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# Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

## May 2009

### The Lincoln Responsible Business Awards 2009

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

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. If you already have an award, then now is the time to have a reassessment, and perhaps upgrade!



2008 Lincoln Award  
Ceremony

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.

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

**World Environment Day:** June 5<sup>th</sup> WET Planting to protect Canterbury mudfish

**Speaker on Alternative Energy:** David King will give a presentation at the next LET meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, supper room, Lincoln Community Centre. All welcome

**Mahoe Reserve planting day:** June 14<sup>th</sup> starts at 10.30am. Bring tools, cup for free hot soup. We will supply plants

**LET native plant propagation demonstrations and nursery tour:** June 20<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am. At Southern Woods, Main South Road

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

**EnviroKids Club:** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month after school 4.15pm

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

# Mahoe Reserve Community Planting Day

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am onwards



**Come and do your bit for the environment, biodiversity and Lincoln's very own native planting project. Native plants provide habitats and food for native animals such as native insects, skinks and birds.**

**Please bring tools, a cup (free hot soup) and your muscle power. We will provide the plants.**

**For more info please contact Sue on 329 5858**

## Friends of Mahoe

If you want to be on the email contact list for 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\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz) for information.

## LET native plant propagation demonstrations and nursery tour

This will be held on **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>**, 10.30am at Southern Woods Tree Nursery, Main South Road, close to corner of Robinsons road.

## Visit to Wind Turbine

The Energy group visited the wind turbine near Southbridge recently. Thank you to Tom Cameron of Energy3 for such an informative visit. We are looking into the feasibility of alternative electricity generation.



## Lincoln High School gets its Enviroschools Silver Award! Well done!



### 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 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 to do a bit of research about why we might need to change how we do things such as producing less waste, using less energy.

Please illustrate your story and please **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 4.15 pm  
For more information ring Rachel on 325 2711 or Angelika on 325 3384. Let us know if you would like to be involved.



*Envirokids at the Lincoln Community gardens*





**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.

## Spotlight - Our LET Volunteers

Chelsea McDaniel from the States has been with us for most of 2009 and has been doing volunteer work at the Lincoln Community Gardens as well as helping Cello with related projects. Chelsea immediately got to know the locals and integrated into the Lincoln community by enrolling for our first Cookery classes while still overseas! She has also come to our LET meetings and become fully involved.

She has not only attended a semester of classes at Lincoln University but has undertaken a research project comparing a number of community gardens.

Chelsea is leaving us in the middle of June and we are really going to miss her cheerful enthusiasm!

Thank you so much for all your contributions, Chelsea, keep in touch!



**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!**



### 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.

**Rolleston** also now has a group underway. If you interested in joining, contact: **Colleen Canning 339 9830 (work), 347 4577 (home) or 027 4314170**

The **Leeston** Community Committee has decided to call a larger community meeting. For information about this, contact **Lloyd Clausen 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 are welcome.

Venue: Lincoln Community Hall, 24 Gerald St

Tickets: \$10

Bring a bottle and a plate to share

7-Midnight.

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

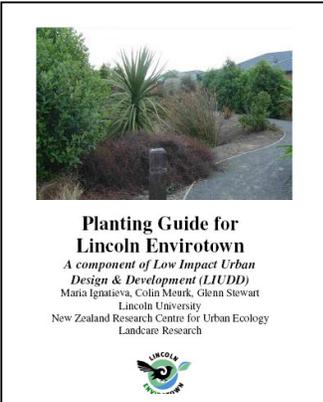
We're looking into organising transport between Christchurch and Lincoln so if you're keen on a place please let me know.

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 and tickets.

# Lincoln Planting Guide

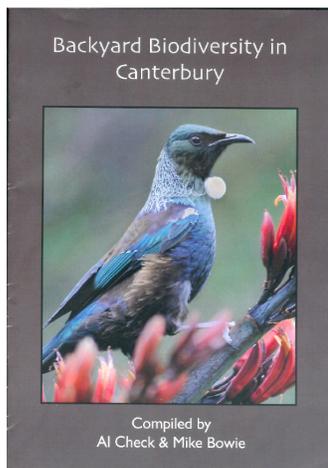
Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A new Lincoln planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University that will help with basic background information and planting suggestions.



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)

## New Publication – Backyard Biodiversity in Canterbury

- Available from the LET caravan or from Mike Bowie 3218388



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

Friday June 5th is World Environment Day  
Celebrate our world by helping our precious  
Canterbury mudfish.

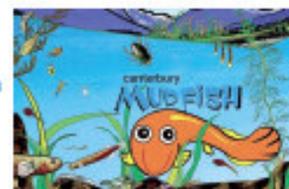
Selwyn District Council, the Waihora Ellesmere Trust, the Department of Conservation and GHD are uniting to plant native trees on the banks of the Hororata River.



**You too can make a difference by joining the planting team between 1:30 and 4:00 pm on World Environment Day.**

Our meeting point is Mitchell's Road, Hororata. Please come as the more the merrier and the faster the job will get done.

GHD has funded purchase of \$3,000 worth of native plants and is shouting drinks and nibbles for the planting team at the Hororata Pub afterwards.



### RSVP

Hannah.Leckie@ghd.co.nz  
027 215 6174 - (03) 378 2118  
by Friday, 29th May



## Check out our Web site!

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



## **Lincoln Envirotown 2009 Story Competition**

### **Write an illustrated story**

#### **Past and Future**

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Please illustrate your story and please 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 (10.45am – 12.00) or it can be mailed to: Sue Jarvis, 694 Gould's Road, RD4 Christchurch 7674.