



Taking responsibility for a sustainable future

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

April 2011

For the summary of up-coming events at the end of this newsletter

What's been happening?



Earth Hour week of events: This was very successful. We helped coordinate about 20 events around Selwyn. The Inconvenient Truth Updated at Lincoln had about 65 people attending; the Kim Hill Hot Energy debate was packed out; a steady stream of people stopped to look at the car displays on the Friday and Saturday; the video competition produced 8 entries, including one from Lincoln Kindy; the barn dance was so popular there was hardly room to dance, and I had comments of: "we had a smile on our faces all night", "we couldn't stop laughing", the best thing for earthquake ravaged people", "next year (!) I will bring 20 friends". Thanks to all those who helped. For the barn dance, in particular, we couldn't have done it without the help of the Springston Enviro-Community, who played a major role! Looks like the earth hour week of events might become a permanent fixture – another debate is already planned for next year and the band has been provisionally booked for the 31st March!

Earth hour at the barn dance – dancing around the band who were playing "unplugged"



Honda Hybrid display



Mike Evans showing off his electric car at the Lincoln New World Supermarket



Earth Hour Video Competition



Kea Award for Outstanding Film-making (Overall Winner): Rolleston School E-Monitors –with their directors chair!

The purpose of all the Earth Hour events, of course, was to celebrate the many paths that we can take toward being more environmentally sustainable. That's why, at each event, people were invited to enter the "beyond the hour" Prize Draw by pledging to follow one or more energy-saving activities for the year.

Congratulations to these lucky winners, who each get a \$50 voucher from Lincoln New World: Taylor Hamlin, Lily White, Niki Dow and Alina Harris.

Congratulations too, to our Earth Hour Video Awards winners who each received a Dick Smith Electronics voucher. The overall winner also gets the coveted Kea Award for a year plus their own named director's chair - forever. The winners were:

Kea Award for Outstanding Film-making (Overall Winner):

Rolleston School E-Monitors

Category Winners (\$75)

Martin Langlands (All-comers)

Taylor Hamlin & Kusal Ekanayake (Secondary level)

Rolleston School E-Monitors (Primary level)

Runners-up (\$50)

Samantha Crossman (Secondary level)

Room 2, Burnham School (Primary level)

Special Awards (\$25)

Alicia & Christian Smith (Most Informative)

Kidsfirst Kindergartens Lincoln (Most Inventive)

Geena Hanson (Biodiversity Awareness)

LET has been nominated for the Green Ribbon Awards! This honour the contributions New Zealanders make in caring for the environment. Thank you to Amy Adams MP for the nomination!

Sewage into the Liffey

Luckily for us the sewage is no longer going into the Liffey stream, and is now going back into the city. However as their system is obviously struggling and apparently on the point of collapse, please continue to help by reducing the amount of water you use (short showers; put a bucket in the shower to collect the water etc). Also be careful what else you put down the drain/sink. Please don't use bleach, chemical cleaners or other chemicals that would reduce the action of the decomposing bacteria.

See the message from the Selwyn District Council below

Prebbleton, Lincoln, Springston, Tai Tapu

PLEASE HOLD YOUR WATER



If you live in the above towns, please help.

Christchurch is trying to cope with your sewage and washing water in spite of severe damage to its sewers, drains and treatment plant.

To relieve the pressure on this essential service, we are asking you (once again) to do your bit and conserve water - **and not just in the bathroom.**

Everything you send down the drain and plughole counts, especially when it rains.

So please:

- Take shorter showers
- Only use the dishwasher if it's full (or do dishes by hand)
- Only use the washing machine if it's full
- Don't use the insinkerator
- Flush only the solid stuff

By doing your best to limit water use you will be reducing the risk of more raw sewage spilling into Christchurch's rivers, beaches and estuary.

Remember, every drop counts, so please hold your water.

For more information:

email savewater@selwyn.govt.nz
or phone our Helpline on 347 2800





The Mahoe Reserve

Thank you to all the people who came to help on the 3rd April, including 7 students from Lincoln High School!



Kusal Ekanayake and Taylor Hamlin from Lincoln High School



Matthew Young and Mitchell Bright

What is coming up?

Planting Day: May 1st – come and plant for the future! The weeds also need our attention – Please come and weed any time, as long as you know a weed from a native seedling! For more information or to make a time to help, ring **Denis** on **325 2806**. Don't forget Mahoe trail sheets are available from the Lincoln library. Next working bee is 1st May starting at 2.00pm – Bring your tools and gardening gloves and join in! There will be no working bee 5th June, next one will be 3rd July

The raised walkway has been installed so that people can continue to use the Mahoe Reserve paths, even if we have more flooding this winter.

Friends of Mahoe

If you want to be on the email contact list for Mahoe planting days and working bees, let us know. If you have any spare time during the week, we still need lots of people to help with the maintenance.

Mahoe Reserve Committee

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 Community Gardens

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

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 Community Centre on Gerald Street. We often have guest speakers. **For more information and** if you would like to get our email newsletter please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz.

NEXT meeting is our **AGM 2nd May: Speaker** David Hattam (planner) will talk about the latest plans for the development of the Lincoln town centre. **This meeting will in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street as normal.** **No meeting in June as it is Queen's birthday.**

The Council has notified a change to the district plan to encourage and require improved design from development in town centers, including Lincoln. You might be interested in reading it before you come. The full plan change is here:

<http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/planning/plan-changes/plan-change-29-design-of-development-in-business-1-zones/pc29-design-of-development-in-business-1-zones>

SHOP SMART
SHOP LOCAL

Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

~Come and take a Fresh Look~



Look at what your local community market has got in store for you!

**A GREAT RANGE OF LOCAL MARKET STALLS OF PRODUCE AND CRAFTS
ALL TOO GOOD TO MISS!!**

Up Coming Events:

April 30th – Pumpkin Competition and 2011 Conker Championship: Let everyone you know who may have giant pumpkins growing! Any size can enter the categories: Heaviest, Liffey PotBelly, Ugly Ogre, Envirotown Beauty, Best Dressed.

Plus the Conker Championship is starting to catch on in Lincoln!

Any baking using pumpkins can go towards a market food stall. Music will be part of the entertainment.

This will end the weekly market 2010/2011 season. The winter market times will be once a month on the first Saturday of each month starting with May 7th 10am – 1pm. Ring Debbie 3295757 / 0274785005 for details or if you wish to have a stall.

www.selwynfarmersmarket.org.nz

FUTURE MARKET SITE: Due to the demolition of the present community centre to make way for a new library, the market needs to move onto a temporary site. The final new development on Gerald Street will incorporate the new library and community care rooms, plus a new 'green space' for Lincoln. This green space or 'Market Area' will be where the old library is presently sited and will be our new permanent site.

Our temporary site will be on the green space beside Hillyer's Café.



Thank you!

To Timberline Events (a US company) who has donated their 1% for the Planet to LET. We hope they will come and see us when they next come to NZ.

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.

Responsible Business Awards winners are on our web site: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz Let us know if you are a silver, gold or platinum winner and your details are not there – possibly because you haven't sent your details to us yet.

World-wide following!

From an email from a US teacher who uses our resource section. Nice to know we are useful worldwide.

“As a thank you for your helpful site here is another "Think Global, Act Local: Grassroots Environmental Guide" (<http://www.localpages.com/content/think-global-act-local-grassroots-environmental-guide.html>) that you can add to your page. I can't believe how complete of a resource guide it is. All of my students are using this page now.”

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

There will soon be 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 7pm 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.

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. 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.



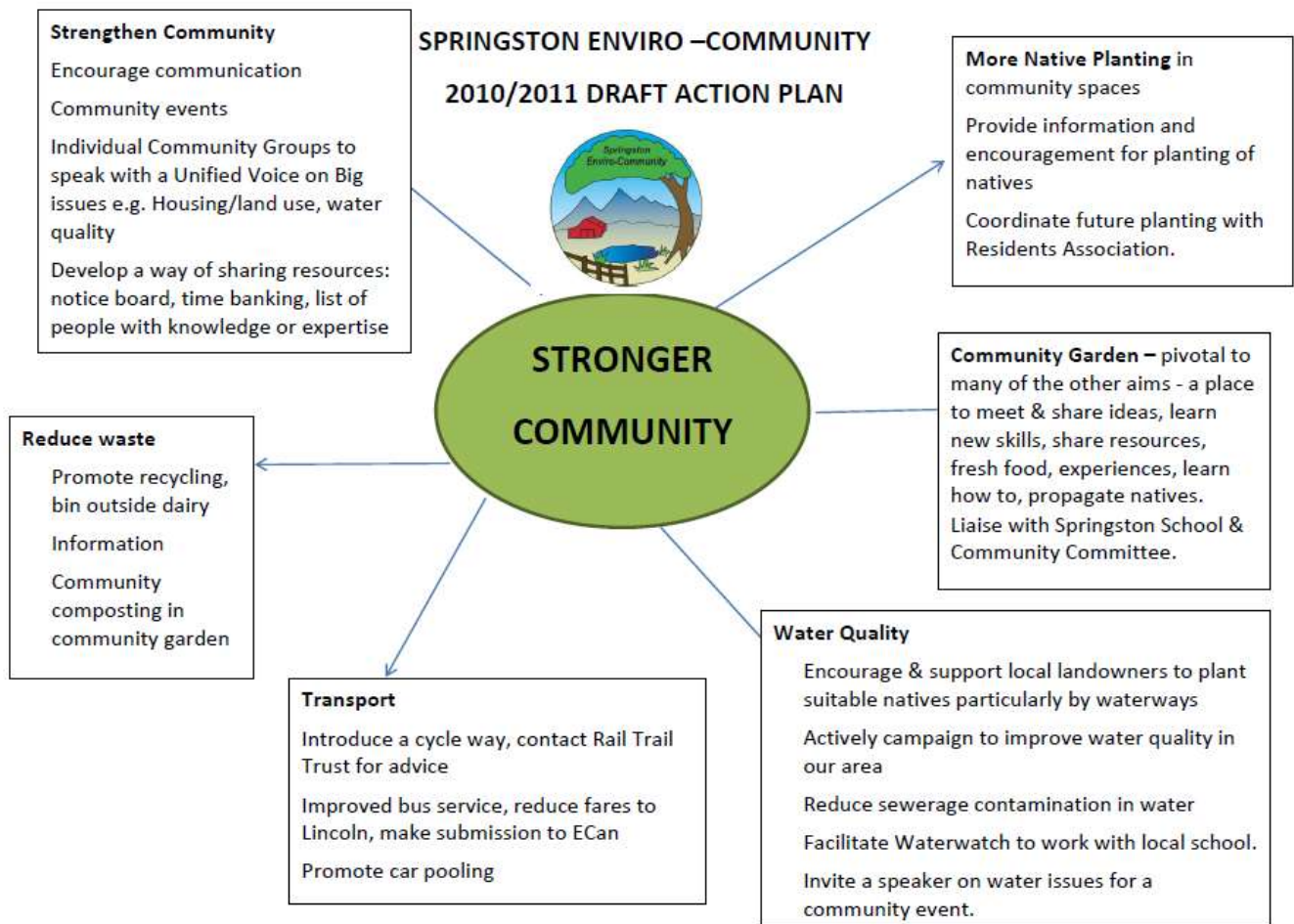
SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY

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 **30th May, everyone welcome. (No meeting in April as it is Easter Monday)**

Come and meet up with a group of enthusiastic locals. If you want to find out more, contact Sue on 329 5858 or Debbie on 329 5757.

Springston has drafted a Sustainability Action Plan for their community – following a survey and two public meetings (see below). There will be a special meeting to discuss the practical details Monday 11th April.

They already have a community garden planned, with land kindly provided by a local resident. The Springston Community Committee has also restarted their community newsletter, as this was one of the complaints from people that filled in the community survey. SEC was involved in playing a major part in the organisation on the night for the Selwyn Earth Barn dance, held in Lincoln.



LEESTON ENVIRO TOWN

For more information about Leeston Envirotown Phone: Margaret on 324 3949, or contact Sara russellsaraj@gmail.com or Mel melissa.renganathan@gmail.com Leeston took part in the Selwyn Earth Hour lead up, and ran a kids activity morning. They also have a Leeston and Southbridge Responsible Business Award to encourage businesses to operate in an environmentally sustainable fashion.



PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE

Contact Details If you would like to find out more about Prebbleton Enviro-Village please call Nicola Willett on 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz Prebbleton ran a very successful torch light walk for Earth Hour to which about 30 people turned up.

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?

You are invited to meet with likeminded people to discuss and plan environmental sustainability actions for the West Melton area.

Where: West Melton School Library

When: Thursday 12th May at 7.00pm

There was a community survey distributed with the West Melton News in April. Please contact Ingrid below if you live in the area and you didn't receive a copy. Make sure you send back your return – so that your ideas are counted – you will also go into the draw to win a prize!

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 westmelton.enviro@gmail.com

See the new West Melton Enviro-Community web site! The survey form is available as an on line form or as a downloaded survey form <http://sites.google.com/site/westmeltonenviro/>

TAI TAPU

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

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust is providing 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.

Other useful info

Think Global, Act Local: Grassroots Environmental Guide

<http://www.localpages.com/content/think-global-act-local-grassroots-environmental-guide.html>

You might be interested to visit www.elevatedgardencity.com This is a project which is sparking some good discussion on the future of Christchurch. Please contribute some feedback, its a great opportunity for a range of perspectives to be aired. It doesn't purport to be 'the' answer, however it has received some positive feedback and it is fantastic to see so many people passionate about the future of our city.

<http://ecolincnz.blogspot.com/> Ecology and evolution news and commentary from Lincoln University

<http://www.ourfuture.net.nz/> Welcome to OurFuture *Sharing stories about New Zealand sustainability initiatives and environmental research.*

And here are some great water conservation tips,

<http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-conserve/index.php>

An interesting curriculum guide for teachers and parents to use to use with children about water consumption, <http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/Curricula-AllLessons.pdf>

All filmed in Selwyn District !!

Below is a link to Martin Langlands' latest youtube video, "WATER RACE", it features original music and filming and is an exploration of WATER the most genius of all substance. This video was completed for the Selwyn Earth Hour Film Competition. www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_6sRqCLmSY

Don't forget to get in touch with the Home Energy Advice Centre, if you need information. It is a free service. There is lots of home energy advice available on their website and an online discussion forum to help answer your queries www.energyadvice.org.nz

Waihora Ellesmere Trust (WET)

WET has produced a new leaflet featuring advice on riparian restoration based on our experience of planting over 50,000 native plants over the past couple of years.

The leaflet covers the steps involved in establishing a successful riparian restoration project and includes a breakdown of costs. The leaflet can be downloaded from the website and additional,



more detailed information will be added over the next few weeks.

[New leaflet](#)

Get full newsletter from: www.wet.org.nz

Stuff for Kids

Some water fun just for kids too (Tip the Tank is not easy!),
<http://www.wateruseitwisely.com/kids/index.php>

Free online solar and renewable energy resources. www.originenergy.com.au/click

Please send us any ideas, links etc that you have!

Check out our Web site!

www.lincolnenvironment.org.nz

Here you can check out back issues of our newsletters, find sustainability links and much more. **Please let us know what information you would like.**

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.

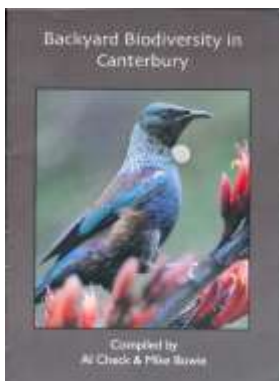


Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

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.



Backyard Biodiversity in Canterbury

This booklet is available **FREE** from the Lincoln Library and other Selwyn libraries on request. It is also downloadable as a pdf from the LET web site from the resources page.

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.**

Here is your chance to buy a tee shirt that is unique to Lincoln and to support the Lincoln Envirotown Trust.

Great for residents (to show you are part of our resilient community), but also for tourists, visitors, to send overseas for Christmas etc. The shirts are being sponsored by Lincoln New World supermarket and will cost \$24.95 for adults and \$19.85 for children's sizes. **Orders being taken now.**

The shirts are available in white or cyan blue (except for kid's – see below). Each colour is available in men's and women's styling. The women's styling is fitted at the waist.



Sizes

Mens (slim fit)	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	5XL			
Chest (cm)	101	106	111	116	121	129	138			
Women's (fitted)	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Chest (cm)	84	88	92	96	100	105	110	115	124	130
Kid's (age)	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16		
Chest (cm)	68	72	76	80	84	88	94	100		

* Children's tee shirts are not available in cyan blue, but you can have them in white, denim , royal or spring blue

ORDER FORM

Style, Men's , Women's, kid's	Colour	Size	Number	Cost

Total Cost: _____

Cheques to be made out to Lincoln Envirotown Trust or money can be direct credited to our bank account: 38-9004-0943103-00. If you direct credit please indicate that it is for tee shirts and make sure it is clear who is making the payment. Send order details to Sue Jarvis sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz

Summary of up-coming events

Date	Event	Where	Who
April 16 th POSTPONED	Opening of Event Centre 10.00am – 5.00pm	Lincoln	Helpers needed for LET display
May 1 st 2.00 pm	Mahoe planting and weeding bee	Mahoe Reserve Boundary road, Lincoln	All!
May 2 nd 7.30	LET AGM David Hattam (planner) will talk about the latest plans for the development of the Lincoln town centre.	Lincoln Community Centre in Gerald street. (supper room)	LET members and public