



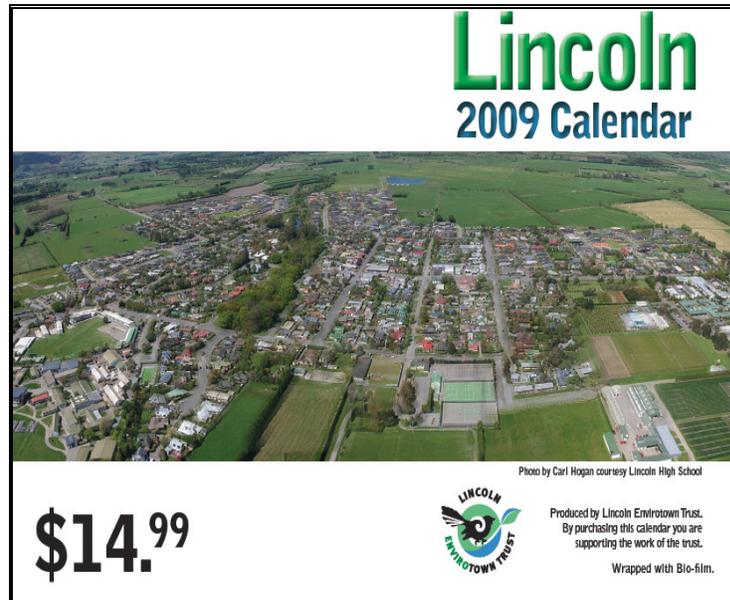
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Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter November 2008

Don't Miss This! The first Lincoln Envirotown Calendar



There will be a discount price of \$12.99, if you purchase 5 or more, contact us for this. Purchasing the calendar will enable you to support the work of the Lincoln Envirotown Trust to help Lincoln and other communities move towards sustainability. The calendar is printed on recycled paper and is wrapped in biodegradable plastic. It comes with an envelope ready for mailing.

Send it to all your friends and relatives. **Do your bit to promote Lincoln to the rest of NZ and the world!**

Calendars are available from Lincoln Four Square Supermarket, The Gift Box, Lincoln CRT Real Estate, Lincoln Hair Design, Lincoln University Book Shop, Lincoln Post Shop, Manaaki Whenua Press, Lincoln Library and many other places. Direct orders may be placed through Sue on 329 5858

Interested in alternative energy generation or other energy issues?

We are setting up an "energy" sub group. Let us know if you would like to be involved.

Can you help us with our web site? We need a new web manager as Louise can no longer help as she is too busy with her Master's. Thank you Louise! We may be able to pay a small remuneration.



From the Southern View

LET Envirokids Club

The LET Envirokids Club meets the third Wednesday of each month and runs holiday programmes.

October Holiday kids Club 9th October 2008

Following a story about seeds, we made rain gauges (with plastic bottles), potted up strawberry plants for the children to take home, made bird feeders with apples and toothpicks to hang up in the branches of trees and paper flowers - the theme was "gardens".



The November Envirokids club was held at the Community Garden and continued the "growing" theme (see below)

The Lincoln Community Garden in James Street on the Maternity Hospital grounds is now open and progress is being made

We would love you to get involved!



Envirokids club at the gardens

Open garden days

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 11.00 am-6.30pm

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.

Thanks to all the local businesses etc who have sponsored raised beds.

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

Lincoln Envirotown Zerowaste Street Challenge

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust held this great event again on the 18th – 26th October and the results are coming in and are being analysed. Thanks to all the residents who took part and especially to the street coordinators.

Watch out for the results, your street could be having that free party!

If you live in a Selwyn community other than Lincoln and would like your very own challenge, contact us for help organising this.

Take up the challenge!

Prebbleton – the next Selwyn community to get the sustainability message?

Sue Jarvis spoke to the Prebbleton Community Committee AGM in November and it looks like they will be forming a group to coordinate the ideas for action from their community. Prebbleton already is a great example to the rest of us with its new Nature Park with native planting, and with the record of being the first community in the area to organise their own newspaper recycling collection well before the SDC started a recycling collection service. If you are interested in joining this group contact: **Nicola Willett at 3497990**. The Lincoln Envirotown Trust will be providing support.

Lincoln High School gets Silver Award

The Lincoln High School Environmental Organisation has been working really hard all year, with the support of staff and many other students, to get up to the standard to get a silver EnviroSchools Award. Congratulations! Especially well done to the student leaders who have also been on the LET committee and helped with our Envirokids club: Jess Schaap, Julie Mugford and Eleanor Gilbert.

Mahoe Tree planted at the Reserve

The Mahoe Reserve was named by the students of Lincoln High School, who started the Reserve. They decided on the name Mahoe after a native under storey tree that would have been very common. It is the most common tree in Riccarton Bush, for example. However, as it is frost sensitive, especially when young, Sue has been growing a seedling for the last few years, and it has now been planted, with some windbreak as protection.



Mike Bowie, Ralph Scott and Kayla Dods helping with the planting

A group of volunteers mulched the big pile of braches that had accumulated from the efforts of Denis Blomquist who has been tirelessly working away on the Reserve. Thanks to Ross Hanson for sharing his hired chipper!

LET volunteers

This month we are thanking Denis Blomquist who spends most of his spare time down at the Mahoe Reserve; weeding, planting, tidying, watering, generally keeping an eye on things and doing what has to be done. We can't thank you enough, Denis!



Thanks to Jeff Denley who has been working on extending the irrigation

Moving the LET Caravan!

For anyone who hasn't helped move the caravan over the last few years, it is quite an undertaking, needing a team of strong people with a whole morning to help! Practical skills are needed, access to tools such as a hammer or spade are very useful. Accumulated experience from previous moves is a distinct advantage! The hardest bit is taking down and putting up again the "semi-permanent" awning which seems to have the fixed idea that it doesn't want to be moved! Unfortunately the caravan needs to have a warrant (and registration) so that we can take it some where else if we need to! To get a warrant we have to move it!



Thank you to the moving team: Lindsay Philps, Ilan Egoz, Graeme Stokes, Ralph Scott and Saeed Almatroushi, with help from Sue, who proved to be a bit too short at times!

Not only did we have to coordinate the moving team but also Andrew McCormick, who had volunteered his vehicle to do the towing and his help with the moving and doing the warrant! What an asset to the Lincoln Community! Thank you so much, Andrew for providing this service each year at no cost. You are a champion!

Recycle your old mobile phone!

We are planning to set up mobile phone recycling boxes, probably at the Lincoln Four Square supermarket and the Lincoln Library. Let us know if you have a suggestion about where you would like a box.

News Briefs

New LET Trial Carpool Message Board

LET is testing out a carpool message board online on the LET Web site. If you are interested in carpooling to and/or from Lincoln, or anywhere around Selwyn for that matter, please try using the new carpooling message board (sorry about the annoying ads!). The password at the moment is Lincoln. We need lots of people to put their contact details on for it to work! We are planning to put a list in the Lincoln and Rolleston library (an idea thought of by Lincoln High School students). If it is easier add you name to this.

Trying to make a difference for the future

We have been talking with Ngai Tahu Properties about their new sub-division encouraging them to consider environmental sustainability. We have also met with the landscape designers of the new Community centre/sports hall for Lincoln and we hope to meet with the architects at our February meeting next year.

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 what natives 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 so 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

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

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).**

Our first meeting in the New Year is on the 10th February

We are hoping we will have a presentation from the architect about the sustainability features of the proposed new Lincoln sports hall/community centre building, everyone welcome. 7:30pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street.

Remember to check out our website <http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz> for information, resources, back copies of our newsletter and much more