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Bugpolo coming to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre

One of New Zealand's newest sports is coming soon to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The centre will host a bugpolo evening on Friday 29 August and is inviting Selwyn residents to come down and have some fun trying out this new sport.

Bugpolo is a cross between netball and water polo. Competitors use individual inflatable rafts (bugs) and flippers to move themselves around the pool, aiming to get the ball into the opposition's inflatable goal. The ball can be thrown between team members as in a netball game.

Bugpolo was invented in New Zealand. A Christchurch Bug Sports Club has been formed and club members are helping to run the event at the Aquatic Centre.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre Manager Kathy Moore says the pool is excited about hosting the bugpolo evening. "The sport is a lot of fun and it should be easy for people to learn as it has similar rules to netball but as it's in water there is lots of splashing about. We hope that people will come along and try something new."

The bugpolo games will run from 6.45 -8.45pm on Friday 29 August. They are open to adults and children aged five and over.

The games will be held in the main 25 metre lap pool and competitors will be given lifejackets, bug rafts and flippers to use. Participants will pay just \$3 each to help cover gear costs, in addition to the normal pool entry.

Aquatic centre staff will also be taking names of people interested in participating in a bugpolo league if one was set up in Rolleston.

An inflatable bug raft is currently on display at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

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Photo attached: Assistant Coach Ben Close from the Selwyn Aquatic Centre tries out an inflatable bug raft.

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