacle courses and enjoying the inflatables.

The centre has had 258,000 admissions in its first year, exceeding its target of 250,000 admissions. 4,450 enrolments have been taken for the centre's learn to swim programme, with 98% of swim school pupils coming from Selwyn.

"The Aquatic Centre has been extremely well used by the community and is a great asset to Selwyn. It is a facility which can be used by people from across the district of all ages and it is a great place to come both in the middle of winter when cold or raining and unpleasant to be outdoors and in the heat of summer," says Mayor Coe.

The Aquatic Centre receives regular visits from Selwyn Schools who use the facility for swim lessons and has also hosted several local schools swim championships, along with the Canterbury Primary and Intermediate School Swimming Sports.

The Selwyn Swim Club was recently established and is based at the centre. It has around 80 members, many of whom swim competitively. A masters group also uses the centre.

The centre employs around 50 staff in full and part time roles.

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Photo attached: Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe cuts the birthday cake with his daughter Sirinton Stamps, a former New Zealand champion swimmer, and granddaughter Penelope Stamps at the centre's first birthday party.

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