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## **Selwyn Aquatic Centre is PoolSafe**

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre has been awarded national PoolSafe accreditation.

To achieve this, the Centre met requirements relating to pool water quality, emergency action plans, lifeguard qualifications, training and levels of supervision.

Selwyn Aquatic Facilities Manager Kathy Moore says while it is not a legal requirement to have PoolSafe accreditation to operate a public pool, the accreditation ensures pool safety standards are high both for the public and staff.

“This gives people confidence that the facility is safe, runs efficiently and follows best practise guidelines for public swimming pools,” says Mrs Moore.

The pool staff and lifeguards are happy to have the PoolSafe accreditation too.

“Achieving this accreditation is quite a complex process. We have been working on it for over a year so there is a certain amount of pride in knowing the facility runs in a manner that ensures we are providing a safe environment for the community,” says Mrs Moore.

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre has had more than 123,000 visits in its first six months.

“It is pleasing to see so many Selwyn residents using the facilities for swimming lessons and exercise classes. People enjoy visiting the pool over summer and it is just as much fun here in the colder months,” she says.

PoolSafe aims to reduce the number of water related injuries in and around pools. It is a New Zealand Recreation Association and Water Safety New Zealand programme which incorporates a range of initiatives including educational resources, public awareness campaigns and a Quality Management Scheme for public pools.

There are currently 214 public pools in New Zealand and 137 of those are members of the PoolSafe scheme.

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