



Taking responsibility for a sustainable future

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter February 2011

What's been happening?

Our **Community Garden** has a new coordinator! Thanks so much to Ruth Wood for taking on this role. Thank you also to our garden "mentors" Terry Windle and Bill McClure for all the work they have put in. Our garden is a place for socialising, learning how to grow your own vegetables and sharing ideas over a cuppa. We have educational events and we welcome visitors. Our main focus is education and a number of beds are "adopted" by groups such as the kindy, Kea scouts, playcentre and Synergy youth group. Excess vegetables are sold at the Lincoln farmers market to raise funds for the gardens, and are also supplied to families in need, who are suggested to us by Community care and Church groups. People who share in the upkeep in the gardens may also share in excess vegetables from the community bed. Please do not help yourself to vegetables, without checking with Ruth first. For more information about getting involved in the garden please ring Ruth on **325 2193**



Ruth at work in the community garden



Visit to the gardens by the Springston garden club 16th January



Kidsfirst Lincoln Kindergarten children working on their garden 11th February



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

Congratulations to Perthshire Crescent!

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!!!

Olivia Day and Damien Sidebottom cutting the cake at the street "party"



Lincoln Christmas Pageant



The LET table at the pageant – before we got too busy to take photos! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped!

Thank you so much to Gary Birch for making steps for our caravan, so that we no longer risked broken legs clambering up into the caravan. Also for replacing them with a bolted on version when they were stolen/borrowed/lost



Thank you for helping Jack Johnson support LET, We raised \$477.40 in donations and he will match that.

Responsible Business Awards winners will be on our web site

Lincoln Environment 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 website – 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.

What is coming up?

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



Workshop at the Lincoln Community Gardens 19th February

Fiona Waghom of Birdlings Flat, who recently featured in the Press gardening pages, is conducting a workshop at the Lincoln Community Gardens on Saturday 19th February at 11am. The Gardens are located on James Street, behind the Lincoln Maternity Hospital.

Fiona says that she is a “Jack of all trades”, having extensive experience in horticulture, both in New Zealand and overseas. She has a passion for growing food in the garden in simple ways, and is committed to empowering people to feed themselves with good, healthy, chemical-free food. The workshop will include:

- A demonstration of a “no-dig” garden, sometimes called Lasagne, Esther Deans, or shallow bed garden (with handouts on their construction);
- Planting a no-dig garden;
- How to sow seeds into container-seed trays and achieve success;

Complimentary herb plants and discounted, spray-free vegetable seedlings will be available.

Would you like to be part of our 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 Ruth



Selwyn Earth Hour Celebrations (19 – 26 March) In Earth Hour Week we celebrate the many ways to care for our environment and each other. The week culminates in the famous “lights out” hour on Saturday 26 March but, before then, there’s lots else to do and get involved in. This year’s theme - “beyond the hour” - encourages everyone to carry the Earth Hour message into their daily lives throughout the year.

Many people and groups have worked to bring you this year’s Earth Hour programme, especially the district’s Enviro groups in Lincoln, Prebbleton, Rolleston, Springston and Leeston. To join or start up your local Enviro group, contact Sue Jarvis on (03) 329 5858.

Other key players this year are Lincoln University, Landcare Research, the Canterbury Astronomical Society, the Selwyn District Council, various schools and a number of businesses which have either hosted or contributed to various events. These include the Advertising Club (Christchurch), New World (Lincoln and Rolleston), Rendezvous Cafe (Rolleston), Wyenova Organic Farm (Broadfield), Lincoln Farmers Market, Nut Point Gallery (West Melton), Honda Cars, Lincoln Coffee Culture

The full list of events, with updated information will be printed in Council call and on the Lincoln Envirotown and SDC web sites: www.selwyn.govt.nz/earth , www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

Event	When	Where
Short Video Competition 1 to 5 minutes on any environmental topic.	Deadline for entries: Mon, 14 March, 5pm Awards night: Fri, 25 March, 7pm	Deliver disk to Selwyn District Council office or library. Rolleston Community Centre No cost
Earth Hour Pledge Commit yourself to a more sustainable lifestyle this year by taking the Earth Hour Pledge fridge magnet – and sticking to it.	All week All events	At Selwyn Libraries and Earth Hour Events . Be in to win. All pledge takers can put their name in the draw for a prize.
Prebbleton by Torchlight Sat, 19 March A one-hour walking tour around Prebbleton	8.30-9.30pm	Prebbleton
Nature’s Lights See what the night sky is really like without the pollution of artificial light	Mon-Sat, 21-26 Mar from 7.30pm	R.F. Joyce Memorial Observatory Bell’s Road, West Melton Cost: Gold coin donation (instead of the usual \$6 fee)
Organic Farm Tours Discover how to grow stuff in Selwyn using low-energy, low-input and low-pollution methods.	Lunchtime tours of the BHU gardens: 12noon-1pm, Mon-Wed, 21-23 Mar	Biological Husbandry Unit (BHU) , Lincoln University. Sign-posted from Gate 2. Map on their website: www.bhu.co.nz/tourbhu.html No cost
	BHU Open Day: Sat, 26 March - tours, talks and demos. May be plants for sale.	
	Wyenova Open Day: Sat, 26 March 1.30 – 3.30pm	

<p>Raw vegan pot-luck dinner.</p> <p>Animal-free food (no meat, fish, eggs, cheese, milk etc.).</p> <p>BYO and reduce your ecological footprint.</p>	<p>Sat, 26 March from 6pm</p>	<p>Wyenova Organic Farm 740 Waterholes Road.</p> <p>No cost</p>
<p>Zumba for the Planet</p> <p>Burn your energy, not the planet's – walk, bike or bus there, or car-pool rather than drive alone.</p>	<p>Mon, 21 Mar 7-8pm</p> <p>Followed by a candlelit social hour 8-9pm at local Rendezvous Cafe, Rolleston Square.</p>	<p>Rolleston Community Centre</p> <p>Cost: \$6</p>
<p>An Inconvenient Truth - Updated</p> <p>Kaila Colbin presents a new NZ-oriented version of Al Gore's 50-min slide show on climate change, followed by discussion. Kaila has trained with Al Gore in the United States.</p>	<p>Wed, 23 March, 12.40 – 1.40pm</p>	<p>Lincoln University</p> <p>Cost: a gold coin donation</p>
	<p>Wed, 23 March 7.30 – 8.30 pm</p> <p>Refreshments & light supper and further discussion 8.30-9pm</p>	<p>Nut Point Gallery 703 Old West Coast Road</p> <p>Map and directions at: www.nutpoint.org/page12.html</p> <p>Cost: a suggested donation of \$10</p>
<p>The Kim Hill Debate</p> <p>“Green Growth or Gas Guzzlers: is there a future Without energy growth?”</p> <p>Panellists: former Finance Minister and businesswoman, Ruth Richardson; University of Canterbury Senior Lecturer in Economics, Eric Crampton; Chevron New Zealand Policy, Government and Public Affairs Manager, Sharon Buckland; Lincoln University Professor of Ecology, Steve Wratten, Lincoln University Professor of Trade and Environmental Economics, Caroline Saunders; and Landcare Research Sustainability and Society Principal Scientist, Bob Frame.</p>	<p>Thu, 24 March</p> <p>Wine and nibbles from 7pm</p> <p>Debate starts 7.30pm</p>	<p>Lincoln University Stuart Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p>Cost: a suggested donation of \$10</p>
<p>Electric car display</p>	<p>Fri, 25 March 10am-2pm & Sat, 26 March, 8am-5pm</p>	<p>Lincoln New World car park Gerald St., Lincoln</p> <p>No cost</p>
<p>Honda Insight hybrid car display</p>	<p>Sat, 26 March 10am-2pm</p>	<p>Lincoln New World car park Gerald St., Lincoln</p> <p>No cost</p>
<p>Lincoln Farmer's Market</p> <p>Save food miles and support our local producers</p>	<p>Sat, 26 March 10am -1pm</p>	<p>Lincoln Green beside the Lincoln Community Centre Gerald St., Lincoln</p> <p>No cost</p>
<p>Children's Lantern Making Contest & Picnic</p> <p>Prizes for best lanterns</p>	<p>Sat, 26 March 11am-1pm</p>	<p>Leeston Library & Lawn Leeston No cost</p>

Rolleston by Torchlight Sat, 26 March A one-hour walking tour around Rolleston	8.30-9.30pm	Rolleston Starting at 8:30pm in front of the Community House, 45 Shelley St. It will be followed by a supper at the Community House
Bike-light Tour of Rolleston A leisurely after-dark bicycle tour of Rolleston (1 hour, 13 kilometres).	Sat, 26 March 8.30-9.30pm	Rolleston Start at the Clock Tower 8:30pm sharp. Finish at the Clock Tower Approx 9.30pm.
Community Barn Dance Turn off your lights, lock the doors, and come and join the fun. Bring the whole family to what might be the very last chance to dance in the old hall.	Sat, 26 March 8pm till late	Lincoln Community Centre Gerald St., Lincoln Cost: \$10 for tickets from Lincoln and other Selwyn Libraries and also from Sue Jarvis, \$15 at the door, children under 14 free, with parents. Bring a plate of finger food to share, whatever you wish to drink and your own glass.
Night of Poetry & Song Refreshments and light supper	Sat, 26 March 7-10pm	Greendale Hall Greendale Road Cost: a donation (proceeds to the local Red Cross)

To find out more about these events, or to register your interest in next year's Earth Hour, please call one of our Selwyn Earth Hour Committee coordinators:

Sue Jarvis (Lincoln) 329 5858 sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz, Nicole Bührs (Rolleston) 347 9339 tonicemu@gmail.com, Nicola Willett (Prebbleton) 349 7990 n.willett@xtra.co.nz
Rowan Taylor (Leeston) 347 2807

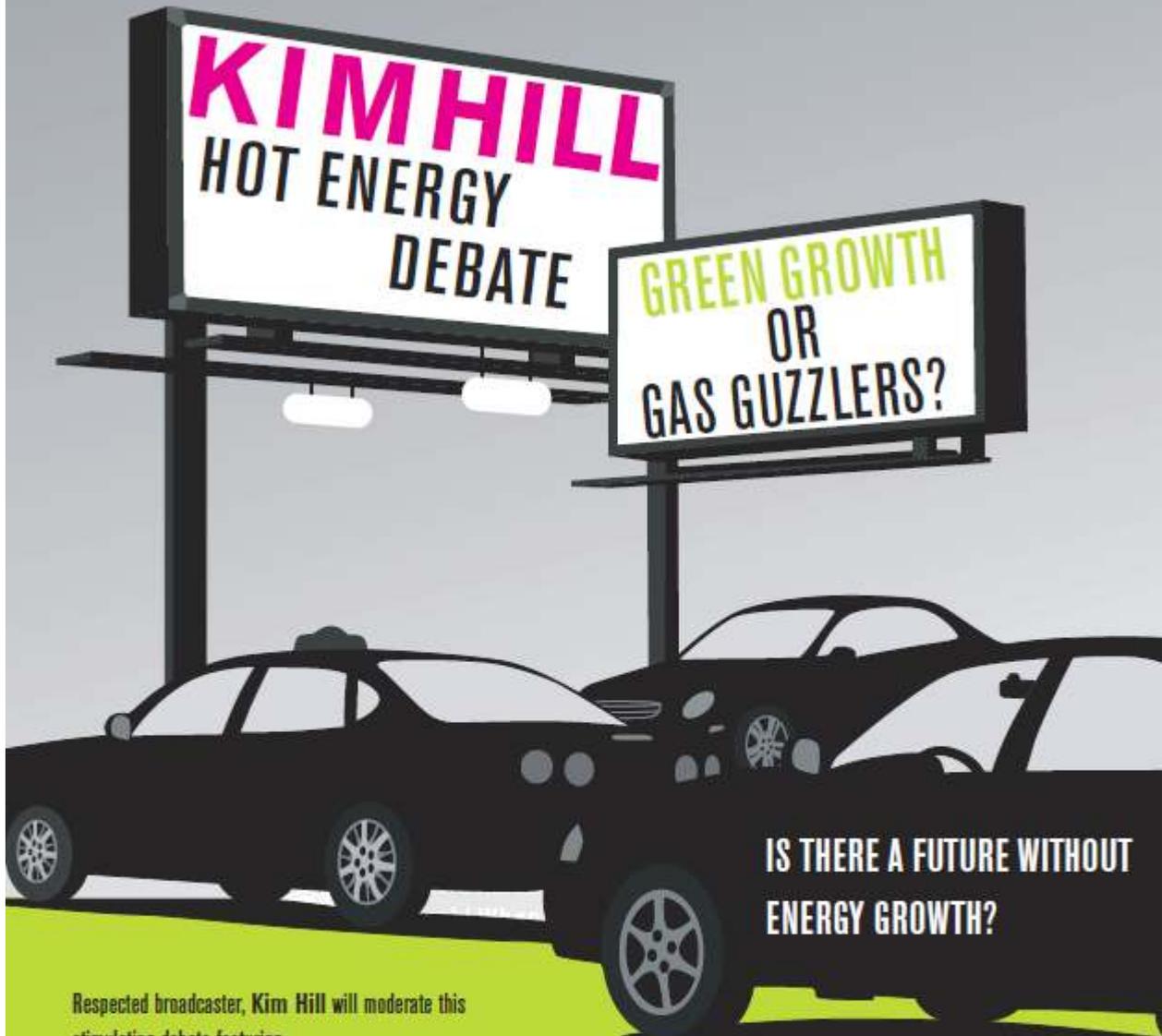
**Earth Hour Video Competition! Have you entered yet?
Contact Sue or the SDC for more info. See end of
newsletter for entry form.**



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 or
any Selwyn District Council office or library
or phone (05) 347 2807 or 318 8338



Respected broadcaster, Kim Hill will moderate this stimulating debate featuring:

- Former Finance Minister and businesswoman, Ruth Richardson
- Lincoln University Professor of Ecology, Steve Wratten
- University of Canterbury Senior Lecturer in Economics, Eric Crampton
- Lincoln University Professor of Trade and Environmental Economics, Caroline Saunders
- Chevron New Zealand Policy, Government and Public Affairs Manager, Sharon Buckland
- Landcare Research Sustainability and Society Principal Scientist, Bob Frame

7.30PM THURSDAY 24 MARCH

Stewart 2 Lecture Theatre Lincoln University

Doors Open From 7pm, Refreshments & Nibbles Provided, \$10 suggested donation



Landcare Research
Manaaki Whenua



Lincoln University
Te Whare Mātaua o Rangitoto
1001/1002/1003 NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand's specialist first-class university



To celebrate Earth Hour and energy savings
(turn off your lights and everything on standby and come out and have some fun)

www.earthhour.org



A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED

BARN DANCE

LIVE BAND AND DANCE CALLER



DANCE 'TIL YOU DROP WITH

BANTAM OF THE OPERA



ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Tickets \$10 (\$15 at the door) from:
Darfield Library, Leeston Library, Lincoln Library, Rolleston Library
Free for children under 14 accompanied by an adult

**SATURDAY
MARCH 26, 8PM**

*Please bring a plate of
finger food to share for
supper, whatever you
wish to drink, and your
own glass*

Lincoln Community Centre
Gerald Street



The Mahoe Reserve

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. Next working bee is 6th March starting at 2.00pm – Bring your tools and gardening gloves and join in!



The “lake” has now disappeared. Unfortunately some of the trees have died which we will replace. There will be a raised walkway installed soon so that if it floods again next winter, people can still walk through the reserve.

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.

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.

Welcome to our Volunteers

We have a number of volunteers at the moment:

USA Earlham College volunteers: Katie-Rose Taulbee and Nora Swift who will be with us for about 6 weeks, coming on a Tuesday and Thursday. They will be helping with a number of our projects.

Iana Stolarova, from the Ukraine, who is helping with the community garden and the Mahoe Reserve

Francesco Mazzeo, who comes from Italy, and is interested in the Responsible Business Awards, corporate responsibility and also alternative energy.

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

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

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 7th March. **Check out our Web site!** www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz . AGM (there will be a speaker) 9th May. No meeting in June

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 :

Feb 26th - Monster Garage Sale : this is not a market event but an annual event organised by the Baptist church. They use the hall and spill out onto the green space with our market. This brings a lot of people along (mostly bargain hunters) but can have a positive spin-off for us.

NB. In order to fit in with the garage sale and benefit from the busiest time of customers, we need to start the market at 9am on this day

March 5th – ‘**Local Musical Showcase**’: We are inviting a few different musical performers, starting off with a local Dixie Band, and including local school students. We are planning on having a market food stall as a bit of a fundraiser

March 26th – **Kids Market** : this is being advertised with the Celebrating Selwyn Events that runs for a fortnight. Children can have a free stall, plus we are hoping to get some children’s entertainment similar to what we have had in the past. We are also asking if Jason Gunn would like to come and do some storytelling.

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.

Thanks to Nevada Sport Ltd, for their generous donation! They saw us on the 1% for the Planet, which one of their footwear suppliers, PATAGONIA Footwear, supports.

Nevada Sport Ltd is a NZ wide distributor of Outdoor Footwear & Apparel based in Selwyn for over 20 years and have an Outlet Store in Dressmart, Hornby called "Let's Get Outside", where there are always good end of line deals. Check out their web site.



www.nevada-sport.co.nz

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 tonicemu@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 indement 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 The group now meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and not on the 4th as during last year

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 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 **Februay 28th** at 7.30pm The Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Domain, Ellesmere Junction Road. Everyone welcome!

DON'T MISS THIS!

You are invited to a FREE evening with a world- renowned speaker, local Springston resident, Prof Ian Spellerberg. Ian will talk about why he is so passionate about native plants!

The talk will be followed by a presentation of the Springston survey results, the draft Springston Sustainability Action plan for discussion and then light refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends.

When: 7.30 pm Friday 4th March

Where: The Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Domain, Ellesmere Junction Road
For more information contact Sue on 329 5858

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

For more information about Leeston Envirotown Phone: Margaret on 324 3949, or contact Sara russellsaraj@gmail.com or Mel 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

LITTLE RIVER

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

WEST MELTON

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. There will also be a presentation from West Melton school students on their environmental vision map for environmental actions at school. We would love you to join us.

Where: West Melton School Library

When Thursday 10th March at 7.00pm

If you would like more information about the meeting please do not hesitate to contact Heather McHarg heather@westmelton.school.nz, 347 8448 or Sue Jarvis sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz, 329 5858

TAITAPU

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.

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

Urban soil sealing in Europe

Published: 19 Jan 2011

Soil is the earth's living skin and provides us with essential services for life in our planet: production of food; infiltration and cleansing of water and protection against flooding; habitat for plants; areas for recreation and mental health; micro climate regulation, etc. It is such a crucial resource that it can't be ignored. However, particularly in urban areas, soil is being sealed off with increasing housing and infrastructure.



Soil sealing

Soil sealing is the covering of the soil surface with materials like concrete and stone, as a result of new buildings, roads, parking places but also other public and private space. Depending on its degree, soil sealing reduces or most likely completely prevents natural soil functions and ecosystem services on the area concerned. [Read more ...](#)

New climate data shows warming world – WMO Posted: Fri, 21 Jan 2011 under [Science in the News](#)

Geneva, Jan 20 Reuters -

Last year tied for the hottest year on record, confirming a long-term warming trend, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said on Thursday, and future warming depended on action to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

The first ten years of the millennium proved to be the hottest decade since records began in the 19th century, it said.

“The main signal is that the warming trend continues and is being strengthened year after year,” WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud told a news conference.

“The trend, unfortunately, will continue for a number of years but the amplitude will depend on the amount of greenhouse gases released,” the Frenchman added. “It will depend on action taken to minimise the release of greenhouse gases.”

Jarraud said the latest data should convince doubters about the growing evidence for man-made climate change. “If they look at it in an unbiased way, it should convince them, or hopefully a few of them, that the sceptical position is untenable.”

2010 was also marked by further melting of Arctic ice and extreme weather events, including Russia's heatwave and devastating floods in Pakistan, the WMO said.

The United Nations panel of climate scientists says human emissions of greenhouse gases are stoking climate change that will bring more floods, droughts and rising sea levels.

“Data received by the WMO show no statistically significant difference between global temperatures in 2010, 2005 and 1998,” the United Nations body, which compiles its ranking from data provided by British and US agencies, said in a statement.

Data from British institutes on Wednesday showed last year was the world’s second warmest behind 1998, while the other two main groups tracking global warming, based in the United States, said 2010 was tied for the hottest on record.

Over the 10 years from 2001 to 2010, global temperatures have averaged 0.45 degrees Celsius (0.83 degrees Fahrenheit) above the 1961-1990 average and are the highest ever recorded for a 10-year period since climate records began, WMO said.

The difference between the three hottest years was less than the margin of uncertainty in comparing the data, according to WMO, whose assessment is based on climate data from land-based weather and climate stations, ships, buoys and satellites.

Reuters reg

DEFRA, in the UK, has put together a fantastic resource page at <http://defra.tryingitout.co.uk/>

One of the things I found there was a booklet called Communications and Behaviour Change. I thought it was very, very good--you can download it at <http://coi.gov.uk/documents/commongood/commongood-behaviourchange.pdf>

I think this booklet is as important to read as Creatures of Habit--very important. <http://www.smf.co.uk/creatures-of-habit.html>

A juicy tidbit--a paper cited in that report estimates 80% of the factors influencing behaviour change are NOT information and awareness. As I chased down that reference I found a supporting paper supporting citing another paper that found environmentalists often have the same lack of environmental knowledge as anti-environmentalists. In other words, you don't need to understand the ecosphere to love and protect it. Have fun in the references section.

Ruben Anderson
Communications Specialist
Metro Vancouver
Canada

Wanaka Wastebusters just launched **"The Best and Worst NZ Packaging"** on-line campaign; it is a NZ wide campaign aimed at promote less packaging waste. Please encourage your friends/network to join. The best nomination would win a prize of winter weekend in Wanaka.

Please come and join up, reduce the packaging waste with your idea: <http://www.unpackit.org.nz/>



WIN! Best nomination wins a winter weekend in Wanaka for two

UNPACKIT.ORG
simplifying packaging

“We want everyone who cares about good packaging in New Zealand to be part of the awards – either by putting a nomination in now or by voting for their favorites later on. The voting process will be crucial because it will determine who wins the best and worst awards.”

“People can use their cameras and videos to show us why they love or hate the packaging they choose, or they can just send in a simple entry with a few words. They can put in as many nominations as they choose via the website www.unpackit.org.

“This is a chance for people to praise the companies who have really thought about their packaging and made an effort to reduce their impact on the environment,” said Ms Ward. “It’s also a chance to point the finger at packaging which really annoys you.”

Good packaging campaigner Angus Ho said the survey conducted in October showed that the majority of people are concerned by badly designed packaging, including over-packaging and packaging that is non-recyclable or badly labelled.

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

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.



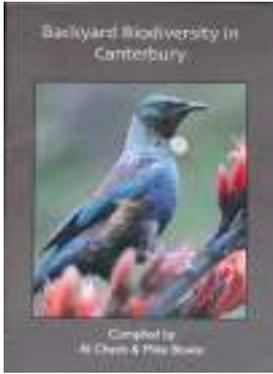
Native Planting Guide
for
Lincoln and other Selwyn
Communities
produced for the Lincoln Environment Trust
by Meta Ignatius, Gaila Mack and Glenn Stewart
Lincoln University
New Zealand Research Centre for Urban Ecology
Landscape Research
www.lincolnenvirotown.org

Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A Lincoln and Selwyn planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University will help with basic background information and planting suggestions.

This guide will help you decide which native plants are suitable for your garden. It gives ideas for shrubberies, hedges, pergolas, herbaceous borders, native lawns, rock gardens and rain gardens. Ecosourced natives are much more likely to survive in our local conditions, without as much care and watering as non-natives. Be part of the Greenway Canterbury movement aiming to spread corridors of natives from the mountains to the sea so that our threatened native plants and animals have somewhere to live and can move from one habitat to the next. This guide is available from the Lincoln Library and Lincoln CRT Real Estate. It is also available as a downloadable file from our web site:

www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz. Thank you to Kiwiflora and Southern Woods for their sponsorship.



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

More information: Ph 03 347 2807 or email video@selwyn.govt.nz

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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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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
February 19 th 11.00am	Fiona Waghorn "No-Dig Garden" Workshop	Lincoln Community Gardens	Everyone
March 4 th 7.30pm	Springston Community meeting Ian Spellerberg guest speaker Feedback from survey and draft sustainability action plan	Club rooms Springston Domain	People living in the Springston area and others who would like to be involved
March 6 th 2.00pm	Mahoe working bee	Mahoe reserve	Everyone
March 24 th	Kim Hill Hot Energy debate	Lincoln university	Everyone
19 th -26 March	Lots of Earth Hour related events – details in this newsletter	All over Selwyn	Everyone
March 26 th 2011	Earth Hour bam dance	Lincoln	Everyone – bring the whole family