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## Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter October 2008

### Thanks to everyone who came to make a real difference to the entrance to Lincoln.

The Native Planting for Springs Road/Gerald Street corner was organised by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET) and the Lincoln Organisations Network (LON) with the help of the LCC and SDC and the support of Crop&Food Research and Colin Meurk of Landcare research. Thanks also to HIREQUIP for a big discount on the posthole digger and to the Lincoln Volunteer Fire Brigade for watering in the plants. Ralph Scott spent all morning and most of the afternoon digging holes. What a great job, Ralph!





## LET Envirokids Club

The LET Envirokids Club meets the third Wednesday of each month. In August the LET Envirokids Club learnt about traditional uses of plants. The September meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be for a holiday activity Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October starting at 10.30am to 11.30 approx in the Theatrette, Lincoln Community Centre. We will need 2 Litre soft drink bottles or 2 L milk bottles.

## 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!**



### 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.

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

## Lincoln Envirotown Zerowaste Street Challenge

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust will be holding this great event again on the 18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Ralph (325 9583) or leave your contact details with the Lincoln SDC Service centre/library, if you are interested in registering your street. If you live in a Selwyn community other than Lincoln and would like your very own challenge, contact us for help organising this.

Lincoln has increased its recycling rate and reduced waste 2 years in a row; let's keep up the good work. The aim of the challenge is to provide information and encouragement to reduce our impact on the environment by reducing our waste.

Last year's challenge was jointly won by Glebe Close and Roblyn Place. There were 14 streets that entered, two more than the year before. The winning streets were treated to an afternoon tea, paid for by the Selwyn District Council, and were presented with a sign for their street. A bonus is that you get to know the other people in your street. A number of people last year commented on how positive this was.

If you are interested in being a street coordinator, please give us a ring or leave your contact details at the Lincoln library. It is an easy job, we supply full instructions and we give each coordinator a gift. Each household just has to fill in a very simple questionnaire about what they are doing with their waste.

Take up the challenge! Your street could be having that free party!

# Don't Miss This!

## The launch of the first Lincoln Envirotown Calendar

The launch for the 2009 calendar will be held at The Famous Grouse Hotel, Tuesday 7 October at 5.30 pm. Everyone welcome! Calendars will be on sale for \$14.99 and there will be a discount price of \$12.99, if you purchase 5 or more at the launch. 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 will be printed on recycled paper and will be wrapped in biodegradable plastic.

After the launch calendars will be 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

## Lincoln 2009 Calendar



Photo by Carl Hogan courtesy Lincoln High School

# \$14.99



Produced by Lincoln Envirotown Trust.  
By purchasing this calendar you are  
supporting the work of the trust.

Wrapped with Bio-film.

# 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, please try using the new carpooling message board. The password at the moment is Lincoln.

## Lincoln Planting Guide Ready

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.



**Planting Guide for  
Lincoln Envirotown**  
*A component of Low Impact Urban  
Design & Development (LIUDD)*  
Maria Ignatieva, Colin Meurk, Glenn Stewart  
Lincoln University  
New Zealand Research Centre for Urban Ecology  
Landcare Research



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](http://www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz)

## LET volunteers



This issue we are thanking Saeed Almatroushi, who, not only comes along to help with the planting, but also opens the LET caravan every week. At the moment this is Friday lunchtimes 12.00-1.00pm but soon will be on a Saturday morning when the Farmer's Market opens again in Lincoln. If you would like any information or you would like a native planting guide or a mail box sticker come along and meet Saeed.

## Our AGM is on the 14<sup>th</sup> October

**Douglas Marshall and Lyall Matchett will be giving a presentation to bring us up to date on the Community Centre Project and also the Gerald Street site options. Everyone welcome. 7:30pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street.**

## 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).**

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