



What is coming up?

Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future



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.

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!

www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

Lincoln Envirotown 2012 Writing Competition

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

Details and entry form at the end of this newsletter

Employment Opportunity

We are looking for assessors for the Lincoln Envirotown Trust Responsible Business Award scheme in the Rolleston and Leeston/Southbridge/Dunsandel areas to start in July

These will be part time contract positions to undertake the distribution of the environmental survey to businesses, site visits, assessments and to organise the presentation evening. The assessors need to be well organised, self motivated, have good computer, people, oral and written language skills, as well as a good knowledge of environmental sustainability issues and practices. It would suit a person living in the community.

Expressions of interest or inquiries to Sue on 329 5858 or Sue.Jarvis@orcon.net.nz

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 2nd July (no meeting in June) 2012, all welcome.

Mahoe Reserve NO WORKING BEE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND Next working bee

Sunday the 1st July 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

May Planting Day

Despite the chilly wind over 25 people and 3 dogs turned up for the Mahoe Reserve planting day on Sunday 6th May including about 14 "Future Leaders" from Lincoln University and 3-4 Lincoln High School students. Colin Meurk, who has been a long time advisor to Lincoln Envirotown on all things to do with native plants, started the afternoon with some information about the local biodiversity and a demonstration of how to plant successfully.

As always the plants came from the Motukarara DOC plant nursery and were collected and organised by Denis Blomquist who has put in many hours of work on the reserve over the last few years.

Thanks to all who helped, all the plants were safely in the ground by about 4.00pm, and it was time to go home for a hot drink!

Thank you to the Lincoln University Future Leaders who came and rally got in to the weeding! Also to the Lincoln High school students



Yolanda Smith (left) and Kahlia Fryer (right)



This is the spot overlooking the reserve I used to take photos from to record how the planting was going. Now the gap is filled with natives!

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.

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Responsible Business Awards

These will be coming up again soon! A great way to promote your business, be recognised for your efforts to reduce your impact on the environment and save money at the same time. Our assessors will provide help and advice. Last year businesses in Lincoln, Prebbleton, Leeston, Rolleston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Birdlings Flat gained awards. The awards are open to any

business in the Selwyn District. Businesses are invited to contact us for more information. The various areas run their own awards presentation ceremony when there are enough award winners.

The winner of the Lincoln Trophy last year was the Kidsfirst Kindergartens, Lincoln. Previous winners have been Westpac Bank Lincoln, Lincoln New World, Landcare Research, Lincoln campus



Lincoln Kindy Kids with their trophy!

What else has been Happening?

Springston Secret Garden

Members of the University of Canterbury Student Volunteer Army spent nearly 4 hours clearing and weeding the Springston Secret Garden on Saturday 12th May. What an enthusiastic bunch and a great job done. Glen Treweek of Lincoln University also came along to help. Thanks everyone!



Selwyn Earth Hour 2012 Video Competition Results

Congratulations to everyone who took part. Prospective film makers out there – start planning for your entry for next year’s competition!

The Kea Award for Contribution to Earth Hour 2012 was awarded to Taylor Hamlin and Kusal Ekanayake from Lincoln High School.

The Kea Award for Environmental Awareness was awarded to the producers and participants of the four Lincoln Primary School videos.

The Kea Award for Helping with Outstanding Filmwork was awarded to all the pupils at Kids First Kindergartens, Lincoln.

The Kea Award for Outstanding Filmwork was awarded to Martin Langlands and Adriana de Groot.

Adriana de Groot was the overall winner of the Earth Hour Video Trophy for 2012.

The videos can be viewed from the Selwyn District Council web site:
<http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/community-development/earth-hour>

Thank you to all the sponsors including Rolleston New World, Lincoln New World, the Warehouse Rolleston, Rolleston Subway



Lincoln Community Garden



Terry Windle at the workshop on 28th April talking to a group of over 40 people



Kidsfirst Kindergartens, Lincoln children at the gardens with Ruth Wood

Where is the Lincoln Community Garden? It is behind the hospital in James Street, a place for socialising, learning how to grow your own vegetables and sharing ideas over a cuppa. We have educational events and we welcome visitors. For more information about getting involved in the garden please ring Ruth on **325 2193**.

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 for information about the other Enviro communities.

There are Sustainability Groups in other 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

The following are the next working bees:

Wed 30 May – 3:30pm

Sat 9 June – 1pm

Wed 13 June – 3:30pm

Wed 27 June – 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 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 - HELP needed with the Springston Primary kids garden programme

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

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!

Lots of good ideas of things to make from recycled materials such as plastic bags on www.instructables.com e.g.

<http://www.instructables.com/id/Fusing-Plastic-Bags-the-eclipse-way/> You have to register, but it is free.

Also look at http://blog.craftzine.com/archive/2007/08/plastic_bag_crafts.html

Freshwater invertebrates: New web resource on [freshwater invertebrates](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/freshwater/) - while targeted at community groups doing stream monitoring, it's probably useful for anyone doing stream invertebrate work. <http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/freshwater/>

Butterfly Gardening Course: The next course for would be [butterfly-gardeners](http://www.monarch.org.nz/monarch/projects/butterfly-gardening-course/) starts on 1 May. Getting great feedback to the material; many would be butterfly gardeners think in terms of the Monarch butterfly but this is more - an introduction to native species which can be encouraged, as well as native plants which encourage butterflies (and day-flying moths). <http://www.monarch.org.nz/monarch/projects/butterfly-gardening-course/>

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/>

sustainable houses and others like those, in **one** comprehensive package and include additional measures such as a constant supply of clean, pre-heated air for the interior.

Stunning NASA time-lapse video shows journey around Earth

NASA [has released a spectacular video](http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/04/stunning-nasa-time-lapse-video-shows-journey-around-earth-1) featuring a series of time-lapse sequences photographed by the Expedition 30 crew aboard the International Space Station.

The four-minute video is set to the song *Walking in the Air*, by Howard Blake.

The video, NASA says, displays a journey around the world, through auroras, and over dazzling lightning displays.

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Ecobob - Eco friendly living in NZ

The name Ecobob is derived from the word ‘eco’, an abbreviation for ‘ecologically friendly’ and the acronym ‘bob’ which stands for ‘best of both’. Our philosophy is that it is possible to have ‘the best of both worlds’ in

terms of living in harmony and balance with our environment while still enjoying the comforts of technology and modern living.

Ecobob is a web site, developed to make eco friendly living easy. The web site provides users with an easy way of accessing information on environmentally friendly living such as profiles of eco houses, a listing of businesses providing eco living products and services, a range of information articles on eco living and an online community for people to share ideas and connect on eco living topics.

Through our web site we want to make it easy for people to become more environmentally friendly by giving them good, practical information at their fingertips. <http://www.ecobob.co.nz/>

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.



Native Planting Guide
for
Lincoln and other Selwyn
Communities
produced for the Lincoln Envirotown Trust
by Maria Ignatieva, Colin Meak and Glenn Stewart
Lincoln University
New Zealand Research Centre for Urban Ecology
Landcare Research

www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

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



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"Taking responsibility for a sustainable future"
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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!

Summary of up-coming events

Date	Event	Where
July 2nd 7.30pm, 1st Monday in the month	Lincoln Envirotown meeting	Lincoln Event Centre
Friday 27 th July	Deadline for Writing Competition	
Friday 27 th July 6.00pm	Envirotowns' sharing ideas and potluck dinner	Rolleston Community Hiuse
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
4 th Monday of the month, 7.30.	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
3rd 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: