



Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter October/November 2007

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

October and November have been busy months for the Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET). We hope you will enjoy seeing some of our current and future endeavours and will participate with us!



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Prime Minister Kicks Off Zero Waste Week

Prime Minister, Helen Clark, paid a visit to Lincoln Envirotown Trust on Friday 26th October. She gave a speech encouraging the local community in its efforts to become environmentally sustainable. She spent time meeting the Lincoln Envirotown Committee members, representatives from their main partners, as well as sponsors of the Zero Waste Week that she launched. She talked with the many other supporters and local residents, including Lincoln High School students and local preschool students, who all showed up at the event. Finally, the Prime Minister presented the sign to last year's winners of Lincoln Envirotown's Zero Waste Week, Glebe Close.

Support Zero Waste In Lincoln

2007 Zero Waste Street Challenge

The Second Annual Zero Waste Street Challenge that Prime Minister, Helen Clark, kicked off with her October 26th visit, ran this year during Neighbourhood Week from Friday 26 October to Sunday 4 November. This challenge allowed participants to get to know their neighbours better and compete to be the street who are making the best efforts to reduce their waste. An afternoon tea will be provided for the winning street. Fifteen streets took part, even more than last year. From our survey, 93% of respondents now separate material for recycling compared to 55% in 2006. Well done. To help reduce waste in our community further, each household in Lincoln will be receiving a free, reusable bag sponsored by LET and McCrostie Real Estate.

Special Thanks To Our Zero Waste Challenge Sponsors

Lincoln Envirotown Trust would like to extend special thanks to the sponsors of the Zero Waste Challenge:

Selwyn District Council
The Bag Station
McCrostie Real Estate
Lincoln Village Four Square

Special thanks also goes to the following for help with the caravan Display and the Lincoln Zero Waste Challenge:

Lady Isaac
(Gifting of the Caravan to LET)
Landcare Research
(Printing Assistance)
Lincoln Kidsfirst Kindergarten
(Zero Waste Lunches Display)
Lincoln University
(Maria Ignatieva's Students for their Ecological Design Displays)
Lincoln Village Four Square
(Local support and materials)
Lindsay Philps
(Materials)
Malcolm Lyall
(Wiring the caravan for electricity)



LET Sustainability Caravan Open To The Public Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:30pm

Ever wonder what the difference between “recycled” and “recyclable” might be? Want to know you are doing something good for the environment AND saving on your grocery bill? Come see us! The Lincoln Envirotown Sustainability Caravan is now set up with information about smart shopping. Displays include information about source reduction, reusing, recycling, and shopping decisions. Ways to get involved with the Lincoln Envirotown Trust are also presented along with a wide array of environmental brochures on varied topics from exotic weed control to energy conservation, and more! The Caravan will be open Wednesdays from 5:30 – 6:30pm for public viewing. It is located next to the Lincoln Community Hall on Gerald Street. The caravan, previously loaned to us, has now been gifted to us by Lady Isaac - thank you!

Volunteers interested in helping to extend the hours of the caravan for public viewing should contact Meryl at 325-7449. Ideas for other convenient hours of operation are also welcome.



Learn more about the
Lincoln Envirotown Trust online at
<http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz>

Lincoln Community Involvement / Get Involved



A Lincoln Vision: Is This How New Lincoln Sub-divisions Could Look?

Student Design Display And Seminar On Low Impact Practices

In early October, Dr. Maria Ignatieva's Landscape architecture students from Lincoln University presented ideas for an Ecological Design Project based on the Liffey Subdivision at Lincoln Village. Students had to develop solutions and designs for a new subdivision which will offer ecologically sustainable urban landscape that fulfils triple bottom line standards (environmentally friendly, biodiverse, contributes to quality of life, and is economic or offers a range of cost structures). Dr. Ignatieva also presented a talk about practices of low impact development in the U.S.A. and Europe.

If you would like more information about this project, contact Dr. Maria Ignatieva, 325-2811.

Successful Children's Holiday Programme

The Children's holiday programme was attended by lots of enthusiastic children who made many Christmas cards and decorations out of recycled materials. Thanks to everyone who helped with this special holiday activity morning, especially Joy Hurley who did a great job with the organising this event. Joy is our new honorary education co-ordinator. Additionally, three Lincoln High School students came and helped (Jess Boden, Jess Schaap and Megan Strickett). Thanks to them, and also to Pauline Jarvis, Sue Jarvis and Elaine Chudleigh for their assistance.



Register Now!

Sustainable Living Workshop

Sunday, November 25th

1:00pm-4:00pm

Supper Room of the Lincoln Community Centre

Topics in this practical workshop on sustainable living will be chosen from (depending on the interests of the group):

- Using water efficiently and avoiding pollution of streams,
- Organic gardening, composting and native plants for wildlife,
- Health impacts of walking, cycling and alternatives to cars,
- Shopping advice on healthy food and finding bargains,
- Tips on waste reduction, re-use and real recycling,
- Eco-friendly renovation projects and solar house design,
- Reducing electricity bills and having warmer homes in winter.

There will be a limit on numbers, so to be sure of your place. Contact Raewyn Gillgren now, 325-2454. We would appreciate a donation of about \$25 to help cover costs.

Enviro Kids Set To March In Christmas Pageant December 8th

The Annual Lincoln Christmas Pageant is December 8th, and this year, LET is encouraging children to participate with an environmental message. If your child is interested in participating, they need to wear a costume made from recycled materials and take a windmill (made from recycled materials, if possible) with them. Children need an adult with them! Meet at the Playcentre entrance (across from the Police Station) at 10:30am. Be absolutely ready (bathroom break, noses blown, etc.) to go at 10:45am to join in the parade.

For more information and to register your child to march in the Christmas Pageant, please E-mail Joy Hurley at b.l.stevenson@xtra.co.nz, or call 325-7497 - or just come! There might be prizes for the best costume.

Upcoming Events / LET Action Plan Update

Sustainability EXPO

26th & 27th January 2008

Rolleston Community Centre at Rolleston

The Sustainability EXPO is an event for the public to find out more about sustainability, talk to exhibitors, see displays and exhibits and attend talks on useful and helpful topics and also create increased demand in the market for sustainable products and services. Exhibits and specialist talks will include the following topics: solar electrics, wind energy technologies, solar hot water systems, energy efficiency, energy efficient design of buildings, sustainable use of resources – water, wastes, energy efficient transport, biofuels, and more.

For more information,

www.sustainabilityexpo.co.nz

LET Survey Results Available

The 2007 LET Progress Towards Sustainability Survey results have now been analysed and put into a report. Thanks to Pauline Jarvis for all the hours of hard work! The Lincoln Envirotown Trust wanted to gather information from the residents of Lincoln about their actions, knowledge, opinions, attitudes and requirements towards becoming an environmentally sustainable township. Some of the questions were the same or similar to some questions asked in the 2006 LET survey, these were used as a comparison between 2006 and 2007 to gauge progress towards sustainability. Many respondents were frequently (at least once a week) participating in a number of activities, which were progressing towards sustainability. For example, reducing or limiting the use of electricity, reducing or limiting the use of tap water, refusing a plastic bag or using a reusable bag when shopping, separating glass, plastic, steel and paper from household waste, composting or using a worm farm and growing garden vegetables or fruit.

You can learn more and view the entire report and/or the summary report online at the LET Web Site, <http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz>

One Touch of nature makes the whole world kin."
- William Shakespeare

Upcoming Ideas For Next Year:

Next year watch out for workshops and community events on the topics you asked for in your survey returns and in the discussion groups:

- Water quality and water availability in Canterbury
- Sustainable urban design planning and housing design
- Renewable energy, practical help and information
- Biodiversity, creating corridors for native birds and other animals
- Climate change
- How to reduce energy use at home
- How to reduce household landfill waste
- And many other ideas!

Do your friends want to know when these are happening? Ask them if they want to join our email newsletter list. Also look in the Council Call section of the local papers and on our Web site.

Get involved by adopting one of the actions on our action plan (see Actions not yet adopted below). Help build a sustainable community by joining with your neighbours.

Next year could we aim to be Carbon Neutral Lincoln? Well that's a thought!

REMEMBER to regularly check our web site for what is happening.

Ideas for additional future funding for the Lincoln Envirotown Trust are also welcome.

Please contact Sue Jarvis at 325-2121 or 329-5858 for more information about and to become involved with the Lincoln Envirotown Trust.

Actions not yet adopted (These seeds await champions in the future) –

- Car Free Days
- A Community Owned Wind Turbine
- Preserve Our Waterways (Liffey/Te Waihora)
- More Events To Bring Community Together
- More Resting Spots For Social Interaction
- More Recycling
- Toxic Chemicals
- Car Pool to Christchurch
- Reduce Water Wastage
- Reduce Energy Use

Please contact us if you would like to be involved with any of the actions, or if you would like to suggest other actions that were not brought up at the action-planning meeting – Sue Jarvis 325-2121 or 329-5858.