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Sign up to Selwyn Gets Ready and win

Selwyn residents are signing up to a website which will help local communities respond to an emergency.

Over 4,000 Selwyn residents have joined Selwyn Gets Ready, a website which helps communities to connect with and help each other in an emergency.

This August, people living in Selwyn are being invited to sign up to the website and go into the draw to win one of five household emergency 'grab and go' kits valued at \$145. The kits contain 23 items including a first aid kit, a torch with radio, an emergency tent and blanket, water purification tablets, and large water container. To join the website and go into the draw, visit selwyn.getsready.net by 31 August and enter your details.

The Selwyn Gets Ready website is a database which contains contact information for local residents along with information about who needs assistance in an emergency and which members of the community have skills or resources that could help in a disaster.

"This information is gathered by Neighbourhood Support Groups and local volunteers circulating questionnaires in their areas and people also visiting the website and adding their details," says Ryan O'Rourke, Selwyn District Council's Emergency Management Officer.

"The website has information people have provided covering things like where families with babies or older people are living as they may need assistance in an emergency. It also has information on who has a four wheel drive which can be very useful in snow or flooding, and which members of the community have first aid skills, generators and trade skills."

Access to personal information including names and addresses is restricted to local community response team members, Neighbourhood Support group leaders and Council Emergency Operations staff.

"Local volunteers have done a terrific job of gathering and entering information from people into the Selwyn Gets Ready website," says Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe.

"The website will help build resilience and strengthen local communities so that they will be more self-sufficient and able to support each other for the first few days of a major emergency."

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Photo attached: Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe with one of the household emergency grab and go kits people can go into a draw to win by joining the Selwyn Gets Ready website.

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