



Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

July 2012

What is coming up?

For the summary of up-coming events scroll to the end of this newsletter, back copies of the newsletters can be found on the LET web site www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz.

Energy Homes Tour: Sunday 9th September 12.00-5.00pm – nearly fully booked – contact us now if you are interested!

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust are running another Eco/low energy home tour with the West Melton Enviro Community group. There will be a variety of homes visited including an off grid straw bale home. Come and join us for an informative afternoon with lots of opportunities to share ideas.

When: Sunday 9th September, 12.00-5.00pm, with afternoon tea supplied

Where: West Melton area

Cost: \$15, free for children under 5, if they don't need an extra seat, 5-14 years half price

Please contact Sue on 329 5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz to register.

Lincoln Envirotown 2012 Writing Competition

**Write an illustrated story/poem on the future of
Canterbury water**

Deadline 27th July

Details and entry form at the end of this newsletter



**Lincoln Envirotown Kidsfest holiday activity morning
Thursday 5th July 10.00am -11.30am.**

Lincoln Event Centre

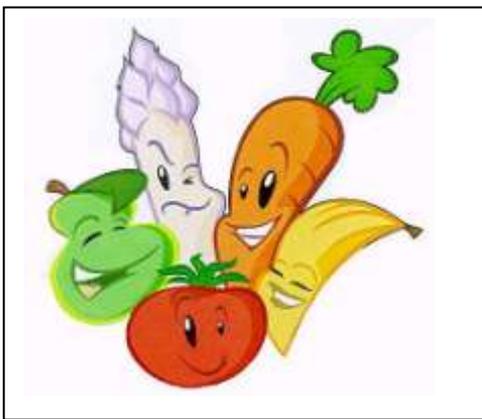
Cool Stuff – Winter Environmental Fun

Activities suitable for 3 – 12 year olds.

Children please bring a parent/caregiver with you.

A donation of \$2 per child would be very much appreciated.





Lincoln Community Gardens

If you would like to visit the Lincoln Community Garden, get involved, or just have a chat over a cuppa, ring Ruth Wood on 325 2193

Demonstration of fruit tree pruning at the Lincoln Community Gardens on 11 August 2012 at 11 am

The demonstration will be given by Keith Dickson who is very experienced in fruit production and the maintenance of fruit trees. He is willing to discuss maintenance techniques to promote good tree health and fruit production, and to identify problems that arise with fruit trees (feel free to bring along plant material for this).

The Lincoln Community Gardens are located on James Street Lincoln, at the rear of the Lincoln Maternity Hospital. Please park on the street. *For more information please contact Ruth Wood, Lincoln Community Gardens Coordinator (Phone: 325 2193 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz)*

Gold coin donation appreciated

Spring Workshop

Saturday 8th September from 10am- noon at the property of Terry and Lyn Windle near Chamberlains Ford

Topics to be covered:

1. The advantages of making raised beds for vegetable growing and a look at Terry's tunnel
2. Making compost – Terry's "secret recipe"
3. The care and maintenance of fruit trees (to be taken by Rachel Vogan)
4. Growing and maintaining an orchard of hazelnuts - guest speaker to be confirmed

Where? The **Spring Workshop** starts at Terry Windle's garden, 2nd house at 638 Leeston Road, at the end of the long drive just before the Selwyn Bridge. (Turn in at the Boer goat sign on the roadway fence, on the right hand side of the road coming from Lincoln). For topics 3 and 4 we will visit Terry's neighbours: Helen and Paul Davies, and Sally and Joe Juranovich. *Please indicate if you are hoping to attend by contacting Ruth Wood, Lincoln Community Gardens Coordinator (Phone: 325 2193 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz) or Terry Windle. (Phone: 329 5950). Gold coin donation appreciated*

Garden Bird Survey

The National Garden Bird Survey started Saturday (30 June) and runs until July 8. Forest & Bird is involved with promoting the survey (with Landcare Research).

The survey should be done sometime between 30 June and 8 July. Please record the largest number of each species you detect at any one time in 1 hour of observation (not the total detected over the hour). The reason for counting the largest number detected at one time is so that individual birds are not counted twice.

You can be either inside (e.g. in the living room at home or classroom at school looking out the window) or outside (e.g. on a verandah or garden seat). If you have a bird feeder or water bath, you may like to watch the part of your garden where that is. You don't have to be able to see your whole garden, just part of your garden will do.

A pdf of the survey form can be downloaded from the garden bird website:

<http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/gardenbird>

If you are able, please enter your results online on the above website. This saves other volunteers having to enter your data for you.

Thank you for participating. Happy bird watching.

Results of last year's survey

In case you haven't yet seen the results of last year's survey on the garden bird survey website, briefly, the most striking result was a large decline in the number of silvereye counted (average about two thirds the number counted the previous year). Survey participants made comments such as, "Where are all the silvereyes?" and "This is the lowest number of silvereyes we've had in years". House sparrow was by far the most numerous species last year (second the previous year), with 39,001 counted in 3089 gardens (average 12.6 per garden). Silvereye was second (top last year) with 18,641 counted (average 6.0 per garden). As in previous years, counts varied between regions.

Next Mahoe Reserve Working Bee

Sunday the 8th July at 2.00pm (extra working bee to meet with Mark Hostetler and his students from Florida)

Then 5th August at 2.00pm.

Please bring tools, gloves, buckets and if possible a bucket, a wheelbarrow or two would be good!

Where: Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, next to the Golf course, opposite the High School. Ring Denis for info 325 2806

The Mahoe Reserve relies on community helpers to keep going. If you are part of the Lincoln Community, or even if you are not, we would really appreciate your help at working bees, or at any time that suits you! Contact Denis on 325 2806

Friends of Mahoe

If you want to be on the email contact list for Mahoe planting days and working bees, let us know. You are also welcome to join the Mahoe management committee. Only a few meetings a year! Contact Sue on 329 5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz for information.

What else has been Happening?

Lincoln Community Gardens Report – May-June 2012

May was quite a busy month – digging in green feed, clearing the bins of compost and distributing the contents over the plots.

Terry's workshop on tunnel and glass house techniques on 28th April was very well attended and we received good feedback. Because of this feedback we have scheduled another workshop at Terry's place in September.

In 30th April the Kidsfirst Kindergarten children came to plant their plot – brassicas and lettuces which I had grown from seed for them.

On 1st May we got another load of compost from Fenton Wood, our friendly local wasabi grower and this was used to build up the compost bins again.

I was asked by Lesley about setting up a worm farm, and I went to her house to give advice.

The Over-Forties Tramping Club from Christchurch visited the Gardens on 9th May and enjoyed morning tea there. On 15th May the Lincoln & Districts Community Care walking group also visited. Thank you to Errol for hosting them and taking photographs of the visits.

I recently met with Lyn Minchington, who is studying for a Masters degree at Lincoln University. Her thesis topic focuses on the social aspects of community gardens. She is keen to be involved in the Gardens as part of her project and I hope to be able to make a plot available to her.

Things have been quieter in June because of the weather – snow and rain. But the gardens are tidy and the green feed and broad beans are growing well.

Keith Dickson will return in August to demonstrate fruit tree maintenance, especially pruning, because people found his talk last year most informative.

On the evening of 22 June Errol and I attended the 10th anniversary of the formation of Okeover Community Garden at the University of Canterbury. About 30 community garden people from various localities in the city attended and we enjoyed mulled wine, spicy soup, a range of homemade breads and dessert pizzas made in their outdoor oven. Some good contacts were made, especially with Lily White who organises the Kids Edible Gardens project.

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Meetings – get involved, meet like-minded people

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:30 pm in the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, off North Belt. We often have guest speakers. All welcome!

For more information Please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz .

NEXT meeting is 6th August

Springston Secret Garden

The Lincoln University Future Leaders Scholarship students have agreed to help the Springston children with the garden. The university team is led by Kahlia Fryer. They still need more people to supervise the children at lunch time. Recently the university students have helped the children set up worm farms kindly donated by Anne Cochrane who works at Lincoln Digital Print.



Ryan Baxter and children from Springston School



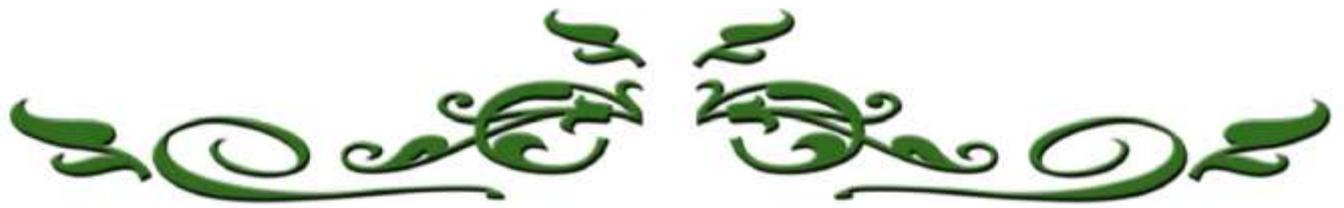
Monty White and James Abbiss and children from Springston School

Liffey Stream

Noticed by a local resident near the Liffey stream: two kingfishers and also at same time heard fantail and grey warbler. The latest Liffey stream test results are on our web site. www.lincolnvirotown.org.nz Recent reports of Bellbirds too. Don't forget the bird survey!

Canterbury University Okeover Community Garden utilises permaculture and organic growing methods. They have a pizza oven where they cook pizzas on a Friday afternoon for the working bee and collection of produce. They grow their own hops for beer making. Sue visited recently and was very impressed by the welcoming atmosphere. It is open to local community members too. Email [Matt Morris](mailto:mathew.morris@canterbury.ac.nz) (mathew.morris@canterbury.ac.nz) for more information.

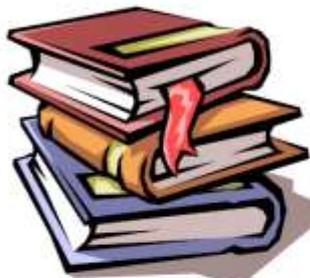




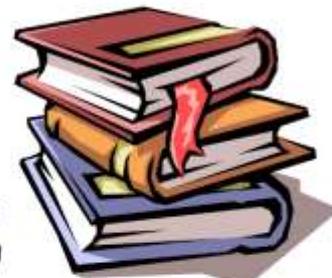
Lincoln Farmers' & Craft Market

SAT 7th JULY

10 am to 1pm



SECOND HAND BOOK SALE



Grab a bargain
& enjoy the great community
atmosphere at this friendly local market
Fresh seasonal produce & quality handmade crafts
Here on your doorstep!

Book donations welcome
Ring Debbie on 03 3295757 or June on 03 3257 226

Look out for details of other monthly events
In local press, www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket, www.bethere.co.nz



The Home Gardener

'Gardening solutions for the home gardener'

At the Home Gardener we specialize in organic solutions for the home gardener, from composting solutions, organic liquid fertilisers to organic soil conditioners. Products we sell include the Hungry Bin worm farm, live compost worms, vermicast, liquid worm fertiliser, Bokashi, compost, Bio Marinus organic liquid fish fertiliser, seasonal vegetable and flower plants. We are also the Canterbury distributor for Natrakelp Liquid Seaweed products. Natrakelp products include an organic liquid fertiliser for plants, an organic health tonic for animals and bulk seaweed fertiliser products for farmers, fruit growers, vegetable growers etc.

View our products at www.thehomegardener.co.nz



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Do you have environmental goods or services to advertise? Or does your business have a high standard of environmental management? We accept ads from businesses that fit with our aims. \$80 +GST for a full page, \$40 half a page etc. Not for profit environmental organisations may be accepted at no cost. Any money goes to support our activities promoting environmental sustainability.

You don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference?

There are links on the LET web site and below for information about the other Enviro communities

ROLLESTON ENVIROTOWN "A better environment starts with you"



Rolleston Envirotown meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening in the month (during winter starting at 7.00pm and during summer starting at 7.30pm). The meeting venue is Community House in Rolleston, 45 Shelley Street. Email Nicole tonicermu@gmail.com or phone Catherine 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome. Visit www.rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

The Rolleston Envirotown Market for produce (includes organic) and craft is held on the second Sunday in the month 10am to 1pm. The market is sited in the Rolleston Square carpark area alongside Rolleston Drive. During inclement weather the market will be held along by the shops.

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden is being led by Sacha, if you would like to help contact sacha.murray@hotmail.com or alternatively ring 03 347 8175. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Community House, Rolleston.

They would like to thank the church and sponsors for their help and support to get them to this point. Without this support this project would not have been possible

Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden Working bees are on the second Saturday of the month (time to be decided) every second Wednesday starting at 3.30pm

**Come and make some friends while doing something good for the environment. Bring something to drink and nibble, a spade, some gloves and keen energy!
For more information contact Sacha on 0211387207, 347 8175**

SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY



The Springston Enviro-Community (SEC) Everyone is welcome!
Come and meet up with a group of enthusiastic locals. If you want to find out more, contact Sue on 329 5858.

The Springston Secret Community Garden is now open - We now have the Lincoln University Future Leaders helping with the garden and the Children's Secret Garden Club. If you are interested in helping with the setting up of a herb bed – perhaps you have herb plants you can donate, please let us know. The children also want to start keeping chooks – so help is needed there too. If you would like to grow your own food plants at the garden contact Sue.

ENVIRO ELLESMERE

Linda Hermiston is the chair of the new group extended group (Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel). For more information contact: Margaret on 3243949, or Linda on lj_hermiston@hotmail.com Meetings 2nd Thursday on the month. Action plans for Leeston and the other areas under discussion. Come and add your views.

PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE



Sowing seeds for a sustainable community.

Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more about Prebbleton Enviro-Village please feel free to come along to the next meeting Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz)

LITTLE RIVER

To contact the Little River group ring Kaite Hansen on 325 1917 or believe33@snap.net.nz

WEST MELTON ENVIRO COMMUNITY



Interested in Sustainability and Environmental issues?
If you want to meet with likeminded people to discuss and plan environmental sustainability actions for the West Melton come along.

Where: St Paul's Church hall, West Melton Road, opposite the domain.
When: Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month. All welcome.
If you would like more information about meetings please do not hesitate to contact Ingrid McGeachen info@westmeltonenviro.org.nz or Sue on 329 5858

See the West Melton Enviro-Community web site! www.westmeltonenviro.org.nz
WMEC are putting on an Energy Homes Tour, see earlier in this newsletter for information.

TAI TAPU

The Tai Tapu Playcentre is working on an environmentally sustainable programme and is doing great things. Sue has visited the centre, met with the supervisor and may be meeting with a group of parents soon. Tai Tapu primary school is also doing well and has a section on environmental education on their web site. <http://www.taitapu.school.nz>. The community is also making a great effort in planting natives along the banks of the Halswell river, for more information on this, contact the Old Tai Tapu Road Stream Care Group (OTTR) Michelle Brailsford 027 2239 503 or Graham Sherrell 0226 017 431

If you live in **Tai Tapu** we are hoping to arrange an initial meeting to get an Enviro group underway soon. If you are interested contact **Sue on 329 5858**

DARFIELD

If you live in **Darfield** we are hoping to arrange an initial meeting very soon. If you are interested contact **Sue on 329 5858**

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust is providing encouragement and support to these communities as they get underway with their sustainability plans.

If you live in another community and would like help to get a group started, contact Sue.

We also help other communities outside the Selwyn area.

A speaker programme is part of our aim to be a role model for other communities and provide help and support for them to progress towards sustainability. If you would like a speaker for your group or community contact Sue on 329 5858.

Stuff for Enviro Kids

Please send us any ideas, information or links for Enviro Kids!

Writing Competition – see details and entry form at the end of this newsletter!

We now have an “envirokids” section of our web site. Let us know what you would like on it. Take a look: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz click on EnviroKids tab on the left.

Other Interesting Info

Transition Initiatives Forum <http://ctnews.org.nz/>

A Challenge to Live Sustainably

Olivia came across this great TedXCanberra 2011 presentation from Nick Ritar and thought she would share. He has some really great points that you all might find interesting.

<http://tedxcanberra.org/talks/nick-ritar-a-challenge-to-live-sustainably/>

Local News:

If you want to read local newspapers (with often news about LET's activities) and don't get them delivered, you can read them on line:

<http://www.pressdisplay.com/pressdisplay/viewer.aspx> Central Canterbury News

<http://starnews.co.nz/> Selwyn times

http://issuu.com/mainlandpress/docs/issue_1 . Selwyn View (Mainland Press)

Envision Charlotte/Smart Energy Now effort have resources to share:

<http://www.duke-energy.com/smartenergynow/resources/>

International focus on New Zealand's sustainability record

Twenty years on from the first Rio Earth Summit, years the WWF has compiled a report ([WWF website](#)) examining the commitments New Zealand made at the conference, and the current reality. The report calls out NZ for falling short on important commitments made on greenhouse gases, water quality, land and marine biodiversity, fisheries and education for sustainability.

[Walking the Line: How to Identify Safe Limits for Human Impacts on the Planet](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=do-planetary-boundaries-help-humanity-manage-environmental-impacts) <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=do-planetary-boundaries-help-humanity-manage-environmental-impacts>

Free tools to help communities become zero carbon – and other goodies from

<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2012-05-31/june-2012-transition-network-newsletter>. Users can model the outcomes of different energy retrofit strategies on building stock in an area. It can be used for projects of any size, from one building to a whole town or city.

<http://www.transitionnetwork.org/news/2012-05-15/free-tools-help-communities-become-zero-carbon>

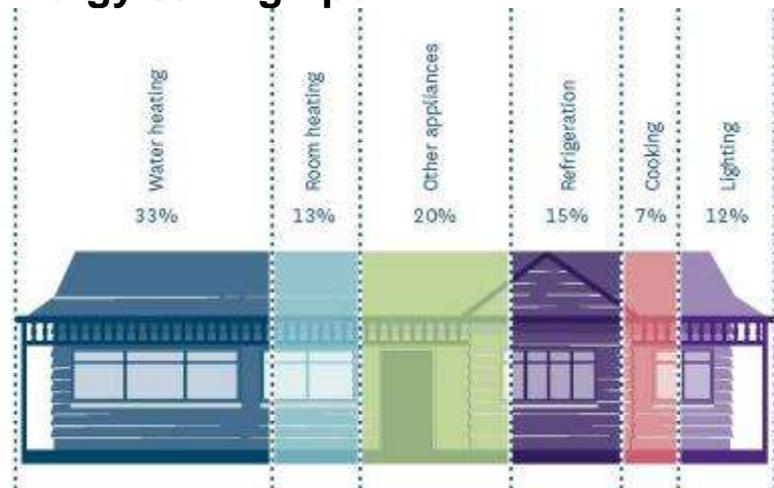
[CITIES WORKING TO ENTICE EVS](#) Rocky Mountain Institute

Before GM or Nissan ever sold a Volt or a LEAF, cities around the world had already installed charging stations, amended building codes, and formed initiatives to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles. EV readiness promised an opportunity for cities to combat environmental issues, attract new businesses, and foster economic growth. At the heart of this effort was one clear

objective: increasing the number of electric cars on the road.

http://blog.rmi.org/blog_cities_working_to_entice_evs

Energy saving tips



Energy use in a typical New Zealand household (from Meridian Energy)

There are lots of ways to cut down on the electricity you use each day – often for little or no cost. It's not about doing without. It's about doing things smarter and remembering that small savings add up.

Meridian has teamed up with the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) to put together a list of easy ways to save energy and money. Have a look at the tips below, or download our [Home Energy and Cost Savings Brochure](#) (PDF 817KB) to find out more.

Or <http://www.meridianenergy.co.nz/assets/PDF/Energy-Savings/Energy-Savings-Brochure-Apr-12.pdf>

Check out the **US the Post-Carbon Institute's** May newsletter which has info on community resilience websites and guides: <http://www.postcarbon.org/publications/newsletters/>

PLA - not for the yellow bin

For those that came to hear the speaker at our AGM, you may be interested in this:

<http://www.ecocentral.co.nz/econews/pla-plastic-recycling-and-composting> PLA or Poly Lactic Acid is a relatively new polymer derived from natural materials such as corn starch, tapioca or sugar cane. It's used as an alternative to conventional oil based polymers in a wide variety of applications including food packaging.

Unfortunately within Christchurch, PLA cannot be considered recyclable or compostable through the kerbside collection service.

One of the key drivers for the use of PLA is its bio-degradable properties under the right conditions. When placed into a composting facility or a domestic compost heap, the PLA will degrade over time. When left exposed to natural elements, the PLA will also degrade but over a longer period.

Despite the advantages of PLA, there are also some significant disadvantages.

One of the most significant disadvantages is identifying the material within the waste stream. PLA has been engineered to look the same as its conventional alternatives meaning even to the trained eye, it's difficult to separate. Therefore, ensuring PLA does not contaminate other plastic grades can be very hard. Contamination within another sorted plastic grade can mean a customer has the right to ask for a reduction in cost or reject the shipment altogether.

Another factor is the volume of PLA currently present in the waste stream. In Christchurch we are collecting between 15 and 20 tonnes of clear PET bottles per week - enough to fill a 40ft container. We estimate at present we are receiving 500 kgs per month of PLA meaning it could take 3 years to fill the same 40 ft container. However, to begin collecting PLA, we would require a re-engineering of our Material Recovery Facility where we can divert PLA into a dedicated collection point.

Compounding this, the recycled PLA market has a low commodity price and presently costs more to ship a container of PLA overseas to a recycler than the actual material is worth. Therefore it is not financially viable for EcoCentral to begin sorting PLA for recycling.

For information about the commercial composting facility, please visit the CCC website at <http://www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/rubbish/kerbsidecollection/organics/index.aspx> or the Living Earth website at <http://livingearth.co.nz/faq/christchurch/>

With the above in mind, the only places where PLA can be disposed of in Christchurch is within domestic compost heaps or the Red Bin kerbside collection service.

We ask than any manufacturer who is seeking to use PLA or another new packaging material consult with their local waste stream contractors to understand the impact. By understanding what happens once the consumer places the empty packaging into the right bin can the complete chain of custody be fully understood.

Welcome to the Matariki and Winter Solstice edition of the University of Canterbury Sustainability Newsletter.

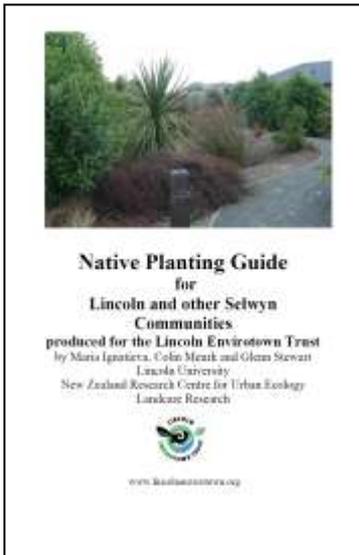
Check it out at: http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/newsletter/Sustainability_News_june_2012.pdf

Submissions: LET frequently makes submissions to Government, ECan and the SDC as well as to other organisations. If you are interested in helping with submissions or have an issue you think that LET might be interested in making a submission on, please contact Sue on 329 5858

Get Involved!

We have a number of sub-committees and interest groups – let us know if you would like to join groups interested in energy generation, water conservation, native biodiversity, children’s environmental education, reducing light pollution (starlight project) and many other groups – you could start one! Our energy generation group is collecting information about the feasibility of wind and solar generation, which will eventually be available on our web site.

Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated! Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A Lincoln and Selwyn planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University will help with basic background information and planting suggestions.



This guide will help you decide which native plants are suitable for your garden. It gives ideas for shrubberies, hedges, pergolas, herbaceous borders, native lawns, rock gardens and rain gardens. Ecosourced natives are much more likely to survive in our local conditions, without as much care and watering as non-natives. Be part of the Greenway Canterbury movement aiming to spread corridors of natives from the mountains to the sea so that our threatened native plants and animals have somewhere to live and can move from one habitat to the next. This guide is available from the Lincoln Library and Lincoln CRT Real Estate. It is also available as a downloadable file from our web site: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz. Thank you to Kiwiflora and Southern Woods for their sponsorship.

Fed up with all that junk mail but still want to receive the local papers?

Collect one of our mail box stickers from the Lincoln Library for a gold coin, or contact us



Borrow the LET Cent-a-meter

The LET Cent-a-meter is a tool that assists homeowners with information about their own energy use. The Cent-a-meter is available from LET for at least \$5 dollars donation and a \$100 refundable deposit. **If interested, contact Sue Jarvis at 329-5858.**



Would you like to reduce your environmental impact and support the Lincoln Envirotown Trust at the same time? Buy a LET bag from the Lincoln Community Market or from Lincoln New World supermarket. It is also an original design that you will find nowhere else!

Carpool and reduce your impact on the planet!

Carpool to and from Lincoln and have a better trip. You will meet people, save money, reduce your carbon footprint.

If you don't have anyone to carpool with then try our new carpool matching system. Lincoln's online carpool system is powered by Jayride at www.Jayride.co.nz/Lincoln

The system is free and you can use it to find a carpool or share your own. Lincoln University has recently set up the system with Jayride but it is open to all.

If you're sharing a ride in your car, then you can share driving duties or simply list how much you need towards your expenses like petrol and parking.

Try it!

- List your carpool to and from Lincoln
- Browse other carpools to and from Lincoln

For those that don't live or work in Lincoln – it works for other areas too!

Summary of up-coming events

Date	Event	Where
5 th July 10.00am, helpers 9.00am	LET Kidsfest, Cool stuff, Winter environmental Fun	Lincoln Event Centre
8 th July 2.00pm	Mahoe Reserve working bee with Florida Uni students.	Mahoe Reserve
Friday 27 th July	Deadline for Writing Competition	
Friday 27 th July 6.00pm	Enviro Towns' sharing ideas and potluck dinner	Rolleston Community House
August 6th 7.30pm, 1st Monday in the month	Lincoln Enviro Town meeting.	Lincoln Event Centre
Sunday 9 th September 12.00-5.00pm	West Melton Energy Homes Tour	West Melton area
2 nd Thursday of the month 7.30pm	Enviro Ellesmere Meeting of the new extended group – Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel – plus rural areas	Leeston Library Community Contact Margaret on 3243949,
First Sunday of the Month 2.00pm	Mahoe Working bee	Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road

Third Tuesday of month 7.30pm (7.00pm in winter)	Rolleston Enviro Town Meetings	Rolleston Community House
Second Tuesday of the month	Rolleston Community Garden meetings.	Rolleston Community House
Second Saturday of the month and every second Wednesday starting at 3.30pm	Rolleston Garden working bees	Corner Brookside Rd and William Street
To be advised	Springston Enviro community meetings	Springston Domain, Errol Tweedy lounge
2 nd Thursday of the month, 7.00pm	West Melton Enviro Community meetings	St Paul's Church
3 rd Wednesday of the month	Prebbleton Enviro Village meetings	Contact Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz) for venue



Lincoln Envirotown 2012 Writing Competition

Write an illustrated story/poem on the future of Canterbury water

- What do you think are the main environmental issues facing us in Canterbury in the way we use water? You might need to ask some grown-ups or do some research on this.
- What do you think we should do to solve it - what are the possible solutions? What do you think is the best solution?
- Write a story or a poem to tell us how your solution would work. This could include how you or other young people might carry out your ideas to make a difference, and what difficulties they might have to overcome. Illustrate your story/poem, perhaps with pictures showing what is happening now and what it will be like in the future when your ideas have been carried out. Or you could show what the people in your story/poem will be doing.

For Parents and Teachers: Please help by encouraging discussion of the issues and possible solutions. It is likely that the children will need to gather some information before they write their story.

We will judge the entries for (age appropriate) creativity, knowledge writing ability, illustrations.

Please illustrate your story and use **A4 sized paper only**. The deadline will be **Friday 27th July**.

There will be prizes for each age group: 6 and under, 7-10, 11-14, 15-18

Open to all young people wherever you live

We hope to make the best stories and poems into a book to be available locally. The National Library has asked for a copy of our other books - so your story might be there too!

Please attach an entry form to your entry (see below). You can enter more than **1** story.



Entry form for the 2012 writing competition

(please attach these details to your entry)

Your Name:

(please print clearly)

Home Phone number:

Your School:

Your Teacher:

Your Age:

Title of your story/poem:

The places you gathered your information (such names of books, web sites, experts you interviewed etc):

Your story/poem has to be your own work; however, you may have needed some help.

Did you have help with the writing of your story or the drawing in your entry? Yes/No

If yes:

My helper was:

They helped with:

Deadline! Your story needs to be with us by the **27th July 2012**. It can be dropped in to the Lincoln Library, or it can be mailed to: **Sue Jarvis, 694 Gould's Road, RD4 Christchurch 7674**.

My idea for next year's writing competition: