



Lincoln Envirotown Trust Newsletter

September 2010

Taking responsibility for
a sustainable future

What's been happening?

As we all know the 7.1 earthquake has happened since the last newsletter and a number local people as well as local landmarks have been badly affected.

Thanks to all those who helped their neighbours including all those who helped the supermarket clear up. This is all part of being a sustainable, resilient community!



The Famous Grouse Lincoln pub after the earthquake. The roofing is just being removed



After demolition- a landmark lost

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Liffey clean up for “Keep NZ Beautiful week”. The Kidsfirst Lincoln Kindergarten and about 20 of the High School LEO group got together at lunch time on Monday 20th September to clean up the Liffey stream and domain. What a great team! Lincoln New World provided the barbecue to keep us going! The Waterwatch team helped the little kids look at the “bugs” living in the stream. We found a new invertebrate, not found in the stream before! Thanks to everyone!



Kidsfirst kindergartens Lincoln – the Liffey clean-up



Taylor Hamlin from the High School doing his bit!



Helen and Kyle Burnett, owner/managers of Lincoln New World, serving up sausages - thanks so much for your community initiative!

Looking for water life in the stream water



Mahoe Planting day – thanks to the local supporters who came along, despite earthquake stresses.



Denis getting down to the planting



New picnic table donated by Lincoln University staff



More willing planters

What is coming up?

Responsible Business Awards

Our Responsible Business Award assessments have started. The award scheme is a free service which promotes and rewards businesses for their environmentally sustainable practices, as well as encouraging people to shop locally. We also provide help and feedback for businesses. This year the Leeston/Southbridge area has joined Lincoln and Prebbleton in having their own awards. For the first time, there will be a dedicated area on the LET web site promoting the top award winners.

There will be an assessor for each community:

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

Job opportunity

Are you interested in helping to coordinate the **Enviro kids club** this year? We may be able to make a small payment for your time. Please contact Sue for more information on 329 5858.



Why is Te Radar involved with Lincoln Envirotown?
To find out read this newsletter!



The Mahoe Reserve

The next working is Sunday 3rd October 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, except September which will be on the 12th**. 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 Community Garden is on the move probably starting 4th October!



James Street in the Maternity Hospital Grounds

On **Saturday morning 10.00am, 30th October**, the famous television personality, **Te Radar**, will be at our re-opening celebrations. Put it in your diary now! He will be talking about gardening – probably with some humour thrown in! There will be a barbecue from about 11.30 followed by tours of the Maternity Hospital. We will also be launching the “Friends of the Lincoln Maternity Hospital”. Later in the morning he will be judging the beer making competition at the Lincoln market.

Friends of the Lincoln 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(at)orcon.net.nz).

Time Banking – 4th October , 7.30pm at the Lincoln Community Centre

Julie Lee (Jules), the Lyttelton Time Bank Co-ordinator will tell us about time banking and how it strengthens communities. The normal meeting will follow. **More on Time Banking page 12-13**

SHOP SMART
SHOP LOCAL
Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

~Come and take a Fresh Look~



Locally grown produce
and crafts on your doorstep

Look at what your local community market has got in store for you !

OCT 2ND SPRING MARKET – back outdoors (hopefully!) Live music and dancing!
**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?



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.

Springston Enviro-Community Native plant garden trip A fun, interesting, afternoon learning about natives

There will be a limit on numbers so register NOW!

When: Saturday 9th October. Meet at Springston school at 12.45pm or at Motukarara 1.10pm sharp

Where: DOC nursery at Motukarara where Jorge Santos will explain how they propagate their plants and will answer our questions about planting and growing natives. We will also be able to

look around their planted displays for various habitats. Then we will take a tour of the Broadfields Gardens in Selwyn Road. David Hobbs has very generously offered to do this at no charge.

Transport: Your own transport, with the offer of car pooling, depending on numbers. Let us know when you register.

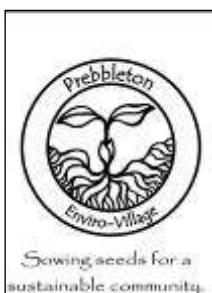
Registration: Please register with Colin on 338 2812 with your name, contact details and numbers

Cost: to be decided, probably a gold coin donation depending on costs and numbers

LEESTON ENVIRO TOWN

Leeston is 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



PREBBLETON ENVIRO-VILLAGE Prebbleton are about to start on their second year of 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 Initiatives Forums are held every 2 months in the St Albans's Community Center at 12.30 pm. 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

Check out our Web site!

www.lincolnvirotown.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.

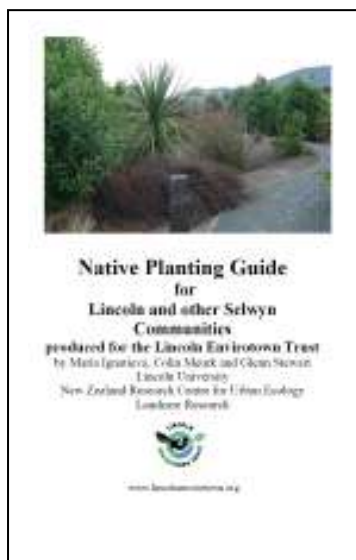
Includes

SMA Sunnyboy 1100E Grid Tie Inverter AS/NZ4777 approved 6 x WPC 180w PV modules
1.08kW peak Est 1717 kWh Annually in Auckland. Includes installation on Tin Roof

Special Offer

Free Sunny Beam Display or Free additional 180W Module Normally \$9,995 + GST Installed

www.whatpowercrisis.co.nz

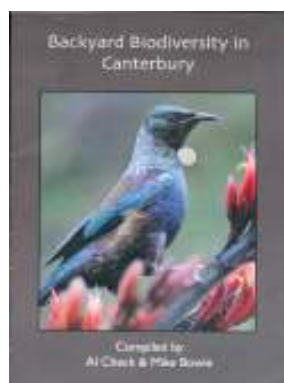


Lincoln and Selwyn Native Planting Guide – now updated!

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.lincolnenvirotown.org.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 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.**



Never fear the monthly HEAC newsletter will be delivered as usual to your inbox on the 1st October but in light of recent events, we wanted to share the following with you as soon as possible.

1. We are ok but our premises sustained a fatal blow

Unfortunately the Home Energy Advice Centre office was badly damaged in the September 4 earthquake and we are currently operating from temporary accommodation with limited resources. Our phone number remains unchanged, however, and we will do our very best to answer your emails and phone calls within two working days, but please accept our apologies if this takes longer.

The Curtain Bank has yet to re-open but your second hand curtains are needed more than ever before and can be left in the donation bin in the Orion car park, 198 Armagh Street, Christchurch.

Community Energy Action, who deliver and fund the HEAC, have also found temporary accommodation and are back up and running installing insulation into Christchurch homes, having spent the previous week helping with clean up in the community.

2. Help from the Government to install new energy efficient heating appliances.

Cantabrians whose chimneys were significantly damaged in the earthquake will be able to replace their old log burners or open fires with a new efficient heater and the cost will be covered under their claim to the Earthquake Commission. More information on the scheme can be found online [here](#). The advisors at the Home Energy Advice Centre can help you decide which clean heat device will be best for you and keep you up to date with any other schemes/assistance as they come to hand.

Kind regards
Carolyn, Katie and Adam

Christchurch Home Energy Advisors www.energyadvice.org.nz

I wonder what the new design for Christchurch post earthquake will be?



Residents in the areas surrounding the Garak Wholesale Market currently complain of traffic congestion and unfortunate produce odors created by the center's poor layout. [Samoo Architects & Engineers](#)' plan rethinks the commercial center from the ground up, including energy-saving features and topping it all off with a lush green roof.

The architects propose a redesigned market that features better connectivity for delivery of produce and isolates certain adverse smells (the kimchi and pickled goods stands will be relegated to the basement). Three market pavilions feature "[ecotubes](#)" that penetrate through the market's stories to channel daylight and ventilation to the lower levels. Up top, the [green roof](#) features promenades and a large public park that mitigates rainwater runoff, insulates the interior spaces, and infuses Seoul's city center with a breath of fresh air.

Read more: [Massive 131 Acre Green Roof Planned for Seoul | Inhabitat - Green Design Will Save the World](#)

[***Barter With Thy Neighbor: Learning About Timebanking***](#)

Time Banks Weave Community One Hour at a Time

For every hour you spend doing something for someone in your community, you earn one Time Dollar. Then you have a Time Dollar to spend on having someone do something for you. It's that simple. Yet it also has profound effects. Time Banks change neighborhoods and whole communities. Time Banking is a **social change movement** in 22 countries and six continents.



Need help building a deck? Maybe catching an airport shuttle isn't in your budget right now. Enter: the Time Bank. Their Mission is, "strengthening communities through reciprocity." If you spend an hour doing something for someone in your community, that hour goes into the "bank" as a Time Dollar. You can then spend that dollar to have someone else do something for you.

Child care, pet-sitting, housekeeping, garden and yard work, music lessons, art classes, airport pick-ups, help balancing your checkbook...these are only a few of the services that can be exchanged and banked with your fellow Time Bankers. Each local Time Bank has the available services of its members posted on its website.

Time Banks can change neighborhoods and harness previously untapped resources by not only getting to know your neighbors, but developing personal bonds with one another. There are [Time Banking has spread to 22 countries and 6 continents](#). If there isn't one in your area, there is a [Do It Yourself Toolkit \(pdf\)](#) to give you a taste of what starting your own Time Bank would entail.

BUILDING RESILIENCE: What Can Communities Do? Chapter by Rob Hopkins in The Post Carbon Reader - Managing the 21st Century's Sustainability Crises
www.postcarbon.org/report/133875-building-resilience-what-can-communities-do

Eco Communities

<http://www.energysavingsecrets.co.uk/bedzed-the-uks-biggest-eco-community.html>

www.treehugger.com – not as flaky as it sounds this website highlights new innovations and good news energy stories from around the world.

www.energyadvice.org.nz – shameless promotion of our own website and its web forum. □

www.energysavingtrust.org.uk – the British equivalent of the EECN and packed full of interesting info on energy efficiency.

Natural cleaning ideas

<http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/cleaning/all-natural-cleaning-solutions-00000000011547/index.html>



'LOCAL FOOD SELF RELIANCE'

Want to break your dependence on the supermarket forever?
It's possible here and now to be 100% food self-reliant
at a bio-regional & local level!
Come and learn how...



Presented by: Robina McCurdy



SLIDESHOWS:

Sun 31 Oct, 1pm, Union Parish Church,
Cnr Collingwood St & Union St, New Brighton

Tues 2 Nov, 7:30pm,
St Albans Community Centre,
1047 Colombo St, St Albans

Thurs 4 Nov, 7:30pm,
New Brighton Museum, 8 Hardy St, New Brighton
ENTRY \$5 - 12 (INCOME BASED SLIDING SCALE)



WORKSHOP: Sat 6 & Sun 7 NOVEMBER

Venue: Lyttelton Recreation Centre,
25 Winchester Street, Lyttelton

Times: Sat 10.30am - 5pm, Sun 9.30 - 4.30pm

Cost for Whole Weekend: \$80 - \$200 (income-based sliding scale)

Saturday only: \$55 - \$150 (attendance for both days strongly encouraged)

Enquiries/Registrations: Frauke John Ph 388 3803 Email: frauke.john@inspire.net.nz

To download flyer, visit: www.earthcare-education.org

TOPICS COVERED IN BOTH SLIDESHOWS AND WORKSHOP INCLUDE:

- key causes of global food insecurity and key principles underpinning local food security
- a range of successful international models of local food systems
- some innovative NZ initiatives of local food production, distribution and education
- bioregional-scale permaculture design approach to diversifying and sustaining organic food availability, which links individual properties, schools, neighbourhoods and rural areas.
- overview of Robina's participatory tools & strategies for creating resilient community food systems.



THE PRESENTER: For the past 20 years, Robina has worked internationally and nationally as an community development facilitator and Permaculture educator/designer, evolving her own methodology and accompanying resource materials - culminating in a manual for facilitators 'Grounding Vision: Empowering Culture'.

Over the past few years, she has been integrating food security into all of her work, recognizing this as an urgent need of our times. Robina McCurdy is a co-founder and resident of Tui Community in Golden Bay and Trustee of the Institute of Earthcare Education Aotearoa (www.earthcare-education.org). She is a passionate organic-biodynamic gardener, and until recently was the co-ordinator of Victory Community Gardens in Nelson.



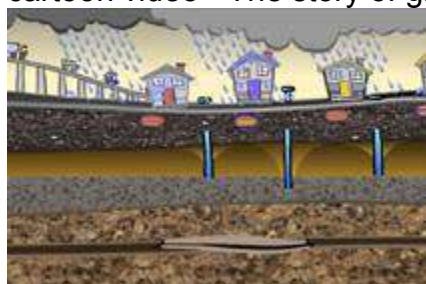
For the Kids

<http://www.minimonos.com/wb/content/home>

MiniMonos - the safe online virtual world for good green kids who value the environment and want to make a difference. *MiniMonos* is a virtual world for children based on sustainability and generosity.

<http://www.leapingmedia.com/groundwater.html>

cartoon video - The story of ground water (American but fun with good messages)



<http://www2.seattle.gov/util/waterbusters/> Water busters game

[Eco kids](#) – is an educational game for children about energy and a great source of fun energy facts.

Date	Event	Where	Who
7 th September (changed to 19 th October)	Sue talks to Lincoln Rotary		
3 rd October 2.00pm	Mahoe working bee	Mahoe reserve	Everyone!
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
27 th September 7.30pm	Springston Enviro-community meeting	Springston Rugby club rooms	Sue and anyone who lives in the Springston area, and/or people who would be able to offer support and suggestions
9 th October meet 12.45 Springston	Native garden/ plants trip	Meet at Springston – to visit DOC nursery and Broadfields gardens	Anyone – book with Sue
12 th October 12.30	Transition Forum	St Albans's community centre	Sue and anyone else who would like to come and meet people from all the other enviro groups in the Christchurch area.
Week starting 4 th October	Moving Lincoln Community gardens	Lincoln Maternity hospital	Helpers needed!
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 Waste Reduction 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 uni	Anyone
March 25 th 2011	Video Competition presentations	Rolleston	
March 26 th 2011	Earth Hour barn dance	Lincoln	Everyone