



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

October 2010

Taking responsibility for a sustainable future

What's been happening?

Garden on the move!

We have started moving the Lincoln community garden – if you can help, contact with Sue. Thanks to Bill McClure, Jes Faris, Danny Fairley and Jakob Fess, Craig Dickinson and his landscaping team as well as Colin Giddens for donating bricks for the Ying Yang garden

What's Te Radar doing at our gardens?



Danny Fairley (front) and Jakob Fessl dismantling the bricks of the Ying Yang garden



Craig Dickinson, landscaper is coordinating the move

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The big machinery is doing the heavy stuff!



New site, with Ying Yang garden marked out

Donald Pettitt of the Canterbury Men's Centre has had a student create an on-line map of community gardens in Christchurch. The link is:
<http://maps.google.co.nz/maps/ms?client=firefox-a&hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=107167069968175989052.000491f89d48f67e314da&z=10>

Mahoe Tree Planting and weeding with Ian Spellerberg's Lincoln University class ERST636

This is the second Mahoe tree we have planted in the reserve. They are understory trees and are frost tender, especially when young. This tree has been growing for quite a few years in Sue's shade house!



Thanks to Denis Blomquist (checked shirt) for organising the wind break and being the main person who looks after the reserve!

The students then did some weeding before moving on to learn about our community garden, McCormick Motors and Lincoln New World



Weeding at the Mahoe Reserve



Learning about the Community Gardens (before our move!)



Andrew McCormick talking to the class about the environmental sustainability practices of McCormick Motors

Springston Enviro-community Garden Trip



Jorge Santos explaining how native plants are propagated at the DOC plant nursery at Motukarara



David Hobb's fantastic Broadfield gardens planted in 10 acres of sheep paddock!



Judith Kidd and Ralph Scott enjoying the garden trip



A Totara hedge



A walk in the native forest which is part of David's garden



A view of the garden from the top of the "viewing mountain"



Beautiful spring blossoms



A window in the hedge

Responsible Business Awards

The Leeston/Southbridge Award ceremony was held on Monday 11th October. The Lincoln ceremony will be on November 4th at 5.30pm and the Prebbleton Award date is to be finalised.

If you need further information contact your assessor:

Lincoln: Rose Spijkerman, Phone: 3296 446, Email: rose@lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

Prebbleton: Chris Macann, Phone: 349 9660 or 021 878 001, Email: chrismacann@gmail.com

Leeston: Margaret Russell, Phone: 324 3949, Email: russell.mh@gmail.com

If you have a business in another area of Selwyn, and you would like to be involved, contact Sue on 329 5858



Leeston/Southbridge Gold award winners with Amy Adams MP



Southbridge school



Ellesmere College

Leeston and South bridge businesses step up to be counted for the first time this year – to join Lincoln and Prebbleton.

Leeston/Southbridge Responsible Business Awards – organised by Leeston Envirotown with the help of the Lincoln Envirotown Trust. The assessor was Margaret Russell who has been spending quite a bit of time recently walking the Leeston and South bridge streets!

The presentation of the awards was attended by about 40 people, with 29 businesses gaining bronze, silver or gold awards. The awards were presented by Amy Adams, MP for Selwyn who complimented the Leeston businesses on their great efforts with environmental sustainable practices, hoping there would be even more involved next year. Amy said it was great when improving sustainable practices could go hand in hand with economic savings.

Six businesses gained gold awards: Little Boutique, Clausen Canvas and PVC, CRT Leeston. Leeston Consolidated School, Pullan Enterprises Ltd and Leeston Supervalve. Pullan Enterprises gained an amazing 96%, meaning that they did 96% of the actions that were possible for their business. Fourteen businesses gained silver and nine gained Bronze. The businesses gaining silver and gold will be featured soon on the Lincoln Envirotown web site under the Responsible Business Award Winners tab.

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Three local schools gained awards Leeston Consolidated School, Southbridge School and Ellesmere College.

The award ceremony was followed by supper provided by the Leeston Community Committee. Thanks also to the Leeston Business Association for their help, especially Loretta Johnson for their help.

The awards were funded through the Lincoln Envirotown Trust with the main financial support coming from the Selwyn District Council and The Canterbury Community Trust. This meant that it was a free service for the businesses.

What is coming up?



Why is Te Radar involved with Lincoln Envirotown? Read more to find out!



The Mahoe Reserve

The next working is Sunday 7th November starting at 2.00pm, the weeds need our attention – and you are invited to try out the new picnic table! Please bring spades, garden gloves, etc. For more information ring Denis on 325 2806

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 hold regular working bees on the **1st Sunday of the month at 2.00pm**, Please join us. Bring your own tools such as spades and protective gloves. 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. If you can help at another time, just let us know.

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.

The Lincoln Zero Waste Challenge is Back!!!

Saturday 30th October to Sunday 7th November- Get involved!

A challenge to the streets of Lincoln to see who has the best zero waste practices. Enter your street in the zero waste challenge and see who wins.

Past winners 2006 - Glebe Close
2007 - Glebe Close & Roblyn Place co-winners
2008 - The Crescent at Lincoln University
2010 - Will your street be the next winner?

This year the winning street will be acknowledged with a special afternoon tea for the street and a plaque acknowledging their win.

Not sure about what's what or how to reduce your waste even further? Go to the soon to be updated Waste section on the Lincoln Envirotown website for useful links.

www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

We need Zerowaste Ambassadors to help us in our task!

What do Zerowaste Ambassadors do?

Help Lincoln Envirotown by contacting their neighbours and asking them if they would like to take part in a survey on recycling and waste management. This occurs over nine days - Saturday 30th October to Sunday 7th of November. These dates were chosen to coincide with Neighbourhood week. We hope that by partaking in the Zerowaste challenge the residents of Lincoln will know more about waste reduction and recycling and have had a chance to get to know their neighbours better! LET will provide the Zerowaste Ambassadors with the questionnaire and recycling and waste reduction information.

To get your street involved, get in touch with LET, find out about being a Lincoln Zero Waste Street Coordinator, and register your street. Contact: Suzanne Blyth: Suzanne.blyth@gmail.com, Ralph Scott 325 2219 or leave your details at the Lincoln Library.



Te Radar will be here!



You are invited to the reopening of the Lincoln Community Gardens! Meet the famous TV personality! **10.00am Saturday 30th October** behind the Lincoln Maternity Hospital, followed by a barbecue and tours of the Hospital. Te Radar will judge the beer making competition at the Lincoln Market at 11.30.

Our Mayor, Kelvin Coe with a representative of the Maternity Hospital, will be re-laying the carved stones that were part of our original garden opening ceremony. We will also introduce our new garden coordinator, Jes Faris.

Eating the Dog - Friday 29th October

The night before Te Radar is at the Lincoln Community Garden and Farmers he is doing his show to fund raise for Lincoln and Rolleston Scouts. The more tickets sold through the Lincoln Scout Group, the more money raised which will support 72 youth members. Don't miss out on this unique entertainment opportunity.

Doors open at 7pm. Show starts at 8pm. No assigned seating. Bar and snacks available (cash only, no eftpos).

Tickets from Lincoln New World or John O'Connell 3257893 \$25

Would you like to be part of our new gardens? The people who have been involved with the gardens, including the group who have had beds, have formed the Friends of the Gardens. This group will help organise the running of the gardens. We also are grateful to Terry Windle and Bill McClure who are acting as mentors and passing on their extensive gardening knowledge. If anyone would like to join this group whether as a learner, helper or mentor, please let us know. Ring Sue on 329 58558

The Springs Road/Gerald Street Plant&Food corner native planting –needs weeding. Can you help? Contact Sue on 3295858

Lincoln Envirotown Trust Meetings – get involved, meet like-minded people

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:30pm in the Lincoln Community Centre on Gerald Street. For more information please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or [sue.jarvis\(at\)orcon.net.nz](mailto:sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz).

Next Meeting – 1st November

Earth Hour Video Competition! This will be run again for next year's earth hour (March 2011). Get planning now! Great prizes! Contact Sue for more info.



Our Environment

Poems by the children

Written in 2010

Edited by Sue Jarvis

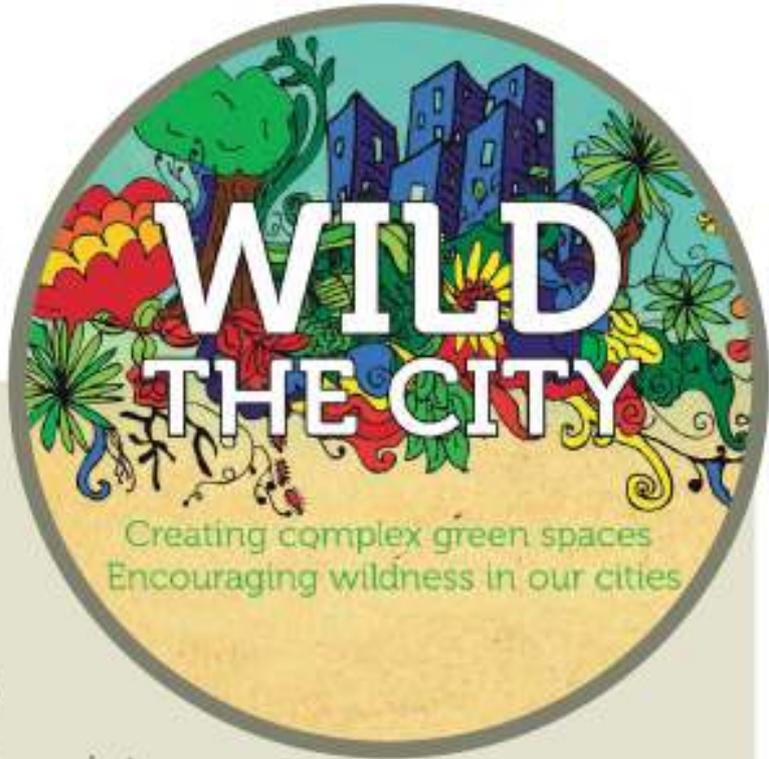
The present belongs to all of us; the future
belongs to the children



The award ceremony for the top poem writers will be held on Sunday 17th October. We had over a hundred entries! A book of the best poems is available for \$15.00



International Year of
Biodiversity Speaker Series



Come and hear
Tessa Bunny, BLA
*candidate for a masters
in Science Communication,
University of Otago*
talk about her urban ecology project:

WILD THE CITY: *rethinking our urban green spaces.*



Date: 3 November 2010

Venue: Waiiau Theatrette,
Ground Floor, Environment
Canterbury, 58 Kilmore Street.

Time: 12:30 - 1:15 pm

More details: Wayne McCallum
Ph: 371 7160
email: wayne.mccallum@ecan.govt.nz



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Regional Coordinator



Organics Aotearoa New Zealand And New Zealand Tube Mills

Invite you a free public field day.

“Over the Fencepost”

Alternatives to Copper Chromium Arsenate (CCA) treated fence posts.

2 - 5 pm, 9 November
Biological Husbandry Unit, Lincoln University, Christchurch
BBQ to follow.

Registrations: Elspeth McMillan, phone 03 3253684,
elspeth@bhu.co.nz

Organic Management Plans for USDA-certified properties must address how the property will be managed without the use of new or recycled CCA treated posts and timber from 1 July 2010.



SHOP SMART
SHOP LOCAL

Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

~Come and take a Fresh Look~



Look at what your local community market has got in store for you !
**The Market will be weekly Saturdays 10am – 1pm for the Summer
Season from Oct to April**

OCT 30TH HOME BREW COMPETITION – Register your Home brew with Debbie 3295757
Competition to be judged by **TE RADAR** (TV fame comedian) plus Harringtons Brewery –
look out for further details.

ALL THIS **AND** A GREAT RANGE OF LOCAL MARKET
STALLS OF PRODUCE AND CRAFTS
ALL TOO GOOD TO MISS!!

Ring Debbie 3295757 / 0274785005 for details or if you wish to have a stall.
www.selwynfarmersmarket.org.nz

Support & Join In with the Lincoln Community Spirit

You don't live in Lincoln but would like to make a difference?



ROLLESTON ENVIROTOWN
"A better environment starts with you"

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden is being led by Sacha, if you would like to help contact sacha.murray@hotmail.com This group meets on the fourth Tuesday evening in the month.

Rolleston Envirotown meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening in the month, during winter starting at 7pm. The meeting venue is Community House in Rolleston, 45 Shelley Street. Email Nicole tonicermu@gmail.com or phone Catherine 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome.

The Rolleston Envirotown Market for produce and craft is held on the second Sunday in the month 10am to 1pm. Presently the market in Rolleston Square is situated in the large vacant shop opposite the RendezVous Cafe.



SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY

The next Springston Enviro-Community meeting will be held on September 27th at 7.30 Springston rugby club rooms.

The Springston Enviro-Community has already started work on investigating a place for a community garden, a native planting guide for Springston, a native garden trip including Broadfield gardens and Motukarara DOC nursery (see below) and a number of other topics.

If you would like to come along to the meeting and meet up with a group of enthusiastic locals, contact Sue on 329 5858 or Debbie on 329 5757.

LEESTON ENVIRO TOWN

Leeston and South bridge are getting behind their **Responsible Business Awards**.

The Leeston assessor is **Margaret Russell**. Contact her for more information, Phone: 324 3949, Email: russell.mh@gmail.com Contact Sara russellsaraj@gmail.com or Mel melissa.renganathan@gmail.com to find out more about Leeston Envirotown



PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE Prebbleton are on their second year of **Responsible Business Awards** with so many businesses getting a gold award last year that we now have a platinum award for Prebbleton businesses to aspire to. We are hoping that someone will sponsor a trophy for Prebbleton, as there is for Lincoln. Contact Chris Macann if you are interested in finding out more: 349 9660, chrismacann@gmail.com

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

LITTLE RIVER

To contact the Little River group ring Kaite Hansen on 325 1917 or believe33@snap.net.nz

WEST MELTON

West Melton "Enviro" group has had its first planning meeting and are starting with a survey of the residents of the West Melton area. If you are interested in getting involved contact [Sue on 329 5858](#)

TAI TAPU

If you live in **Tai Tapu** 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 also help other communities outside the Selwyn area.

We have set up "on line communities" for all the "Enviro" groups linked to LET, under the umbrella of "Selwyn groups" <http://selwyncom.onlinegroups.net> . **Have a look!** The idea is to allow a small community or a street etc to easily contact each other – perhaps to say "we have extra pears, who would like some" etc. John Veitch has been our "coach" – Thank you, John

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.

The Transition Forum is held on a Tuesday every 2 months at 12.30 pm and used to be held in the St Albans's Community Center at 12.30 pm until the quake. Probably will now be held at the WEA. If you are interested in sharing ideas with others with sustainability at heart then come along. Contact Sue or Christoph Hensch christoph@stalbans.gen.nz for more details or to be put on the contact list for meetings. Also look at: <http://www.transitiontowns.org.nz/>

Other useful info

Take a look at "Greener, All Purpose Cleaner" video:
www.youtube.com/ecologywa

But is the cleaner really greener? Too often we promote things that seem greener because they come from natural or more familiar products.

A reassessment of boric acid/borax (often used by people making their own cleaners) by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Pesticide Programs found potential developmental toxicity (especially effects on the testes).

Risks Associated with Borax - Borax is natural, but that does not mean it is automatically safer for you or for 'the environment' than man-made chemicals. Although plants need boron, too much

of it will kill them, so borax can be used as an herbicide. Borax may also be used to kill roaches, ants, and fleas. In fact, it is also toxic to people. Signs of chronic toxic exposure include red and peeling skin, seizures, and kidney failure. The estimated lethal dose (ingested) for adults is 15-20 grams; less than 5 grams can kill a child or pet. For this reason, borax should not be used around food. More commonly, borax is associated with skin, eye, or respiratory irritation. It is also important to point out that exposure to borax may impair fertility or cause damage to an unborn child.

Now, none of these risks mean that you shouldn't use borax. If you do a bit of research, you will find risks associated with all cleaning products, natural or man-made. However, you do need to be aware of product risks so that you can use those products properly. Don't use borax around food, keep it out of reach of children and pets, and make sure you rinse borax out of clothes and off of surfaces before use.

<http://chemistry.about.com/od/howthingsworkfaqs/a/howboraxworks.htm>

Interested in Stream water quality? Look at this: Sampling Macroinvertebrates in Wadeable Streams in Washington State

<http://www.youtube.com/ecologywa#p/a/u/0/luNn4VqFtJI>

An instructional video regarding the methods used by Washington State Department of Ecology to sample aquatic invertebrates. This video includes a review of equipment and techniques as well as a demonstration in both slack and moving water habitats in wadeable streams. These techniques are used because of their applicability to a wide range of stream types and conditions.

If you want to check out our local group that helps LET monitor the Liffey and other local waterways check out:

<http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/About-Lincoln-University/outreach/Waterwatch/>

Waterwatch provides a free service to schools and other groups.

Check out our Web site!

www.lincolnenvironment.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.**

NEW! WE NOW HAVE A FORUM WHERE YOU CAN POST YOUR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS AND GET FEEDBACK FROM OTHERS – TRY IT OUT! (Can be accessed from the home page)

Submissions:

LET frequently makes submissions to Government, ECan and the SDC as well as to other organisations. If you are interested in helping with submissions or have an issue you think that LET might be interested in making a submission on, please contact Sue on 329 5858

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.

Do you want to make your own power from the sun? Want a cheap deal?

WhatPowerCrisis normally supply a basic installing for \$9,995 + GST Installed. They are prepared to do this cheaper if 5 people from the Lincoln area have one installed at the same time. Contact Sue on 3295858 if you are interested.

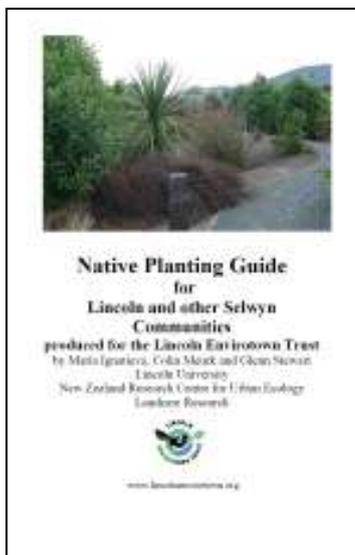
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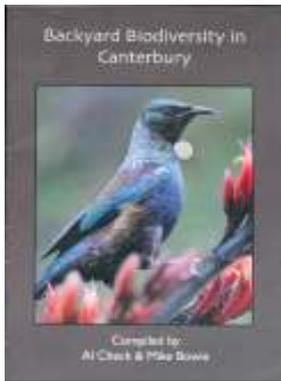


Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

Ever wondered which native New Zealand plants might add that special something to your landscaping? A Lincoln and Selwyn planting guide written for LET with help from Landcare Research and Lincoln University 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 as non-natives. 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.lincolnenvironment.org



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 from the LET web site from the resources page.

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 at least \$5 dollars donation and a \$100 refundable deposit. **If interested, contact Sue Jarvis at 329-5858.**

Date	Event	Where	Who
17 th October 2.00pm	Presentation of Poetry awards	Supper room Lincoln Community centre	Award winners, Sue, Lindsay?, other LET members especially other judges, Faye and Helen
18 th October 4.00 pm	Earth Hour 2011 events planning meeting	SDC Rolleston	Sue and other LET members if possible, also reps from the other Selwyn Envirotowns
19 th October	Sue talks to Lincoln Rotary	Lincoln Uni	Rotary members
30 th October 10.00 am	Reopening of community gardens event with Te Radar – combined with an open day at the maternity hospital and launch of "Friends of the Lincoln Hospital"	New garden site at back of hospital	Everyone!
30 th October – 7 th November	Neighbourhood week and Zero Waste street challenge	Lincoln	waste reduction subcommittee and anyone else who can help – especially if you live in Lincoln
Saturday 11 th December	Lincoln Pageant	Lincoln	Helpers needed to look after caravan and LET table
March 24 th 2011	Kim Hill debate	Lincoln university	Anyone
March 25 th 2011	Video Competition presentations	Rolleston	
March 26 th 2011	Earth Hour barn dance	Lincoln	Everyone