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WELCOME TO OUR OCTOBER ISSUE

The Lincoln Community and Residents Association (LCRA) proudly presents the first edition of our 'new look' Lincoln Community Newsletter – Lincoln Local. The Association has taken over management under the leadership of Lincoln residents Mark and Sha. Mark is a new committee member, and he and his wife head up an enthusiastic subcommittee now producing Lincoln Local.

We thank Mark and Sha for their expertise and enthusiasm, and our generous sponsors: New World, Challenge Lincoln, Urszula Bedggood – Bayleys, Auto4, The Laboratory, and Rosemerryn Subdivision. Without their support, continuing this publication wouldn't be possible.

The newsletter needs additional long-term funding, so we welcome new sponsors. LCRA is committed to making this publication special by collecting community stories and increasing distribution throughout Lincoln while growing advertising revenue to cover costs.

As promoted by this addition of Lincoln Local, the Local Body elections are upon us. For the sake of our local democracy I am encouraging you all to exercise your right to vote. It may appear confusing with so many new candidates but with the candidate profile booklet

and the 'Meet the Candidates' on the council website, there is enough to make some voting decisions.

Voting is open now and ends on the 11 October. There are drop boxes in Lincoln at the Library and the Event Centre available daily and at the supermarket on the 4 October from 10am to 1pm. Get out there and vote!

Follow our own committee elections at the recent AGM, officers have now been elected as follows;

Lindsay Wilson – Chairperson

Andre Strauss – Deputy Chair

Tanya Douglas – Treasurer

Committee Members – Kathryn Claridge, Ralph Scott, Neale Elder, Mark Song, Sue Prendergast

On behalf of the committee we are proud to be representing the Lincoln community and are always interested to hear your concerns. Take a look at our exciting new website – lincolncommunity.co.nz

All the best from LCRA

Lindsay Wilson



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3. Judges are Tanya Douglas from LCRA, Sha Jega from Whitefox and Karam from the Sparrow
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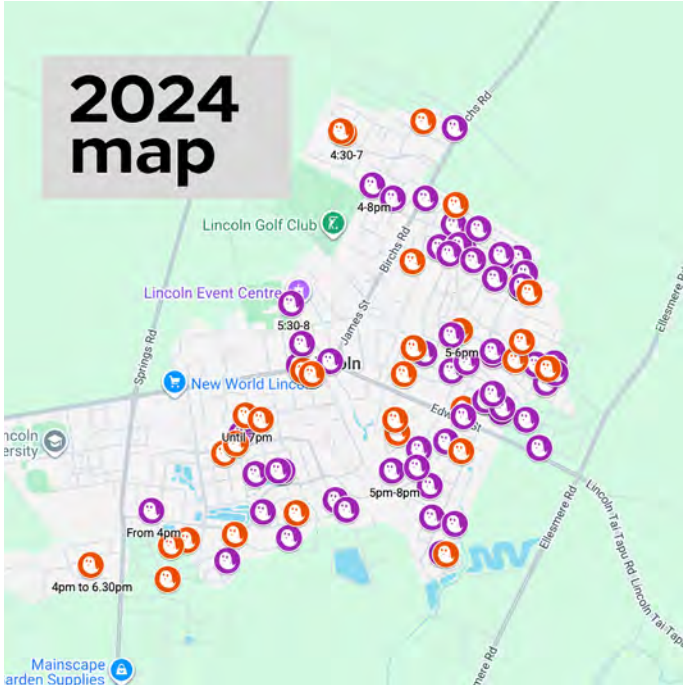
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Send a photo of your house or costume by 10 November to:

Email: editor@lincolncommunity.co.nz

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TRICK-OR-TREAT MADE EASY: COMMUNITY MAP RETURNS FOR HALLOWEEN 2025



Find the best decorated houses and sweetest stops this Halloween. *This map has become a much-loved resource in our community, making it easier for families to enjoy the evening and celebrate together.*

Halloween is just around the corner, and our local community trick-or-treat map is back for its third year running. Designed to help families plan a safe and fun evening, the map shows which households are handing out treats, who has decorations on display, and what times they'll be open for little ghosts and ghouls.

From October 15, a questionnaire will be posted on the local Facebook community page. Households can register their address and note if they'll be offering treats, or both decorations and treats. The map is updated every few days and the final version will be available from 3pm on October 31.

For families still putting together costumes or looking to decorate their homes, local favourites such as The Warehouse, Kmart, Look Sharp, and Temu are great places to find affordable options.

Safety remains a top priority. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children, and groups are a fun way to head out together. Just remember that you should only approach houses that are decorated or have balloons at their gate.

For alternative activities, check out the Lincoln community Facebook page for other family-friendly events happening on 31 October. We can't wait to see all the costumes and decorations around town this year!

Anita Baker



LINCOLN LIGHT PARTY

Lincoln Light Party – A Celebration of Community & Joy! 🌟

Come and be part of something special! The Lincoln Light Party is a free community event hosted by the churches of Lincoln, bringing families together for an evening filled with fun, laughter and light, as a safe and uplifting alternative to Halloween.

Expect exciting games, bouncy castles, face painting and a magician show.

- Enjoy tasty treats, food trucks, and warm hospitality
- Win prizes, join in activities, and make lasting memories
- Whether you're young or young at heart, this is an evening to bring community together and have fun

Free entry, all activities free.

- Friday 31 October, 5.00 – 7.30pm
- Lincoln Baptist Church, 109 Carnavernon Drive

Everyone's welcome.

Feel free to dress up, only we ask you please leave scary costumes at home.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND LINCOLN

What a month September has been for Lincoln! Our community has been buzzing with activity, and it's events like these that remind us just why we love living here. Culturefest was absolutely brilliant – seeing so many families come together to celebrate our community's diversity never gets old. The primary school production had us all in stitches one moment and reaching for tissues the next – those kids really know how to put on a show! It was wonderful to see so many volunteers roll up their sleeves for our community volunteer day, and our local clubs have been keeping busy with their own gatherings and activities. It's these moments, big and small, that truly make Lincoln the special place we all call home.



Waste Art Competition – Lincoln Envirotown



Lincoln Envirotown's annual Selwyn High Schools' Waste Art Competition celebrated creativity and environmental awareness on 14 September. With 33 fantastic entries, the competition showcased how waste can be transformed into art. Special recognition went to Jonty Smolenski from Weedons School for *Jonty's Angels*, a moving tribute created with family support. Home-schooled student Natalie McKay won the High School category with *One Kid's Trash*, while Jay Hawke took the intermediate prize for *The Skyline of Sydney*. Overall winner Liam Short impressed judges with his intricate *Bundles* made from bread bags. The exhibition at Te Ara Atea drew many visitors, thanks to support from Selwyn District Council, Rata Foundation, and local sponsors.



Golf Season Highlights

Lincoln Golf Club

Spring has brought excellent conditions to Lincoln Golf Club, with the grounds team keeping the course in top shape. The Men's Pairs Championships wrapped up with some thrilling battles across all grades. Senior winners Dave Shannon and Mike Bond led the way, followed by intermediate champions Jason Cust and Brendon Thyne, and junior winners Trevor Sievers with Bill Campbell, plus Morrie Henderson and Chris Obrien. The annual Men's Open on 28 September promises a full field from across Canterbury. Ladies' Finals Day is set for 6 October, with competitions across Silver and Bronze divisions. Special congratulations to Stephen Shields for his hole-in-one on 6 September – Golf Warehouse kindly provided a prize for his perfect shot!



Ashburton Trip

Lincoln Senior Citizens

What a wonderful day out the Lincoln Senior Citizens had on September 2nd! The group enjoyed a scenic bus journey through South Canterbury, taking in snow-capped mountains and lush green plains. After a delicious two-course lunch at the Ashburton Hotel, they embarked on a mystery tour of local treasures. Member Chris shared fascinating stories about historic Eiffelton Hall, built in 1946 for returning soldiers, and the beautiful Long Beach homestead, still farmed by the original Grigg family descendants. The group was amazed by the luxury homes at Lake Hood before heading home with driver Hamish. Thanks to Chris for his local knowledge and the committee for organizing such an enjoyable trip. Next meeting: 1.30pm, 7 October, Nicholas Hall, Lincoln Events Centre. New members always welcome!



Environmental Projects

Selwyn Lions Club

The Selwyn Lions have been busy supporting local causes this September. On September 6th, members joined the Te Ara Kakariki planting day, helping plant 1,000 native seedlings on farmland between Lincoln and Tai Tapu. Dr. Colin Meurk explained their 'green dot' programme, which has seen over 200,000 seedlings planted across Selwyn to restore native habitats. The club's annual Dunsandel bowling tournament was another success, raising funds for local youth. Organized by Barbara P and Jo, with Helen A's catering team keeping everyone well-fed, the competition was incredibly close – every team had two wins and a draw! The club also welcomed District Governor Bernie Walls, who presented awards to Kathy and past President Jane, and inducted new member Crystal.





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COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Last Saturday Te Ara Kākāriki kicked off their community planting season with a fantastic day that brought together around 100 volunteers from Christchurch and Selwyn.

The day got off to a dramatic start with a short but heavy downpour. But true to form, the volunteers were not put off. As the first holes were dug, the skies cleared to reveal a warm and bright day – perfect for planting.

Working in two groups across three sites, volunteers managed to plant over 2,200 native native ecosourced seedlings, each carefully placed with a protective guard to shield them from hares and frost. Together, the teams created a brand new ‘greendot’ site and added to two existing plantings, strengthening Te Ara Kākāriki’s corridor of small native plantings to link the Canterbury foothills to Te Waihora/Lake Ellesmere.

Among the landowners taking part was Dan Saunders, who has been steadily restoring part of his Lincoln property with Te Ara Kākāriki since 2020. Dan shared that he started planting natives as a way to offset some of the emissions from his energy-efficient building company while also boosting local

biodiversity. Several of his staff joined the planting effort on Saturday, showing their support. Thanks to the great turnout and plenty of enthusiasm, both sites were finished earlier than expected, leaving time for people to stand back and admire their work.

Te Ara Kākāriki would like to give a special thanks to the Selwyn District Council, whose support made the day possible, and to the landowners who prepared the sites so beautifully. These landowners also take on the important job of caring for the plants until they are established—a commitment that makes all the difference in ensuring the young natives survive and thrive. This could be removed to make it shorter.

Days like this show what can be achieved when a community comes together with a shared purpose. Over time, the thousands of plants put in by volunteers will grow into thriving pockets of bush, providing food and shelter for native birds, insects, and lizards.

If you missed out this time, don’t worry—there are more opportunities to get involved. With planting days scheduled for 21 September in West Melton and 5 October in Springfield and Sheffield.



AOTEAROA: THE GREAT KIWI GETAWAY

One of the absolute highlights of Term 3 has been our Senior Production, *Aotearoa: The Great Kiwi Getaway*. What an incredible showcase of talent, teamwork, and creativity from our Year 5–8 learners! Over three nights, our tamariki entertained packed audiences with a show that was both funny and thought-provoking, weaving together music, drama, dance, and storytelling in ways that celebrated our unique Kiwi culture

.Productions like this are about so much more than what happens on stage. They are a true demonstration of the attributes of the IB Primary Years Programme Learner Profile—risk-takers, communicators, inquirers, thinkers, and caring team members—all coming together to create something magical. Our learners worked tirelessly in rehearsals, supported one another, and showed real courage in stepping into the spotlight.

A special thank you must go to Sarah Rogatski and Rebekah Irvine, whose vision, passion, and commitment

brought this show to life. Their creativity and direction enabled every student to shine. Behind the scenes, the efforts of staff, whānau, and helpers were enormous, whether it was costumes, props, lighting, front of house, or simply lending a hand when needed. This was truly a team effort, and one that our whole kura can be proud of.

Most importantly, our students loved the experience. They will take away not just the memory of standing on stage, but also the confidence, friendships, and pride that come from working together towards a common goal.

We are incredibly proud of what our senior students achieved. The laughter and applause said it all; this was a memorable production!

Chris Nord

Tumuaki

Te Kura O Tauhinu | Lincoln Primary School

Election 2025



With the local elections in full swing, posters and billboards have been erected, community meetings held, and many articles and pamphlets written and distributed throughout the region for our consumption. All with the intention to help us decide who to vote for within the next few days.

At the Lincoln Newsletter we felt that there was still something to be improved upon, so we set out to provide information about our Mayoral and District Councillor candidates; with Lincoln as the relatable focal point.

If you have enrolled to vote, you should have received your letters to vote in the post by 22 September in time to submit your vote by 11 October. Don't fret if you have forgotten to enrol though, you can still have your say and vote by special vote. More information about how to cast a special vote can be found on the Selwyn Council website – how to vote.

Voting in local elections is an incredibly important part of our democratic society. Those that are voted in to represent us as a Councillors, or as Mayor, have direct impact into the day to day running and happenings of our community. The decisions

they make affects many aspects of the local communities and the lives of those live there.

It could be that you've already made your decision on who you'd vote for, in which case the content of our articles would either cement your decision, or possibly cause you to pause for thought. If you are yet to make a decision, it is the hope that these articles can help in some way.

I had the pleasure of meeting all three of our Mayoral candidates in a local cafe for an interview a few weeks back, each candidate coming across as engaging and passionate about their cause.

See each interview over page >



By Rebecca Baumbach

COUNCILLOR CANDIDATES FOR SPRINGS WARD AND COUNCIL AT DISTRICT AT LARGE:



Sharon Hunt
Council – At Large



Barry Mackenzie
Council – At Large



Tracey Macleod
Council – At Large



Calvin Payne
Council – At Large



Samantha Samuel
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Sarah Barnsley
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Aaron McGlinchy
Kā Puna Springs Ward



Till Peters
Kā Puna Springs Ward



Tom Pow
Kā Puna Springs Ward



Zoran Rakovic
Kā Puna Springs Ward



Karim Sabet
Kā Puna Springs Ward

HOW TO VOTE IN THE LINCOLN LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS:

Voting in local elections is by postal vote.

Voting packs will be sent out in the mail from Friday 9 September 2025 to all those who have enrolled by Friday 1 August.

You should receive your voting pack by Monday 22 September 2025.

You can vote anytime from when you receive your voting pack until 12 noon on Saturday 11 October 2025.

SAM BROUGHTON

Passion for Local Government

Sam has strong familial roots in Selwyn, with his family's presence tracing back to the 1800s when his great-great-grandfather purchased a local farm. This connection instilled a strong sense of stewardship for the region. His farming background provides perspective on long-term, sustainable decision-making. Interest in local government began during his youth work in Darfield. After an unsuccessful first mayoral campaign, he won on his second attempt and has served as mayor for nine years.

Success Measurement

Sam's definition of success focuses 30 to 50 years ahead – what Selwyn will look like for his children and grandchildren. He highlighted how current infrastructure challenges stem from decades of under-investment and short-term thinking. The country faces \$300 billion in required infrastructure investments over 30 years. Sam is determined not to add to this dilemma, emphasising long-term decision making that doesn't burden future generations with excessive costs.

Development Contributions

Sam addressed misconceptions about developer contributions and ratepayer impact. He explained that because the council is transparent in decision-making and conducts community consultations, developers are told what future costs will look like before implementation. This allows developers to pay while costs are cheaper, creating a temporary funding gap that's recuperated through adjusted contribution rates later. Sam stressed that developer contributions are targeted specifically at developers and don't contribute to general rate increases.

Rate Management and Cost Control

Sam acknowledges that recent rate increases were substantial, explaining that artificially low increases during COVID (1%) and several years of 4-5%, when infrastructure inflation was at 28-38%, meant catch-up adjustments were necessary. With 80% of capital spend on roads and water infrastructure, maintaining low rates was unsustainable during such high inflation.

For the upcoming year, Sam proposed three options: 3-4% requiring service cuts, 7% through alternative income and efficiencies, or 13% reflecting the current long-term plan. Sam advocates collaboration with other South Island councils to reduce costs for Selwyn ratepayers.



Community Governance and Engagement

The mayor addressed concerns about the disestablishment of community boards, explaining that the change was designed to provide greater freedom for community associations by removing council constraints and enabling access to external funding sources. Several areas already operated successful independent community associations, providing a model for others to follow. West Melton retains the only community board following community preference expressed through representation reviews. Sam supports establishing ward committees to strengthen connections between councillors and community groups.

Water Services Entity Management

The controversial water services CCO decision addresses long-standing central government requirements for water infrastructure improvements following incidents like Havelock North. The separate entity removes political considerations from water investment decisions, allowing focus on best outcomes rather than electoral concerns. Governance will include water-focused expertise with Commerce Commission regulation ensuring affordability. Sam advocates for regional collaboration to share establishment costs and achieve economies of scale, whilst maintaining that all water-targeted rates and borrowing transfer to the new entity for water-specific purposes only.

LYDIA GLIDDON

Passion for Local Government

Lydia's passion for local government stems from her desire to make positive change and create good outcomes for people. She emphasises bringing people together to create communities. Her decision to run for mayor followed her initial council run three years ago after identifying a representation gap for young mothers from rural backgrounds. While her three years on council were rewarding, she believes the council has "lost its way" and needs to become more people-centric.

Success Measurement

Success as mayor would not be measured individually, but through team and community outcomes. Success includes having a financially responsible council that partners with and empowers the community, maintains transparency sharing information with both public and councillors, and creates an environment where people want to stay in the district for generations.

Development and Infrastructure Planning

Unplanned growth challenges in Selwyn stem from the National Policy Statement on Urban Development removing previous planning restrictions, leading to a free-for-all on private plan changes. This explains the unplanned, almost uncontrolled growth. Central government has significant control over local planning, making long-term planning difficult when regulations change unexpectedly. Protecting agricultural land is crucial since once farmland is gone, it cannot be recovered, and agriculture remains Selwyn's largest GDP contributor.

Private plan changes are assessed by independent commissioners rather than elected councillors. Commissioners evaluate whether proposals would have adequate infrastructure support before making recommendations. If councillors reject a commissioner's recommendation to approve a development, the matter typically ends up in the Environment Court, where councillors must defend their decision legally. This creates a challenging situation where councillors may personally disagree with developments but have limited legal grounds to oppose them.

Rate Management and Cost Control

Rate increases are a significant concern for residents, and achieving a single-digit rate increase for the next annual plan is a priority. This would require onboarding new councillors after the election and conducting a department-by-department spending review to identify non-essential spending. The council has an expenditure problem not an income problem.



Examples include:

- Reviewing the \$900,000 annual expenditure on economic development, questioning whether council should be a spender or an enabler
- Reconsidering the \$100,000 spent on rebranding for economic development
- Evaluating the \$100,000 allocated to both the Aging Well Strategy and Youth Strategy, suggesting partnerships with existing community organisations might be more effective

Community Governance and Engagement

The disestablishment of community committees caused pain, as they were composed of volunteers who took pride in their townships. Community groups don't necessarily need to be formal committees of council to be effective, since independent community organisations actually have more avenues for action and can speak out against council if needed. However, the way the committees were disestablished eroded trust.

Water Services Entity Management

Although disagreeing with establishing the Water CCO, she must work with the current situation. The council is drafting a statement of expectations for the CCO, telling them how to operate regarding efficiency and fiscal responsibility. The difference in borrowing capacity between the council and the CCO is only about \$10 million. Council can borrow up to 280% of its revenue, while the Water CCO can borrow up to 500% of its revenue.

BRAD MANNERING

Passion for Local Government

Brad had not considered local government involvement beyond fulfilling his civic duty to vote. His decision to run for mayor was motivated by lack of choice for voters, particularly in the mayoral election. Brad represents a different perspective as an average person who operates a small business.

Success Measurement

Success would be measured through transparency and public engagement, prioritising community satisfaction with council decisions by measurable metrics. His approach involves conducting workshops and educational sessions to provide better information before seeking input. Achieving engagement from more than fifty percent of the population would provide reliable data about community preferences, compared to current minimal participation that makes decision-making extremely challenging.

Development and Infrastructure Planning

Brad expressed concern about consumption of productive farm land around areas like Lincoln, stating that once converted to housing it cannot return to farming. He noted frustration with central mandates requiring building on subdivision edges, removing council control over development planning. Brad sees Rolleston as a central hub for Selwyn and would reinforce this through careful planning, allowing smaller townships to retain their community feel.

Development Contributions

Brad feels remedial measures regarding developer contributions should help developments become more self-funded. However, existing contracts will not provide sufficient funding, creating a shortfall. Brad expressed frustration that ratepayers historically fund growth benefiting New Zealand as a whole without central government support, mentioning local government efforts to secure GST returns on new builds.

Rate Management and Cost Control

Brad referenced an internal due diligence report stating there are financial management issues within council. Having a ledger system with 24,000 line codes is overly complex and mistakes are inevitable, making



finance tracking harder. Brad advocates for modern technology solutions to track finances properly, enabling better planning and decision making. He suggests council should aim for consumer price index level rate increases, though this may not be immediately achievable due to current financial challenges.

Community Governance and Engagement

Brad supports reintroducing community boards with modern approaches using technology. He suggested developing a Selwyn Council app enabling public engagement, submissions and referendum voting on community issues, making engagement easy in today's busy lifestyle and encouraging broader participation.

Water Services Entity Management

Brad acknowledged the controversial Water Services CCO establishment and incomplete legislative framework from central government. His proposals include developing a strong Statement of Intent focused on community transparency, potentially including community board members or public-interest representatives. Brad supported implementing public-facing dashboards showing water quality testing results, integrating with a council app for real-time notifications about water safety issues, particularly for smaller communities like Hororata. He cited the Water Services CCO consultation where submissions represented less than one percent of eligible voters, suggesting poor communication about consultation topics rather than community apathy.



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Developed in the 1980s by Ronnie Gardiner, an American jazz drummer (who played with Dizzy Gillespie, Gerry Mulligan and Benny Carter amongst others), RGM has been successfully used to help people living with neurological conditions like stroke, Parkinson's Disease, dementia, MS as well as healthy ageing populations with brain health, co-ordination, balance and gait. It has also been successfully introduced in schools to help students with learning and concentration.

It is an amazingly flexible programme — easily adapted from simple to extremely challenging and everything in between! It is practised within a group setting or individually for therapy. Sessions can be anywhere from 15-60 minutes and targeted to the participants requirements.

It is well known in the Netherlands, Scandinavian countries and Europe, and was introduced to New Zealand in 2019 through the University of Auckland and Professor Ngaire Kerse who is a well-established researcher with a large number of publications and

research grants. She is recognised as an international expert in falls prevention, bi-cultural ageing, primary health care, and currently leads several research teams, each engaged in a number of research projects around aging and dementia.

It uses a selection of 14 named symbols and two colours that correspond to particular body movements. Exercises are performed to music with a steady beat to support co-ordination and timing. Sight, speech, brain processing and movement are done as one. These multi-sensory actions stimulate communication between the left and right hemispheres of the brain.

For those who are interested, there will be an information stand and demonstration at the Selwyn Swell Expo, and a three week introductory course starting Friday 31st October at the Lincoln & Districts Community Care Assn rooms, as well as an ongoing weekly class starting mid October (term time only).

- **Introduction Course:** 11am, Friday 31st October 60 minutes. \$30
- **Weekly Class:** 11am, Friday, starting mid October. Date TBC. \$10 per class paid as a term-block.
- **Location:** Lincoln & Districts Community Care Assn Rooms, Lincoln (*behind the library*)
- For more information, or to register, please contact Justine Holmes 021 147 0206.




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NEW LINCOLN YOUTH DROP-IN CENTRE LAUNCHING THIS OCTOBER

La Vida Youth Trust, in partnership with Life Church Selwyn, is excited to announce the launch of a brand-new Lincoln Youth Drop-In Centre, set to begin on Friday, 10 October (Term 4). Running weekly on Friday afternoons from 3.00pm to 5.30pm during school terms, the drop-in centre will operate out of the Lincoln Scout Hall, located at 164 North Belt, and is open to all young people in Years 7 to 13.

In 2023, after hearing from local residents, council and police that the biggest concern in the New Brighton community was the amount of youth crime caused by disengaged young people in the local area, La Vida Youth Trust launched a youth drop in from their QE2 location. Within several weeks, numbers of intermediate and high school students grew to over 50 attending on a regular basis.

Following the success of their QE2 Drop-In Centre, La Vida Youth Trust is expanding its reach to meet the needs of youth in the Lincoln area. This new initiative provides a safe, positive space where 10–18-year-olds can hang out, connect with friends, and engage in fun activities including shooting hoops, games, and shared food.

More than just entertainment, the Lincoln Drop-In Centre is supported by a team of dedicated volunteers and youth workers, offering faith-based positive role modelling, encouragement, guidance, and support.

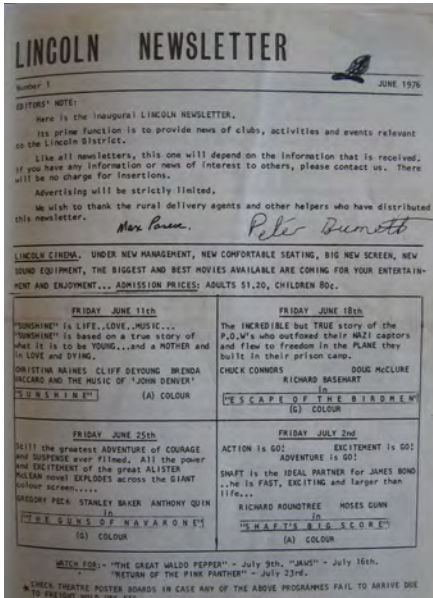
“A dad told us his daughter asks every week if it’s Friday yet so she can come to Drop-In. He was so grateful she found a place she loves,” says one of the team leaders.

Another mum shared, “I’m so thankful for a programme that actually gets my boys off their devices and out playing sport with their mates.”

La Vida Youth Trust exists to respond to the needs in our communities through presence-based youth work, fostering belonging, purpose, and hope in the next generation.

- Lincoln Scout Hall, 164 North Belt
- 3.00pm – 5.30pm, Fridays (School Terms)
- For youth Years 7–13
- More Info: www.lyt.org.nz/all-programmes/lincoln-drop-in-centre
- Contact: lyt@lyt.org.nz | selwyn@lifechurch.nz





49 YEARS KEEPING LINCOLN CONNECTED

From Issue 1, 2004 to issue 130/160 Sept 2025 is an amazing legacy, but it's one that goes back nearly fifty years! Our Neville Moar archive collection includes the Lincoln Community Centre Committee sponsored Lincoln Newsletter 1 (June 1976) – 97 (1985), and Lincoln Update 1 (1985) – 40 (1986).

It was one double-sided, typed foolscap sheet, folded in half, and delivered monthly to 800 households in the area between the main Akaroa road, Greenpark, Coes Ford, Waterholes Road and Robinsons Road.

Issue one included reports on a new cycle track from Lincoln to the College, news from Clubs, Council and Fire Brigade, advertisements for Lincoln Hotel and the film The Guns of Navarone showing at the Lincoln Cinema. Also reported, Council permission to shift and restore Liffey Cottage. By August 1976, 1000 copies were distributed monthly. There was no internet!

John McLaughlin replaced Peter Burnett as editor in April 1979, and Max Pascoe retired in 1980 after 47 issues. Both are remembered working at the dining table, at the 'editorial office' at 8 James Street. Both worked at Wool Research – WRONZ, and volunteered on the Community Committee.

John recalls that Max and Lincoln Pharmacist Graeme Sim first suggested the idea of a local newsletter as a good

community project. Most active was Marion Townsend, who coordinated distribution from 1976 until 1986. Once the news was typed by her daughter, Marionann Townsend, Max and John arranged and pasted the items onto clean sheets, which were then photocopied. Distribution grew to 1200 copies by 1982. John Goulter introduced a new masthead in 1982, followed by Bill Whitmore from 1984-85.

Lincoln Update began with issue no. 1, April 1985, printed by Griffin Press. Marion Townsend continued coordinating distribution until issue no. 40 in December 1986, when the Editor noted that many community groups hadn't used the newsletter and its continuation would depend on community feedback. We would love to know if there were any newsletters published from 1987 to 2000s, reminiscences from those involved, and information about Lincoln correspondents who wrote for The Press or Ellesmere Guardian.

With warm thanks to both Miriam Pascoe and John McLaughlin for their recollections.

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SNOWBOARDING, ROAD TRIPS AND CHILLED VIBES

In search of change, 28-year-old Taiwanese-born Debbie decided New Zealand was the country to experience a new way of life.

“I was a pharmacist in Taiwan. After three years, I was tired from all the pressure and wanted to explore the world. I wanted an English-speaking country with better work-life balance, good weather, and affordable tuition fees. I had my honeymoon in New Zealand, so I chose to come here.”

Her hometown Keelung is a beautiful seaside city – much like Lyttleton, minus the heat and humidity. She recalls how daunting it felt arriving in September 2024 but remembers the positive experience living in Lincoln homestay.

“I felt very nervous because people might not understand me. It was the first time I left my family to travel alone. But my homestay host treated me like their friend and made me feel welcome.”

Debbie loves interacting with people from diverse backgrounds – something she couldn’t experience in Taiwan as 97% of the population spoke only Mandarin and Taiwanese. Driving her own car has been a dream come true.

“I always dreamt of driving in another country. I chose Lincoln because it’s rural, less crowded and drivers are friendly. In Taiwan, my husband always drives. But now I’ve driven around Christchurch and to Lake Tekapo, Wanaka, Queenstown, Dunedin, Oamaru, and Timaru.”

A year on, it’s gotten easier. Debbie is completing her Master of Applied Computing at Lincoln University in 2026, then returning to Taiwan. Transitioning to tech has given her creative space and she might combine her medical background with tech skills. Before returning home, Debbie continues making the most of Lincoln – especially the chilled vibe and nature. Learning to snowboard and cook have been new hobbies she didn’t have time for in Taiwan.

While being away from family brings loneliness, Debbie will not return to Taiwan empty handed. She will go home carrying a sense of accomplishment and more potential due to her experience as a Lincoln local.



By Agnes Owusu
Feature writer

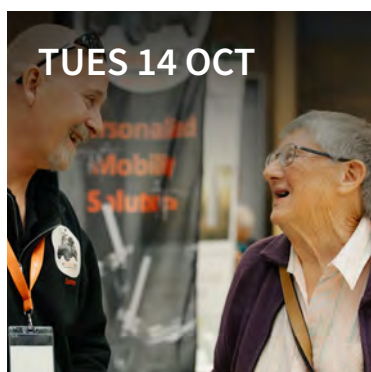
Each month we spotlight a Lincoln community member. Know someone with a story to share? Nominate them a editor@lincolncommunity.co.nz

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FRI 11 OCT****Repair Café**

10am – 1pm, Saturday 11 October
@ Rolleston Community Centre

Lincoln Envirotown invites people to bring clothes, bicycles, electrical appliances, jewellery, laptops and household items needing repair. Our qualified repairers will restore items free of charge. Registration encouraged at events.humanitix.com/rolleston-repair-cafe for faster check-in. Knife and scissor sharpening available (limit two items). An enjoyable day keeping items out of landfill.

**TUES 14 OCT****SWELL Seniors Expo – FREE**

9am – 2pm, Tuesday 14 October
@ Selwyn Sports Centre

Connect with over 70 community groups, organisations and wellbeing providers at Selwyn's premier expo for older residents. This annual event features informative talks, interactive demonstrations, live entertainment, and opportunities to discover new activities, services, and support networks. Free Bus Services from Lincoln and West Melton. Pick up: 9.15am or 11am. Return: 11am or 2pm. Spaces limited, register here or call Katelyn on 027 317 6840.

**FRI 31 OCT****Spooktacular Halloween Disco**

4 – 5pm, 31 October 2025
@ Lincoln Event Centre

Get ready for a frightfully fun time at our Spooktacular Disco — a safe and exciting way or children to celebrate Halloween! With music and dancing, spooky decorations, games, a fang-tastic photo wall and prizes, why not come and join in the party? Don't forget your costume! Aimed at 2-8 years. \$5 per child. Bookings required at: www.selwyn.govt.nz/news-and-events/events/spooktacular-halloween-disco

FUTURE EVENTS

**SAT 1 NOV****Lincoln Anglican Parish Annual Plant Fair**

9am – 12pm, Saturday 1 November
21 Leinster Terrace
Lincoln

**SAT 1 NOV****Selwyn Diwali: The Festival of Lights**

3 – 9pm, Saturday 1 November
Lincoln Domain
Meijer Drive, Lincoln

**SAT 8 NOV****Hororātā Highland Games**

9am – 12.30pm, Saturday 8 November
Hororātā Domain
90 Hororātā Road, Hororātā

**SUN 30 NOV****Tai Tapu School Fair**

10am – 3pm, Sunday 30 November
Tai Tapu School
1 School Road
Tai Tapu

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Seniors' Lifestyle Expo

Tuesday 14 October 2025, 9am–2pm
Selwyn Sports Centre



Connect with over 70 community clubs, organisations and wellbeing providers at Selwyn's premier expo for older residents.



Enjoy live entertainment, fun activities and guest speakers at this not to be missed event.

selwyn.govt.nz/swell





Sunday Music Sessions

Our Sunday Music Sessions run every Sunday from 3– 5pm

The Laborary, 17 West Belt, Lincoln

Sun 5 October Jack Thomson

Sun 12 October Hazel Diez

Sun 19 October Hannah May

Sun 26 October Mac Simpson

Come on down and enjoy the good food, good brews and good tunes!



Down By The Liffey Gallery

Opening hours: 11.30am – 2.30pm Wednesday and Thursday

10am – 4pm Friday to Sunday

Down By The Liffey Gallery, 1 James St, Lincoln

Each month Down By The Liffey Gallery features a selection of talented artists in an exciting exhibition. This month's exhibition *Field of Blooms* is on from Wednesday 8 October – Sunday 2 November. In this joint exhibition Megan Prendergast brings her highly detailed paintings of flora to life with bold and vibrant colors. Laura Spear creates vibrant textured floral paintings inspired by everyday blooms. Step into this exhibition and be transported to a world of flowers.



Lincoln Envirotown – Don't treat your soil like dirt

10.30 – 11.30am, Saturday 18 October

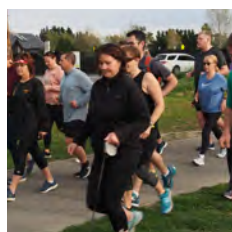
Lincoln Envirotown Gardens, James Street in the grounds of the former Lincoln Maternity Hospital. Gold coin donation

A workshop on the key characteristics of soils, their importance, and how to maintain healthy garden soil. The soil is the foundation of a healthy garden, whether it is a lawn, a vegetable garden or a simple flower garden. Roger McLenaghan of Lincoln University, assisted by Josie Mazzetto, will present the workshop. Bring along an icecream container of your vegetable garden soil if you would like to have it assessed by Roger. For more information, contact the Coordinator, Ruth Wood phone 021 074 3905, Email ruth.wood@xtra.co.nz. www.lincolnenvirotown.org.nz



Selwyn Lions Club Quiz Night Child Cancer Fundraiser

7pm, Monday 20 October
The Rock Bar & Restaurant
Register: Contact 021 235 3879



Lincoln Road Runners

5.45pm
Every Tuesday (Weather Dependent)
3km/6km
Gold coin donation



Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market

9.30am – 12.30pm
Every Saturday
The Green besides Lincoln Library



Bean of Life

9.30 – 11.30am
Every Tuesday during school term
Lincoln Union Church

BIG SCREEN STORIES, LITTLE CINEMA CHARM

Welcome to the cutest little 15-seat cinema — complete with nana rugs to keep you extra snug!
This October, curl up with a great film on the big screen, from exciting new releases to beloved favourites still showing, including *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale*, *Kangaroo*, *Splitsville*, *The Roses*, and more.

If you haven't already, treat yourself to our *Downton Abbey* Cream Tea Special — just \$12 for sweet white scones, raspberry compote and mascarpone cream with a comforting cuppa of your choice. The perfect pairing for a cosy time at the movies!



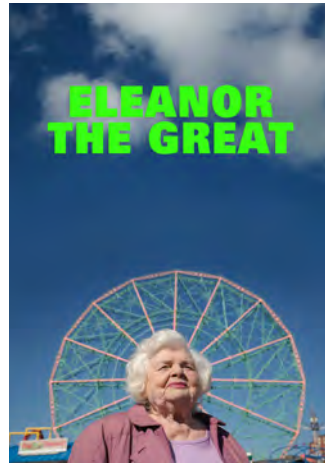
Prime Minister *Documentary*
M 102 minutes / Screening now

In 2017, Jacinda Ardern became New Zealand's youngest Prime Minister while pregnant. Leading through tragedy and unrest, PRIME MINISTER offers an intimate glimpse into one of the most recognizable leaders in the world. Film critics are raving about this documentary.



Tron: Ares *Action* TBC
119 minutes / 9 October

Get ready for the ultimate ride! A highly sophisticated program, Ares, is sent from the digital world into the real world on a dangerous mission, marking humankind's first encounter with A.I. beings in a mind-bending visual event unlike any other.



Eleanor the Great *Drama* PG
98 minutes / 9 October

Starring June Squibb as a spirited 94-year-old who, after loss, moves to New York seeking family but finds unexpected attention and friendship. This heartfelt, complex story explores aging, loss, and truth—reminding us it's never too late to rewrite your story.



Regretting You *Drama*
115 minutes / 23 October

Based on one of Colleen Hoover's bestselling novels, this moving story follows a young mother and her teenage daughter as tragedy shakes their world. A powerful coming-of-age and love story exploring healing old wounds, young love, and the lengths we go to protect family.



Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere *Drama* / 120 minutes / 23 October

Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere reveals the making of the haunting 1982 Nebraska album. Starring Jeremy Allen White, it captures Bruce Springsteen's struggle with fame, family, and his raw, iconic sound. A powerful, intimate journey into the heart of a music legend.



Pike River *Drama* M
131 minutes / 30th October

Two ordinary women stand up and take on the government and corporate power after the 2010 Pike River Mine tragedy. An inspiring tale of friendship, justice, and courage, this gripping true story shows what's possible when you refuse to give up. Don't miss this powerful film.





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