



Media Release

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Selwyn Gets Ready winners announced

Five Selwyn households are now better prepared for an emergency after signing up to the Selwyn Gets Ready website and winning a household emergency 'grab and go' kit.

The winners for the Selwyn Gets Ready sign up and win competition are Susan Rogers (Selwyn Huts), Mike and Karen Hennessy (Greendale), Kate Foster (Hororata), Steve Johnson (Kirwee) and Deb and Julian Reynolds (Tai Tapu).

Each kit contains 23 items including a first aid kit, a torch with radio, an emergency tent and blanket, water purification tablets, and a large water container. It is valued at \$145.

Kate Foster, co-caretaker of Terrace Station historic homestead, was delighted to be announced as one of the winners. "The kit will be kept and used by whoever is responsible for the homestead at Terrace Station."

Around 120 new households joined over the duration of the competition which ran in August.

The total number of households across the district that have joined Selwyn Gets Ready has now reached 6,029.

The Selwyn Gets Ready website is a database which contains contact information of local residents. This information is used by local community response teams to identify who needs assistance in an emergency and who has skills or resources (like first aid skills, generators and four wheel drives) that could help in a disaster. In a disaster a network of community response teams operate in Selwyn with each team responsible for checking on the welfare of their community, identifying what needs to be done in their area, solving local problems if they can and requesting assistance if needed.

Householder's information is restricted to their neighbourhood support group coordinators and the local community response team and cannot be viewed by the public.

Community Resilience and Emergency Management Coordinator, Sue Jenkins, said the competition encouraged new households to join the emergency management and neighbourhood support website.

"It's great to see so many new households sign up. These households can now receive email or text messages alerting them of an emergency situation that will affect them directly like an uncontrolled fire nearby, a severe weather warning or a boil water notice for their water supply."

To join Selwyn Gets Ready, visit www.selwyn.getsready.net and enter your details.

Photo attached: Sue Jenkins presents Kate and Richard Foster with their 'grab and go' emergency kit.

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