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Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter September 2008

Here's your chance to make a real difference to the entrance to Lincoln.

**Native Planting for Springs Road/Gerald Street
corner organised by the Lincoln Envirotown
Trust (LET) and the Lincoln Organisations
Network (LON)**

**Following lots of consultation, negotiation and
hard work by Derek Hayes, landscape designer
for the SDC, Colin Meurk of Landcare Research,
and Crop & Food Research, the plans and the
native plants are all organised for a planting
event at 2 pm Saturday September 20th. If too
wet, backup day is Saturday 27th September at
the same time.**

**HIREQUIP are lending a post hole digger, which
will take all the hard work out of things, but
please come along with your spades and make
your mark on Lincoln and its future!**

**If you need more information, please contact Ralph Scott,
Home ph: 3252 219
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mobile: 0274 326 105
Email: scottr@crop.cri.nz**

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coin, or contact us



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Lincoln Community Garden Opening

The Grand Opening Gala was a great success with about 120 people attending. Thank you to all the many people who helped. The Lincoln High School Jazz band provided the music, Prof Steve Wratten gave a talk and gave away seeds and plants, and there were many information stalls. Thanks also to Hillyers for providing the food and Coffee Culture for providing the ground coffee.

Casey Meredith won \$300 for the best scarecrow – she dressed up as the twin of her scarecrow and surprised a few people!



The Mayor, Kelvin Coe, laying the first stone to declare the garden open



Anne Atkins laying a stone on behalf of the Lincoln Maternity Hospital

The Lincoln Community Garden in James Street on the Maternity Hospital grounds is now open

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.

LET Envirokids News



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 9th October starting at 10.30am to approx 11.30 am in the Theatrette, Lincoln Community Centre. We will need empty 2 Litre soft drink bottles

Top stories 2008 – House of the Future

6 and under:

- 1st Katherine Hadler (5)
- 2nd Tarn Lee Nuttal-Staveley (4)
- 3rd Malina Hofmann (5)

Highly commended:

- Leah Hamilton-Cross (4)
- Ellie Hampton (5)

7-10 years

- 1st Nicole Hamilton-Cross (10)
- 2nd Jamm Hostetler (8)
- 3rd Matthew Hadler (8)

Highly Commended:

- Isla Mckillop (7)
- Melissa Jessop (10)
- Lukas Hofmann (7)
- Gemma Comrie (9)

11-14 years

- 1st Stephan Hofmann (11)
- 2nd Donovan Reid (14)



Thank you to the judges Melissa Kennedy, who judged the 7-10 and Mike Bowie who judged the rest. Thank you also to Lindsay Philips and the SDC for sponsoring the prizes. Thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who took part.

The best stories will be made into a book which will be available from the Lincoln Envirotown Trust. The last two books have been lodged with the National Library.

Next year's competition will probably be something to do with relating the past to the future – including interviewing any grandparents, great grandparents or any senior citizens you know for any good sustainability tips that could help us in the future!

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, 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

ecoNet

ecoNet is put out (Fridays) by Christchurch Branch of NZAEE (NZ Association for Environmental Education), a non-profit, national organisation of people working to promote and support environmental education, lifelong learning and sustainable behaviour throughout New Zealand/Aotearoa. You can sign up to receive the weekly environmental education event listings as an E-mail here, <http://www.environment.org.nz>.

Zerowaste Street Challenge

We will be holding this again this year 18th – 26th October. Contact us or leave your contact details with the Lincoln SDC Service centre, 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.

Don't buy that 2009 Calendar just yet!

We are preparing a Lincoln Envirotown Calendar, which will not only be something really original for a Christmas present, but will also raise funds for LET's good work! It will feature local scenes and local businesses. Please contact Ralph Scott on 3259583 or Sue Jarvis on 329 5858 to place orders. The calendar will be available at the Four Square Supermarket in Lincoln and other local outlets. It will cost \$14.99 or \$12.99 for advance orders of 5 copies or over.



NEW WORLD

Lincoln

Foodstuffs South Island Limited would like to share with you an exciting development for the residents of Lincoln and outlying areas.

A New World supermarket will soon be an impressive new asset for the Lincoln community, offering all the benefits of a full service facility. Once this supermarket opens for business, you will no longer have to drive a considerable distance to enjoy all the advantages New World has to offer - a saving for you in these times of high fuel prices.

We are confident that Lincoln New World will meet the needs of residents in the years ahead as the area continues to expand.

Foodstuffs are committed to minimising the negative environmental impacts of our business activities.

- Natural light is promoted in building design.
- Promotion of CO2 refrigeration.
- Energy efficient lighting
- Rain water harvesting



Do you want to make a difference?

If anyone, individuals or businesses would like to help us by donating (we are donee registered for tax) or by sponsoring a particular part of our sustainability programme, please contact us! Ring Sue on 329 5858.

We are now accepting advertising in our newsletter to help with production costs. The cost will be \$80 plus GST for the equivalent of a quarter of an A4 Page.

SEVEN OAKS, Christchurch's newest **HOLISTIC SCHOOL**, to be run on sustainable principles, is having a presentation at the Holiday Inn on Avon, 356 Oxford Terrace, on Monday 22nd September at 7.45pm. They have invited our newsletter readers to attend if interested.

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.**

Our **AGM** is on the 14th 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

Remember to check out our website

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