



Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future



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Hi and welcome to the first Lincoln Envirotown Newsletter for 2007.

New Project Manager

Anne Nelson has returned to the United States to take up a position and LET has appointed a new project manager.

I would like to introduce myself.

As the former Central Canterbury News reporter I have followed the progress of the Envirotown project with much interest and am delighted to have the opportunity to be involved. I have passionately participated in

and co-ordinated many community projects over the years and feel this is a very exciting time for the Lincoln community. Anne has done a great job so far and I hope to continue with her excellent work. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next few months.

Anneleise Hall



Action Plan

As we learn more about the effects our waste, energy use, carbon emissions, rapid development and water management have on our planet the importance of action becomes obvious.

It is our responsibility to make sure that our children, grandchildren and their children are able to enjoy clean air and water, a rich, diverse natural environment and healthy connected communities.

This is your chance to make a difference!

Last year we surveyed residents in Lincoln and identified concerns people had about local growth and the environment and also noted a number of topics which people wanted to learn more about.

We set up a sustainability centre and a website and held workshops and public talks attended by residents, researchers, local developers, councillors and businesses.

Now we are in the process of developing an action plan for Lincoln to become a sustainable community.

It is vital that the community play a lead role in the development of this plan. We want your ideas and your participation to prioritise the issues most important to you and your ideas on what needs to happen to address them.

This year we will be holding more community workshops and fun events so you can learn more about sustainability and what you can do.

We will also be holding discussion groups, workshops and forums where you can share your concerns and ideas to create a sustainable future.

It is important for as many people as possible to join in this process. Everybody in the community is equally valued and has good ideas.

Look at our website to keep up with events and progress – www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

How you can be involved

- Hold a discussion group with your church, social, school, sports or community group. We have a resource kit available with suggestions for topics, information and how to record your ideas. Email us for a copy - halla4@lincoln.ac.nz or
- We can come and talk to your group about sustainability and lead a discussion email halla4@lincoln.ac.nz
- Select one or two representatives from your group to attend our discussion groups or workshops to represent your group's views.
- Look out for our events and workshops and come along.
- Email me – halla4@lincoln.ac.nz with ideas on what type of event you would

like to attend. What type of situation would you be most comfortable sharing your ideas in? Small informal discussion groups? Formal structured workshops? Brainstorming sessions? Morning or afternoon tea and chat? We want to make it fun and easy for people so your suggestions are welcome.

- Contribute to the consultation process by emailing me with your concerns and suggestions halla4@lincoln.ac.nz
- Visit our sustainability caravan at the Selwyn Farmers Market on Saturday mornings from 9am – 1pm and either fill in or collect a consultation form.
- Let us know what topics you would like to learn more about or workshops you would like to attend.



Sustainability Expo

Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET) had a stand at the Sustainability Expo held at the Rolleston Community Centre on January 27-28.

The expo attracted around 2000 people interested in learning more about everything from composting to cloth nappies, solar powered heating and appliances, eco building, insulation, environmentally friendly skin products and more. The speakers, whose topics ranged from eco-building to energy efficiency and renewable energy to climate change, attracted many people with some attending both days.

Organiser John Veix - www.gosolar.co.nz - was delighted with attendance and said people were becoming more aware of the need to shift to sustainable behaviour.

A number of people LET talked to were intending to build and wanted information on how they could be more sustainable. We intend to develop resources on this topic and have a new link on our website www.ecobob.com as well as a sustainable building section – www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



Natural building specialist Blue Forsyth from Geraldine demonstrates building with “non-toxic and renewable” adobe bricks.



Sheryl Stivens from Wastebusters shows some youngsters her working worm farm.