



Taking responsibility for  
a sustainable future



# Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

December 2010

## What's been happening?



Some of us have  
met Jack Johnson!



We met lots of people!  
Lots of interest in what  
LET is doing! Some  
signed up for our  
newsletter, some  
donated money and we  
made new contacts for  
West Melton and  
Springston.

You still have a chance to help Jack Johnson support LET, he will match your donation dollar for dollar if you go to: <http://allatonce.org/nonprofits/>, then scroll down until you see the LET logo, and then double click in it. Or donate to us directly. You need to donate before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010

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

# Prebbleton Responsible Business Awards

Prebbleton Enviro Village Awards!

Sustainable Prebbleton! Thirty Five Prebbleton businesses get awards!



This year 15 businesses gained gold awards up from the 10 last year. Thirty five business gained awards overall, despite the fact that at least two businesses have closed since last year as well as the township suffering earthquake damage. We all need to support our local businesses so that our communities stay resilient!

The awards are aimed at encouraging Prebbleton Businesses who undertaking environmentally sustainable practices as well as promoting local businesses. To gain a certificate, businesses have to complete a survey about their practices in the area of environmental sustainability and then receive a visit by one of our sustainability assessors. Chris Macann helped by Mike O'Connell were the assessors for 2010, who have had to deal with earthquake issues with the Leeston businesses! Thank you for all your hard work Chris and Mike. Also thanks to Prebbleton Enviro Village for all their organisation, especially the great supper and wine for the presentations! The Mayor of Selwyn, Kelvin Coe presented the awards. We are very grateful to the Selwyn District Council and to the Canterbury Community Trust for their support.

Lincoln Envirotown Trust publicises certified businesses that participate and will encourage people to support them. The Silver and above award winners will be featured on the LET web site – managed by Rob Spijkerman of Infosystems Ltd. There were some new questions in this year's survey such as questions relating to Community Resilience, and we have put more emphasis on some areas such as staff training, promoting customer awareness and having a sustainable management policy – so we are raising the bar a little bit!

This is a **FREE** service to Lincoln, Leeston, Southbridge and Prebbleton Businesses - while funding lasts! We hope to extend to other Selwyn communities in the future. Contact us, if you are interested in finding out more.

# The Lincoln Zero Waste Challenge 2010

## Lincoln streets aim for Zero waste!

LET completed the Lincoln Zero Waste Challenge 2010 in November and we are pleased to announce the winning street. The winner of this year's challenge is **Perthshire Crescent**; Ryelands Drive was a close second. Congratulations!!!

We found some interesting things about what was happening with waste and recycling in Lincoln, overall there are some very pleasing results, we have noticed a difference in the results between this year, and the last challenge in 2008 (results in brackets where available). As one of the ambassador mentioned that it have been interesting, with "...changes in the answers and my own increased knowledge". Here is what we found:

- 87% (69%) of the respondents use reusable bags when shopping with 84% of these using the reusable cloth/fibre bags.
- 48% respondents avoided buying goods in non-reusable/non-recyclable packaging even though at times this was difficult to achieve.
- 80% practiced composting of some sort with 54% of those composting at home and 46% using the SDC green bins.

Aside from the above, some of the ways that people went about reducing their waste included:

- **Re use** (12) bags, clothes - hand me downs through kids, containers, meat trays, paper. **Conscious consumption** (8) which included assessing products based on packaging, minimal purchases, not buying take aways and only buying food that was needed; **Fruit and vege gardening** (8) and **Bulk buying** (6). People also had a **No junk mail sticker** (5); **Made their own** (3) (cards, cosmetics and cleaning products, cheese); used **Long life light bulbs** (2); **Shredded paper** (2); **Refused plastic bags** (3) **Didn't use glad wrap in lunches** (2) and used a **Wormery and other animals** (5) to consume their food wastes. Also mentioned was buying from Trade me; car sharing; giving things to charity; saving hearing aid batteries and metal for 'pick up person'; recycling junk mail; timed showers, not using standby, power off when away on holidays; and using cloth nappies.

One of the biggest barriers to reducing waste further was packaging and we hope to be able to do something with this feedback in the next year. The time it took to carry out recycling was another issue. Cost was another issue for a small group of people, either the cost to choose products to reduce packaging or to take material to the refuse station.

We also got some good questions about recycling and reducing waste and here is what we found:

**What happens to the recycling bin contents?** For this, we asked the Selwyn District Council. "The collection truck takes the collected recyclables to the MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) in Parkhouse Road, Christchurch. CCC Two Ltd operates the plant, and processes recyclables from Christchurch City, Waimakariri and Selwyn recycling collections. The plant separates the various recyclable materials, plastics, paper and cardboard, metals and glass, and compresses them into bales, except for glass. The materials are sold, both locally and overseas."

**Some people thought that we needed a local resource recovery station**, as the distance from depot was a barrier to their recycling. While that may sound appealing, this poses significant logistical problems. Unless supervised, rubbish can be dumped and they can become a source of litter. For large cartons and polystyrene - get whoever delivered the fridge or washing machine to take the packaging away - this is the best way to get the message back to the retailer and manufacturer.

**Others cited refuse station charges as a barrier to recycling:** Disposal of approved recyclable material at the refuse station is free. The system design means that, as the costs of disposing of waste to landfill increase there will be a greater incentive to reduce costs by recycling and composting.

Someone else asked a **When will Selwyn accept all recyclable material?** In answer to this, the SDC replies: "Recycling is only third priority behind reduction and reuse and it may be better to avoid using hard to recycle materials rather than recycle them. The council is constrained by budget and required by law to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within their districts. This means that although some things may be recyclable it is uneconomic to do so. Currently, it is easy for manufacturers to pass on the disposal costs, including recycling costs so that they fall on consumers and councils. This includes packaging, goods designed to only last the warranty date, different types of materials in the same product, toxic materials, and materials difficult to disassemble

and uneconomic to recycle. Designers and manufacturers have no incentive to change the type of materials that they use whilst they can offload the costs of recycling their products onto the consumers.

"Selwyn will accept all recyclable materials when designers and manufacturers design and produce goods that minimise resource use, have a longer life, are able to be reused, and are made of materials that can be easily and efficiently recycled". I.e. materials when designers and manufacturers design and produce goods that minimise resource use, have a longer life, are able to be reused, and are made of materials that can be easily and efficiently recycled."

In other words, what we really need to see is a reduction in overall waste and this is something for which we are all responsible. It may be that there needs to be more pressure put on Central Government for container deposit regulations.

**How to dispose of the old electrical goods e.g. TV and batteries?** This answer came from the SDC: Computer, telecommunications and power supply scrap including Nimh, Nicad and Lithium batteries are now recycled in Christchurch. There is payment for some components and a charge for TVs and CRT screens. For details, including what is accepted and prices refer to [www.esraprecycling.co.nz](http://www.esraprecycling.co.nz). The site is at Metalcorp in Halswell Junction Road.

**Expanded polystyrene** can be recycled, but not through the kerbside recycling collection, and it has to be clean and not be contaminated. Transport costs are a significant factor. Ultimately avoiding polystyrene is the best option.

**Used lamps:** long life lamps aka compact fluorescent light bulbs can be recycled, take them to one of the participating retail stores across Canterbury who collect them.

<b>Businesses hosting compact fluorescent light bulb collection in Christchurch and the Selwyn District</b>	
District	Business Name
Christchurch	Accent Lighting - Colombo Street
	Bunnings - Shirley
	<b>Bunnings - Tower Junction</b>
	Carters - Christchurch City
	Hammer Hardware - New Brighton
	ITM Building Centre - Dyers Road
	<b>ITM Building Centre - Hornby</b>
	Lighthouse Lighting - Tuam Street
	Lighting 351 - Blenheim Road
	Lighting Plus - Belfast
	Mitre 10 Mega – Ferrymead
	Placemakers - Antigua Street
	<b>Placemakers - Riccarton</b>
Selwyn District	Canterbury Betta Electrical - Leeston
	ITM – Darfield
For other Canterbury locations go to the Christchurch City Council Website: <a href="http://www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/sustainableliving/energysavingbulbs.aspx">http://www.ccc.govt.nz/homeliving/sustainableliving/energysavingbulbs.aspx</a>	

**Broken pottery:** is not collected separately so unless you know someone who collects it for mosaic they need to go to the landfill. Wrap it in newspaper to keep everyone safe from sharp edges.

**Flax and cabbage tree leaves:** Both Flax and cabbage tree leaves will break down, however this can take a long time, they will break down quicker in a damp spot; cabbage tree leaves also make good kindling.

**What to do about disposable nappies?** There is a lot of debate about disposable nappies vs. reusable nappies in terms of the impact they have on the environment. In the final analysis, both types of nappies have some effect on the environment. Currently in Lincoln, there is no alternative to disposing of the nappies in the waste to landfill. Although there is a local company that is composting the nappies, they are yet to offer the service to Lincoln residents see Envirocomp: <http://www.envirocomp.co.nz/Home.html>. Another option is to use reusable nappies, the Nappy network is a good starting point, see: <http://www.thenappynetwork.org.nz/index.php>

LET would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out a questionnaire; it is great to hear what you have to say about waste and recycling. This helps LET figure out what is important and because of the feedback we have received, we are now developing a new and exciting Zero Waste Challenge for 2011. In addition, a big thank you to all the people who volunteered to help as Ambassadors in the Challenge without them we would not have a Challenge, the Lincoln Envirotown Trust is very grateful for their work. LET would sincerely like thank Ian Collins, Olivia Day, Jin Han, Sandra Haydon, Stephan Hofmann, Isobel Hollick, Gill Nash, Faye Parfitt, John Richardson, and Katherine Riley, for carrying out the surveying for the 2010 Zero Waste Challenge.

LET is also grateful to the support of the sponsors for the project the Selwyn District Council, CRT who helped us with promotion and 4MyEarth who provided prizes. AND last but not least, huge thanks to Suzanne Blyth who has done such a great job coordinating this event and also for preparing this report.

If you have any questions, issues or suggestions on how we can make the challenge better please get in touch!  
Contact: Suzanne Blyth email [suzanne.blyth@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.blyth@gmail.com). [www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz)

## A big thank you to the sponsors of the Lincoln Zero Waste Challenge 2010



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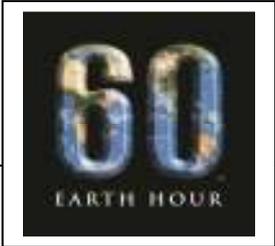
- Designer (Matthew Langille & Fusae Ikeda) logos with organic ink in sizes that ensure everyone in your family has an eco friendly lunch.
- They are easy for children to manage not like some plastic wrap and containers that can be very hard for little fingers to open and close.
- Hand or machine wash in cold water & air dry.
- Stores flat for easy and simple storage - no bulk in the school lunch bag.
- Quickly pays for original outlay compared to buying endless rolls of plastic wrap
- 4MyEarth® wraps and pockets are lightweight yet extremely strong and will stand up to being used over and over again.

A great deal of effort went into developing the 4MyEarth® environmentally friendly product, not just any fabric would do, so please be aware of imitations.

The coating itself is free of PUL, PVC, Thalate, Vinyl, preservatives 320 & 321 (found on plastic wrap) and conforms to SGS and FDA standards. To ensure this they are manufactured so as to meet the Oeko-Tex 100 Standards which comprehensively addresses the Human Ecology component of textile products. This evaluates and screens for any harmful substances present within processed textiles which are intended to come into contact with consumers. As we wanted to be conscious of our earth, naturally, it had to decompose without harm to the environment.

Contact 4MyEarth® for a great eco friendly, fundraising initiative.

# What is coming up?



## Earth Hour 2011

Just a reminder to watch out for all the GREAT events we are organising for the week leading up to Earth Hour 2011 (26<sup>th</sup> March). If you came to the **Earth Hour Barn Dance** last time, you will know what a great event it was – the best dance held in the Lincoln Community Hall for many a long year. The good news is that there will be another one, same band, Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March next year. This is very likely to be the absolutely the final dance in our old hall – before it is demolished. Let's raise the roof, and dance until we can dance no more! It is for the whole family – so turn off your lights, so bring all the kids, so they can remember what the old hall should be used for! Information about the events will be in our newsletters, in the Council call and on the LET web site, next year – or contact us!

## Inconvenient Truth presentation

Kaila Colbin will be running two sessions on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 12.40pm at the University and 7.00pm at a venue to be arranged.

Kaila Colbin is one of 17 New Zealanders to train with Al Gore to deliver the Inconvenient Truth presentation, which she does to groups throughout the country. She is a founding shareholder and CMO of MiniMonos, a children's virtual world focused on sustainability; founder of Missing Link, a social media marketing consultancy; and co-founder of Falcon Training, a project management training provider.

Kaila writes for MediaPost publications including Online Spin, Social Media Insider and Search Insider; her company Missing Link hosted TEDxChCh and was the social media partner for TEDxSoMa and TEDxAuckland, at which Kaila also presented. Everything she does contributes to her life's purpose of being an uplifting presence.

A polished, engaging, and empowering speaker, Kaila will share a fascinating presentation with material from The Climate Project as well as some personal observations about how we might more effectively combat climate change.



**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 Video Competition! This will be run again for next year's earth hour (March 2011). Get planning now! Great prizes! Contact Sue or the SDC for more info. See end of newsletter for entry

A vertical poster for the Selwyn Earth Hour 2011 Video Competition. The background is a dark green with a hand holding a silver digital camera. The camera's LCD screen is open, showing a close-up of a bird's face. The text is in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'Selwyn Earth Hour 2011' in white, followed by 'Video Competition' in large yellow letters. Below that, it lists the theme, duration, deadline, and prizes. At the bottom, it provides contact information for entry forms.

Selwyn Earth Hour 2011  
**Video Competition**  
Theme: *any environmental topic*  
Duration: *1-5 minutes*  
Deadline: *11 March 2011*  
Cool prizes

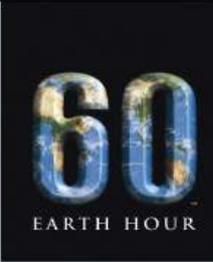
Get entry forms from  
[www.selwyn.govt.nz/video](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/video) or  
any Selwyn District Council office or library  
or phone (03) 347 2807 or 318 8338

**Kim Hill coming to Lincoln! Put this date in your diary!**

**Kim Hill Hot Energy Debate**

**Green Growth or Gas Guzzlers: Is there a future with energy growth?**

(Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at Lincoln University, 7.00pm)



**KIM HILL**  
HOT ENERGY  
DEBATE

**GREEN GROWTH  
OR  
GAS GUZZLERS?**



IS THERE A FUTURE WITHOUT  
ENERGY GROWTH?

**7PM THURSDAY 24 MARCH**  
STEWART 1 LECTURE THEATRE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY  
REFRESHMENTS & NIBBLES PROVIDED



New Zealand's specialist kind-based university



## The Mahoe Reserve

Regular working bees will start again next year – in the mean time - the weeds 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, if you want something for the kids to do over the holidays.

### 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](mailto:sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz) for information.

## Up Coming Events at **Your** Lincoln Community Garden!



- **Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm "Papa's Juice Tasting & Mini Bazaar!"**  
Join your community down at the garden for this twilight event as you learn about the interesting endeavours of Paddy and Sue Dillon. See how they have made their gardens work for them with their fruit and plant based products. Great Christmas gifts packed with goodness! Join us for a sausage sizzle!
- So come down and become a part of this Great Garden Experience and share your gardening experience with us so that we can make this the best darned little Community Garden possible! We are located on James St. behind the Maternity Hospital (please use street parking). For more information please contact Jes at [jesfaris@gmail.com](mailto:jesfaris@gmail.com) or 021 0258 1441

**Would you like to be part of our new gardens?** The people, who have been involved with the gardens, including the group who have had beds, have formed the Friends of the Gardens. This group will help organise the running of the gardens. We also are grateful to Terry Windle and Bill McClure who are acting as mentors and passing on their extensive gardening knowledge. If anyone would like to join this group whether as a learner, helper or mentor, please let us know. Ring Sue on 329 58558 or Jes (our new coordinator) on 3255851 or 021 02581441. Jes will be at the gardens 10.00am -12.30pm Saturdays and Mondays, or by appointment.



Jes Faris, our garden co-ordinator – has done a great job! Jes has really got stuck in and has been unfazed by moving the garden and the huge effort asked of her! Unfortunately she will be leaving us at the end of December, but luckily Ruth Wood has agreed to take on the position from January.

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

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:30pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street. For more information please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or [sue.jarvis\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis(at)orcon.net.nz).

**The Springs Road/Gerald Street Plant&Food corner native planting –needs weeding. Can you help? Contact Sue on 3295858**

SHOP SMART  
SHOP LOCAL

## Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

*~Come and take a Fresh Look~*



Locally grown produce  
and crafts on your doorstep

Look at what your local community market has got in store for you ! .....  
**The Market will be weekly Saturdays 10am – 1pm for the Summer Season from Oct to April**

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

Ring Debbie 3295757 / 0274785005 for details or if you wish to have a stall.  
[www.selwynfarmersmarket.org.nz](http://www.selwynfarmersmarket.org.nz)



# Our Environment

Poems by the children

Written in 2010

Edited by Sue Jarvis

The present belongs to all of us; the future  
belongs to the children



**A book of the best poems is available for \$15.00**

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

## 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 or 7.30pm in the summer. The meeting venue is Community House in Rolleston, 45 Shelley Street. Email Nicole [tonicermu@gmail.com](mailto:tonicermu@gmail.com) or phone Catherine 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome.

**The Rolleston Envirotown Market** for produce and craft is held on the second Sunday in the month 10am to 1pm. The market is sited in Rolleston Square carpark area alongside Rolleston Drive. During inclement weather the market is sited in the large vacant shop opposite the RendezVous Cafe. BUG-R offer free bicycle maintenance at the monthly market.

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden is being led by Sacha, if you would like to help contact [sacha.murray@hotmail.com](mailto:sacha.murray@hotmail.com) This group presently meets on the fourth Tuesday evening in the month.

The Rolleston Community Garden group greatly appreciate any help as they continue this 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](mailto:sacha.murray@hotmail.com) or alternatively ring on 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 next Springston Enviro-Community meeting will be held on **November 22nd** at 7.30pm Springston rugby club rooms. Everyone welcome! We will be continuing to put into action the ideas that have been suggested by the community.

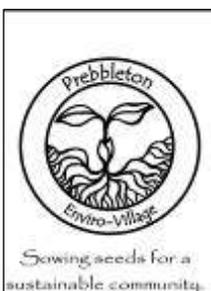
The Springston Enviro-Community has already started work on investigating a place for a community garden, a native planting guide for Springston, a native garden trip (including Broadfield gardens and Motukarara DOC nursery) and a number of other topics.

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.

## LEESTON ENVIRO TOWN

Leeston Envirotown held a **community information meeting** at 7.00pm on Monday the **29<sup>th</sup> November** at the Leeston Community Room. The topic (requested by the community) is **“What else can I do with this waste”**. There were two speakers, Dave Hock, solid waste manager from Selwyn District Council and a representative from Mastagard. Thank you so much for the informative discussions. If you missed the meeting and have questions about waste you can contact us. There is also information in our Zero waste report in this newsletter.

For more information about Leeston Envirotown Phone: Margaret on 324 3949, or contact Sara [russellsaraj@gmail.com](mailto:russellsaraj@gmail.com) or Mel [melissa.renganathan@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.renganathan@gmail.com)



**PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE** Prebbleton are on their second year of **Responsible Business Awards** (see details earlier in this newsletter). With so many businesses getting a gold award this year that we will have a platinum award next year for Prebbleton businesses to aspire to.

**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](mailto:n.willett@xtra.co.nz)

## LITTLE RIVER

To contact the Little River group ring Kaite Hansen on 325 1917 or [believe33@snap.net.nz](mailto:believe33@snap.net.nz)

## WEST MELTON

West Melton “Enviro” group has had its first planning meeting and are starting with a survey of the residents of the West Melton area. The school “Enviro warriors” are involved. If you are interested in getting involved contact **Sue on 329 5858**.

## 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**

***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

**The Transition Forum** is held on a Tuesday every 2 months at 12.30 pm and used to be held in the St Albans's Community Center at 12.30 pm until the quake. Probably will now be held at the WEA. If you are interested in sharing ideas with others with sustainability at heart then come along. Contact Sue or Christoph Hensch [cmhensch@gmail.com](mailto:cmhensch@gmail.com) for more details or to be put on the contact list for meetings. Also look at: <http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz/>

**<http://ctnews.org.nz/>**  
**Canterbury Transition News**

A website for everyone connected with the transition to a more sustainable future for Canterbury

*News*  
*Events*  
*Groups*  
*Contacts*

*Staying connected in transition*

**<http://ctnews.org.nz/>**

A free website has been set up, which still needs some work done. The concept of the website is a news website, with the latest articles scrolling down the homepage as new articles are posted at the top. The site also provides for static pages with permanent information, like lists of local initiatives, or an ethics statement, etc.

Scouts in Adelaide make \$9m a year out of container deposits and save 400,000 barrels of oil. Why can't we have container deposits in NZ.

In South Australia they save money and save the planet! They return their beverage containers for a 10 cent deposit: create jobs, charity income, less carbon emissions & ugly litter, more recycling. With depots as common as pubs and petrol stations. Act Now! Write to your MP about this!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Cash-for-Containers-Campaign/119661504744578>

## Stuff for Kids

Nothing this month for kids – please send us any ideas, links etc that you have!

## Check out our Web site!

[www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.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.**

**NEW! WE NOW HAVE A FORUM WHERE YOU CAN POST YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS AND GET FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS – TRY IT OUT! (Can be accessed from the home page)**

### 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.

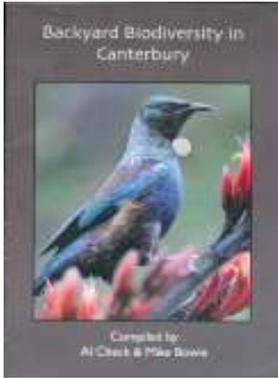
## Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

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](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz). Thank you to Kiwiflora and Southern Woods for their sponsorship.



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.lincolnenvirotown.org](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org)



**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.**

## **EARTH HOUR 2011 VIDEO COMPETITION**

**Theme:** Any environmental topic or issue, as long as it promotes environmental awareness and action.

**Length:** 1 to 5 minutes.

**Deadline:** Friday, 11 March 2011

**Who may enter:** Anyone who supports Earth Hour may enter

**Categories:**

- **all-comers**  
*open to any person, group or company*
- **primary school**  
*open to any person or group from a primary school*
- **secondary school**  
*open to any person or group from a secondary school*

**Format:** any video format (e.g. avi, mpg, mp4, etc.) in the best quality you can manage

**Media:** DVD disk

**Content:**

- Can be video, slides, animation or any combination of these
- Can be factual or fictitious, serious or humorous, real or acted
- No bad language
- No indecent images
- No unauthorised use of other people's material

**Number of entries:** As many as you like

**Prizes:** A panel with environmental and film expertise will choose the winners. One prize per category will be awarded at a public showing in the Rolleston Community Centre, 6pm on Friday, March 25th.

**Display and Distribution Rights:** By submitting your video, you grant the Selwyn Earth Hour Group the right to play or distribute your video, in whole or part, for environmental purposes. This non-exclusive right does not limit in any way your right to play or distribute the video as you see fit.

**Send or Deliver to:**

"Earth Hour Video Competition"  
at any Selwyn District library or council office

**Organisers:**

Selwyn Earth Hour Group  
c/- Selwyn District Council  
PO Box 90  
Rolleston 7643  
[www.selwyn.govt.nz](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz)

**More information:** Ph 03 347 2807 or email [video@selwyn.govt.nz](mailto:video@selwyn.govt.nz)

**SELWYN EARTH HOUR 2011**

**Video Competition Entry Form**

*One form should be completed for each video entry.*

Title of Video \_\_\_\_\_

Main contact person \_\_\_\_\_

School or Organisation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Significant contributors (Production Team Members and Interviewees):

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

*[Add more names if necessary]*

**Video Competition Release Form**

*Each production team member and interviewee should complete this form*

**Contributor 1 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*I permit the Selwyn Earth Hour Group to play and distribute all or any part of this video containing my name, image, voice, music, words, art or other contribution.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

If participant is under the age of 18, parent or guardian consent is required.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contributor 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Contributor 3 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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](mailto:sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz)

## Summary of up-coming events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Who</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Lincoln Pageant	Lincoln	Everyone! Helpers needed to look after caravan and LET table
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Garden event – come and join the fun	Lincoln Community gardens	Everyone
March 11th	Deadline for video competition entries	Send to SDC	Anyone
March 24 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Kim Hill debate	Lincoln university	Anyone
March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Video Competition presentations	Rolleston	Everyone
March 26 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Earth Hour barn dance	Lincoln	Everyone