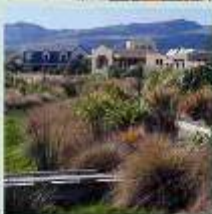




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Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

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This calendar is a collaborative initiative of Lincoln Envirotown and Lincoln University. It was produced by Mike Bowie and Dianne Calvert (Lincoln University) largely from the Biodiversity in Canterbury booklet by Al Unwin and Mike Bowie which is available on the web at <http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz/bioc/>

The purpose of this calendar is to encourage people to create habitat for our native fauna. Collectively we can make a difference by restoring our land, however large or small, into healthy habitats for our invertebrates, birds, and fish.

*Whakarua Whakarua, Whakarua Tangata,
Kaore whakarua...
Care for the land. Care for the people. So for me!*

**Our 2010 calendar now available!
A bargain at \$10 each**

Packed so full of information that you will want to keep it for reference for years! Great for overseas Christmas presents!

This is a collaborative initiative between LET and Lincoln University. Thank you to Mike Bowie and Dianne Calvert for all their hard work.

Available from the Lincoln Library and Service Centre, Lincoln New World Supermarket and many other outlets including The Linc (Lincoln University bookshop). Also direct from us (email Sue) or from our caravan on Saturday mornings or at the Lincoln Pageant

Hutia te rito o te pu harakeke Kei hea te komako e ko?

A plea for conservation. If you destroy the flax plant from where will the bellbird sing?

Maori Proverb

Events coming up (details in this newsletter):

Friends of the Mahoe Reserve monthly working bees: 1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm.

EnviroKids Club: every 3rd Wednesday of the month after school at 3.30pm except in the holidays. Our next Lincoln Envirokids meeting is **18th November**

LET Meeting date change: NOW FIRST MONDAY of the month

Next LET meeting: probably February 1st 2010

Other Community Enviro Groups:

Rolleston EnviroTown: The RET Market is on the second Sunday of the month 10.00am -1.00pm Rolleston Square. Next Market 13th December

Prebbleton Enviro Village: call Nicola Willett on 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz

Springston Enviro Community: Next meeting 3rd December, 7.30pm

Leeston Envirotown (possible name):

Next meeting Thursday Dec 3rd, 7pm – Leeston Community Meeting Room by the Library

Prebbleton Enviro Village Responsible Business awards

Some of the audience at the awards ceremony held at the Prebbleton Hall



Councillor Malcolm Lyall and Nicola Willett (chair of Prebbleton Enviro-village) presenting a gold Responsible Business Award to Alan Knowles of Condensation Control Ltd (on the left of picture).



Every business gaining an award received a certificate, which they can display in their business premises. They also got an assessment outlining the main things they are doing well and suggestions they can work on. The aim is to not

only encourage and support environmentally sustainable practices by businesses, but to also promote Prebbleton Businesses and encourage people to support their local community.

Make sure you support the local businesses that are doing their bit to be more sustainable!
(More about Prebbleton later in this newsletter)

Well Done Lincoln Kidsfirst Kindergarten: They are the first pre school in the country to get green-gold. Congratulations! Their green-gold Enviroschools award celebration was on Wednesday 28th October. It was good to see top people from both the Kidsfirst organisation and the Enviroschools (flow n down from North Island) present, also the principals from both the Primary School and High School. LET was mentioned as helping and supporting them, which was nice!



Jeanne Williams (on the left, Lincoln Kidsfirst) and Heidi Mardon from the national Enviroschools organisation

Enviroschools

We have two “Enviroschools” in Lincoln (so far!), Lincoln Primary is planning to become an Enviroschool too. Listen to this programme about the work of the Enviroschools movement and the philosophies that inspire it.

http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/national/ideas/2009/10/ideas_for_18_october_2009

SELWYN FARMERS & CRAFT MARKET

Summer Season: Now on Every Saturday 10am -1pm

at the green space next to **Lincoln Community Centre**.

New stalls include Asparagus, Jewellery, Art Work, Veg, Eggs, Gluten Free baking, Veggie plants, Fish and Gourmet Nuts.

New stalls starting Nov. include ‘A Slice of Heaven’ baking & Organic Veg.

Look out for Community Events including Christmas Party and Children’s Market on Dec 19th.

The market will be closed on Dec 26th and Jan 2nd

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MARKET

New stallholders contact Debbie on 3295757

For a FREE fundraising stall contact Joy on 3257497 or Jill on 3256133



If you can help, at any time, please ring Denis on 325 2806. He needs all the help he can get!

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 **1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm**. Please join us. Bring your own tools such as spades. For more information ring **Denis** 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 for information.

LET Envirokids Club

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

Our next Lincoln Envirokids meeting is 18th November at the Lincoln Community Centre supper room (side door) starting at 3.30pm. The Topic is our carbon footprint and we are also planning to work on how to decorate our bikes for the Christmas pageant! We aim to cater for 3-12 year olds. The club is cooperatively run by local parents.

For information contact Rachel on 325 2711

The Lincoln Community Garden

James Street in the Maternity Hospital Grounds– if you haven't joined in yet, come along!

We would love you to get involved!

If you haven't met Paul, our new garden coordinator yet, come along and say "hello".

Open garden days

9.00am -12.00pm and 4.00pm -6.00pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

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 Paul for further information on 022 0 10 20 60 or email to LincolnCommunityGarden@gmail.com

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.

You don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference? There are Sustainability Groups in other communities:

ROLLESTON ENVIROTOWN (RET)

"A better environment starts with you"

Exciting developments are underway with the **Rolleston Envirotown Market**. It is a produce and craft market held in Rolleston Square, second Sunday of the month 10.00am -1.00pm. Please contact us if you wish to have a stall. Next Market 13th December, then 10th January.

There will be a public meeting soon to discuss setting up the proposed **Rolleston Community Garden** on Rolleston Combined Church land, corner William Street and Brookside Road. This will be advertised in the Council Call in the local papers.

Christmas Pot Luck dinner Friday 18 December.

Next RET meeting is on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm.

We would welcome more residents to our group. Interested in joining us? Email [Nicole tonicermu@gmail.com](mailto:Nicoletonicermu@gmail.com) or phone [Catherine 347 8240](tel:3478240)



SPRINGSTON

Do you live in the Springston Area?

The Springston group, has decided on a name: **Springston Enviro-Community** and logo design is underway.

The group is of all ages from high school students upwards. They have decided to start with a survey of the local community to find out what they would like, the draft of which has been written. We invite any one interested in contributing to the ideas for actions, or just to meet people, to come to the next meeting **7.30pm 3rd December**. For more information ring [Arnia on 329 5757](tel:3295757) or email arnianz@hotmail.com

LEESTON

On Monday 9th of November the **Leeston Great Sustainability Brainstorm** got going with more than 30 local people ready to share their ideas and create an enduring organisation to improve Leeston's sustainability and resilience.

With support of the Leeston Community Committee and chaired by Lloyd Clausen, the meeting began with a presentation by Sue Jarvis about LET and the new envirogroups that had started this year. Sue talked about the plethora of projects and successes LET had achieved and gave encouragement and enthusiasm to get Leeston Enviro??* going.

Sara Russell led the brainstorming session and the ideas for projects reflected the interests, experience and diversity of the group. From walking school buses to skills and knowledge sharing, bokashi and composting tours, cycle lanes and bike stands, cookbooks and cooking lessons, sustainability tours and gardening – a strong emphasis on education and sharing was evident. Leeston has a large number of existing community groups and working in with their activities and harnessing their knowledge is an important contribution to the envirogroups web.

The larger group broke into smaller interest groups and these groups documented their ideas and brainstormed goals. A steering committee was organised and they have already begun discussions about what needs to be done to support the interest groups. For a 3 hour first meeting much was achieved. Already an offer of a centrally located section for a gardening project has been received and links have been established to larger projects in the local area. Leeston Consolidated School was an enthusiastic contributor and is keen to have their school children involved. A delivery of locally sourced kow hai trees has been organised for the School's landscaping project.

Many thanks to Leeston Community Committee and Lincoln Envirotown for their support.

Leeston's coordinator is Sara Russell and she welcomes your involvement and ideas. Contact her on 03 324 3949 or 027 291 4925 or email russellsaraj@gmail.com

Next meeting Thursday Dec 3rd, 7pm – Leeston Community Meeting Room by the Library

*Still to choose a name, the Leeston group will be polling attendees for a name shortly.



PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE is a small but enthusiastic group, inspired by the work of Lincoln Envirotown trust. The group was formed in early 2009 and the number of Prebbleton residents supporting the concept has been steadily growing.

We are enormously grateful for the support encouragement and assistance that we have received from Sue Jarvis and the Lincoln Envirotown Trust in establishing Prebbleton Enviro-Village.

Prebbleton Responsible Business Awards

On 17 November 2009 we held our responsible Business Awards evening. This was a very successful evening with a number of local businesses attending to accept their awards. We were very pleased with the level of participation, with 36 businesses achieving either Gold Silver or Bronze awards.

Prebbleton Nature Park "Mulcher morning"

We arranged for a commercial mulcher to be at the Prebbleton Nature Park on Saturday 7 November 2009 from 9am to 12noon. Residents brought spring cleanup pruning and cuttings to mulch, and either took some mulch away or left it to be used at the Nature Park.

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

WEAT MELTON

If you live in **West Melton** 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 have also been helping other communities outside the Selwyn area, for example, Sue recently met with a representative from Sustainable Cambridge and they are interested in using our Responsible Business Survey.

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 stuff!

Urban restoration

Bruce Clarkson, chair of biological sciences at Waikato University, on urban restoration and retro-fitting our cities to encourage native species, both flora and fauna, back into built-up areas.

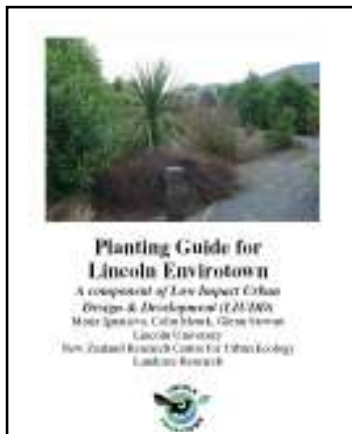
http://www.radionz.co.nz/audio/national/ntn/2009/10/12/urban_restoration

Thinking of installing solar water heating or solar voltaics?

Solmetric (www.solmetric.com) make a Sun Eye device, which determines the effect of shading due to buildings or hills on solar exposure. Alan McKinnon in the Department of Applied Computing at Lincoln University has developed collaboration with Solmetric and has one of their devices. He is happy to be contacted on this topic on alan.mckinnon@lincoln.ac.nz

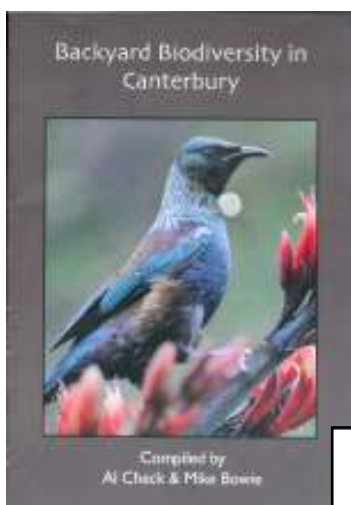
Lincoln Area Native Planting Guide

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



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Meetings

LET meetings are held the **FIRST MONDAY** 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 suejarvis@orcon.net.nz.**

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 file from the LET web site from the resources

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. 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

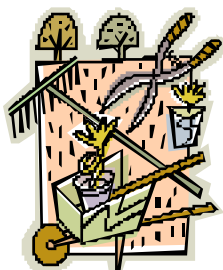
The LET Cent-a-meter is a tool that assists homeowners with information about their own energy use. The Cent-a-meter is available from LET for five or more dollars donation and a \$100 refundable deposit. **If interested, contact Sue Jarvis at 329-5858.**

Coming your way... Climate Change.

The Climate Leadership Initiative (CLI) from the University of Oregon is an educational, research, and technical assistance consortium aimed at increasing public understanding of the risks and opportunities posed by global warming and enhancing climate protection policy and program development. Some useful ideas and resources on their web site: <http://climlead.uoregon.edu>

Let us know if you are interested in any workshops etc on this topic for Lincoln.

THE GARDENERS FORUM



Do you want to learn about gardening –‘how to’ and ‘when’?

Are you an experienced gardener and willing to pass on your knowledge to others?

Want to get to know others who enjoy gardening?

Then come along to the Gardeners Forum

After a cold wet winter we are under way for another growing season with a varied & interesting program. There is always time to share questions about what to do in the garden & get advice from the more experienced gardeners before we hear from our guest speakers. We meet monthly on a Wednesday evening with garden visits at the weekend.

If you'd like to join us or find out more please ring: Nancy 3252 602 or Jo 3498 678.

2009-10 Programme

Seed and plant swap; attracting wildlife and planting natives; visit to a recently established floral garden; no water or low water gardens; using a glasshouse/tunnel house; developing a year round floral garden; pruning guide; spraying guide; moving plants around your garden.