Selwyn Timebank: Coming soon to a town near you....

SELWYN TIMEBANK - OFFICIAL LAUNCH
Organised by Lincoln Envirotown:
Date: Thursday 20th February at 7pm.
Venue: Lincoln Event Centre
For more Information email selwyntimebank@gmail.com or ring Sarah on 329 3344
This is your chance to be part of the Selwyn Timebank story. Come along and meet likeminded people, see the Timebank in action and let us know what you would like from your Timebank. Light refreshments will be provided. You can sign up to Timebank on the night or in advance. If you introduce a friend and they sign up to timebank you will receive a free Timebank credit.

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Competition: answer these 2 questions to win 5 time bank credits!
Email your entry to letcoordinator@gmail.com
What are 2 Ideas given in this newsletter that you could do to earn timebank credits?
Describe two things that you would like to have help with in exchange for time bank credits?
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT TIMEBANKING?

Once there was a man called Edgar. He lived in the USA and had spent his adult life as a lawyer fighting for social justice for those who couldn’t fight for themselves. In 1980, a month before his 45th birthday, Edgar found himself in hospital recovering from a major heart attack. Feeling helpless was a new and uncomfortable feeling for Edgar and it started him thinking about how Western society has allowed for the development of “throwaway people” – people who are made to feel helpless and dependent on others, people who are led to believe they have nothing to contribute to society. Out of this epiphany Edgar developed the Timebank concept and spent the next 20 years getting it recognized and adopted by governments and social agencies.

In 2005 Margaret Jefferies of Project Lyttelton brought Timebanking to Aotearoa and when she launched the first New Zealand Timebank. There are now approximately 30 Timebanks in Aotearoa. The main difference between Timebanks here and Timebanks in Australia, the US and the UK is that the Timebank movement in NZ is a grassroots, rather than a government, initiative. This makes our Timebanks vibrant, diverse and creative - reflecting the attributes of those people who join them.

People join Timebanks for a number of reasons – to get help in the garden and around the house, or because they like the idea that in a Timebank everyone’s time is valued equally, or because they are new to an area and want an opportunity to meet likeminded people. Organisations can also join the Timebank and many schools become members of their local Timebanks. You can also give items away through the Timebank or borrow or lend tools.

Timebanking isn’t just about getting people to do things for you; it’s about reciprocity and building community. We all have people we rely on in times of need and we’ve all had those times where we feel embarrassed to ask our friends, family and neighbours to ask for help one more time. Timebank members can put their request out and other members can respond, if it suits them. It works because trades don’t have to be direct – for example, Jim fixes a cupboard at Olivia’s house and uses the Timebank credits he earns to get his hair trimmed by Jenny, while Olivia earns Timebank credits by babysitting for Aroha and Ben. A Timebanking credit = one hour of work.

There is now going to be a Timebank for the Selwyn area. If you want to know more about Timebanking come along to the official launch of the Selwyn Timebank set up by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust:

INTRODUCING SELWYN TIMEBANK COORDINATOR MEREDITH JONES

The Selwyn Timebank is pleased to announce the appointment of a coordinator, Meredith Jones. Meredith lives in Ladbrooks with her family and is interested in the coordinator role because of her interest in strengthening local communities. When Meredith isn’t looking after her children or coordinating the Timebank she studies organic horticulture. Meredith’s Timebank role involves encouraging new membership, taking new members through the computer software system, facilitating trades between members and coming up with social events for members.

Want to know more about the Selwyn Timebank or sign up? Email Meredith on selwyntimebank@gmail.com
Do you have environmental goods or services to advertise in the LET newsletter? Or does your business have a high standard of environmental management?

We accept ads from businesses that fit with our aims.
$80 +GST for a full page,
$40 half a page etc.
Not for profit environmental organisations may be accepted at no cost.

Funds go to supporting our activities promoting environmental sustainability.

Edited by Jade Arnold
Please correspond via: letcoordinator@gmail.com
0226703101
Next newsletter: March 2014.
Closing deadline: 24th February

For the summary of up-coming events scroll to the end of this newsletter, back copies of the newsletters can be found on the LET web site www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz

If you have any spare time or resources – LET always needs more help with our many environmental projects, or perhaps you would like to start one of your own! Please contact Sue on 329 5858 or 021 100 1009. Cash donations are also very welcome – so we can keep up our activities!

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

LET meetings are normally held the FIRST MONDAY of each month
(except public holidays and over the Christmas period)
at 7:30 pm in the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, off North Belt.

NEXT meeting (AGM) March 3rd
Then 7th April - GOAL SETTING
7pm Start!!! Discuss IDEAS!!

All welcome
We welcome guest speakers.
For more information please contact
Sue Jarvis, 329-5858
sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz

Lincoln Community Survey online...

Has now closed. Thank you very much to the 95 respondents who took the time to give feed back to help direct our activities

The Results will be analysed over the next few months and will be published in the Newsletters in months ahead.
The comments and ideas will also directly be used in the April goal setting meeting

Come along to this meeting and share your ideas! Goal setting discussion is our top priority (Regular meeting held afterwards and it's not compulsory to stay!!)
What is coming up?
What can we get involved in?

LINCOLN ENVIROTOWN AGM

Lincoln Envirotown AGM meeting on the 3rd of March 2014 in the Habgood Lounge at the Lincoln event Centre. Light refreshments to follow.
David Killick, well respected contributor of opinion pieces and feature articles to the Press will be the guest speaker at the LET AGM. He will share his ideas on Sustainable Housing, Sustainable communities and the future of Christchurch as a "Poly-centric" city.
The meeting will start with the talk at 7.30pm followed by the LET AGM at approximately 8.15pm. All welcome.

EARTH HOUR CELEBRATIONS

Lincoln Envirotown will be organising the annual Barn dance, video competition and Kim Hill Debate to celebrate earth hour again this year. Look out for the advertisements in this newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS OUT AND ABOUT IN SPRINGSTON SECRET GARDEN!

A warm welcome to Sol and Jana international students who are studying at Lincoln University this year. Sol and Jana are pictured here helping with weeding at Springston Secret garden. Keep an eye out you might spot them amongst some quivering weeds near you!

They managed to clear the entrance and came back to the Secret Garden the next day with some Lupin and Buckwheat seeds they acquired from BHU.

Lincoln Helpers wanted

The Mahoe Reserve relies on community helpers to keep going.
If you are part of the Lincoln Community, or even if you are not,

We would love your help at Mahoe reserve - at working bees, or any time that suits you!
Contact Denis on 325 2806

1 Pictured: Jan and Sol hard at work on Springston's secret garden driveway.
What’s been happening in Selwyn lately?

Weeding of the Springs Road corner.
Jill Greenhalgh and Ralph Scott lead a party of avid weeders to the corner of Springs Road and Gerald Street and let them at it!
There are plenty of areas around Lincoln that would benefit from some weeding - Are you an AVID WEEDER? Ralph Scott and his team are looking for individuals and groups to help with township weeding. If you are keen to help improve the look of the township and enjoy the company of some great people please contact Ralph.
Ralph.Scott@plantandfood.co.nz

Perhaps you are interested in doing an hour or two of weeding out in the morning sun or the cool evening air - What a very pleasant way to earn some time banking credits!
Email: selwyntimebank@gmail.com
To get involved.

Selwyn Enviro-schools and businesses continue to lead the way toward sustainable futures!

Lincoln Primary School received their Bronze award from Selwyn District Councillor, Grant Miller, at the Enviroschools ceremony. Great to see Lincoln Primary joining Lincoln High School and Lincoln Kindergarten with an Enviroschool award.
The RBA run each year in September - October. If you would like to participate in 2014 or know someone who missed out in 2013 please send an email to letcoordinator@gmail.com

It is our goal to recognise and celebrate the ECO-friendly efforts and contributions of local businesses.

2 Pictured: Lynne Dunlop (Leeston Pharmacy) with Ellesmere RBA trophy. RBA assessor Dean O’Connell (left), Guest Speaker Ravensdown Manager Michael Manning and Mayor Kelvin Coe (right)

**ELLESMERE RBA WINNER - LEESTON PHARMACY**

"It's a team effort from staff, customers and suppliers" says the overall winner of this year’s Ellesmere Responsible Business Award (RBA), Lynne Dunlop of the Leeston Pharmacy. “The staff use recycled materials to create window displays and hand on materials that can be used elsewhere in the community, our customers return their medicine bottles for refill of their own medicines and our suppliers ensure that their products and packaging are environmentally friendly". Great effort!

**Good as New Fashion Boutique**

Buying and selling hand selected quality 2nd hand clothing

Now a Taylors dry-cleaning agent

Buy sell and Hire formal Dresses

Tuesday-Wednesday 10am - 5pm
Thursday-Friday 12.30am - 5.30pm
Saturday 9.30am - 1.30pm

Gerald Street - Lincoln
Behind the Lincoln Family Barber

Find us on facebook goodazznew@gmail.com
0277640263 Melissa Grubb
STEP BACK IN TIME

Sat 1st March
10 am to 1 pm, Gerald St. Lincoln

A Traditional Country Market from Yesteryear
Pioneer Costume, Vintage Machines,
Traditional Games,
Live Music (Come dressed for the occasion)
+ Lots of Genuine Local Artisan Produce & a wide selection of Unique Crafts

Details on www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket & www.bethere.co.nz or email lincolnmarket.nz@gmail.com

A Real Community Place to Shop
Celebrating Earth Hour 2014

Turn off your lights, come and share our candles

BARN DANCE

WITH BAND AND CALLER AND MUSIC BY BANTAM OF THE OPERA

WHEN: SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2014
WHERE: LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL HALL
TIME: 7.30 – 11.30 PM

TICKETS: $12 ($15 at the door)
available from Lincoln and Rolleston Libraries and Lincoln Event Centre

PLEASE bring a plate of food to share for supper,
whatever you wish to drink and your own glass. NO STILETTO HEELS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SUE JARVIS (03) 329-5858
SELWYN EARTH HOUR

Video Competition

Theme: any environmental topic
Duration: 1-5 minutes
Deadline: 7 March 2014
Cool prizes

Get entry forms and info from www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz
Are you interested in...  

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Come along to the community meeting have a cup of tea and share your ideas.
Lincoln Envirotown
Community Gardens Report
December 2013 – January 2014

A good quantity of produce was harvested in late December and in January, with the berry fruits (boysenberries, black currents, raspberries) being in particularly good supply this season (once the birds were kept out using netting). Most of the fruit was enjoyed by those working in or visiting the gardens, and some was given away.

The dry weather in January has meant that almost daily watering has been required. The two-hour limit allowed by the timer has restricted the amount of water that can be applied, and the timer has been temporarily disconnected.

Our son-in-law kindly donated a large trailer-load of wood chips and Errol and I spent some time spreading it between the plots. The shade cloth was repaired in December, and it should withstand well any strong winds in the future. Evidently it was not tied up correctly when it was erected in the current location and this contributed to its damage.

Over the holidays I visited the Lyttelton Community Gardens and the Okeover Community Gardens at Canterbury University. Each garden has its own “charm” and it is interesting to talk to folk working there and to see well how they operate. Numerous families visiting the Maternity Hospital, as well as the mothers, enjoy walking around and relaxing in the Gardens.

We are in the process of organising a workshop in March, to be conducted by Fiona Waghorn. Please see our advertisement for details. - Ruth Wood Coordinator, Lincoln Envirotown Community Gardens

For more information please contact Ruth Wood, Lincoln Community Gardens Coordinator (Phone: 325 2193 or ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz)
A BIG Thanks Timberline Events (a US company) who has again donated to LET.

**MAHOE RESERVE WORKING BEES**
First Sunday of the month at 2.00pm

Next one: March 2nd 2014  
Then: April 6th 2014.

Please bring tools, gloves, and if possible a bucket, to working bees  
**Where:** Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, next to the Golf course, opposite the High School. Ring Denis for info 325 2806

**MAHOE RESERVE - UPDATE**

Sue and Gordon managed to get this Cabbage tree back to an upright position at the Mahoe working bee on December 1st. The tree was felled by a combination of wind and water-logging from the flood. No photo of us doing it is available as Sue, who takes the photos, was fully involved in the process! The good news is that the flooding has finally started to subside, and now we will be able to take stock of what plants survived.

3 Pictured: **Red damselfly (Xanthocnemis zealandica)**

Many will know the Mahoe Reserve over the last few months has resembled a lake, but on Sunday (2nd Feb) the reserve workers noticed the water has almost receded to puddles. Weeds are rampant but workers released many struggling natives from beneath them. During the peak of the flooding at Mahoe, the ‘lake’ attracted several bird and insect species. Apart from the many mallard duck and ducklings, pied stilts, spur-wing plovers and welcome swallows were observed there. Birds weren’t the only new species recorded – a large unidentified dragonfly, plus blue and red damselflies were also attracted to the body of water. The observations have come from biodiversity monitoring undertaken recently by Michael Smith and Mike Bowie to document species found at Mahoe Reserve over its restoration process. Other interesting fauna seen recently were skinks basking in sun. It is good to know they are still present after all the planting, as some lizard species prefer more open, sunny habitats. Unfortunately, one species that we appear to have lost is the kingfisher which used to nest in the rocky bank which has become overgrown by natives. It is hoped that this one apparent loss will well and truly recompensed by the many insect and bird species that are being attracted to the small forest growing at Mahoe Reserve.

Mike Bowie - Senior Technical Officer in Ecology - Lincoln University
Kim Hill presents:

Should Genetic Engineering play a part in New Zealand’s future?

Explore the pros and cons within New Zealand’s primary industry, from the food we eat to the forests we grow and enjoy.

Join respected broadcaster Kim Hill and panellists in a stimulating discussion on genetic engineering’s part in New Zealand’s future, featuring:

Tony Conner
Science Group Leader,
AgResearch

Jon Hickford
Professor,
Lincoln University

Philip Gergan
CEO,
New Zealand Winegrowers

Steve Watten
Professor,
Lincoln University

Christine Dann
Communications Manager,
Organics Aotearoa
New Zealand

Richard Newcomb
Chief Scientist,
Plant & Food Research

Thursday
27 March 2014
7.30pm, doors open 7.00pm
Lincoln University, Stewart Building, Lecture Theatre One

$5.00 koha. Refreshments and nibbles provided.
Other Enviro-Towns

**DARFIELD**

If you live in Darfield there will be a meeting on Thursday **February 13th** at the Darfield Library, 7.30pm, with refreshments. All welcome.

For more information contact Jade on 3242319 or letcoordinator@gmail.com

**PREBBLETON ENVIRO VILLAGE**

Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. If you would like to find out more about Prebbleton Enviro-Village please feel free to come along to the next meeting

Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email n.willett@xtra.co.nz).

They have held sessions on worm farming, sustainable gardening and fruit bottling.

PEV as part of the 150th celebrations of the settlement of Prebbleton planted 5 fruit and nut trees at Prebbleton cottage. They hope that this will be the start of a community garden on that site. This will be their major project for the foreseeable future

**TAI TAPU ENVIROTOWN**

TAI TAPU ENVIROTOWN is the 7th “Envirotown” in the Selwyn area.

Tai Tapu residents - Do you want to make a difference in your community? Do you want your ideas to be heard?

Come to a meeting to share your ideas, concerns and help plan actions that you would like to see happen. All welcome!

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 26th February 7.30pm at Tai Tapu Hotel. For more information contact Jenny Duncan 329 6565 brickied@yahoo.com.au or Eileen Devine-Smith 03 3257949 aedevinesmith@xtra.co.nz
Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel areas.

Cemetery Pit reserve update
Enviro Ellesmere in conjunction with Southbridge Advisory Committee (SAC) spoke at public forum (27.11.2013) addressing the issue of re-opening Cemetery Pit. John Summers did an excellent job of raising points for discussion at the Forum. The council reacted positively with Mayor Kelvin Coe saying that "it has been on our radar for some time now."
"We are encouraged by the positive response of councillors" said Mary Nimmo (EE representative at the forum) "the feeling we get is very constructive. I hope it will not take too long before we can all enjoy the park as it should be."
The pit will potentially serve as a recreational area for walking, cycling, gatherings, school trips, community planting projects, even kite flying has been proposed. A particular interest is summed up by Southbridge Advisory Committee; "a cycleway joining Leeston and Southbridge with a 'Pit' Stop on the way would be brilliant!" Another initiative might be to have an area where community workshops can run on things like keyhole gardening, composting, raised garden beds and plant propagation.
Water contamination has forced the closure of the park due to algae, toxic to humans and animals (particularly dogs) growing in the lake water. At present the Pit must remain closed because of the risk of exposure.
EE and SAC proposed to fence off the lake until further solutions can be decided upon. This would allow the park to be enjoyed and developed regardless of how long it takes to come up with the best solution for the water contamination problem.

To ensure that interested potential parties have a voice in the direction and development of the park, EE proposed establishing a management committee. "We want to make sure that the ideas of the community are given a chance. Lots of ideas, lots of community input, lots of benefits. " Jade Arnold (EE rep).
Council addressed this issue again at the meeting on December 11th. Facts and figures will need to be looked at before any actions can be taken. In Oct 2013 well over 100 people signed the register of support at the A&P show in Leeston. As long as this public interest continues then the council will act to support the development of this widely beneficial asset that can serve the whole Selwyn community. From this forum it seems all parties are keen to see things move forward constructively, and we look forward to working together.
Thank you to Val and Angelica from McMillan Laboratory Services and Lorraine Summers for your support.
Are you interested in helping Enviro Ellesmere with getting Cemetery Pit reopened and ticking along? Here’s an idea: save those native seedlings that pop up in awkward spots. EE would like to start a drive to gather all these orphan native seedlings and use them for planting efforts in cemetery pit. You can also show your support by liking our "Enviro Ellesmere" facebook page and joining our facebook group. If you have ideas or donations for Cemetery Pit please email enviroellesmere@gmail.com
Sculpture Competition
Recycle some of your stuff into something for the garden!. Enviro Ellesmere, with funding from Creative Communities NZ, is running a competition to find the most ingenious, resourceful and environmentally amazing creation! What can you come up with? There are entry categories for all ages and groups. There’s even a corporate section so get your work mate’s heads together and put your business on the cleverness map! Perhaps you are a dynamic family of inventors or a solo artist, whatever way it is - they want to see what you come up with!

**ENVIRO ELLESMERE**
Recycled Outdoor Sculpture Competition

Using **recycled** materials, things saved from landfill, **re-used** or **repurposed** materials create an outdoor **sculpture** that **DOES** something or serves a **purpose**

**Events**

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Entries open to all ages

Judged on artistic merit, ingenuity and resourcefulness

Please register your interest
enviroellesmere@gmail.com
Jade
Ingrid
022 670 3101 03 3242 626
'Enviro Ellesmere” on facebook

Entries close: 31st March 2014

All welcome!
Recycled Outdoor Sculpture Competition

Using recycled materials, things saved from landfill, reused or repurposed materials create an outdoor sculpture that DOES something or serves a purpose.

It could be an inventive watering system, a sun trap, bird frightener, an entrance feature, a wind catcher or anything else that your fertile mind can concoct.

Entries will be judged on artistic merit, ingenuity and resourcefulness.

Entries close: 31st March 2014
Judging: April 2014

For more information and the competition rules
Please register your interest by email, text or phone:
environellesmere@gmail.com
Jade Ingrid
022 670 3101 03 3242 626
"Enviro Ellesmere" on facebook

Senior, High school and Primary school divisions, individual, group and corporate entries accepted.
Monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday at 7.30 pm in the community house, 45 Shelley St Rolleston.

Rolleston Envirotown Market
9th February 2014
Theme: 2nd Hand Books, DVDs and Puzzles
Rolleston Square
10am-1pm
To register phone 0273106340 or email enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden
corner of Brookside Rd and William St Rolleston

For market information please email enquiries@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz or phone 027 310 6340. For community garden working bee times/dates please email garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz or phone Helen on 347 9760. Website is currently being updated www.rollestonenvirotown.org.nz
SPRINGSTON ENVIRO

SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY (SEC)

The main project at the moment is the Springston Secret Community Garden

This is community garden is very tranquil, on a large back section, with lots of potential for further development into a diverse garden with vegetables, flowers and native plants. It is a large area which takes a lot of work to develop and maintain, so we welcome more community involvement in the development of this social and learning space. At present the development is focussed on the area used by the Springston School children who have small allotments plus a large area for classes to use. The school children have supervised access every lunch time and are helping to create a colourful enjoyable space. Springston School is now an Enviroschool.

If individuals or groups are interested in becoming involved please contact Zanada 021 023 40473

Pictured: Sol and Jana at work in the garden.

SPRINGSTON SECRET GARDEN

LITTLE RIVER

To contact the Little River group ring Kaite Hansen on 325 1917 or believe33@snap.net.nz
Interested in Sustainability and Environmental issues?
If you want to meet with likeminded people to discuss and plan environmental sustainability actions for the West Melton come along.

Where: St Paul's Church hall, West Melton Road, opposite the domain.
When: Meetings are on the second Thursday of the month. All welcome.
If you would like more information about meetings please do not hesitate to contact Ingrid McGeachen info@westmeltonenviro.org.nz or Sue on 329 5858

WHITECLIFFS

An initial planning meeting has been held. For more information contact Sue.

The Lincoln Envirotown Trust is providing encouragement and support to these communities as they get underway with their sustainability plans.

There are links on the LET web site and below for information about the other Enviro communities

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.

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.
Enviro Kids (and adults!)

Please send us any ideas, information or links for Enviro Kids!
We now have an “envirokids” section of our web site. Let us know what you would like on it. Take a look: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz click on EnviroKids tab on the left.


Other Interesting Info and Links

At Energybook our catalogue of ebooks and books is still growing. http://www.energybook.co.uk/
So whether you want to pick up a free ebook on renewable energy, find know-how about how to build a Stirling Engine, growing vegetables or raising livestock, EnergyBook is a great resource.
The links below will take you to some of the most popular categories.

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NZ GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
The New Zealand Green Building Council, which operates the Green Star, Homestar, BASE and NABERSNZ rating systems for sustainable buildings has some fresh new faces on its board of directors after this year’s AGM. Read more »

TAKE NOTE BUSINESSES ON SUSTAINABILITY AND YOUTH.
Businesses must cater to the increasing needs, desires and purchasing power of Gen Y Kiwis, driven by sustainability concerns according to a new Colmar Brunton survey. Read more »

A TICK TO CHANGES TO CONSUMER LAW.
Parliament’s passing of the Consumer Law Reform Bill yesterday finally brings consistency and transparency to consumer rights – though some big issues remain, Motor Trade Association (MTA) says. Read more »

'IS NZ A LAGGARD IN RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE?:
RESULTS OF A GLOBAL INDEX
This article was originally published in the Public Health Expert Blog from Otago Uni by Associate Professor Nick Wilson and Dr Nisha Nair. The 2014 edition of the “Climate Change Performance Index” has just been released by Climate Action Network Europe and Germanwatch. Read more »

GIVE LIGHT RAIL A FAIR GO- GENERATION ZERO.
Coinciding with the Santa Parade in Wellington, solutions-focussed environmental group Generation Zero organised their own float in the design of a modern train, called the ‘Constable Connection’. Read more »

FINDING COMMON GROUND IN OUR BACK YARDS.
If you start to see little Green Man stickers on your neighbours’ letterboxes, don’t be alarmed. Some may recognise the stickers as linked to a particular southern craft beer, but there is more to it than that. The stickers represent something simpler, a message and an idea of which that you can easily be a part. Read more »
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 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. It is also available as a downloadable file from our web site: www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz. Thank you to Kiwiflora and Southern Woods for their sponsorship.

Would you like to reduce your environmental impact and support the Lincoln Envirotown Trust at the same time? Buy a LET bag from the Lincoln Community Market or from Lincoln New World supermarket. It is also an original design that you will find nowhere else!

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.

http://www.targetsustainability.co.nz This site has lots of helpful free tips on how to be more sustainable and includes a recycling directory
Calendar of Events

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<td>Entries close Enviro Ellesmere Recycled Outdoor sculpture contest open to all</td>
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<td>Prebbleton Enviro Village meetings</td>
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<td>Wednesday 26th February</td>
<td>Tai Tapu Envirotown meeting</td>
<td>7.30 pm Tai Tapu Hotel Jenny Duncan 329 6565 <a href="mailto:brickied@yahoo.com.au">brickied@yahoo.com.au</a></td>
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<td>Regular working bees</td>
<td>Rolleston Garden get- togethers Time of day changes with the seasons.</td>
<td>Corner Brookside Rd and William Street Phone Helen on 347 9760 for details, or email <a href="mailto:garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz">garden@rollestonenvirotown.org.nz</a></td>
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