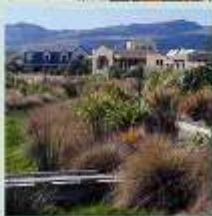


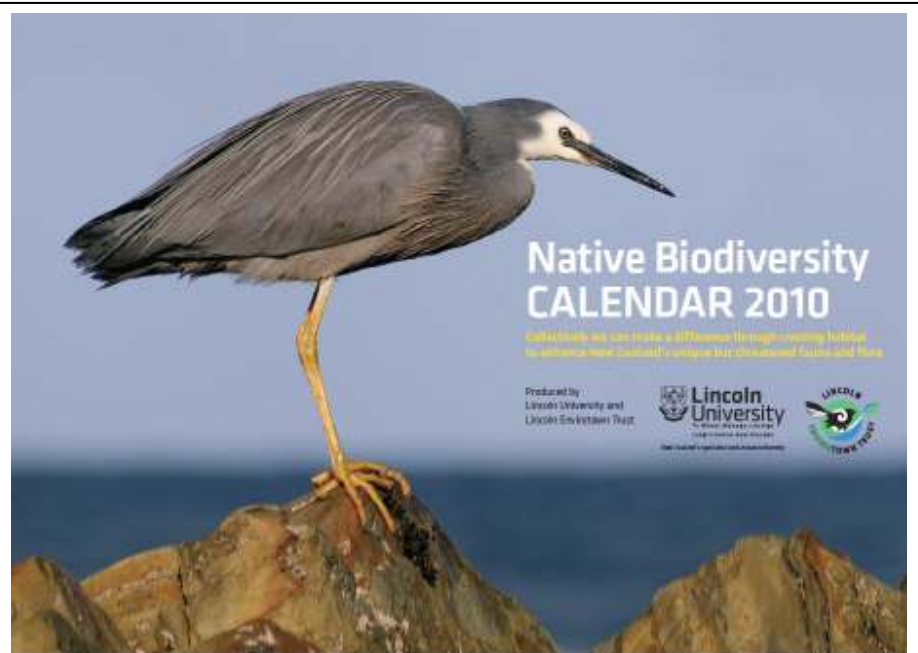


Taking responsibility for a sustainable future



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Native Biodiversity CALENDAR 2010

Collectively we can make a difference through creating habitats to enhance New Zealand's unique but threatened fauna and flora.

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

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

*Whakarua Whakarua, Whakarua Tangata,
Kaore whakarua.*

Care for the land. Care for the people. Go forward.



**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!

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 Lincoln Library and Service Centre and many other outlets including The Linc (Lincoln University bookshop). Also direct from us.

Events coming up (details in this newsletter):

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

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: MONDAY November 2nd in the supper room at the community Centre. Chris Freear from the Rail Trail Trust will come to consult us about the route the cycle way may take through Lincoln. The regular meeting will follow.

Other Community Enviro Groups:

Rolleston EnviroTown: The next RET Market is on Sunday 11th October

Prebbleton Enviro Village: Their Responsible Business Awards will be presented on the 17th October

Sustainable Springston Group: meeting 22nd October

Climate Change. 24 October, 2009 is to be a **Global Day of Action**

Spring fundraiser: Garden Composter

More sustainability happening in Lincoln!

Not only do we have a new supermarket that is the first in NZ to have wind turbines generating energy in its car park, but we also have many more businesses doing their bit.

The second Lincoln Envirotown Responsible Business Awards ceremony was held on the 24th September with the awards being presented by local Councillor, Lindsay Philps.

Forty businesses have gained awards (6 more than last year), 2 gaining platinum, and 18 gold. Last year we decided that we needed something more for the gold businesses to aim for, so this year we not only have platinum awards, but also have a Lincoln Envirotown Trophy gifted by Lincoln University and Ngai Tahu Property. This was presented to the top business by John Clark (financial director, Lincoln University) and David Schwartzfeger (Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property). **The inaugural winner of the trophy was Landcare Research** (head office, Lincoln). Congratulations!



The trophy was presented by (from left) David Schwartzfeger (Development Manager, Ngai Tahu Property) and John Clark (financial director, Lincoln University) to Gordon Burrow site manager of Landcare research

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. We are very pleased to see the improvements made by business since last year. The aim is to not only encourage and support environmentally sustainable practices by businesses, but to also promote Lincoln Businesses and encourage people to support their local community.

The businesses gaining platinum are **Lincoln Physiotherapy and Landcare Research – exceedingly well done!**

Award winning businesses:

Absolutely Fabulous Beauty Clinic, Ag Research, Allure of Lincoln, APX Travel (formerly HRG), ASB Bank, Bonfleur, Coffee Culture, Collective Hair Design, CRT Real Estate, Lincoln Dental Care, Famous Grouse Hotel, Felix the Café, Gift Box, Gilberts & Associates, Hammer Hardware, Landcare Research (Head office only), Lincoln and Districts Community Care Association, Lincoln Childcare and Preschool, Lincoln Chinese takeaways, Lincoln Eye, Lincoln Hair Design, Lincoln Catering, Lincoln Legal Solutions, Lincoln Library and Service Centre, Lincoln Maternity Hospital, Lincoln Pharmacy, Lincoln Physiotherapy, Lincoln University Students Assoc (LUSA), Lincoln University Early Childhood Centre, Lincoln University Recreation Centre, Lincoln University Vineyards, Lincoln Village Meats, Lincoln Village Supermarket, Lincoln Digital Print, NZ Post Shop, Red Chili Real Estate Ltd, The Biological Husbandry Unit, The Linc, Video Vault, Westpac (Lincoln branch).

Make sure you support our local business who are doing their bit to be more sustainable!



Some of the audience at the awards ceremony

Opening of the Lincoln New World Supermarket



From left: Roger Davidson (Foodstuffs SI), Helen and Kyle Burnett (owner/operators of the Lincoln New World) and their three children, Tom Lambie (Chancellor Lincoln University).

One of the Sky Stream wind turbines in the car park. The first supermarket in NZ to have turbines in their car park

LET are delighted to see the opening of the country's most sustainable supermarket in Lincoln Envirotown! We have been very pleased that Foodstuffs SI consulted with LET and took on board our suggestions for a sustainable supermarket, which is a role model to others. We also appreciated the kind words of Roger Davidson in his speech at the opening, recognising the influence that LET has had.

We wish Helen and Kyle success with their new venture.

Link to TVONE news <http://tvnz.co.nz/business-news/nz-eco-supermarket-opens-praise-3050238/video>

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 Halloween Party on October 31st, Playcentre garage sale on Nov 7th, 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. The next one is **Sunday 8th November** 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\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis(at)orcon.net.nz) for information.

LET Envirokids Club

The LET Envirokids Club generally meets the third Wednesday of each month and runs holiday programmes. During the winter we are meeting at the Lincoln Community Centre at 3.30pm

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.

Don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference? 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. The next RET Market is on Sunday 11 October – see you there!

The first market was very successful. Stalls set up on grass arena of Rolleston Square, if wet stalls will be in vacant shops. Small stallholder fee goes towards next RET project establishing community gardens. RET is delighted to hear that the Rolleston Combined Church (Len Kelcher Anglican Vestry Rep) is agreeable for RET to establish a community garden on the church land beside the church. This land is on the corner of William Street and Brookside Rd Rolleston. The church may want to build a new church at some stage and these finer details will be discussed with Len who wishes to attend our next RET meeting.



We would welcome more residents to our group. Interested in joining us? Email Nicoletonicermu@gmail.com or phone Catherine 347 8240

Prebbleton Enviro-Village (PEV). Prebbleton Responsible Business Awards are almost completed. The award will be on

the 17th October in the evening. Chris Macann (employed by LET) has been the assessor. If you are interested in joining PEV contact: [Nicola Willett at 3497990](#).

Do you live in the Springston Area?

The Springston group, first started following a talk by Sue Jarvis to the Springston Community Committee about the Lincoln Envirotown Trust, has started to make progress. Seven of us met on Thursday for a brainstorming meeting. We came up with a number of ideas, mainly centred around strengthening Springston village and surrounding community, so that it would have a sustainable future. We discussed the need to make small incremental changes, becoming a stronger community by communicating more and sharing more and by involving new members of the community, starting a youth group for young people, connecting with existing groups and organisations.

We plan to distribute a questionnaire to find out what the Springston community considers are the issues and what people want from living in the Springston area.

We invite any one interested in contributing to the ideas for actions, ideas for a name or logo, or just to meet people, to come to the next meeting 7.30pm 22nd October. For more information ring [Arnia on 329 5757 or email \[arnianz@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:arnianz@hotmail.com\)](#)

The **Leeston** group is about to get under way. For information about this, contact [Lloyd Clausen 363 9642 or Sara Russell on russels4@lincoln.ac.nz](#)

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.

<p>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.</p>

Past and Future

Stories by the children

Written in 2009

Edited by Sue Jarvis

The present belongs to all of us; the future belongs to the children



Market Day

By Danella Smithies age 9

The competition this year was on sustainability ideas that were used in the past, are no longer commonly used now, but may be again in the future - such as milk used to be sold in reusable glass bottles. Children interviewed grandparents, parents, older neighbours etc and learnt about their ideas on what life was like when they were young and things they used to do. Then children wrote the ideas into a story including how some of these ideas might come back into use and why, then added some good ideas of their own that might be used in the future.

This topic was suggested by the children involved in the 2008 competition

Congratulations to the winners:

6 and under: First: Katherine Hadler (6) Second: Malina Hofmann (6) Third: Ben Smithies (6) Fourth: Jonathan Smithies (5)	7-10 years First equal: Matthew Hadler (9) and Lukas Hofmann (8) Third: Danella Smithies (9)
11-14 years First: Stephan Hofmann (12) Second: Abigail Smithies (12) Third: Bonnie Smithies (11)	

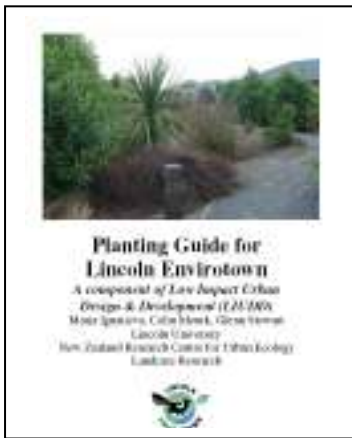


Thank you to Councillor Lindsay Philips for presenting the prizes and paying for the book tokens out of his discretionary allowance

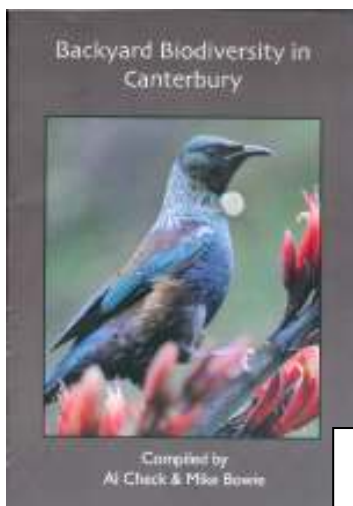
The book of the winning stories is available from the Lincoln Library for \$8.50 or from LET

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 [sue.jarvis\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis@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

Useful web sites:

<http://www.carbonaddict.org>

An education tool called "Carbon Addict" - presenting high carbon lifestyles as a medical dependence syndrome. The site uses humour and cartoon illustrations to introduce the health complications of carbon use, and the opportunities for health professionals to help patients make changes. They are planning to pilot its use in medical training in the coming year.

<http://www.fpb.co.nz/>

Everything you need to know about building a better home to live in now that's worth more in the future.

http://www.wwf.org.nz/what_we_do/education/inspiring_schools/

This has the info about Lincoln High School programme, the Mahoe Reserve Project as well as Lincoln Community Garden and a video

<http://www.environment.org.nz> ecoNet newsletter (You may need to click refresh to get the updated version).
- lots of good info about events etc

Remember to check out the LET web site for useful links on all sorts of sustainability topics.

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. 24 October, 2009 is to be a **Global Day of Action** to pressure politicians around the world to act decisively at the Copenhagen Climate Change summit in December. Christchurch is planning a climate action festival – with one activity being a **350 strong massed choir**. You are invited to raise your voice in harmony with 349 others at 12.30 pm in the Square on Oct 24. We will sing a set of songs - all easy to learn - with an opportunity to practice before going 'live'. If you'd like to be part of this event please contact Jocelyn jyc497@gmail.com so you can be kept informed of arrangements. Background info, see: www.350.org & www.350.org.nz.

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 underway 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.



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- The Earthmaker composter can be viewed at www.earthmaker.co.nz or you can see our one at the Lincoln Community Garden.



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