



Media Release

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## **Dunsandel regains its heart**

The brand new Dunsandel Community Centre was officially opened on Friday evening.

The local community turned out in droves to celebrate the opening of their new facility.

The building replaces the original Dunsandel Community Hall, which was located in the township and demolished after being damaged beyond repair in the 2010/2011 earthquakes.

Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton, says a project like this doesn't happen over night and it doesn't happen by accident. It takes a lot of planning and contributions from a number of people.

"This beautiful building is a testament to the dedication of the community, with a total of \$350,000 raised in donations, as well as generous contributions from Rata Foundation and The New Zealand Lottery Grants Board," he says.

The \$3.9 million Community Centre will be a fantastic asset to the Dunsandel area.

The Hon Amy Adams MP performed the ribbon cutting. Selwyn Mayor Sam Broughton, Dunsandel Community Committee chair Russell Dalzell, and committee member and former Selwyn District Council Councillor Nigel Barnett spoke.

The new Community Centre is a multi-purpose facility which will be used by sporting and community groups, businesses, and for events.

For information about booking the facility contact Russell Dalzell on 0274779754 or [chair.dunsandel.cc@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:chair.dunsandel.cc@selwyn.govt.nz).

**PHOTO:** A large crowd gathered to enjoy the opening celebrations at the Grand Opening of the Dunsandel Community Centre on Friday.

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