



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

May 2011

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Taking responsibility for a sustainable future

"Energy and persistence alter all things" – Benjamin Franklin

What's been happening?



The Mahoe Reserve

Thank you to all the people who came to help on the 2nd May to plant



Congratulations to Subodh and Salina Dhakal on the birth of their daughter Yashaswi. We were privileged that they planted a tree to celebrate her birth at the Mahoe Reserve. Subodh and Salina became Mahoe volunteers a number of years ago and Subodh has been the "face of LET" at our caravan for many Saturdays.

The Mahoe Reserve relies on community helpers to keep going. If you are part of the Lincoln Community, or even if you are not, we would really appreciate your help at working bees, or at any time that suits you! Contact Denis on 325 2806

The Mahoe Reserve committee welcomes community members planting trees to commemorate important events, as long as they consult with us about a suitable ecosourced plant and a suitable position for planting.

Friends of Mahoe
If you want to be on the email contact list for Mahoe planting days and working bees, let us know. 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.



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Sewage into the Liffey

Luckily for us the sewage is no longer going into the Liffey stream, and is now going back into the city. However as their system is obviously struggling and apparently on the point of collapse, please continue to help by reducing the amount of water you use (short showers; put a bucket in the shower to collect the water etc). Also be careful what else you put down the drain/sink. Please don't use bleach, chemical cleaners or other chemicals that would reduce the action of the decomposing bacteria.

See the message from the Selwyn District Council below

Prebbleton, Lincoln, Springston, Tai Tapu

PLEASE HOLD YOUR WATER



If you live in the above towns, please help.

Christchurch is trying to cope with your sewage and washing water in spite of severe damage to its sewers, drains and treatment plant.

To relieve the pressure on this essential service, we are asking you (once again) to do your bit and conserve water - **and not just in the bathroom.**

Everything you send down the drain and plughole counts, especially when it rains.

So please:

- Take shorter showers
- Only use the dishwasher if it's full (or do dishes by hand)
- Only use the washing machine if it's full
- Don't use the insinkerator
- Flush only the solid stuff

What is coming up?

Lincoln Community Gardens May Workshops

On Saturday 21st May two short workshops are being conducted at the Lincoln Community Gardens. The Gardens are located on James Street, behind the Lincoln Maternity Hospital.

At 10.30am Keith Dickson of Broadfields, who has spent a lifetime working with trees, shrubs and plants, will cover the basics of the pruning of fruit trees. Bring along your questions, samples of plants, etc, for Keith's advice.

At 11.00am Jonny Reveley will share his experiences with composting toilets as an alternative to chemical toilets. His interest in composting has been stimulated by the damage to the Christchurch sewerage system caused by the earthquakes and his desire to protect our environment.

The workshops are free, but a gold coin donation to support the activities of the Gardens would be appreciated. Please park on James Street, not in the Hospital grounds.

For further information, contact the Gardens Coordinator, Ruth Wood (325 2193 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz)



Lincoln Community Gardens

For more information about getting involved in the garden please ring Ruth on 325 2193

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

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:30 pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street. The July meeting might be in the new Event Centre off North Belt. We often have guest speakers.

For more information Please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz.

NEXT meeting is July 4th. **No meeting in June as it is Queen's birthday.**

The Council has notified a change to the district plan to encourage and require improved design from development in town centers, including Lincoln. You might be interested in reading it before you come. The full plan change is here:

<http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/services/planning/plan-changes/plan-change-29-design-of-development-in-business-1-zones/pc29-design-of-development-in-business-1-zones>

SHOP SMART
SHOP LOCAL
Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

~Come and take a Fresh Look~



Locally grown produce
and crafts on your doorstep

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!!

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.

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.

Responsible Business Awards winners are on our web site: www.lincolnvirotown.org.nz Let us know if you are a silver, gold or platinum winner and your details are not there – possibly because you haven't sent you details to us yet.

The 2011 award assessments will start in July/August. Please contact us if you would like to be involved. If your business already has an award you will need to be reassessed to keep or upgrade your certification.

Remember to support your local sustainable businesses – and also reduce your “shopping miles”

You don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference?

There will soon be links on the LET web site for information about the other Enviro communities.

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 and during summer starting at 7.30pm). The meeting venue is Community House in

Rolleston, 45 Shelley Street. Email Nicole tonicermu@gmail.com or phone Catherine 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome.

The Rolleston Envirotown Market for produce (includes organic) and craft is held on the second Sunday in the month 10am to 1pm. The market is sited in the Rolleston Square carpark area alongside Rolleston Drive. BUG-R offer free bicycle maintenance at some of the monthly market days.

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden is being led by Sacha, if you would like to help contact sacha.murray@hotmail.com The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Community House, Rolleston.

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden group greatly appreciate any help as they continue the process

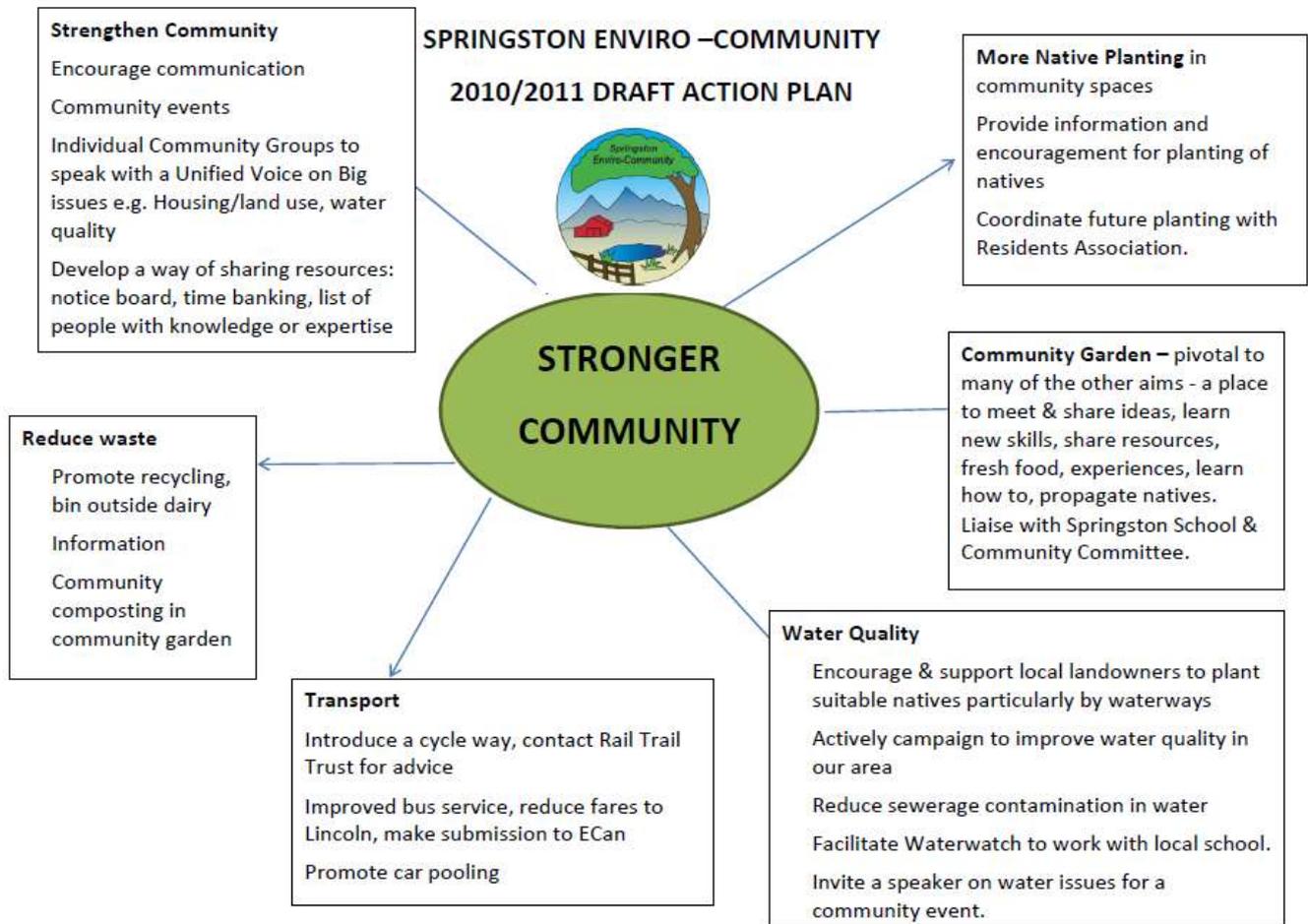
of the creation of their community's garden. For more information, donations, or to simply lend a hand contact Sacha on sacha.murray@hotmail.com or alternatively ring 03 347 8175. They would like to thank the church and sponsors for their help and support to get them to this point. Without this support this project would not have been possible.

SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY



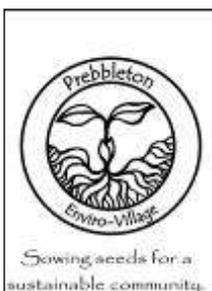
The Springston Enviro-Community (SEC) meetings are held on **the 4th Monday of the month**, 7.30pm at the Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Domain, Ellesmere Junction Road. Everyone welcome! The next meeting is on the **23rd May, everyone welcome**. Come and meet up with a group of enthusiastic locals. If you want to find out more, contact Debbie on 329 5757.

Springston has drafted a Sustainability Action Plan for their community – following a survey and two public meetings (see below). They already have a community garden planned, with land kindly provided by a local resident. The Springston Community Committee has also restarted their community newsletter, as this was one of the complaints from people that filled in the community survey. SEC was involved in playing a major part in the organisation on the night for the Selwyn Earth Barn dance, held in Lincoln.



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 Leeston took part in the Selwyn Earth Hour lead up, and ran a kids activity morning. They also have a Leeston and Southbridge Responsible Business Award to encourage businesses to operate in an environmentally sustainable fashion.



PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE

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 . Prebbleton ran a very successful torch light walk for Earth Hour to which about 30 people turned up. They ran a Responsible Business Award for local businesses in 2009 and 2010, They have conducted a community survey and produced a community sustainability action plan. The top issue for the locals is walking and cycle ways.

PEV have worked on a biodiversity corridor along the rail trail cycle way to Prebbleton.

LITTLE RIVER

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

WEST MELTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY

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.

Where: West Melton School Library

When: Thursday 12th May at 7.00pm

There was a community survey distributed with the West Melton News in April. Please contact Ingrid below if you live in the area and you didn't receive a copy. Make sure you send back your return – so that your ideas are counted – you will also go into the draw to win a prize!

If you would like more information about meetings please do not hesitate to contact Heather McHarg heather@westmelton.school.nz, 347 8448
or Ingrid McGeachen westmelton.enviro@gmail.com

See the new West Melton Enviro-Community web site! The survey form is available as an on line form or as a downloaded survey form <http://sites.google.com/site/westmeltonenviro/>

TAI TAPU

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.

DARFIELD

If you live in **Darfield** 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.

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

Human-made climate change: a scientific, moral and legal issue

World famous climate scientist Dr James Hansen arrives soon for a speaking tour in NZ, brought by a coalition of environmental and social justice organisations, academics and progressive business. If you've been puzzled about the controversies about climate change, this is your chance to get it straight. If you are already convinced and want to know what must be done, Be there. We can now bring you the schedule for public meetings in NZ. There is more detail on the facebook site

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?ref=home#!/pages/James-Hansen-NZ-Tour-May-2011/176696445713765>

His public talks are called "Human-made climate change: a scientific, moral and legal issue" and he explains the latest science of climate change, how serious and urgent action has become, and why he has become an activist as well as a scientist. This could be a turning point in NZ's awareness and in the public demand for government action. He is meeting with progressive business leaders, politicians, farmers, youth and media - I hope as many as possible of civil society will meet him too as we are the only ones who can make the difference in the end.

We are not taking out paid advertising, but relying on e-lists and word of mouth.

We are operating on a shoestring - if you would like to donate to the costs of the tour, Oxfam is acting as banker for us. The account is 01 0202 0117805 02 Please use the reference ADCLIMATETOUR11_JHT

[Download programme](#)

Explore options for the sustainable future of Christchurch

SOC members, supporters and friends are invited to meet to explore options for the sustainable future of Christchurch Tuesday 10 May, 7.30 pm Garden Bar, Cashmere Club, Colombo St.

Thanks to www.celsius.co.nz for the following 3 items

Sustainability: It's an animated subject



It's nothing you don't already know, but here's a cool little animation that seeks to explain exactly what sustainability is all about.

The little house that could



Architects and designers have been a little slow when it comes to adopting greener building principles, and they need to wake up, according to builder and designer Lawrence McIntyre. His words come after the release of a report which focuses on a Golden Bay home which has been awarded the highest energy efficient rating for a house in New Zealand.

[Read more »](#)

[2011 New Zealand Architecture Awards dish out sustainability honours](#)



And while we're on the topic of houses, the New Zealand Institute of Architects has announced the winners of the 2011 New Zealand Architecture Awards, with buildings in Auckland and Dunedin taking out the nods in the Sustainable Architecture category.

[Read more »](#)

[Canterbury Transition News being connected in transition](#)

TEDxEQChCh is a one-day event to **reimagine the future of Christchurch** 21st May.

Run by the same team that ran last year's highly successful, sold-out [TEDxChCh](#) event, TEDxEQChCh brings together global experts, national leaders, local business owners and residents to coalesce around a shared vision for Christchurch. The day-long event will explore key issues of leadership, vision, livability, workability, and sustainability, presenting solutions that are simultaneously inspirational, implementable, and economically attractive.

Speakers at TEDxEQChCh will cover a broad range of disciplines, including urban planning, architecture, entrepreneurship, culture, and economics

<http://tedxeqchch.com/apply-to-attend/>

Bolivia's mother of all laws enshrines rights of nature –Is NZ lagging behind?

John Vidal

April 12, 2011

LA PAZ: Bolivia is set to pass the world's first laws granting nature equal rights to humans. The Law of Mother Earth, now agreed by politicians and grassroots social groups, redefines the country's rich mineral deposits as "blessings" and is expected to bring radical new conservation and social measures to reduce pollution and control industry.

The country, which has been pilloried by the US and Britain in the United Nations climate talks for demanding steep carbon emission cuts, will establish 11 new rights for nature. They include: the right to life and to exist; the right to continue vital cycles and processes free from human alteration; the right to pure water and clean air; the right to balance; the right not to be polluted; and the right to not have cellular structure modified or genetically altered.

Controversially, it will also enshrine the right of nature "to not be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities".

Advertisement: Story continues below

"It makes world history. Earth is the mother of all", said the Vice-President, Alvaro Garcia Linera. The law has been heavily influenced by a resurgent indigenous Andean spiritual world view, which places the environment and the earth deity known as the Pachamama at the centre of all life. Humans are considered equal to all other entities.

Bolivia has long suffered from serious environmental problems from the mining of tin, silver, gold and other raw materials.

Guardian News & Media

"Tell New Zealand's government: Christchurch rebuild must lead the world in sustainability"

Message from Lou of Diamond Harbour:

Dear Friends, I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well, and warmest greetings to those few of you I haven't recently had direct contact with. As most of you will know, we experienced a second major and devastating earthquake here in Christchurch in February, which has taken over 200 lives, wrecking the central city, many Eastern suburbs and our port of Lyttelton. In short, the city is as Kiwis put it 'munted'!

Now, plans for a rebuild are beginning to get underway but worryingly, issues of environmental sustainability just don't seem to be on the agenda for those appointed to lead the recovery. Yet speaking to folk locally, many, many people feel that Christchurch has a unique opportunity now to do something really special with its rebuild - a chance to put into place the very best of sustainable building principles and sustainable urban design, to the benefit of its people and its unique natural environment.

I feel really strongly about this issue and having trawled the Net for the past few weeks, looking for some leadership or initiatives in this area but finding none, I have decided to start an online petition entitled "Tell New Zealand's government: Christchurch rebuild must lead the world in sustainability".

I'm trying to collect 10,000 signatures, and I'm emailing you because I thought you might be interested in signing.

To read more about what I'm trying to do and to sign the petition, click here:

http://www.change.org/petitions/tell-new-zealands-government-christchurch-rebuild-must-lead-the-world-in-sustainability-2?share_source=share-petition_em&ue=sei?share_id=FNcErDQCJw&pe=pce

It really does only take a minute - and the site I've used ([change.org](http://www.change.org)) is a bona fide site which will handle your personal information with complete privacy and integrity.

Please, of course, feel free to invite those of your friends and contacts who you think would like to add their voice, to sign the petition as well.

Here's hoping we can really make a difference!

With much love and many thanks,

Lou
xxx

Topic: [A free resource for those wanting to grow healthy organic produce - The Permaculture Practitioner "tim @ piginthemud.com" <tim@piginthemud.com>](#) Apr 29 09:57PM -0700 ^

Hi everyone. Just a quick note to let you know the permaculture practitioner journals, a resource I've been working on for a wee while, are now available for download from my website.

The journals should appeal to anyone interested in healthy and sustainable food production in your own back yard and orchard. They provide practical knowledge and tips on a number of design elements, techniques and systems.

The journal entries, six are available at this time, can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.piginthemud.com>

I hope they can be of some value to you. And if you think they can be of value to others please pass the word on.

Cheers
Tim

Waihora Ellesmere Trust (WET)

WET has produced a new leaflet featuring advice on riparian restoration based on our experience of planting over 50,000 native plants over the past couple of years.

The leaflet covers the steps involved in establishing a successful riparian restoration project and includes a breakdown of costs. The leaflet can be downloaded from the website and additional,



more detailed information will be added over the next few weeks.

[New leaflet](#)

Get full newsletter from: www.wet.org.nz

Stuff for Kids

Nothing for kids this time! 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:

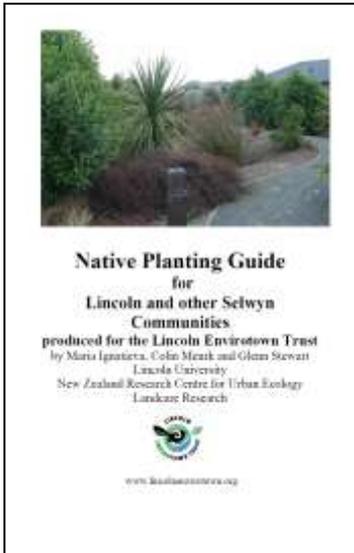
LET frequently makes submissions to Government, ECan and the SDC as well as to other organisations. If you are interested in helping with submissions or have an issue you think that LET might be interested in making a submission on, please contact Sue on 329 5858

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.

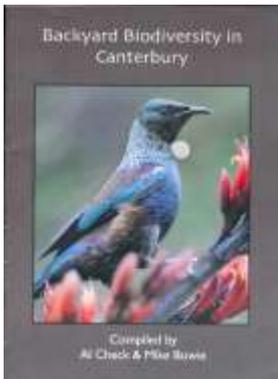
Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

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.**

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
Tuesday 10 May, 7.30 pm.	Explore options for the sustainable future of Christchurch (organised by SOC)	Garden Bar, Cashmere Club, Colombo St
Wednesday 11 th May 12.50pm for 1.00pm	LET presentation to the SDC	Council chambers, Rolleston
Thursday 12 th May, 7.00pm	West Melton Enviro Community meeting – results of survey, drafting action plan	West Melton School
Saturday 21 st May , 10.30am	How to make a composting toilet Practical instruction on tree pruning.	Lincoln Community gardens, James street, behind hospital.
Monday 23 rd May 7.30pm	Springston Enviro Community meeting. Planning - especially new community garden.	The Errol Tweedy Pavilion, Springston Domain, Ellesmere Junction Road. Everyone welcome!
Any time	Weeding and mulching	Springs Road/ Gerald Street corner planting on Plant & Food land
Sunday 3 rd July 2.00pm onwards	Planting and working bee	Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road
Monday 4 th July 7.30pm	LET meeting	To be advised: Either supper room at Lincoln community centre OR new Event centre.
Thursday 27 th of July 10:30-11:30.	LET KidsFest July holiday activity morning	Lincoln Event Centre