



Media release
Friday 24 June 2016

Residents to help plan future aquatic facilities in Selwyn

Selwyn residents are being asked to help identify the district's current and future aquatic facility needs, by completing an Aquatic Facilities Questionnaire.

Selwyn has been growing and changing rapidly over the past decade, putting existing community facilities, including swimming pools, under pressure.

The Council's Aquatic Facilities Plan, which was developed in 2008, has effectively directed Selwyn's aquatic facility provision over the last eight years. The plan has driven key projects such as the development of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, upgrading changing and pool facilities at Southbridge and Sheffield Pools, heating at Darfield and Leeston Learners Pool, general pool facilities at Prebbleton Pool and annual grants to support community pools, including school pools.

The plan has been in place over a period of significant change, including impacts from the Canterbury earthquakes, and now needs to be reviewed to ensure it remains relevant.

"The public questionnaire asks people what aquatic facilities they currently use, for what purpose, and what improvements, if any, may be required," says Mark Rykers, the Council's Manager Open Space and Property.

"People's input will be used to help update our Aquatic Facilities Plan, which is expected to be released for consultation in the coming spring time."

The Council is also surveying aquatic facility users, such as swimming clubs and schools, as well as community aquatic facility providers. It is also meeting with Community Committees responsible for aquatic facilities, and carrying out on-site inspections of aquatic facilities in the district.

The survey is open from 24 June to 15 July and can be completed online at www.selwyn.govt.nz/haveyoursay, or on a survey form, available at all Council Libraries and Service Centres throughout Selwyn.

Everyone who completes the survey will go in the draw to win a \$100 petrol voucher.

ENDS

For media enquiries, please contact:

Stephen Hill
Selwyn District Council
03 347 2940
stephen.hill@selwyn.govt.nz