



Media Release

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West Melton Community and Recreation Centre to officially open

Selwyn District Council is hosting an official opening of the West Melton Community and Recreation Centre on Friday 7 December at 3pm.

The community celebration of the opening will be attended by representatives of Te Taumutu Rānanga, Hon Amy Adams, Mayor Sam Broughton, members of the West Melton Residents' Association and Council staff. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend the event where students from West Melton School will perform a kapa haka.

West Melton Community and Recreation Centre committee chair Bruce Russell says the opening is a chance for everyone in the community to have a look at the new facility.

"This is brilliant new facility which will greatly enhance the social and recreational opportunities available to the West Melton community. The organising committee and the Council are extremely proud of this facility," Mr Russell says.

Council Major Projects Property Manager John Reid says the new facility, which took about 13 months to complete-, will cater to the future demands of the West Melton residents as well as the wider Selwyn community.

"This modern, high quality community facility will serve the needs of the West Melton area, but it will also add a significant asset to the growing network of community facilities across the Selwyn district," Mr Reid says.

The \$8.5 million facility has community meeting spaces, indoor sport and recreation (including an indoor court), a scout hall, a Plunket room and Playcentre. There is also space for community group activities such as service, gardening and film clubs.

The facility has a new pedestrian promenade which connects to the entrance of the building and is lined with trees. There are also a number of native and exotic plant species.

West Melton had an existing outdated and earthquake damaged hall located on the same site as the new facility. The West Melton Community and Recreation Centre is a much larger and more modern facility, designed to better meet the needs of a population that has grown rapidly in recent years.

-As the car park is planned to be completed in late December, people who attend the opening event are encouraged to park at the West Melton Tavern.