



Media Release

Tuesday 20 February 2018

## Temporary campground closures

Chamberlains, Coes and Whitecliffs campgrounds will be closed today at 6pm due to the heavy rains and wind predicted in Selwyn caused by ex-cyclone Gita. Heavy rain is forecast and may cause the Selwyn River levels to rise significantly.

Campers are asked by Council to make alternative accommodation arrangements before 6pm. Council's Helpline can be phoned on 347 2800 for those needing to access any belongings locked in the campgrounds after 6pm.

The front carpark at the Lincoln Event Centre (15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln) is available for campers to park up if needed. Two toilets will be available during the day and overnight. Showers are available until 9.30pm tonight and from 8am in the morning. Campers must bring their own towels and toiletries.

The Council Civil Defence team is continuing to monitor the situation and will provide updates via Facebook and on the Council's website. The Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) has been activated. The campground closures will be reviewed on Wednesday.

Campers are advised to keep an eye on the Metservice website for the latest weather warnings: [www.metservice.com/national/home](http://www.metservice.com/national/home), and the Environment Canterbury website for the latest flood information: [www.ecan.govt.nz/home/flood-warning/](http://www.ecan.govt.nz/home/flood-warning/).

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