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Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter July 2009

Mid-Winter Ceilidh 4th July – If you didn't get there, you missed a great event! Thanks for the donation of \$180 to LET!



Events coming up (details later in this newsletter):

Friends of the Mahoe Reserve monthly working bees: 1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm. Next one 2nd August

Making mulch for Mahoe: We have a large industrial chipper coming to the reserve on Saturday 15th August at 10.00am. We might have spare capacity to chip your garden prunings. If you are interested please contact Sue 329 5858

EnviroKids Club: every 3rd Wednesday of the month after school at 3.30pm except in the holidays

Next LET meeting Tuesday August 11th in the supper room at the community Centre, 7.30pm

There will be an update from Lincoln Land Developments on their Stage 1 and Stage 2 development of the dairy farm site. All welcome.

Gardens First Anniversary Celebration

Barbeque lunch - Sunday the 30th of August 11 am start.

LET kidsfest activity morning: July 14th "Past and Future"



We all had a great time, including making musical instruments, playing "old games", eating French bread with home made butter, washed down with our own lemonade

The Mahoe Reserve sub-committee visited to Prebbleton Nature Reserve on a very cold wet day. It was great to see how they are progressing. Thank you to Jim Hutton for the very interesting guided you r!



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. We are holding a regular working bee on the **1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm**. Please join us. The next one is **Sunday 2nd August**. Bring your own tools such as spades. For more information ring **Denis** on 325 2806. The Mahoe Reserve is a native restoration project in Boundary Road next to the Lincoln Golf Course.

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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(at)orc.on.net.nz for information.

Visit to old Dairy farm development site

A number of us met with Rob Kerr, from Kerr + Partners (Civil and Environmental Engineers) to check out the details of the Lincoln Land Developments Stormwater Strategy and consent applications on site. Thanks to Rob for giving up his Saturday morning. We viewed the drain (now termed the “not the main drain”) which will drain its water into the beautiful lakes and wetlands that are proposed for the site. This will slow and clean the water before it reaches the LII stream.



July Mahoe Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who came along, including Denis's dog!

It was great to see Mark Hostetler and son Jāmm from the States on a return visit.

They have been such an integral part of the Lincoln community, and we have missed them!



Planting of the Lincoln Spring's Road roundabout

Starting with an email from Jean Tompkins from Lincoln University to LET, we organised a meeting between Lincoln University, Selwyn District Council and LET to discuss planting the roundabout with natives. The result was that the LCC and SDC checked the plan, and organised the spraying of the weeds, Lincoln University supplied the plants and the stone chip mulch, Colin Meurk from Landcare Research advised on suitable species and it all came together on a very cold day on the 2nd of July. Thank you everyone who helped on the day, including Ralph Scott, Derek Hayes, Jean Tompkins, Colin Meurk and Sue Jarvis.



LET Envirokids Club

The LET Envirokids Club generally meets the third Wednesday of each month and runs holiday programmes. During the winter we are meeting at the Lincoln Community Centre at 3.30pm

For more information ring Rachel on 325 2711. Let us know if you would like to be involved. **Next meeting: Wednesday August 19th** Lincoln community centre

Come along for story making fun, bring your ideas and help us put together an environmental story



The Lincoln Community Garden is in James Street in the Maternity Hospital Grounds— if you haven't joined in yet, come along!

We would love you to get involved!



First anniversary celebration

A whole year has almost past since we celebrated the opening of the community gardens at the community hall last year. What a great adventure it has been since then. The lawn at the Lincoln Maternity Hospital has become a garden. The winning Scarecrows pants are a bit baggy and his shirt a bit worn but he has not stopped smiling at all the hundreds of people that have been through the gardens. The support from everyone in the community has been nothing short of overwhelming. So many individuals have gone out of their way to lend a hand. The volunteers have been worthy of every award. Every one has had a hand in creating the gardens. Businesses, social groups, garden enthusiasts, volunteers, critics, sponsors, the C.D.H.B and many more.

It is time to celebrate!!

Goldpine Timber and Weatherwise Shade Systems have sponsored the latest addition to the garden project- a very lovely large shade sail. We will unveil this with a Barbeque lunch on Sunday the 30th of August 11 am start.

Our coordinator Cello Robertson is leaving us and we will be introducing the new coordinator at the anniversary. Prince Charles is once again planning to be at this event and we want you too!!

This is a chance for your group or business to get involved and get your "thing" out to the public. This community garden is your open space. Let's get together and make Sunday the 30th fun for one and all.

Please register your interest with Cello via email or give him a call on 3252156.

Open garden days

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – **at the earlier time of 9.00am - 4.30pm over the winter**
Educational tours available for groups and individuals outside these hours by arrangement.

If you come by car, please DO NOT drive into the hospital grounds, park on the road and walk quietly around to the left. The garden is the section to the left of the hospital.

Ring CELLO ROBERTSON the Lincoln Envirotown Community Garden Coordinator on 325 2156 for further information.

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, 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

Don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference? Sustainability Groups in other communities:

The **Prebbleton** group (now called "Prebbleton Envirovillage") is well underway. If you are interested in joining this group contact: [Nicola Willett at 3497990](#).

The **Springs ton** group is also underway. Contact [Sandy Taylor 3295139](#) for information.

The **Rolleston** group (now called "Rolleston Envirotown") is also underway. If you interested in joining, contact: [Nicole Bührs 347 9339](#) Next meeting 4th August.

The **Leeston** Community Committee has decided to call a larger community meeting. For information about this, contact [Lloyd Clausen 363 9642](#)

If you live in **West Melton** we are hoping to arrange an initial meeting soon. If you are interested contact [Sue on 329 5858](#)

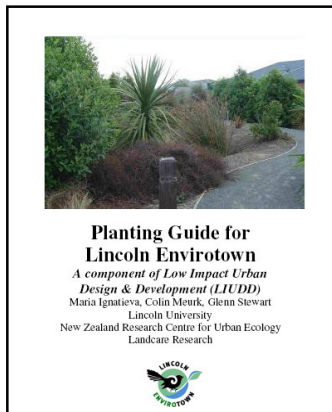
The Lincoln Envirotown Trust is providing support to these communities as they get underway with their sustainability plans.

If you live in another community and would like help to get a group started, contact Sue.

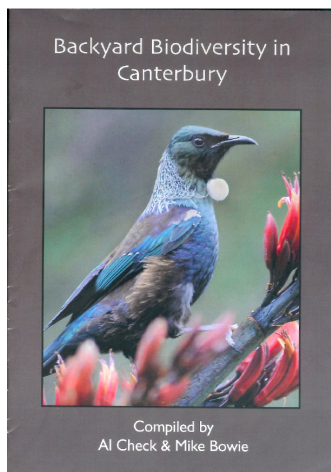
A speaker programme is part of our aim to be a role model for other communities and provide help and support for them to progress towards sustainability. If you would like a speaker for your group or community contact Sue on 329 5858.

Lincoln Planting Guide

Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A new Lincoln planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University that 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. 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 for \$2.00. It is also available as a downloadable file from our web site: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Meetings

LET meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street. All interested parties are invited to attend. **For more information and to become involved with Lincoln Envirotown Trust, please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz.**

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 file from the LET web site from the resources

Useful web sites:

<http://www.carbonaddict.org>

An education tool called "Carbon Addict" - presenting high carbon lifestyles as a medical dependence syndrome. The site uses humour and cartoon illustrations to introduce the health complications of carbon use, and the opportunities for health professionals to help patients make changes. They are planning to pilot its use in medical training in the coming year.

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

Everything you need to know about building a better home to live in now that's worth more in the future.

http://www.wwf.org.nz/what_we_do/education/inspiring_schools/

This has the info about Lincoln High School programme, the Mahoe Reserve Project as well as Lincoln Community Garden and a video

Remember to check out the LET web site for useful links on all sorts of sustainability topics.

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. Soon we will have information put together by our Energy sub-committee on alternative energy generation.

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 five or more dollars donation and a \$100 refundable deposit. **If interested, contact Sue Jarvis at 329-5858.**

The cuts in funding for sustainability and community services announced recently will have quite an impact on Lincoln Envirotown and other community groups like ours. The cuts include funding for Education for Sustainability advisors, Enviroschools, Adult Community Education, Enterprising Communities and the Community Conservation Fund. It seems very short sighted to remove support for the actions local communities are taking to become stronger and more sustainable. For example our cookery classes and BioBLitz this year were supported by the ACE funding. They have supported our education efforts every year so that we can provide free or cheap education to help the community become more sustainable.



We at Nevada Sport Ltd are very excited about being the exclusive New Zealand distributors for Patagonia Apparel and Footwear. This is not just because they make fantastic products but due to their responsible and world leading sustainability policies.

"Make the best product, cause no unnecessary harm" is their mission statement.

We as a company have always tried to follow our personal beliefs and cause no unnecessary harm to the environment, in the day to day running of our business and it is so great to be involved with a global company that is leading the world in environmental standards.

We live and work in the country without all the services that are in towns and often taken for granted, like water supply, sewerage and rubbish collection. We have always recycled and would drive to recycling depots in town before at the gate recycling was implemented a few short years ago. Packaging on products we buy is kept to a minimum and always reused. We have three rubbish bins in all our offices for separating our rubbish into recycling, non-recycling and waste at source.

We have been environmentally conscious for so long now that it is just normal for us and not just new and trendy to be green. We feel it is our duty to inform and educate all our business partners to do the same and **1% for the planet** is a great medium for doing this. We have been donating our **1% for the planet** to the **Lincoln Envirotown Trust**.