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Hot off the press and into your living room

Selwyn residents are keeping up to date with international and local news through the Selwyn Library's free online news service.

Press Display is a newsstand-like database that acts as an online library for news publications across the world. People can read over 2,000 up to date newspapers and magazines from around the world in 54 languages.

"Since we subscribed to Press Display about six years ago, we have had great feedback about this service in Selwyn and this is partly due to the number of people we have living here from all over the world, especially from the UK," says Christine Grant, Selwyn Library Digital Services Librarian.

"By having Press Display it means that as well as reading local news, they are able to keep up to date with what is going on back home."

Many residents are using the database to read articles from popular newspapers including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Press* and *The New York Times*.

However, she says it is not just about news articles. People can also look at crosswords, cartoons, classified, job vacancies, death notices and read magazines – all publications appear just as they do in print versions. With titles covering everything from business to fashion, there truly is something to please everyone available through Press Display.

"The service enables Selwyn libraries to provide the public with access to a wide range of publications which people can access themselves from home," says Mrs Grant.

"Press Display is a great tool you can use to keep up to date with international and local news at the touch of a button. The service is also helpful for visually impaired residents as they can choose to have the news read to them by switching on the integrated radio," she adds.

On the online database you can view back issues for up to 90 days after the newspaper is published and you can search by the name of publication, country or keyword.

Access to the database is freely available on the public access computers in each Selwyn library branch, or to library members from home via the library website, www.selwynlibrary.govt.nz under the 'online' link. You will need your library card number and pin to access the service. Your pin is normally the last four numbers of your library membership number unless you have changed this. If you need help to use the service, please contact your nearest library.

Top reads on Press Display:

- Keep up to date with international news by reading the *Daily Mail*, *The Washington Post* or *The Wall Street Journal*
- Follow national news by reading *The Press*, *The Sunday Star Times* or *The Herald*
- If cars are your thing, check out *Auto Xtra* or *Classic Driver*
- Cooking enthusiasts can pick up some new recipes in *Dish*
- Plan your next holiday with *Destinations* or *Let's Travel*
- For farming and rural news try the *Central South Island Farmer* or the *National Farming Review*
- If you into outdoor sports try *Curl* or *Ski & Snow*
- Read about hunting and fishing in *New Zealand Fishing World* or *New Zealand Hunting World*
- If you're planning a wedding *New Zealand Weddings* or *My Wedding* are packed with ideas for the big day.

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