



Media Release

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## Selwyn Aquatic Centre opening date announced

The Selwyn Aquatic Centre will open to the public on Monday 24 June.

The new centre was officially blessed on Wednesday 29 May. Sponsors were officially welcomed to the new facility by Mayor Kelvin Coe and Selwyn MP Amy Adams at an event on Friday 31 May.

The 2,800 square metre facility features an eight-lane 25 metre pool, a hydrotherapy pool with spa area, a learn-to-swim pool and a leisure pool with a lazy river. The four main pools have walk in access to ensure they are accessible to everyone. A disability hoist will also be installed beside the spa pool so anyone can use this.

The centre includes an air to air heat recovery system which recovers heat off exhaust air to heat fresh air. This provides the centre with better air quality and makes it more energy efficient. A floating screed floor is used in the centre. This type of floor is common in Europe but rare in New Zealand. This reduces energy costs by minimising the amount of heat lost into the ground.

Speaking at the event to thank sponsors on 31 May, Mayor Kelvin Coe said that Selwyn residents could be very proud of the new complex which is able to be used by people of all ages and from all parts of the district.

"There is a strong demand for a year round aquatic facility. We know this because we received over 1,400 enrolments for our new swim school before the facility was even ready to open."

He says the construction of the new pool complex is part of a wider Aquatic Strategy for the District which has seen the Council provide more financial and technical support to community pools.

\$1.4 million has been raised so far in towards the cost of the facility through fundraising. The Mayor thanked the Lottery Grants Board, the Southern Trust, the Canterbury Community Trust and the many individuals and businesses who had helped with the fundraising. Around 300 tiles painted by the community as part of the fundraising effort are displayed at the centre on the corridor between the changing area and the pools.

The pool was designed by Warren and Mahoney, constructed by Naylor Love Construction and the development of the complex project managed by Davis Langdon.

The centre will employ around 50 staff in full time and part time roles which include swim coaches, lifeguards, aquafitness instructors and administration and pool maintenance roles.

Over the coming weeks staff will be trained in their roles, while the finishing touches are put on the new facility before the opening on 24 June.

The centre will be open from 6am – 9pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 8pm on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. For information about the pool, visit [Selwyn.govt.nz/sac](http://Selwyn.govt.nz/sac) or phone 03 3472 734.

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