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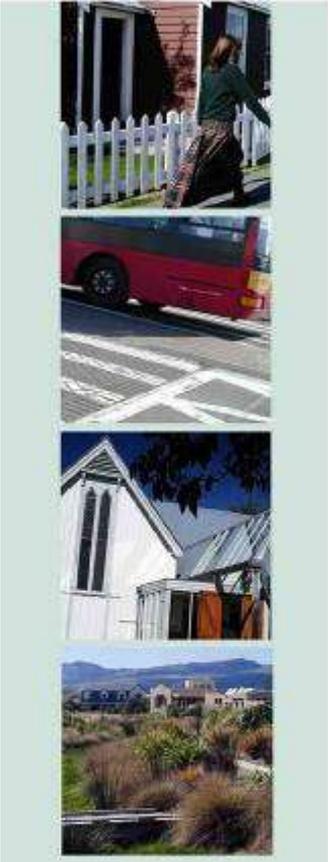
Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

November 2011

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.

What's been happening?

SELWYN ZERO WASTE WEEK 29th Oct -5th Nov How to reduce waste to landfill



Opening displays outside Lincoln New World Supermarket. We learnt what happens to the stuff we put in the recycling bin, how to reduce waste from packaging by making good choices when shopping and checked our knowledge with a quiz. Thanks to Lincoln New World for all their support, and for providing free reusable bags and presents for those who brought

Thank you to Nicki Williams for coordinating the Zero Waste subcommittee of Andrew Beat, Ralph Scott, Sue Jarvis and Gavin Sole (SDC solid waste manager) and making sure everything happened! Thanks to the Selwyn District Council for providing the funding and expertise and to the many businesses in Lincoln who provided prizes. Thanks also to the Lincoln branch of Ray White Real Estate (Red Chili Real Estate) who supplied and ran a barbecue.



Local people showing an interest in the displays and e-waste videos

Congratulations to Ellie Hiscock who won the top prize for the Zero Waste Poster

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Lincoln Envirotown has been involved in many, many things in the area of environmental sustainability, since our first meeting in June 2005. One of our efforts has been to encourage and support local business to operate in a more environmentally sustainable manner, as well as to promote “shop local”

The Responsible Business Award scheme was trialled in 2007 following production of the initial survey in conjunction with Jeska McNicol and by last year 56 businesses had gained awards. Prebbleton joined in 2009 and Leeston with Southbridge and Doyleston last year (2010). This year the Leeston area awards were gained by 52 businesses. They have now renamed their awards the Ellesmere Awards rather than the Leeston Envirotown awards. Rolleston had their first awards this year with 25 businesses getting awards.

The awards are free to businesses, and this year, having lost much of our funding from the Canterbury Community Trust, they have been supported by the Selwyn District Council and local donations.

Businesses gaining a silver award and above are given a free listing on the Lincoln Envirotown web site. So if that is **you**, you will need to send details of what you would like for your entry to Sue.Jarvis@orcon.net.nz

LINCOLN RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2011; NEW ENTRANT THIS YEAR WINS THE TROPHY FOR THE BEST ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Fifty two Lincoln business gained awards at this year’s Lincoln Responsible Business Award ceremony run by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET), with seven gaining the highest level platinum award. The awards were presented by Kelvin Coe, Mayor of Selwyn. The Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln came away with the prestigious trophy gifted jointly by Lincoln University and Ngai Tahu Property. The trophy was presented by Hirini Matunga, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Maori), Lincoln University and David Schwartzfeger, Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property.

Congratulations to the platinum awards winners: Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln, Dave Clarke Joinery, New World Lincoln, Lincoln University Early Childhood Centre, Lincoln Physiotherapy, ASB Lincoln, Landcare Research Lincoln.

Compared with 2010 there were two more with platinum awards and 25 gained gold awards (2 more than last year). This is a great indication that the standard continues to improve.

Prebbleton joined Lincoln for their award presentations this year, and their businesses gained 6 gold awards, but no platinum awards yet, so the challenge is out there for 2012, which Prebbleton Business can be the first to get platinum? The businesses are all sent a summary letter congratulating them on things they are doing well and with suggestions on what they can do to make further improvements.

LET would like to thank the community and the Selwyn District Council for their ongoing support. Also the two assessors, who did a fantastic job: Nick Reuther (with the help of Lin Roberts from Lincoln University) for Lincoln and Maree Dawson for Prebbleton.



Platinum winners, from left: Helen Burnett New World Lincoln, Sarah Harsent, (Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln), Helen Smith, Joyce McHerron (also Kidsfirst, holding trophy), behind the trophy is Nick Reuther, the Lincoln RBA assessor, to the right of Joyce is Karen Nelson-Cummings of Landcare Research, At the back is Dave Clarke (Dave Clarke Joinery) and on the far right is Marilyn Montgomery of Lincoln Early Childhood Centre. (Lincoln Physiotherapy and ASB Lincoln were unable to attend)



Trophy winners! From Left: Hirini Matunga, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Maori), Lincoln University and David Schwartz, Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property, Helen Smith and Joyce McHerron of Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln

Trophy winners Sarah Harsent, Helen Smith and Joyce McHerron of Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln

LEESTON/ SOUTHBRIDGE/ DOYLESTON

The Leeston Envirotown held the Ellesmere Responsible Business Award Presentations on Monday 10 October. The awards were presented by Heather Roy MP, who is resigning from parliament this year. She talked about her perspective on environmental issues and on life as an MP. There were displays of local arts and crafts including the local highly placed entry to last year's Wearable Art Awards entry by Loretta Johnson.

Refreshments were sponsored by Pat McEvedy local councillor; the frames were partly sponsored by Rolleston Warehouse and Leeston Envirotown. The major expenses for running the awards were paid by the Selwyn District Council through the Lincoln Envirotown Trust. Particular thanks need to go to Margaret Russell the Responsible Business Award Assessor and chief organiser. 52 Local businesses from Leeston, Southbridge and Doyleston gained awards for environmentally sustainable business practices with 24 gaining gold awards. This was a great improvement on last year when 29 gained awards with 6 gaining gold. Next year they will be aiming for platinum! Congratulations to all the business who took part, especially those who improved from last year. Some of the top businesses were CRT Leeston, Leeston Video Plus, Lay Associates Ltd



Silver Awards



Gold Awards

ROLLESTON RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS 2011

Rolleston celebrated their first Responsible Business Awards on Friday 21st October. Twenty five businesses gained awards. Kelvin Coe, Mayor of Selwyn presented the awards. Councillors Sarah Walters and Mark Alexander also attended. Three businesses gained platinum and 9 gained gold awards. John and Liz Veix of Solar Electric Specialists were delighted to receive the trophy which

was a really amazing piece of petrified wood gifted by Rolleston Square Ltd. The other platinum winners were BNZ Rolleston and Rolleston Automotive. Huge thanks to Samantha Rowland who was the Rolleston assessor and co-ordinator of the awards. Thanks also for the support of the Selwyn District Council as well as New World Rolleston, the Warehouse Rolleston and Henry's of Rolleston



Platinum Winners:
From left: Sam Rowland Rolleston
Responsible Business Award Assessor
Mayor of Selwyn Kelvin Coe
John Veix, Solar Electric Specialists
Bev Cowan, BNZ Rolleston
Natasja Van Der Zee, Rolleston
Automotive

Liz and John Veix with the trophy for the most environmentally sustainable business

Lincoln Community Gardens Report – October 2011

With the warmer weather and welcome rain recently, everything is growing well. In this busy time of the year I go up on most days to check on things and water plants under the cold frames. At the start of the month I cleared the plot that the Kea Scouts have relinquished in preparation for Nicky and Andrew to take over.

I have busy pricking out seeds for brassicas and getting them started under the cold frames. Quite a lot of silver beet from last season has been removed to make space. Onions, corn, beans, beetroot, cucumber, courgettes, tomatoes, lettuces, potatoes, peas and pumpkins are growing, all having been started from seed. There has been battle with birds, slugs and snails, keeping them away from the small plants.

Terry and I erected a wire fence for training three boysenberry plants to grown on.

People pop in quite often to look around the gardens and invariably are very impressed with what we have here. A lady from Redcliffs came over one Sunday and I enjoyed showing her around.

Ruth Wood

Lincoln Community Garden Coordinator.

**For more information about getting involved in the garden please ring
Ruth on 325 2193**

What is coming up?

Watch out for us at the Lincoln Farmer's Market and at the Lincoln Pageant



You are invited to the Springston Enviro Community Garden Grand Opening Ceremony!

Please come and celebrate with us at 12.30 pm on the 12th December at the Community Garden (behind the old George Roy shop).

The Springston Enviro Community group and Springston School have been working together to get the garden started. There are plots for the school students and also an area for community members.

The famous and always entertaining Prof Steve Wratten will be there to open the garden and to talk about his perspective on gardening.

Huge thanks go to Helen Mather for making the land available, Colin Giddens, Geoff Prattely and the other members of the Springston Enviro Community – and of course all the Springston School children, parents and teachers.

We would really appreciate any help the community can give, whether supplies, watering or weeding.

For information ring Sandy on 3255878

HOME BREW COMPETITION 2011
SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
(11 AM TO 3 PM)
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
at
LINCOLN FARMERS AND CRAFT MARKET
LINCOLN EVENT CENTRE
With Guest Judges from several award winning
Christchurch real ale breweries
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
FOOD & BOUTIQUE HOME BREW STALLS
+
LOTS OF LOCAL PRODUCE, BAKING & CRAFT STALLS
CALL 03 3295757 FOR DETAILS / REGISTRATION

Mahoe Reserve Working Bee **Now the trees are planted we need to look after them!** **Sunday the 4th December at 2.00pm**

Please bring tools, gloves, buckets and if possible 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

There will be a meeting of the Mahoe planning committee at 1.30pm, at the Reserve, just before the working bee, if you are interested in getting involved. For more information contact Sue Jarvis 3295858.

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 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 meeting room 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 30th January 2012 (in place of the February meeting as the first Monday is Waitangi Day). All Welcome.

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.

Earth Hour 2012 – we will be planning a week of activities leading up to earth hour – starting soon. We would like representatives from as many Selwyn communities as possible to help us with the planning. Let Sue know if you are interested. 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz **Let us know if you have ideas for your community.** So far we have organised another Kim Hill Hot Energy Debate, 29 March 2012 and an Earth Hour Barn dance 31 March 2012. **We will also be holding a video competition again – so get planning and filming!**

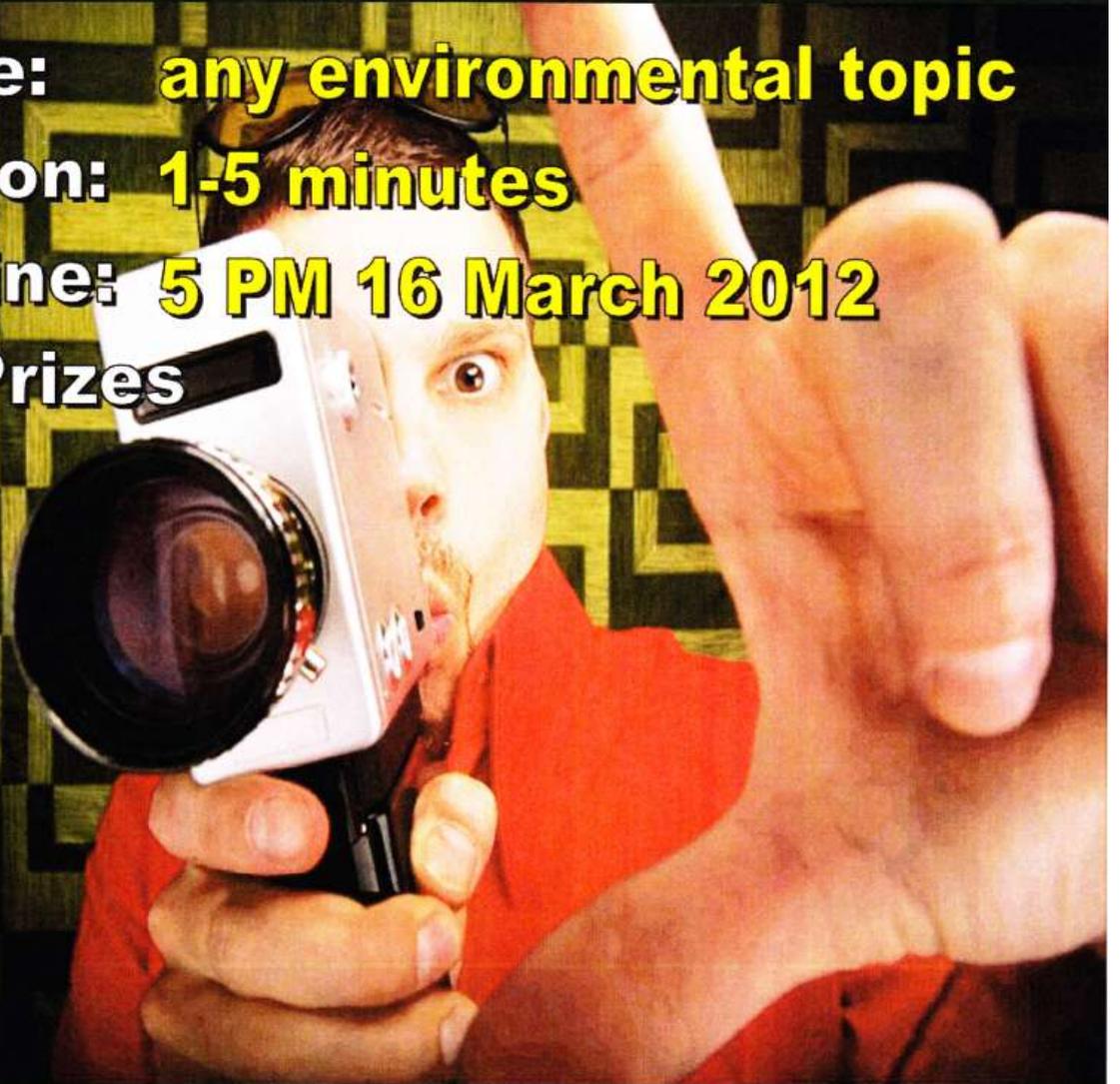
Video Competition

Theme: any environmental topic

Duration: 1-5 minutes

Deadline: 5 PM 16 March 2012

Cool Prizes



Get entry forms from

www.selwyn.govt.nz/earth

any Selwyn District Council Office or Library

phone (03) 325 4450 or 027 364 5834

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. BUG-R offer free bicycle maintenance at some of the monthly market days.

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

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden group greatly appreciate any help as they continue the process

of the creation of their community's garden. For more information, donations, or to simply lend a hand contact Sacha on sacha.murray@hotmail.com or alternatively ring 03 347 8175. 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. **Next Working bee is 10th December**

**Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden
Working Bees
Second Saturday of the month**

**Next working bee
Saturday 10 December
From 10:00am to 12:00 o'clock**

Corner Brookside Rd and William Street

Everyone welcome

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, 3478175

SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY



The Springston Enviro-Community (SEC) meetings are held on **the 4th Monday of the month**, 7.30pm at the Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Domain, Ellesmere Junction Road. Everyone welcome! The next meeting is on the **28th November 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 community garden is underway and the Springston School children had their first visit on Friday 9th September. Thank you to Helen Mather for providing the land, and Colin Giddens and Geoff Prattley for all the work they are doing getting it ready. The official opening will be on the 12th December, see details at the top of this newsletter. If you can help in any way, let us know



Some Springston School students being introduced to the new garden, before planting started. The children have been asked to think of ideas for a name and for ideas for what to grow in their beds in the garden. There will also be beds available for community members. Contact Sue on 329 5858 or Sandy 3255878 for more information.

Selwyn's hotspots for sustainable business

Correction: the photo of the gold winners did not feature in the last newsletter – apologies! Correct version below. A correct version of the October newsletter can be downloaded from our web site.

Some of the gold award winners



ENVIRO ELLESMERE – Leeston Envirotown extended and renamed!

A meeting was held on the 3rd November where the new name “Enviro Ellesmere” was chosen to encompass the larger area of Leeston, Dunsandel, Southbridge and Doyleston and the surrounding rural community.

The group also discussed what people value about living in the Ellesmere area and the main things were: support from neighbours, country living, life style, diverse community, small community feeling, safety, good water supply, and space. It was noted that people need to get involved in some sort of group activity to be a part of the community.

There was a brainstorm of local issues for an “Action Plan” and the main points were:

Water, Transport, Waste, Native Biodiversity, Local Food Security, Promotion of local business. The importance of good **communication** was discussed.

The ideas will be discussed further and actions decided on at the next meeting.

Immediate actions to be undertaken are a competition for a logo, to invite more people from Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel to the next meeting.

The Enviro Ellesmere would like to thank all the many local businesses who donated items for the raffle.

Next meeting: Thursday 1st December, 7.30 pm at the community meeting room, Leeston Library. **Gavin Sole, solid waste manager for the SDC will be at the meeting to discuss waste and recycling issues.** Next year meetings will be on the first Thursday of the month starting February 2nd 2012. Please come and contribute your views.

Mel Renganathan and Linda Hermiston are joint coordinators of the new group, more details will be discussed at the next meeting. For more information contact: Margaret on 3243949, Mel on 03 325 4472 or melissa.renganathan@gmail.com, Linda on lj_hermiston@hotmail.com

PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE



Sowing seeds for a sustainable community.

Sharing Skills Sessions – various workshops and trips have been organised

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

The Prebbleton Responsible Business Award assessments have been completed and the award ceremony is being held on the 27th October (see earlier in this news letter for details). If you would like more information contact Maree Dawson
349 7656

LITTLE RIVER

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

WEST MELTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY (WMEC)

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: West Melton School Library

When: **Thursday 8 December at 7.00pm** There will be a plant swap.

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 Heather

McHarg heather@westmelton.school.nz, 347 8448

or Ingrid McGeachen info@westmeltonenviro.org.nz

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

West Melton Energy Expo: date has been changed to Sunday March 11 2012, 10am to 5pm, in the West Melton Hall

Solar water heating and wind and solar energy generation were the topics from the West Melton Community Survey that people most wanted to know about. So the WMEC are planning to hold an expo on Energy issues including practical help such as the installation of alternative generation. If you are interested in exhibiting or in providing a workshop or in being a speaker, please contact Ingrid (details above).

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**

BURNHAM

If you live in or near Burnham let us know as there is interest in getting a group going there.

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.

We have set up “on line communities” for all the “Enviro” groups linked to LET, under the umbrella of “Selwyn groups” <http://selwyncom.onlinegroups.net> . **Have a look!** The idea is to allow a small community or a street etc to easily contact each other – perhaps to say “we have extra pears, who would like some” etc. John Veitch has been our “coach” – Thank you, John

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!

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.

<http://www.discoverwater.org/> try out this interactive site for kids

Other Interesting Info

<http://rubbishfree.com/> In 2008 **Waveney Warth & Matthew Luxon** decided to try and avoid contributing to this growing problem by setting themselves a challenge of living for a year without sending anything to landfill. This sites documents what they learnt and has lots of good links for reducing waste

25 steps towards sustainability: this was published in 2008 but still contains useful ideas!
<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/sus-dev/25-steps-towards-sustainability/index.html>

http://youtu.be/FovYv8vf5_E Earth Hour 2012 video

The Mainland Press, which used to publish the Southern View has rolled all its newspapers into one, but is still publishing articles about LET! It is no longer delivered but below the list for the Selwyn and surrounding areas where you can pick up a free copy.

Lincoln – Challenge Service Station
Prebbleton – Thyme Café
Tai Tapu – The Tai Tapu Store
Rolleston – Rolleston New World
Rolleston – Selwyn Council Building – Norman Kirk Drive
Rolleston – Library at the Rolleston Community Centre
Templeton – Templeton Convenience Store – Main South Rd
Hornby – Hornby Mall Stand by Muffin Break
Hornby – Mitre 10 Mega – Main South Rd
Leeston – Leeston Pharmacy
Doyleston - Jacks Garage
Hornby – Couplands – Buchanans Rd

Community recycling enterprise Wanaka Wastebusters is running its Unpackit Awards again in 2012.

It's asking people to nominate the best and worst product packaging they've come across. The Unpackit Awards were run for the first time in 2011 with over 100 nominations receiving nearly 9000 votes. This time it's aiming to get even more people involved.



If you've bought something and been impressed by its minimal and well-designed recyclable or reusable packaging, this is your chance to let the company know. Or if you've been driven crazy by the small mountain of non-recyclable and non-reusable waste left behind, here's your opportunity to single out the offending packaging.

To place your nomination, go to www.unpackit.org.nz before 10 February 2012. The winning packaging will be chosen through a public online vote.

Westpac NZ Ltd was named Sustainable Business of the Year at the 2011 NZI National Sustainable Business Network Awards in Auckland.

www.GreeningtheRubble.org.nz is recruiting large numbers of volunteers this spring to help build three new mini parks.

Vote now!

The annual vote to find New Zealand's favourite plant is underway with over 30 species voted for already. Please follow this link to three promotional posters, print them off at A3 or A4 and put them on your wall at home, work or school.

[Vote for your favourite plant posters](#)

Please get voting, and encourage your friends and family to vote, via the Plant Conservation Network website (www.nzpcn.org.nz).

One voter will receive a copy of the beautiful book *Native by Design: Landscape design with New Zealand plants*, edited by Ian Spellerberg and Michelle Frey, published this year by Canterbury University Press.

[US Government Confirms Link Between Earthquakes and Fracking](#)



On 5 November an earthquake measuring 5.6 rattled Oklahoma and was felt as far away as Illinois. Until two years ago Oklahoma typically had about 50 earthquakes a year, but in 2010, 1,047 quakes shook the state. Why?

[Read more »](#)

[Who's In Favour Of Fracking?](#)



Labour has stated that if elected it will hold an enquiry into fracking.

National has said there is no need for such an enquiry.

[Read more »](#)

Interested in Rain Water Harvesting? Rainline NZ sell Water tank accessories, rain heads, first flush diverters, emergency rainwater storage, tank gauges and accessories.

<http://www.rainline.co.nz/>

Also look at: <http://gutterwitch.co.nz/>

Climate Crime!

From the ODT - Climate crime is beggaring our children. Intergenerational inequity looks set to define the 21st century, Richard Reeve believes.

Ours is the epoch of generational organised crime.

At present, reluctant to put that most efficient slave, the fossil fuel, to bed, we continue a way of life that we know full well will impact on literally billions of lives in the generations to come.

<http://www.odt.co.nz/opinion/opinion/181484/climate-crime-beggaring-our-children?page=0%2C0>

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

<http://www.wunderground.com/weatherstation/WXDailyHistory.asp?ID=ICANTERB24> Weather data from a resident of Lincoln.

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 Environment Trust
by Maria Ignatieva, Colin Meek and Glenn Stewart
Lincoln University
New Zealand Research Centre for Urban Ecology
Landcare Research



www.lincolnenvironment.org

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.lincolnenvironment.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



NO JUNK MAIL
LOCAL NEWSPAPERS PLEASE

"Taking responsibility for a sustainable future"
www.lincolnenvironment.org.nz

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.**

Summary of up-coming events

Date	Event	Where
December 1st, 7.00pm	Enviro Ellesmere Meeting of the new extended group – Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel – plus rural areas	Leeston Library Community
4 th December	Meeting of the Mahoe Planning Committee. 1.30pm before working bee	Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road
March 11 th 2012 (note change of date)	Energy Expo	West Melton Community Centre
First Sunday of the Month except January	Mahoe Working bee Next Working bee is 4th December 2.00pm,	Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road
Third Tuesday of month 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	Rolleston Garden working bees From 10:00am to 12:00 o'clock	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	West Melton School library
3rd Wednesday of the month	Prebbleton Enviro Village meetings	Contact Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz) for venue
March 2012	Environmental Video Competition	Contact Peter Hill peter.hill@selwyn.govt.nz
Thursday 29 th March 2012	Kim Hill Hot Energy Debate	Lincoln University
Saturday 31 st March 2012	Earth Hour Barn dance	Lincoln Event Centre