



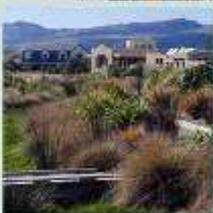
Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

May 2013

What is coming up? What can we get involved in?

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



Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens Autumn Workshop

Establishing a garden from scratch by the "single dig – low intensity" method

To be conducted by Sven Christenson at 1 Leeston Road, Springston on **Saturday 11th May**.

The workshop will commence at 10 am and run for approximately four hours, with a break for lunch. It will provide an ideal introduction for people who are keen to start a garden from a grassy area; a great opportunity for beginners to learn gardening skills.

Sven will:

- compare his method with alternative methods,
- explain why certain sizes of garden are important (the ergonomics of garden design),
- show how to correctly cut the edges and quickly 'deturf' the area,
- demonstrate the use of appropriate garden tools for each step,
- explain the requirements for success - planting, composting, watering and maintenance,
- provide numerous opportunities for "hands-on" participation at each stage.

The workshop will show how quickly a garden can be put in; Sven expects to the gardens to be dug, composted, raked and planted with a variety of winter vegetables within four hours.

Workshop fee: \$4.00, to cover tea/coffee and support the Community Gardens.

Bring a chair and your lunch.

For more information contact Ruth Wood, Community Gardens Coordinator

(Phone: 325 2193, Email: ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz)

www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



Lincoln Envirotown Mahoe Reserve Planting Day



Your chance to plant a tree (or more) in our local Mahoe Reserve: you bring the tools and gloves, we provide the plants. We also need helpers to mulch the trees already planted. If you can bring a bucket or wheel barrow for mulch that would be very helpful!

When: Sunday 5th May 2.00pm onwards

Where: Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, next to the Golf course, opposite the High School. For more information ring Denis Blomquist 3252806 or Sue Jarvis 3295858

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

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month (except public holidays and over the Christmas period) 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 May which is also our AGM

The guest speaker will be Dr Sharon McIver from Our Daily Waste Ltd. Come at 7.30 to hear **“Talking trash with Sharon McIver” All Welcome**

Based in Otautahi/Christchurch, [Our Daily Waste](#) is a new waste reduction consultancy specialising in innovative recycling systems and signage designed to achieve best practice recycling, along with education programmes to assist organisations to seriously reduce their waste. For Dr. Sharon McIver, who first started researching rubbish culture in 2001, Our Daily Waste is the tool with which she hopes to implement a long held dream of ‘cleaning up’ Aotearoa.

The meeting will be in the Fitzgerald room, unless we are overwhelmed with large numbers, when we will move to the Mezzanine floor.

**Demonstration of fruit tree maintenance
at the Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens
on 8th June 2013 at 10.30am**

The demonstration will be given by Keith Dickson who is very experienced in fruit production and the maintenance of fruit trees. This year Keith will focus on the related issues of fruit thinning and crop loading. He is willing to discuss maintenance techniques which 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 Envirotown 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)

A gold coin donation to support the activities of the Gardens will be appreciated.



What's been happening?



Wendy Barry from WWFnz meeting the Springston Secret Garden team from Springston Primary school. WWFnz provided the funds that the Springston Enviro Community members used to build shade house/ tool shed.



THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING EARTH HOUR 2013

A few weeks back, Earth Hour concluded another record sweep around the planet with the world's best known landmarks going dark to celebrate the "beyond the hour" activities and environmental outcomes achieved by our global community.

From Samoa on one side of the International Date Line to the Cook Islands on the other, 154 countries and territories took part in Earth Hour this year, with thousands of events taking place in celebration of our planet.

Tell us how you celebrated Earth Hour 2013 at contact@earthhour.org

Earth Hour 2014 will take place on Saturday, March 29 8:30PM - 9:30PM



OUTCOMES

Earth Hour is more than just an annual lights off event. Find out how countries have taken Earth Hour beyond the hour through inspiring environmental initiatives

[READ MORE](#)

IMAGES

Check out how Earth Hour was celebrated around the world with these great images on the official Earth Hour Global Flickr page

[CLICK TO VIEW](#)

VIDEOS

Re-live Earth Hour 2013 with this YouTube playlist that we've put together featuring our favourite Earth Hour moments from the year

[WATCH HERE](#)

JOIN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY:



Tai Tapu Envirotown organised a well attended meeting with Denis Chapman designer of the "Tai Tapu Castle" as guest speaker. Denis spoke about new technology for the Houses of the Future. There will be a trip to the "Castle" at a future date to view the technology that Denis has developed to make his building self sufficient in energy, water and sewage disposal as well as his extensive native plantings. Contact Eileen on 3257949 if you are interested

If you missed the Kim Hill "The Ultimate Balancing Act" event or want to see it again, a link to the video is on the LET web site

The Just Dirt Trust

The Just Dirt Trust is a recently established trust and our aim is to have community gardens in schools, churches and other suitable areas.

We have a page on Facebook so check us out. The photos show some of our projects we have been recently involved with.

We believe good ideas should be shared, so we intend to share them by advertising and networking with others.

As a Registered Charity we are able to receive donations which would be used to help our trust grow and to further our aims and vision.

The Projects Manager can be contacted by email: gugyellow@hotmail.co.nz, 03 385 6894, 027 604 6816, or on Facebook.

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens



If you would like to visit the Lincoln Envirotown Community Garden, get involved, or just have a chat over a cuppa, ring Ruth Wood on 325 2193. Our garden is behind the Lincoln Maternity Hospital in James Street. Please park on the street.

Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens Report

April 2013

Things are winding down in the Gardens now after a very good season, and most recent work has involved clearing away pumpkins and bean fence, planting green feed and distributing compost.

New plot holders have joined us – Wendy and David Wadman from the Lincoln Retirement Village had taken over a plot and we hope that this enables us to develop a closer link with other residents in the Village.

Natthini Eccleston is our new volunteer in the Gardens. Having lost the valued services of Bill McClure last year, it is good to have acquired a keen and knowledgeable replacement.

I recently visited the Rangiora Community Gardens, which are located between the Baptist Church and the High School on East Belt. They have an old house there which they use as a base. Workers include one paid person and about 4 volunteers.

Two workshops are coming up:

Sven Christenson will demonstrate the establishment of a garden from scratch (ie, a grassy area) using the “single dig – low intensity” method at 1 Leeston Road, Springston on Saturday 11th May, from 10am-2pm.

Keith Dickson will conduct his annual workshop on fruit tree maintenance at the Gardens at 10.30am on Saturday 8th June. Keith will focus on crop loading aspects this year.

Ruth Wood

Community Gardens Coordinator

Mahoe Reserve Working Bees First Sunday of the month at 2.00pm

Please bring tools, gloves, and if possible a bucket, to working bees

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.

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.

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 enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz or phone 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome. Visit www.rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

The Rolleston Envirotown Market for produce (sometimes 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 can be contacted by emailing garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz or visit www.rollestonenvirotown.org.nz. The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden group greatly appreciate any help as they continue the process of the creation of their community's garden. The group meets on the second Saturday in the month and every second Wednesday, times change with the seasons, phone 347 9760 (Helen). For more information, donations, or to simply lend a hand email garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz. 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.

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!

Sacha has gone to the North Island so we need a **VOLUNTEER ROLLESTON COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR**

Are you a keen gardener with experience in organic vegetable growing?

Are you a good organiser and love to meet and work with people in your community?

Do you have 2-3 hours each week to help develop the Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden?

Then this might be the ideal position for you. As the community garden coordinator you will

maintain the raised vegetable beds, organise working bees and workshops and act as a liaison person between the garden volunteers and the community garden committee. For a job description please email garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

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 main project at the moment is **The Springston Secret Community Garden**

WWFNz has donated \$3000 towards a shade house and tool shed which has been built, by three helpful locals, led by Terry Windle, with Mr Benny putting up the poles at no cost. There is a bit of money left which will be spent on tools for the children. We have a volunteer garden coordinator, who will also work with the children: Zanada McLean. Springston School is now planning to become an Enviroschool and are using the topic "Growing" for the whole school this year, with a teacher designated to be the Enviro coordinator. Help is still needed, and there are also community beds available. For more information contact **Zanada on 021 023 40473 or Sue on 3295858.**

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. Action plans for Leeston and the other areas under discussion. Come and add your views. They need help setting up a web discussion site.

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).

They have held sessions on worm farming, sustainable gardening and fruit bottling. PEV as part of the 150th celebrations of the settlement of Prebbleton planted 5 fruit and nut trees at Prebbleton cottage. They hope that this will be the start of a community garden on that site. This will be their major project for the foreseeable future

LITTLE RIVER

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



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

There was an interesting field trip on the diversity of insect species in a braided river area in February – see details earlier in this newsletter

See the West Melton Enviro-Community web site! www.westmeltonenviro.org.nz

TAI TAPU ENVIRO TOWN the 7th “Envirotown” in the Selwyn area.

Tai Tapu residents - Do you want to make a difference in your community?

Do you want your ideas to be heard?

Come to a community meeting to share your ideas, concerns and help plan actions that you would like to see happen. All welcome!

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6th June, 7.30pm at Tai Tapu School Staffroom. For more information contact Jenny Duncan 329 6565 brickied@yahoo.com.au

The Tai Tapu Playcentre is working on an environmentally sustainable programme and is doing great things. Tai Tapu primary school is also an Enviroschool 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

DARFIELD

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

WHITECLIFFES: An initial planning meeting has been held. For more information contact Sue.

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 (and adults!)

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

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.

July 19th LET kidsfest holiday programme 10.30am, Lincoln Event Centre

Have a look at this video: **Schoolhouse Rock!: Earth - Tiny Urban Zoo**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPncpeFYgi0>

Other Interesting Info

Canterbury Maps, a joint data-sharing initiative by all the territorial authorities in Canterbury, is now live online. The new website – www.canterburymaps.govt.nz – features detailed maps and background data drawn from across the Canterbury region. Best of all, all the information is free to use.

The Canterbury Maps project has been co-ordinated by staff at Environment Canterbury Regional Council working with staff at Kaikoura District Council, Hurunui District Council, Waimakariri District Council, Christchurch City Council, Selwyn District Council, Ashburton District Council, Waimate District Council, Mackenzie District Council, Timaru District Council and Waitaki District Council.



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

www.lincolnenvirotown.org

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!

Lincoln Envirotown Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Where
Sunday 5 th May 2.00pm	Mahoe Planting Day	Boundary Road, Lincoln
Saturday 11 th May 10.00am – 2.00pm	Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens Autumn Workshop	1 Leeston Road, Springston
8 th June 2013 at 10.30am	Demonstration of fruit tree maintenance	Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens
Friday 19 th July, 10.30 - 11.30	LET kidsfest Holiday programme	Lincoln Event Centre
To be arranged	Enviro Ellesmere Meeting of the new extended group – Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel – plus rural areas - to discuss a cycle way	Leeston Library Community Contact Linda lj_hermiston@hotmail.com (03) 324 4463
First Sunday of the Month 2.00pm	Mahoe Working bee	Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road
First Thursday, every other month. Next meeting 6 th June	Tai Tapu Envirotown meetings	Tai Tapu School Staff room Jenny Duncan 329 6565 brickied@yahoo.com.au
Third Tuesday of month 7.30pm (7.00pm in winter)	Rolleston Enviro Town Meetings	Rolleston Community House
Second Saturday of the month and every second Wednesday	Rolleston Garden get- to-gether Time of day changes with the seasons. Phone 347 9760 (Helen for details) or email	Corner Brookside Rd and William Street garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz
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
3rd Wednesday of the month	Prebbleton Enviro Village meetings	Contact Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz) for venue