I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend? ~Robert Redford, Yosemite National Park dedication, 1985

What is coming up?

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.

EARTH HOUR 2013 – Watch out for the SELWYN EVENTS, Start planning your own! WWFnz are supporting LET’s SELWYN Earth Hour events. Watch the video from WWF below

DARE THE WORLD TO SAVE THE PLANET

From WWFnz: We're happy to share the Earth Hour 2013 Official Video with you. As you might guess, every year we find brilliant stories, images and videos from around the world that we love to share with those who help make Earth Hour the event that it is.

This year for the first time we were able to use almost exclusively crowd-sourced footage, including some of the great "I Will If You Will" challenges from this year's campaign.

Every year we go to great efforts to find the right song to capture the passion and energy of those who are part of Earth Hour. Click on the link to find out what this year's track is.

We’d love you to share the video with everyone you know, and start thinking about what your "I Will If You Will" challenge will be for Earth Hour 2013. For some ideas, head to YouTube.com/EarthHour and get ready to Dare the World to Save the Planet.
Electric Car Trip

Holden are driving their new Volt from the Cape to Bluff from 8 November to 23 November. Enter the draw to charge the volt at your place and be in to win. You can follow the trip on the website above. They will take 14 days to do the trip. Solar Fern still holds the record for an EV - 11 days and 1 hour, including all the bad weather.

November PrefabNZ Top 10 Event at HIVE, Christchurch
You are invited to join us on Tuesday 6 November (12.30-5.00pm) at the HIVE Christchurch.
We are pleased to announce the start of site work for the following houses at HIVE:

- Module NZ with Bainbridge Homes
- Ekokit by Hybrid Homes
- The Kiosk by BART

Houses in the Building Consent process include:

- High Performance House by Beacon Pathway with New Zealand Steel
- Force 10 New Zealand

Join us to hear from the architects, engineers and manufacturers who are bringing these houses to HIVE. See the website for more details.

Exciting new happening in Tai Tapu! Envirotown Tai Tapu has been born!
About 30 local people turned up to the first meeting on the 17th October!

Steve Matheson - Chairman of Tai Tapu Community Association, provided an overview of the evening and reminded all in attendance that the Envirotown concept is one that aims to work with all the existing groups in the Community to achieve common objectives. Karen Blatchford the teacher responsible for Enviro issues at Tai Tapu School showed a video the children had created on environmental activities in the school. A shortened version of this will be entered into the Earth Hour Selwyn Video Competition. We then considered the key issues for the community and brainstormed ideas for an action plan. It is clear that the attendees value the environment in which they live and want to retain that. Altogether about 50 ideas were generated.

Some of the action ideas put forward were:
Reduce transport emissions with a car pooling website and by encouraging other transport options such as cycling with cycle lanes; more native biodiversity; farmers market; community garden;
time banking scheme; a community day once a month with free bring and swap; make a safe way for kids to get to the domain; develop river walkway, use as linkage to domain; public rubbish/recycling bins; collect and recycle cell phones; community green waste; fruit trees for the school; lower speed thru the village - both main road and side streets; household eco improvement awards - nominate neighbours; improve communication, via website etc; encourage horse riding by reducing issues with traffic; reduce pollution in the river.

A follow up meeting will be held on the 28th November at 7.30pm probably at Tai Tapu school to move forward on some of the ideas generated and to create a committee to work on a community action plan. All welcome!
Across 2013 it is likely the Tai Tapu Envirotown group will host information evenings, site visits and other meetings
If you would like to be part of this exciting development in any way contact Steve on 0275 366 101

Thank you to all our volunteers, including Danny Jones! Also to Kathy Kise who provided Danny with free board for 6 weeks!

WANTED: VOLUNTEER Rolleston Community Garden Coordinator
Are you a keen gardener with experience in organic vegetable growing?
Are you a good organiser and love to meet and work with people in your community?
Do you have 2-3 hours each week to help develop the Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden? Then this might be the ideal position for you. As the community garden coordinator you will maintain the raised vegetable beds, organise working bees and workshops and act as a liaison person between the garden volunteers and the community garden committee. For a job description please email tonicermu@gmail.com
This year we have had three ceremonies with businesses from Rolleston, Lincoln, Prebbleton, Leeston, Southbridge, Dunsandel, Doyleston, Tai Tapu and Little River getting awards. The awards were organised by the Lincoln Envirotown Trust with many helpers from the various areas. The businesses are awarded a bronze, silver, gold or platinum certificate if they have met the criteria. For example to get an award of GOLD a business needs to be doing 80 to 94% of what it is possible for that business to do in the areas of environmentally sustainability, to get PLATINUM 95% and over. This year Ruth Guy has been employed as the Responsible Business Award overall coordinator. Thanks for a great job!

**Rolleston Responsible Business Awards**

About 50 people turned up to the Rolleston Responsible Business Award ceremony on Friday 19th October. Certificates were presented by the Mayor, Kelvin Coe with 34 businesses gaining awards this year. Four businesses gained platinum awards and the trophy for the top business (joint winners this year BNZ Rolleston, Rolleston Drycleaners and Laundromat) was presented by Lloyd Bathurst of Rolleston Square Ltd who gifted the trophy. The previous winners of the trophy, Liz and John Veix of Solar Electric Specialists donated native plants to all businesses at the ceremony as a thank you. He said that he didn’t say thank you properly last year as he was too stunned on being awarded the trophy. Thank you to Sandra Davies, the Rolleston assessor for all her hard work.

**Gold awards**
- BP Connect, Rolleston
- Independent Signs
- Kiwiflora Nurseries
- Rolleston Automotive Service Centre
- Rolleston Vet Services
- Selwyn Osteopathic Clinic
- Taylor Coal
- Countdown, Rolleston
- Jones Road Automotive
- Michael Gawith
- Rolleston Gym
- Selwyn District Council
- Selwyn Toddlers

**Platinum Awards**
- Rolleston Playcentre
- Rolleston Square Ltd
- BNZ Rolleston
- Rolleston Drycleaners and Laundromat
Congratulations to: The 2012 Joint Winners of the Rolleston Trophy for the most responsible business (gifted by Rolleston Square Ltd) were: BNZ Rolleston and Rolleston Drycleaners & Laundromat

Some of the things that these businesses are doing to be environmentally sustainable are:

BNZ Rolleston, they have reduced their paper output by means of electronic files saved on the computer and also on computer screens for advertising in the bank as opposed to creating posters.
They contribute to the community through staff volunteering 2 days a year paid for by the bank, and the have fairtrade coffee for the staff, this is a BNZ nationwide initiative.

Rolleston Drycleaners and Laundromat, Have installed a new machine is capable of using excess steam, generates warmth so no other form of heating is required and is efficient. Fluff is collected and given to Horizons Trust for disabled people to recycled paper. Biodegradable bags are used for cleaned garments and customers are encouraged to bring their own hangers

Lincoln and Prebbleton Responsible Business Awards
About 50 people also turned up to the Lincoln/Prebbleton Responsible Business Award ceremony on Thursday 25th October. Five businesses gained platinum. Businesses from Tai Tapu and Birdlings Flat joined the Lincoln area, as there are no awards for their areas (yet!). The awards were presented by the Mayor Kelvin Coe. John Barnes the CEO of Meadow Mushrooms Ltd gave a very informative talk at the start of the evening about how they had changed their practices and procedures to become more sustainable and had gained an Enviroumark gold certification. This year we had a new trophy for Prebbleton Businesses gifted by Meadow Mushrooms, made of a piece of 45,000 year old kauri. The inaugural winners of this trophy were Trents Nursery Ltd
The Lincoln trophy was presented by Hirini Matunga, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Lincoln University and Kerry Watson Development Manager – Special Projects, Ngāi Tahu Property Limited. There were joint winners of this trophy: Kidsfirst Kindergarten Lincoln and The Faithful Gardener. Thanks to Ruth Guy and Dean O’Connell the two assessors.

Lincoln Gold Award businesses

Lincoln Gold Awards
Lincoln Uni student association
Gilbert & Associates
APX Travel
Lincoln Law
Lincoln & Districts Community Care Association
Lincoln Childcare & Preschool
AgResearch
ASB Lincoln
BHU Organic Trust
Lincoln Post, Gift & Stationery
Lincoln Primary School
Lincoln Events Centre
Deutsches Eck Ltd, German Butcher
Lincoln University
McCormick Motors Lincoln

Prebbleton Gold Awards
Trents Nursery Ltd
South Pacific Roses
Prebbleton Tavern
Duece of Hearts

Prebbleton Trophy Winners: Trents Nursery Ltd. From left Sue Jarvis, Kerrynn Reynish (Nursery manager), Dave Somerfield (owner)

Platinum Award Winners

Lincoln Platinum Awards
Landcare Research
Dave Clarke Joinery
Lincoln New World
Kidsfirst Kindergarten Lincoln
The Faithful Gardener

Lincoln Responsible Business Awards Trophy winners 2012 did many things environmentally sustainable things. Some of these are:
• Kidsfirst kindergartens Lincoln do the utmost to promote sustainability to the younger generation. ‘No wrap lunches’ are encouraged to reduce packaging waste, the kindergarten uses rechargeable batteries only, and they have a huge community involvement with the upkeep of the Lifey stream, Mahoe reserve and they have a plot at the Lincoln Community gardens.

• Fiona Waghorn from ‘The faithful Gardener’ does everything in her power to be environmentally responsible. She only works during day light hours therefore reducing the need for electricity, collects rain water to water her seedlings, up-cycles old steel frame beds as a nursery for her seedlings, and utilizes solar energy to provide her seedlings with warmth.

Ellesmere Responsible Business Awards

So many people turned up to the Ellesmere Responsible Business Award ceremony in Leeston on Thursday 1st November we ran out of space! Four businesses gained platinum. This is the first time Ellesmere businesses have reached platinum standard – congratulations!

The awards were presented by the Mayor Kelvin Coe. Thanks to the Ellesmere assessors, Dean O’Connell and Sarah Pritchett, and also to Ruth Guy, the Responsible Business Award coordinator for their hard work.

Recipients of the Lincoln Trophy, which was presented by Hirini Matunga Assistant Vice chancellor of Lincoln University and Kerry Watson Development Manager, Ngāi Tahu Property Limited

Alan Jones (Jonesy) was our guest speaker with inspiring and amusing stories about the school garden and how he is changing the attitudes of generations of children towards vegetables!

Businesses gaining silver awards
Congratulations to Rakaia Island Dairies for being the inaugural recipient of the new Ellesmere trophy for the most responsible business. The trophy was gifted by Ravensdown Ltd.

GOLD AWARDS
Video Plus
Ellesmere Garden Centre
Studio 87
Lay Associates Ltd
High Street Hair
Selwyn Toddlers In-home Educator
Leeston Consolidated
Bargains Galore
Carbon Health & Performance
Leeston Supervalue
Curly’s Last Post
Weather Wise Shade
Leeston Physiotherapy Ltd
Leeston Hammer Hardware
St John Ambulance
Treasure Trove Kindergarten
Leeston Medical

PLATINUM AWARDS
Leeston Pharmacy 2008 Ltd
PGG Wrightson Leeston
Little Boutique
Rakaia Island Dairies

WINNER OF THE TROPHY Rakaia Island Dairies. Among other things they showed: Commitment to native biodiversity on Rakaia Island and in the wider community, excellent water quality management practices and staff awareness of environmental issues relating to farming on an island.
http://www.gardengrow.co.nz/ will help you find what will grow most successfully in your garden. See what you can consider planting right now.

If you would like to visit the Lincoln Envirotown Community Garden, get involved, or just have a chat over a cuppa, ring Ruth Wood on 325 2193. Our garden is behind the Lincoln Maternity Hospital in James Street. Please park on the street.
Earth Hour 2013 Video Competition start working on your videos NOW!

Suggestion: make a video comparing present and past environmental efforts to fit in the 150 anniversary of Lincoln

Entry forms and instructions at the end of this newsletter.

SELWYN EARTH HOUR

Video Competition

Theme: any environmental topic
Duration: 1-5 minutes
Deadline: 4th March 2013
Cool prizes

Get entry forms and info from www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz
Would you like to make an impact on the natives? We rely on your help!

Mahoe Reserve Working Bees
4th November and 2nd December at 2.00pm

Please bring tools, gloves, and if possible a bucket, to working bees - a wheelbarrow or two would be good!

Where: Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road, Lincoln, next to the Golf course, opposite the High School. Ring Denis for info 325 2806

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 really appreciate your help at working bees, or at any time that suits you! Contact 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. 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.

New Zealand’s first composting service for nappies, incontinence and sanitary waste is now available in the Selwyn District, including Lincoln New World supermarket (carpark).
Residents and businesses are eligible to receive a discount off the purchase price thanks to the support of the Selwyn District Council.
For advice on what we can offer you

Phone 0800 246 3767
or visit www.envirocomp.co.nz

www.envirocomp.co.nz
https://www.facebook.com/envirocomp
Lincoln Farmers’ & Craft Market

TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS MARKET
Thurs 20th DEC
4 pm to 7 pm

WIDE RANGE OF UNIQUE GIFT IDEAS
(for the whole family)
From our talented local crafters

LIVE FESTIVE MUSIC

Stock up on fresh local produce & goodies for the holiday season.

GREAT COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE

Look out for Fruit & Berry Fest - Sat 12th Jan

Details on www.facebook.com/lincolnmarket & www.bethere.co.nz or contact Debbie on 03 3295757
Lincoln Envirotown Trust now has a new, updated Facebook page which you can Like here: [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lincoln-Envirotown/145387305511993](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lincoln-Envirotown/145387305511993)

Show your support and stay updated with LET events and information or even post comments, other events or questions you have for the committee.

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

LET meetings are normally held the **FIRST MONDAY** of each month at 7:30 pm in the Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, off North Belt. We often have guest speakers. All welcome!

**For more information** Please contact Sue Jarvis, 329-5858 or sue.jarvis@orcon.net.nz.

**NEXT meeting is 5th November**

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**Donations of wool required** for the West Melton rural women’s group.
2 or 3 ply wool to make baby hats and vests for newborns at Lincoln Maternity Hospital.
Enquiries to Kathleen Edge 3257814
or wool can be dropped into Lincoln Maternity Hospital

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**Check out the New World Lincoln web page on the Liffey cleanup!**

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**Have you considered an... Eco sewage treatment system?**

In today’s world we have to be more responsible for our eco actions so at Watersflow we created a sewage system with these principles in mind:
- Powered Free by Nature
- Virtually Maintenance Free
- Cost Effective

![Image of a naturalflow eco-sewage treatment system]

**for a FREE information pack**

**PH 0800 628 356**

“We do it simpler”

[www.naturalflow.co.nz](http://www.naturalflow.co.nz)
Come to a subsidised Bokashi composting workshop to help reduce the organic waste component of our district’s rubbish. Bokashi composting uses a simple fermentation method to break down organic material in a 15 litre bucket.

The one hour workshop teaches the basics of Bokashi composting. Participants receive their own Bokashi composting bin (15 litres) complete with a packet of Zing Bokashi and information kit so they can get started straight away.

Participants will learn how to use the fermented compost on their gardens as a beneficial plant and soil conditioner. The workshop is run by Nicole Buhrs, who is an active member of Rolleston Envirotown.

Workshops
Rolleston Community Centre
Tuesday, 27 November, 7.30pm
Cost: $25 to attend and pick up your Bokashi composting kit.

Register
To register for the Bokashi composting workshop, please contact Gavin Sole, Solid Waste Manager on 03 347 2841 or email gavin.sole@selwyn.govt.nz

Please note that this workshop is only available to Selwyn district residents.
NZers Do Care About Conservation from: http://www.celsias.co.nz

The results of the Department of Conservation's (DOC) annual survey of New Zealanders’ attitudes to conservation show:

- 73% think that conservation should be considered in all key decisions about NZ's future.
- 77% agree that spending money on conservation is a good investment in the prosperity and wellbeing of New Zealanders.
- Only 16% oppose more government spending on conservation, almost half are keen to see more government funding of conservation.
- Only 14% think that DOC is not more interested in commercial activities than it used to be.

The 'Attitudes, engagement and favourability' report by Perception Research obtained by the Green Party was produced in September as part of DOC's National Survey of New Zealanders. It surveyed 3,885 people in June 2012.

"This Government has cut at least $54 million from DOC's budget," said Ms Sage.

"The department's allocation of $335 million in 2012/13 is equivalent to the annual budget of the Hamilton City Council, yet the department manages a third of New Zealand's land area.

"We need to invest in our clean green image by ensuring conservation gets its fair share of funding. Instead this Government seems focused on promoting projects which harm our environment such as Bathurst's proposed Denniston mine and more irrigation and dairying," said Ms Sage.

"Current funding means DOC can carry out pest control on only 1.2 million hectares of the eight million hectares of public land it manages. This is not doing justice to New Zealand's special plants, wildlife and landscapes.

"Funding is a factor in preventing the department from being able to advocate for the environment in many RMA cases, shifting the burden of protecting our environment from government to voluntary community groups and NGOs."
"The survey results confirm that New Zealanders love our treasured places and want them protected."

*Photos from DOC website*

From the Celsius web site: [http://www.celsias.co.nz](http://www.celsias.co.nz)

*Greenwash: Big Brands and Carbon Scams* by [Guy Pearse](http://www.celsias.co.nz) was an eye-opener for a reader like me who pays practically no attention to brand advertising. I didn’t realise how many major brands are striving to present green credentials to their consumers. The book covers a multitude of them across many sectors of the economy, from banks to retailers, car manufacturers, electricity providers, appliances, sports, professional services, soft drinks, real estate, and many more, including even the sex industry.

In some respects it’s perhaps encouraging that so many firms think it important to communicate to the public that they are addressing the question of their carbon footprint and working to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions associated with their business. But looked at closely the positive message they proclaim is often highly disproportionate to the measures they are taking. Minor adjustments to practice are offered as if they were major reorientations of business.

Pearse is always anxious to give any credit that is due, but in the great majority of cases it can only be a tiny fraction of the credit that the brand advertising claims. HSBC bank, for instance, presents itself as fighting climate change. It seeks to be carbon-neutral in its operations, it has a ‘Carbon Finance Strategy’ to support clean technologies and non-fossil fuel energy solutions, and it partners with major environmental charities to inspire global action. But at the same time it has a 20 percent stake in Rio Tinto which Pearse suggests does over fifty times more harm than HSBC’s carbon-neutrality does good. It also owns large stakes in a host of other big-emitting fossil fuel companies, its research team regularly promotes coal and oil companies as good investments, and between 2006 and 2008 it provided over $10 billion to companies that are engaged in either the extraction or combustion of coal.
According to Toyota's advertising Mother Nature drives a Prius hybrid, and Toyota is hardly alone among car makers in creating fanciful climate-friendly advertisements. The company makes much of the 4 million hybrids it's sold over the past fifteen years, but Pearse points to the larger context. Toyota has sold more than 100 million vehicles over the same period and 96 percent of them have not been hybrids. It sells nearly three gas-guzzling four-wheel drives, sports utility vehicles and utes for every hybrid.

There are all sorts of omissions from companies’ narratives of their climate-friendly undertakings. The supply chain is one. The use of their products is another. The expected expansion of firms another.

Very often the greening message is focused only on the central operations of the business, and while in some cases these are worthwhile they are really only on the fringe of the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the full extent of the business.

Painstakingly, business by business, Pearse disentangles the climate-friendly advertising web woven around the firm’s operations and exposes it for the flimsy cover it often is. He acknowledges that claims vary in their quality. Walmart and Kraft and Panasonic are credited with at least “dipping a toe” in the water of the supply chain or consumer use, whereas those who throw around the term ‘clean coal’ with no technology to yet credibly support it are simply playing tricks on the gullible.

It would be easy for a book such as this to become simply a diatribe against the superficiality and deceptiveness of advertising. Pearse certainly uncovers enough material if that was his purpose. But it is climate change which is his overriding concern. He takes his stand on the science. Genuine and substantial reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are the only way to tackle dangerous climate change. This is no time for delusion, yet the impression that major brands are bringing about significantly lowered emissions is a delusion.

He is forthright and direct in conclusion: “For the footprint of a big brand to be shrinking, all the emissions associated with the products it sells need to be shrinking. That’s what matters to the atmosphere. Yet as soon as we factor in the emissions that the companies disown, those from the supply chain and use of products, their claims to climate friendliness collapse.”

Greenwash is not harmless. It is dangerous because it gives the impression that climate change is being taken seriously when it isn’t. It diverts attention from what the science of climate change demands. It puts off of the day of reckoning. ‘There’s a sense in which we are all ready to do that and take encouragement from greenwash. ‘Of course we all do partake in these things, you know,’ was the observation Pearse records from his father on reading the draft of the book. “Spot on,” adds the son, “and hence the book.”
We can’t have a successful clean energy revolution while a fake one is being successfully sold. We can’t afford to let ourselves be taken in by solutions which fall far short of what is required. That’s the underlying seriousness which commends the book and the time spent researching it. And it leads to the rethinks Pearse advocates in his conclusion.

Advertisers and PR consultants need to ask whether the work that many of them believe is positive for the planet is actually being used to greenwash brands. Those in the business of ranking green companies also need to reflect on the standards of sustainability they apply. Some prominent environmental groups should question their relationship with some of the worst greenwash offenders.

Pearse’s emphasis on the need for governments to do a reality check was welcome. The notion that business leadership can somehow substitute for regulation on climate change needs to be discarded. Only governments can take the big steps required to return the climate to safer territory and it’s high time they started to do so, before another decade is wasted in drifting.

He calls for companies themselves to recognise that greenwash will eventually be exposed and that they need to lift their game and take in the full range of effects of their operations. Finally, consumers need to recognise that there’s no way in which we can shop the planet green “one Subway sandwich at a time”. Nor is it a solution to transfer the emissions responsibility to the developing countries which produce the goods we eagerly buy.

The essential element on the path to addressing the climate crisis is a substantial decrease in greenhouse gas emissions. Nothing less will do. Pearse’s book is both an exposure of greenwash and an encouragement to more realistic engagement by those who dally with it.
The International Passive House Days are an international event organised by the Passive House Institute, showcasing Passive Houses across the world.

New Zealand is participating in this event for the first time, and Vicus Design Group is offering a free seminar in Christchurch.

**Christchurch Seminar**

We have three great speakers sharing their knowledge and experience about Passive Houses.

**Glenn Murdoch**
I will talk generally about Passive Houses, what are they, how do they work, and why they are an ideal way of realising a well-designed and energy-efficient home.

**Thomas van Raamsdonk**
Thomas is the General Manager of Pro Clima New Zealand. Pro Clima provides us with solutions for airtightness and weathertightness. Thomas will talk about the importance of airtightness, and will provide a practical demonstration of a blower door test, the test we use for airtightness.

**Jane Shearer**
Jane is a current client of Vicus Design Group. She will share with us her research that lead her to choose Passive House as a way of thinking about building, and the benefits she sees in it for her.

We would love to see you at our seminar, hear us speak, ask us questions and enjoy some complimentary drinks and nibbles as we chat.

Spaces are limited, so please RSVP to events@vicus.co.nz.

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**Upcoming Events**

9 November, 3pm - 5pm
Christchurch Seminar - International Passive House Day
3pm - 5pm
Aranui Library, 109 Aldershot St
There are links on the LET web site and below for information about the other Enviro communities

ROLLESTON ENVIROTOWN
"A better environment starts with you"

Rolleston Envirotown meetings are held on the third Tuesday evening in the month (winter starting at 7.00pm and during summer starting at 7.30pm). The meetings are held in the Rolleston Envirotown Community House in Rolleston, 45 Shelley Street. Email Nicole at tonicermu@gmail.com or phone Catherine on 347 8240 if you are interested. All welcome. Visit www.rollestonenvirotown.org.nz

The Rolleston Envirotown Market for produce (includes organic) and craft is held on the second Sunday in the month 10am to 1pm. The market is sited in the Rolleston Square carpark area alongside Rolleston Drive. During inclement weather the market will be held along by the shops.

The Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden is being led by Sacha, if you would like to help contact sacha.murray@hotmail.com or alternatively ring 03 347 8175. The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Community House, Rolleston.

They would like to thank the church and sponsors for their help and support to get them to this point. Without this support this project would not have been possible.

Rolleston Envirotown Community Garden Working bees are on the second Saturday of the month (time to be decided) every second Wednesday starting at 3.30pm

Come and make some friends while doing something good for the environment. Bring something to drink and nibble, a spade, some gloves and keen energy!
For more information contact Sacha on 0211387207, 347 8175
Sacha is moving away, so we need another garden coordinator – is it YOU?

SPRINGSTON ENVIRO-COMMUNITY

The Springston Enviro-Community (SEC) Everyone is welcome!
Come and meet up with a group of enthusiastic locals. If you want to find out more, contact Sue on 329 5858.
The Springston Secret Community Garden is now open - We now have the Lincoln University Future Leaders helping with the garden and the Children’s Secret Garden Club. If you are interested in helping with the setting up of a herb bed – perhaps you have herb plants you can donate, please let us know. The children also want to start keeping chooks – so help is needed there too. If you would like to grow your own food plants at the garden contact Sue. We are now looking for a garden coordinator.

ENVIRO ELLESMERE
Linda Hermiston is the chair of the new group extended group (Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel). For more information contact: Margaret on 3243949, or Linda on lj_hermiston@hotmail.com Meetings 2nd Thursday on the month. Action plans for Leeston and the other areas under discussion. Come and add your views.

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.willet@xtra.co.nz).
Over the past 12 months Prebbleton Enviro-Village (PEV) has organised a number of “Sharing Skills Sessions”. The sessions aim to teach each other skills that assist us to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.
They have held sessions on worm farming, sustainable gardening and fruit bottling.
PEV as part of the 150th celebrations of the settlement of Prebbleton will be planting 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

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

WEST MELTON ENVIRO COMMUNITY
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

There will an interesting field trip on the diversity of insect species in a braided river area next year.

See the West Melton Enviro-Community web site! www.westmeltonenviro.org.nz

ENVIROTOWN TAI TAPU
The Tai Tapu Playcentre is working on an environmentally sustainable programme and is doing great things. Sue has visited the centre, met with the supervisor and may be meeting with a group of parents soon. Tai Tapu primary school is also an Enviroschool and has a section on environmental education on their web site. http://www.taitapu.school.nz . The community is also making a great effort in planting natives along the banks of the Halswell river, for more information on this, contact the Old Tai Tapu Road Stream Care Group (OTTR) Michelle Brailsford 027 2239 503 or Graham Sherrell 0226 017 431

Exciting new happening in Tai Tapu!
"Envirotown Tai Tapu" is has be born. This 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 community meeting to share your ideas, concerns and help plan actions that you would like to see happen. The second meeting will be held in November, all welcome!

When: Wednesday November 28 at 7.30 pm
Where: Probably Tai Tapu School
What to bring: Your ideas, enthusiasm to bring about change for the better!
Aim: To continue work on a community sustainability action plan

For more information contact Steve Matheson sgkb.matheson@xtra.co.nz or 0275 366 101

DARFIELD
If you live in Darfield we are hoping to arrange an initial meeting very soon. If you are interested contact Sue on 329 5858

WHITECLIFFES: 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.

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.
Stuff for Enviro Kids (and adults!)

Please send us any ideas, information or links for Enviro Kids!

Earth Hour 2013 Video Competition

Kids (and adults who are young at heart!) start working on your videos NOW! Think about a video linking the 150 Lincoln birthday with the environment – perhaps then and now?

Entry forms and instructions at the end of this newsletter.

CarbonKids Educational Resources: CarbonKids is an Australian program for schools committed to tackling climate change. The educational resources offer a range of ideas and activities for the early, primary and middle years of schooling.

International Student Carbon Footprint Challenge: Check out the student-oriented Carbon Footprint Calculator to measure the impact of transportation, home energy, food, and personal purchase choices.
http://footprint.stanford.edu/calculate.html

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

Local News:
If you want to read local newspapers (with often news about LET’s activities) and don’t get them delivered, you can read them on line:
http://starnews.co.nz/ Selwyn times

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.
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.

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.

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!
Carpool and reduce your impact on the planet!
Carpool to and from Lincoln and have a better trip. You will meet people, save money, reduce your carbon footprint.

If you don't have anyone to carpool with then try our new carpool matching system. Lincoln's online carpool system is powered by Jayride at www.Jayride.co.nz/Lincoln

The system is free and you can use it to find a carpool or share your own. Lincoln University has recently set up the system with Jayride but it is open to all.

If you're sharing a ride in your car, then you can share driving duties or simply list how much you need towards your expenses like petrol and parking.

Try it!
- List your carpool to and from Lincoln
- Browse other carpools to and from Lincoln

For those that don't live or work in Lincoln – it works for other areas too!

### Lincoln Envirotown Calendar of Events

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<td>Sunday 4th November</td>
<td>Mahoe Working bee</td>
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<td>Monday 5th November</td>
<td>LET meeting</td>
<td>Lincoln Event Centre</td>
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<td>Wednesday 28th November</td>
<td>Envirotown Tai Tapu meeting</td>
<td>Probably Tai Tapu School</td>
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<td>Sunday 2nd December, 2.00pm</td>
<td>Mahoe Working bee</td>
<td>Boundary Road, Lincoln</td>
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<td>Saturday 8th December</td>
<td>Lincoln Pageant and Santa Parade</td>
<td>Lincoln</td>
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<td>Wednesday 20th March 2013 (note change of date!)</td>
<td>Earth Hour Kim Hill debate</td>
<td>Lincoln University</td>
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<td>Friday 22nd March 2013 (note change of date!)</td>
<td>Earth Hour video competition presentations</td>
<td>Lincoln Event Centre</td>
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<td>Saturday 23rd March 2013 (note change of date!)</td>
<td>Earth Hour 8.30 -9.30pm, Earth Hour Barn dance 7.30 – 11.30</td>
<td>Global Rolleston Community Centre</td>
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<td>Sunday 24th March 2013</td>
<td>Lincoln celebrates 150 years</td>
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<td>2nd Thursday of the month 7.30pm</td>
<td>Envirotown Ellesmere Meeting of the new extended group – Leeston, Southbridge, Doyleston and Dunsandel – plus rural areas</td>
<td>Leeston Library Community Contact Linda <a href="mailto:lj_hermiston@hotmail.com">lj_hermiston@hotmail.com</a> (03) 324 4463</td>
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<td>First Sunday of the Month 2.00pm</td>
<td>Mahoe Working bee</td>
<td>Mahoe Reserve, Boundary Road</td>
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<td>Third Tuesday of month 7.30pm (7.00pm in winter)</td>
<td>Rolleston Enviro Town Meetings</td>
<td>Rolleston Community House</td>
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<td>Second Tuesday of the month</td>
<td>Rolleston Community Garden meetings.</td>
<td>Rolleston Community House</td>
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<td>Second Saturday of the month and every second Wednesday starting at 3.30pm</td>
<td>Rolleston Garden working bees</td>
<td>Corner Brookside Rd and William Street</td>
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<td>To be advised</td>
<td>Springston Enviro community meetings</td>
<td>Springston Domain, Errol Tweedy lounge</td>
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<td>2nd Thursday of the month, 7.00pm</td>
<td>West Melton Enviro Community meetings</td>
<td>St Paul's Church</td>
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<td>3rd Wednesday of the month</td>
<td>Prebbleton Enviro Village meetings</td>
<td>Contact Nicola Willett (ph 3497990 or email <a href="mailto:n.willett@xtra.co.nz">n.willett@xtra.co.nz</a>) for venue</td>
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# EARTH HOUR 2013
## VIDEO COMPETITION

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<th><strong>Theme</strong></th>
<th>Any environmental topic or issue, as long as it promotes environmental awareness and action</th>
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<td><strong>Length</strong></td>
<td>1 to 5 minutes</td>
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<td><strong>Deadline</strong></td>
<td>5:00pm Friday, 8 March 2013</td>
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<td><strong>Who may enter</strong></td>
<td>Entry open to anyone who supports Earth Hour.</td>
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<td><strong>Categories</strong></td>
<td>Early childhood centres – preschoolers and their teachers</td>
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<td>Primary school - person or group from this age group and their teachers</td>
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<td>Secondary school - ditto</td>
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<td>Professional and university – challenge another department</td>
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<td>All comers - open to any person, group or company</td>
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<td><strong>Format</strong></td>
<td>In the best quality you can manage on: .mov, .avi, .mp4, .mvv</td>
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<td><strong>Media</strong></td>
<td>DVD disk or flash drive</td>
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<td><strong>Content</strong></td>
<td>• Can be video, slides, animation or any combination of these</td>
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<td>• Can be factual or fictitious, serious or humorous, real or acted</td>
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<td>• No bad language, no indecent images and no unauthorised use of other people’s material</td>
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<td><strong>Number of entries</strong></td>
<td>As many as you like</td>
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<td><strong>Prizes</strong></td>
<td>A panel will choose the winners. One prize per category will be awarded at a public showing in the Lincoln Event Centre, 6 pm on Friday, March 22nd.</td>
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<td><strong>Use and Screening Rights</strong></td>
<td>By submitting your video, you grant us the right to show your video for Earth Hour purposes, to live audiences or online, as we see fit. This does not preclude your right to also screen the video as you see fit.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Send or Deliver to</strong></td>
<td>&quot;Earth Hour Video Competition&quot; at any Selwyn District library or Council office, or mail to address below</td>
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| **Organisers** | Lincoln Envirotown Trust  
d/ Sue Jarvis  
694 Goulds Road  
RD4 Christchurch 7674 |
| **More information** | Phone: (03) 329 5858 or 021 100 1009  
Email: sue.jarvis@orccon.net.nz |
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Video Competition Entry & Release Form
One form should be completed for each video entry. Attach to entry

Title of Video ____________________________________________

Brief Description ____________________________________________

____________________________________________________________________________________

Category of entry (ring one, see instructions for details) Early childhood, Primary school, High School, Professional/university, All Comers

Name main contact ____________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

Email ____________________________________________ Phone ________________

School or Organisation (if applicable) ____________________________________________

Production Team Members:

1. ____________________________________________

2. ____________________________________________

3. ____________________________________________

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Add more if required