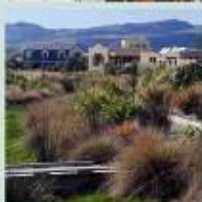




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# Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

## June 2009

Have you seen what has been happening in Lincoln?



We now have a trail of information signs through the Mahoe Reserve in Lincoln and we also have available activity sheets at a variety of levels. They are suitable for adults and children and are available from the Lincoln Library as is the Mahoe Reserve information brochure (or from Sue Jarvis 329 5858).

More information about the Mahoe Reserve is available from the Mahoe tab on the Lincoln Envirotown website:

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

### Events coming up (details later in this newsletter):

**Friends of the Mahoe Reserve monthly working bees:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 2.00pm. Next one 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Mid-winter Ceilidh** 4<sup>th</sup> July

**EnviroKids Club:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month after school 3.30pm except in the holidays

**Next LET meeting** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

**LET kidsfest activity morning:** July 14<sup>th</sup> "Past and Future" 10.45am Lincoln Community Centre

**Story writing competition:** "Past and Future" Deadline Friday 24 July

# Mahoe Reserve Community Planting Day

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>



Mike Southworth did a great job, but we nearly lost him!

We had a great turn out with volunteers planting about 360 trees and installing trail signs with information about the native plants and animals at the reserve. Thanks to Colin Meurk who advised on plant placement and planting techniques.



## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:00pm**. Please join us. The next one is **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. Bring your own tools such as spades. For more information ring Deris on 325 2806. The Mahoe Reserve is a native restoration project in Boundary Road next to the Lincoln Golf Course.

## 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.

## LET native plant propagation demonstrations and nursery tour

This was held on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at Southern Woods Tree Nursery. Despite a freezing cold wet day, a crowd of about 25 people learnt about eco-sourcing, propagation from seed and cuttings and how to plant natives. Thank you to the Southern Woods team for putting this on for us.



# The Lincoln Responsible Business Awards 2009

## Now extended to Prebbleton in the form of the Prebbleton Responsible Business Award

**Assessments are now underway; contact us now if you want to take part**

The Lincoln and the Prebbleton Responsible Business Awards are a way to assess the environmental sustainability of your business, improve your business practices, save money, get free advertising about how sustainable your business is, all for no cost. Why pay thousands of dollars? There will be a Platinum award this year for Lincoln businesses so that the gold winners have something to aspire to and also a trophy for the best Business. There will also be a **Trophy** for the most environmentally sustainable Lincoln business, gifted by **Lincoln Land Developments**. If you already have an award, then now is the time to have a reassessment, and perhaps upgrade!

We have two assessors this year: **Chris Macann** 349 9660 or 012 878 001 (for Prebbleton businesses) and **Jean Tompkins** 325 3696 extn 8386 or 021 865 326 (for Lincoln businesses). You can also ring Sue on 329 5858 for more information.

## Children's Story Writing Competition Past and Future

The competition this year will be on sustainability ideas that were used in the past, are no longer commonly used now, but may be again in the future - such as milk in reusable glass bottles. Interview your grandparents, parents, older neighbours etc and get their ideas about what life was like when they were young and things they used to do. Then write the ideas into a story including how some of these ideas might come back into use and why and perhaps add some good ideas of your own that might be used in the future. It will be good to do a bit of research about why we might need to change how we do things such as producing less waste and using less energy.

Please illustrate your story and **use A4 paper only**.

The deadline will tie in with the LET kidsfest holiday activity of "Past and Future" held on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup>.  
**More details and entry form at the end of this newsletter.**

## 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 or Angelika on 325 3384. Let us know if you would like to be involved. At the June session the children learnt about plastic recycling and what they could make out of plastic shopping bags. The July session will be the kidsfest event (see below) and the regular sessions will start again in August.





**LET kidsfest activity morning** : July 14<sup>th</sup> "Past and Future" 10.45am at the Lincoln Community Centre. Suitable for 3-12 year olds. Children please bring a parent or caregiver. A donation of \$2.00 per child would be appreciated. The fun activities will all be on a theme of things we used to do in the past which might be a good idea for sustainability if we did them in the future.

## 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!

### Have you seen our new sign?

**Our sign was donated by Sam Parsons – Thank you Sam!**

"It was a pleasure to be able to contribute to the Lincoln Community through making the sign for the Lincoln Community Gardens. It is great to give back to a community that has given me so much. I am currently working full time at Lincoln Coffee Culture having completed my 7th form at Lincoln High School last year. Sign making for me started out as a hobby- making signs as gifts for family weddings, people's gardens etc. The demand for them has steadily increased with many people contacting me for their own private work. For those more interested in what I do, I now have a website [www.woodpeckersigns.co.nz](http://www.woodpeckersigns.co.nz) where you can view some of my work and see how much it would cost to own your unique and original handcrafted garden sign. Alternatively anybody wanting a sign or enquiring about a sign can email me at [Sam-parsons@hotmail.com](mailto:Sam-parsons@hotmail.com)."



### 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.

*Did you see our garden on TV? If not, you can access the video clip from our web site*

Thank you to all the people who have donated time, goods, services or money to the Community Garden. We have produced a brochure about the garden which will be available in outlets around Lincoln and the main sponsors will be listed.

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

## Events and People

### Prebbleton, Springston and Rolleston update

The **Prebbleton** group (now called “Prebbleton Envirovillage”) is well underway. If you are interested in joining this group contact: **Nicola Willett at 3497990**. They have also decided to run a Prebbleton Responsible Business Award, based on the Lincoln one. If you are a Prebbleton business and would like to get involved ring Chris Macann 349 9660, the Prebbleton assessor, or Sue Jarvis on 329 5858

The **Springston** 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: **Sue Jarvis 329 5858**. Next meeting Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

The **Leeston** Community Committee has decided to call a larger community meeting. For information about this, contact **Lloyd Clause 363 9642**

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

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.

### Mid-winter Ceilidh 4<sup>th</sup> July Organised by Landcare Research



Come along to a **Mid-winter Ceilidh** to dance away the winter blues. Partners and Lincoln Envirotown members and friends are welcome.

Venue: Lincoln Community Hall, 24 Gerald St

Tickets: \$10

Bring a bottle and a plate to share. Children free if under supervision of a caregiver.  
7-Midnight.

So what's a ceilidh I hear you ask? Well it's like a barn dance where everyone dances, drinks and is merry. We've got a live band and a caller who'll shout out dancing instructions.

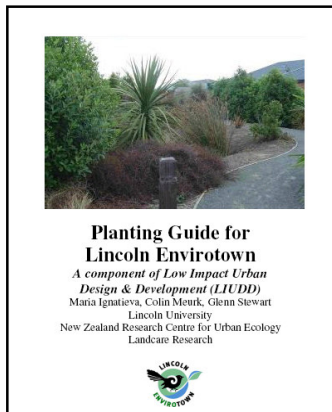
We're looking into organising transport between Christchurch and Lincoln so if you're keen on a place please let me know.

Any extra funds raised will go to charity.

Contact **Shona** on 03 321 9901 or email ([russells@landcareresearch.co.nz](mailto:russells@landcareresearch.co.nz)) for further information

# Lincoln Planting Guide

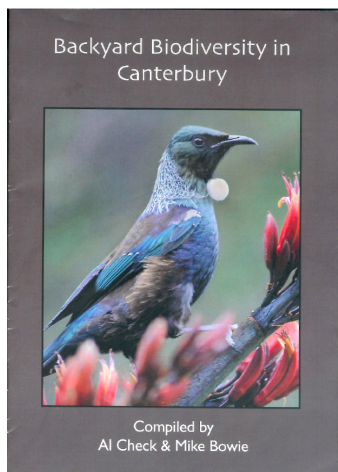
Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A new Lincoln planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University that will help with basic background information and planting suggestions.



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](http://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\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz).**



### 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/](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](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. 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.



## **Lincoln Envirotown 2009 Story Competition**

### **Write an illustrated story**

#### **Past and Future**

The competition this year will be on sustainability ideas that were used in the past, are no longer commonly used now, but may be again in the future - such as milk used to be sold in reusable glass bottles. Interview your grandparents, parents, older neighbours etc and get their ideas about what life was like when they were young and things they used to do. Then write the ideas into a story including how some of these ideas might come back into use and why and perhaps add some good ideas of your own that might be used in the future. It will be a good idea to do a bit of research about why we might need to change how we do things such as producing less waste, and using less energy.

Please illustrate your story and use **A4 paper only**. Remember to give the names of the people you interviewed and the sources of any information you gained from books, internet etc.

The deadline will be Friday 24 July to tie in with the LET kidsfest holiday activity of "Past and Future" held on Tuesday July 14<sup>th</sup> in the Lincoln Community Centre.

**This topic was suggested by the children involved in the 2008 competition  
There will be prizes**

**If you are in the youngest age group**, you could draw a picture of your ideas of good ideas from the past that could be used in the future that you have found out from older people. Ask an older person to help you write a few words to go with your picture.

**We hope to make the best stories into a book to be available locally, as we did with the previous Lincoln stories. The National Library has asked for a copy of our other books – so your stories might be there too!**

**There will be prizes for each age group:**  
6 and under, 7-10, 11-14, 15-18

**Please attach an entry form to your entry** (see below)

**Deadline!** Your story needs to be with us by the **24th July 2008**.





**Entry form for the 2009 Story writing competition** (please attach these details to your story)

**Name:** *(please print)*  
**Phone number:**  
**Age:**  
**Title of your story:**

**Did you have help with the writing or the drawing in your entry?** Yes/No

If yes:

My helper was:

They helped with:

**I used information from:**

*(please give names of the people you interviewed, details of books you have used, internet sites you used etc.)*

**Deadline!** Your story needs to be with us by the **24<sup>th</sup> July 2009**. It can be dropped in to the Lincoln Library, brought to the Lincoln Community Centre during the Kidsfest Holiday Programme "Imagine the House of the Future" run by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust on the 14<sup>th</sup> July (10.45 am – 12.00) or it can be mailed to: Sue Jarvis, 694 Gould's Road, RD4 Christchurch 7674.