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Lincoln community newsletter

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## ISSUE 2: TWO: BUILDING ON FEEDBACK

What a journey putting together our first edition has been! Sha and I have learned so much through this process, and we've been genuinely touched by the feedback from so many of you. We didn't fully realise just how long this newsletter has been serving our community – it's humbling to be part of that legacy.

Your responses have been incredibly helpful:

*"I love that you're featuring individuals in the community – it really brings Lincoln to life and helps us connect with the people around us."*

*"The layout is so clean and crisp. It's easy to read and feels really professional."*

*"I looked at the newsletter with fresh eyes as a new resident and noticed that while several organisations were mentioned, there weren't many contact details to actually join them. That detailed list used to be how I made so many friends and connections when I first moved here."*

We hear you on that last point! The challenge is that most contacts are committee members whose

details change regularly, but we'll try to bring that information back in a way that stays current.

Please bear with us if replies are slow – everyone involved is volunteering their time around other commitments.

You might have noticed we didn't feature just one Lincoln local this month – there are two! And speaking of community, Christmas is only a month and a half away. Our dedicated volunteers are already in full swing preparing for the Lincoln Christmas Parade, with an important change in location this year due to the Gerald Street construction.

We look forward to continuing to tell your stories and share what makes Lincoln such a special place to call home.

**Mark and Sha**

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## WELCOME TO OUR NOVEMBER ISSUE

The Lincoln Community and Residents Association (LCRA) is proud of the new look newsletter and thanks to all those involved in its production and distribution. We also thank all the sponsors, contributors, and advertisers and hope that it has lived up to their expectations. The feedback I have received so far is that it has but the door is always open for feedback and suggestions. This, after all is a community newsletter.

Congratulations to the successful local body election candidates. For Ka Puna Springs Ward the new councilors are Aaron McGlinchy, Denise Carrick, and Sarah Barnsley. All new to the Selwyn District Council so best wishes to them all. LCRA is very keen to maintain solid relationships with all our councilors as we always have in the past. I take this opportunity to invite them to any of our monthly meetings. We need them to connect to the grass roots of our community so we can all work together.

Work is soon to start on the first stage of the Gerald Street upgrade. The carparks are completed and in operation and the next stage is the main road from the Liffey to West Belt. Be warned to expect some disruption so for more details go to the council website. What we don't want is too much disruption for our local businesses. The Lincoln community needs to continue to support these businesses and not be frightened away. Their livelihood depends on us.

Christmas is coming fast folks. Some may embrace that some may not, but what we all need to look forward to is the historic Lincoln Christmas Parade. It is fantastic and a must attend on the 13th December. This newsletter has more information that you need to read as this year's parade and market stalls will be in a different location due to the construction underway in Gerald St.

### LCRA Membership

The Lincoln Community and Residents Association is on a membership drive. We need more membership now. We are creating a two-level membership structure, COMMITTEE members and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. If you want to be part of the action and decision making put yourself forward for the committee otherwise to keep in touch with no commitment you could join the General Membership. Meetings are once a month and open to all.

If you are interested email us ([lincolnresidentsinc@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnresidentsinc@gmail.com)) or check out our new website – [lincolncommunity.co.nz](http://lincolncommunity.co.nz)

On behalf of the committee we are proud to be representing the Lincoln community and are always interested to hear your concerns.

All the best from LCRA  
**Lindsay Wilson**



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### We're looking for members

We're volunteers who care about the wellbeing, development, and future of our community. Join us!



## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS FROM AROUND LINCOLN

What a wonderful start to spring we've had here in Lincoln! You can really feel the energy as the warmer weather arrives – gardens all over town are bursting into colour, and it's lovely seeing so many of you out and about tending to your patches and chatting over the fence. The university's Garden Party was an absolute delight – seeing all those students dressed up and celebrating together really brought a smile to our faces. Our community clubs have been making the most of the better weather too, with activities and gatherings keeping everyone connected and engaged. And of course, we can't forget the local body elections – it's been encouraging to see so many residents engaging in the democratic process and having their say on Lincoln's future.



### Golf Season Highlights

*Lincoln Golf Club*

The weather has kept us busy with rescheduling lately – the Ladies Championship finals had to be postponed, but will be played soon. The good news is that with daylight saving here, our popular Twilight competition is back every Thursday from 4pm until the clocks roll back. The Interclub Masters Semi-Final is being played at Lincoln on Sunday the 19th with our Lincoln North team taking on Horoata – good luck team!

The Famous Grouse Lincoln Open was played on Sunday 28th September in beautiful weather. A full field of 64 battled across slick greens with dastardly pin placements. Stray shots into the lush rough made getting to the greens challenging. Cory Tappin took out this year's trophy with a best gross of 110 for 27 holes. Best gross Lincoln player was Zac Tappin with 98 gross. Big thanks to our key sponsors: The Famous Grouse, Golf Warehouse, Fresh Choice Prebbleton and Fresh Meats Barrington.



### Repair Cafe

*Lincoln Envirotown*

Lincoln Envirotown would like to thank all those from our community who brought items to our Repair Café at the Rolleston Community Centre last Saturday for free repair or assessment and thereby retained things in circulation rather than discarding them.

They would also like to thank the many repairers of all manner of things including jewellery, bikes, electric appliances, and clothes for voluntarily giving up their Saturday to provide generous and professional services. People were also invited to bring a limited number of knives and scissors for sharpening to keep them working efficiently.

Other volunteers gave up their time to run the streamlined "meet and greet" and check in system which enabled people to leave their items and receive a text later when repairs were complete. Others engaged themselves in preparing the food and refreshment required for this large contingent.

The event saw tremendous take up; 109 items were brought in for assessment and of these 80 were repaired, with another 11 being deemed repairable with further attention and parts.

Lincoln Envirotown is fortunate in the long-term support they receive but for this particular event very grateful thanks are due to The Laboratory and New World Lincoln who enabled us to thank and feed a great team of volunteers.

Apart from achieving the purpose of keeping much out of landfill, this event is always an enjoyable occasion where volunteers and the community enjoy catching up.







## GARDEN PARTY IN NUMBERS

The Lincoln University Students' Association (LUSA) once again delivered an event that showcased not just excellent entertainment, but a genuine commitment to student wellbeing and community responsibility. With 1,969 attendees flooding the university's rugby fields, the atmosphere was electric as students celebrated the end of lectures in style.

The entertainment lineup didn't disappoint, featuring 10 acts across two stages including crowd favourites SACHI, PRINS, Flaxxies, DARTZ, and TREI. But what truly set this year's Garden Party apart was LUSA's commitment to looking after their students.

Over 10,000 servings of free food were distributed from five separate stations, offering everything from sausage rolls and hash browns to pancakes and savouries. Students never went thirsty either, with 7,000+ free non-alcoholic drinks given out across seven stations, plus five dedicated water stations – ensuring everyone stayed fuelled and hydrated throughout the day.

Beyond the music and food, eight additional free activities kept the crowds engaged, from henna and face painting to inflatable attractions, creating an inclusive festival atmosphere that catered to all tastes.

The numbers behind the scenes tell an equally impressive story. LUSA coordinated with 26 suppliers to deliver the event and implemented 20 separate initiatives designed to mitigate any negative impacts on the local Lincoln community – a response to concerns raised in previous years about student behaviour and community disruption.

The result? Great weather, epic vibes, happy students, and most importantly – no incidents. It was a textbook example of how to run a large-scale student event responsibly.

Garden Party's return was particularly significant given its cancellation in 2023, when the scaled-back "Lawn Party" replacement was axed due to poor ticket sales, raising community concerns about unsupervised celebrations throughout Lincoln neighbourhoods.

For LUSA and the student body, Garden Party 2025 wasn't just about continuing a beloved tradition – it was about proving students can celebrate responsibly while being good neighbours to the Lincoln community. Mission accomplished.





## SELWYN LIONS CLUB OCTOBER

**Selwyn Lions Club Quiz night** – our recent fund raising event for child cancer, at The Rock in Rolleston, was a resounding success. Teams had a ball competing against each other for the honour of being the top team on the night. There was plenty of banter, a couple of sing-alongs revealing the answers to questions and a hard fought battle to the end. The winning team, Quizessential deserved to their title. Runners up were The B Team and 3rd was Harcourts Hotshots.

The event raised almost \$1,700 for child cancer. Our grateful thanks to The Rock, Rolleston, our sponsors and the teams for your support for this worthy cause.

**Lions Christmas cakes** – each year we sell our famous Christmas cakes to raise funds for our Club. The price remains the same this year - \$25 for a delicious, moist, fruity cake which lasts for two years – not that they ever do!

The cakes sell quickly as they make great gifts for family, friends, neighbours or staff. To order yours, contact Raeleen on 027 299 0009. Payment can be made into the following account: Lions Club of Selwyn Charitable Trust - 03 1553 0026360 00. Please note your name and 'Lions Cakes' in the reference.

**Repair Café, Rolleston** – Lincoln Envirotown runs a bi-

annual Repair Cafe to save items going into the landfill. The general public are invited to bring in their items to have them repaired for free. Their event in October was again successful with over 100 items given a new life. Anything from sewing machines, clothing and sieves to teddies. There were 16 bikes; 47 electronics; 6 pieces of jewelry; 21 sewing repairs and 19 people also brought in at least 2 knives each for sharpening. Three of our members enjoyed supporting Lincoln Envirotown. Jo and Lois served food and drinks to the repairers while Pam ensured customers were contacted to pick up their goods once repaired.

**Cuddle Hearts working bees** – our club holds monthly working bees to support Lisa Paget's project making cute little hearts for Mothers and babies in the Christchurch NIC Unit. We were privileged to have Lisa attend our October working bee at Jane's, to show us how to trim, press and pack the hearts for distribution. Sanitising is crucial throughout the process. We succeeded in completing 1,200 hearts this month.

**SWELL – Senior Lifestyle Expo** – each year our Club has a presence at this event – it is a great avenue for promoting what we do in our community. This year SWELL was held in the Rolleston Sports Centre. A number of people voiced interest in joining our Club, which was very exciting.





## LINCOLN COMMUNITY GARDEN

The new growing season is underway, most plots have been replenished with compost, planting has started, and our fruit trees have flowered. During the school holidays our grandchildren Isla and Declan were very keen to help us.

Our series of workshops has continued with Sally Price's September presentation on how to improve our soil's physical attributes and health. The participants got some hands-on experience by combining sand, clay, potting mix and water in the right proportions to make a small ball of soil with the optimum texture – not too wet or too dry.

We are very grateful that the new owners of Lincoln Hammer Hardware, Sam, Manny and their

family, will continue to support the Community Gardens, continuing the great relationship we had established with the previous owner, Mufa.

Recently, Errol and I paid a brief visit to New York, and amongst the skyscrapers of Manhattan we discovered a community garden. Members of the local community pay a US\$20 annual fee to receive a key to the garden. Some enjoy using the garden as a green haven amongst the concrete of the city, and for an additional fee they are permitted to grow vegetables. We made friends with a mother and her daughter who were spending time there. The notice outside had a long list of dos and don'ts in four languages.

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## LINCOLN SENIORS CLUB

Octobers get together for the Lincoln Senior Citizens was held on the 7th of October at the Lincoln Events Centre. It was a very good turn out, which saw 51 of our members, turn out to hear our guest speaker David, who is a celebrant and a JP. He spoke about his role and experiences when conducting funerals. He told our members it was very important, to plan ahead, so that their wishes could be carried out, as they wished. Many questions were asked, putting many minds at ease. He said it was also important to let the family know, so this time of loss and sadness is easier, for all.

This was followed by the all important afternoon tea, with lots of lovely food and of course the opportunity to catch up with friends and meet our new members. The sales table and the raffle tickets were popular and plenty of smiles from those who won a prize. A very enjoyable informative afternoon was had by all who could make it, well done team.

### Upcoming Events.

All to soon it will be our last meeting for the year. On the 2nd of December it will time for our Christmas party. This year it will be held at the Lincoln Bowling Club. Arrival time is at 11am where there will be lunch, entertainment and heaps of raffles. Hope to see you all there.

New members are always welcome and if you think this is for you and you would like to join us we would love to meet you. Come along and meet us.

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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### A Message from Your New Councillor

Hi everyone. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported me over the last few months (years!) The results are amazing and speak for themselves. Change is wanted, needed and can now happen! Throughout the election I have promised to attend all the local resident's association meetings and work on the introduction of Community Boards. A working party has already been established to progress the Community Boards, which I am part of. I hope to see many of you at the various meetings and hope that we can grow the support and representation of our communities to a Council and Mayor that will now not only listen but also communicate back. This will take involvement from everyone so please engage with submissions and meetings as all the new councillors cannot make this change in isolation, it should be about Community first.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at denise.carrick@myyahoo.com and follow my Facebook page 'Denise Carrick- Candidate for Selwyn Council, Springs Ward' – although I may have to change that now! Social media has its downsides, but it's also great for direct contact, so I fully intend to continue utilising it, as well as writing for local newsletters.

Thank you again for your support and I am excited to be representing you all for the next three years in Selwyn.



**Denise Carrick**

### Plant Fair Reflection: Tending to Hope

Isn't hope a funny thing? Rather than blind faith or wishful thinking, hope is the belief in a positive outcome regardless of setbacks or past disappointments. Sometimes I think that gardeners have more hope than anyone...every year we pop seeds in some seed raising mix and watch the soil moisture levels like hawks. We check daily for progress, refresh the metservice app and go on evening slug raids. Knowing that not every seed will strike, we plant five times as many as we need. We celebrate the emergence of tiny green shoots and count each pair of new leaves.

However, as is also true in life, things don't always work out for the best. As one of our team members experienced this year, a whole batch of seedlings can suddenly lie down and die. Sometimes we are the victims of dodgy potting mix, sometimes a strong wind sends our pots flying. Sometimes, we will never know what went wrong! When we garden, we are guaranteed to have success and failure.

The important thing is: we don't do it alone. Just as plants thrive in community, so do we. We show up with our stories and our struggles. We encourage each other after setbacks and celebrate one another's wins. We share our own stories of failure and the lessons we've learned along the way.



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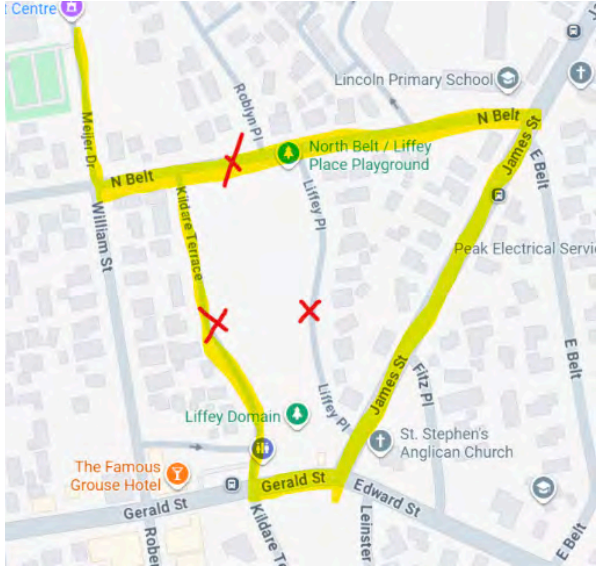


# Christmas Parade





# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2025 PARADE



Spring has arrived, and as we enjoy the warmer weather it brings, naturally we all begin to look ahead to the season of celebration. In the lead up to Christmas there are many events, parties and engagements, but there is nothing that brings our community together quite like our own Lincoln Christmas Parade.

The Lincoln Christmas Parade has been a staple in the town's Christmas celebrations for almost 50 years. Since its establishment, there have only been a couple of occasions in which the parade has not gone ahead, one such occurrence was during Covid. Fortunately it will be in full swing again this year, in no small thanks to some very dedicated committee volunteers. With the committee membership currently sitting at 10 people, a major figure in the committee is Roger Morgan, whom along with his fellow committee members, has dedicated countless hours to the planning and preparations of this popular event. The planning for this year's parade begins immediately after the previous year's event wraps up, demonstrating the year-round commitment required to pull off such a beloved community tradition. On the day there are many more volunteers ensuring everything runs smoothly, they are easily identified by their Santa helper vests.

A far cry from the quiet humble village beginnings of some 40 years ago, the parade has grown into one of Lincoln's most anticipated annual events. Several thousand locals are expected to attend this year's event, to enjoy the parade boasting approximately 50 floats complete with penny farthings, old tractors, school

bands and classic cars. The market will have upwards of 75 stalls, selling food, crafts, clothing, jewellery and plants. There will also be bouncy castles, face painting and balloon animals to keep the little ones entertained throughout the day. Once again this year the Lincoln fire department will be present, as well as the Rotary Club fundraising for their good cause. And lastly and certainly not least, of course Santa himself will be there, whom I have it on good authority, loves seeing the kids and families at our event.

Due to the redevelopment of Gerald Street commencing soon, this year's Christmas Parade and market has been rerouted. The parade will leave from the event centre, with the route starting at North Belt. It will run past Lincoln Primary, onto James Street, turning onto Gerald Street, then up Kildare Terrace back towards North Belt. The stalls will be situated on North Belt, Kildare Terrace, Liffey Place and around the Liffey Reserve, creating a wonderful festive atmosphere throughout the heart of our town.

When asked what inspires you to be involved in this event Roger responds "Everyone on the committee lives in Lincoln and loves our town. The event is historical and dear to our hearts. We all get a kick out of seeing the joy and excitement of the families attending the event. It's what makes all the hard work worthwhile."

Roger also wanted to give a special thanks to HEB for sponsoring the traffic management this year, and the Lincoln Community Trust for their generous contributions. Without the support of local businesses and organizations like these, bringing this scale of event to life simply wouldn't be possible.



By Rebecca Baumbach

## EVENT DETAILS:

DATE: SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

MARKET TIMES: 9AM – 12 PM

PARADE TIMES: 10:30AM – APPROX 11:30AM

SANTA'S GROTTO: APPROX 11AM

ROADS AROUND THE EVENT WILL BE CLOSED  
BETWEEN 7:30AM - 1PM



## 1982: LINCOLN'S FESTIVE TRADITION BEGINS

From its humble beginnings in December 1982 to today's spectacular event drawing several thousand attendees, the Lincoln Christmas Parade has become one of our community's most cherished traditions – and 2025 marks over forty years of festive celebration!

Brian Everest recently confirmed that the first Christmas Pageant and Parade was definitely held in December 1982, sharing the thank you letter his father, Dick Everest, received from The Lincoln Community Committee. Brian recalls the original route: "the assembly point was in North Belt by the Primary school. Then down North Belt, East Belt, to South Belt. The Parade turned in what was Pyne's yard, and continued back up West Belt to Gerald Street and along to just past the hotel." His father and Uncle Ron brought a McCormack traction engine, a McCormack steering WD6 Tractor, and a McCormack Deering Binder, with Fred Ford sitting proudly on the binder. The success of those early parades is remembered as being due largely to Brian Carter, Lincoln's 'unofficial mayor', and a dedicated committee of local business owners. Spokesman Erie Duffell from the Lincoln Drapery and Gift Centre was optimistic when asked by The Guardian in November 1982 if it would be a hit: "it can't miss, it'll be super." And super it certainly was!

The 1982 Parade on Saturday 18th December set the traditions that followed – Father Christmas leading twelve floats representing Lincoln organisations, decorated bikes and trikes ridden by local children, all making their way to the fete at 'Village Square' for dancing demonstrations, stalls, and refreshments.

By 1983, organiser Alex Mackrell noted, "Christmas just used to come and go in Lincoln and now we have people saying they want to be included." From 1983, floats gathered at the Ellesmere Country Club (Edward Street, now the Ecaf site), following the parade route along Edward Street, East Belt, North Belt, and West Belt to Gerald Street – a route used faithfully until recent times. The parade has only been cancelled a handful of times: once in 2014 due to weather, and during the Covid pandemic.

Today's parade continues those early traditions – Father Christmas, decorated floats, fire engines, tractors and vintage cars, pipe bands, and those beloved decorated bikes. What began as twelve floats has grown to approximately fifty, yet the heart remains the same – bringing our community together to celebrate Christmas.

*Article adapted from Lincoln and Districts Historical Society Newsletter 2015 by Adriana de Groot*





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## LINCOLN TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE RECEIVED BLESSING TO BEGIN

A karakia whakawātea / site blessing led by Ngāi Te Ruahikihiki has prepared the way for work to begin on the upgrade of the Lincoln town centre. The blessing on Tuesday morning marked the beginning of stage one works on the long-term project to revitalise the town centre and prepare it for the future.

Waikirikiri Selwyn Mayor-elect Lydia Gliddon spoke at the event, attended by the three new ward councillors for Kā Puna Springs Ward: Aaron McGlinchy, Denise Carrick, and Sarah Barnsley at their first official event as Councillors.

Mayor-elect Gliddon says the blessing marked the beginning of a transformational journey for Lincoln.

“This upgrade is not just about infrastructure – it’s about people. Stage one will deliver a safer, greener, and more welcoming town centre putting people at the heart of Lincoln.

“I want to thank our previous councillors for their foresight and acknowledge the Lincoln community who

have waited a long time to see this come to fruition. This project is about future generations of Lincoln.”

Last month the Council awarded Fulton Hogan the contract to deliver stage one of the upgrade from Kildare Terrace to West Belt. Stage one works, with the contract awarded for approximately \$10.4 million, includes:

- Over 50 new trees to enhance the town’s green canopy
- Signalised intersection at Gerald Street and West Belt
- A 40km/ph slow speed zone to improve safety
- Cycle lanes and multiple pedestrian crossings
- A new public plaza on Gerald Street

Lincoln is Selwyn’s second-largest township, with its population increasing by approximately 10% annually since 2020. Gerald Street currently sees around 11,000 vehicles daily, projected to rise to 16,000 by 2045.

Work will begin this week, including site preparation such as tree clearing, utilities trenching, and island removal to prepare for underground service upgrades and future layout changes.





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## COMMUNITY CARE LINCOLN WAS A FINALIST IN THE SELWYN 2025 AWARDS.



Community Care Lincoln's (CCL) services are primarily for people of retirement age and others who have mental and/or physical disabilities. While CCL provides a range of services for its people this award was for its contribution in promoting active lifestyles. Given the age of its people, CCL's contribution is obviously focused more toward active recreation and play rather than vigorous sport. These activities range from two walking groups and a cycling group for active retirees, through "Fitness for Seniors" in cooperation with Lincoln University which organises thrice-weekly safe exercises for senior adults and allows a limited time in the gym. SAYgo is a set of weekly gentle exercises designed to help those with limited movement, and the least rigorous exercise occurs in group known as the Tuesday Friendship Club where some of the activity borders on play, but may provide more exercise than the participants do at home. Even the CCL service to enable people to hire mobility aids can assist people to exercise. The CCL volunteers deserved the recognition they received at the Award Ceremony for their outstanding work especially given that except for

one part-time manager, all the effort from Board level to leaders of activity groups is voluntary.

Overall community well-being is maximized if all groups in the community contribute to their fullest extent. CCL's focus is to provide help so that the elderly can share experiences with each other and contribute their wisdom to the community, for as long as they desire. Age appropriate exercise, as part of a group, is one of the ways that CCL assists the elderly to remain healthy. In CCL, the more able members are helping the less able.

For all the CCL groups, exercise and social interaction are almost equally important as after a ride or walk etc it is considered a vital part of the experience to stop at a cafe. Lasting friendships develop from this. Members of the Senior Exercise Group, who use the gymnasium at Lincoln University, find that being part of a group helps motivation, and the coffee shared after the exercise builds friendships. The carers of people who come to the Tuesday Friendship Group frequently remark that the people they care for exclaim that Tuesdays are the best days of the week where they can connect with their friends. Also, people who join one CCL group tend to join other CCL groups so that their circle of friends keeps expanding.

The activity that LCC supports helps to prepare for a future that values every stage of life. When older adults become visibly active in community spaces - walking groups in parks and cycling groups on cycle-ways, they reinforce community perceptions that later life should include vitality and engagement rather than decline and withdrawal. Future generations grow up witnessing active aging as normal, reshaping their own expectations and behaviour as they age.

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Got a story about Lincoln life, local events, or community happenings? We'd love to hear from you! These stories help create connection, reach residents across our town, and become a time capsule of Lincoln in 2025. Contact us to share what matters to you.



## A FAMILY STORY ROOTED IN THE SOIL

The Gill brothers, Gurwinder and Amrinder, started four years ago with two hectares of leased land, growing produce for markets and hospitality in Christchurch.

As demand grew, they went from a small honesty box to a shed on 1210 Shands Road. Now, the farm has expanded to 25 hectares and a bustling, colourful shop full of fresh produce.

Gurwinder came to New Zealand in 2010. He studied here and then worked for another local grower

for 10 years, learning the trade and dreaming of building a family business. Today, he and Amrinder run it with their partners, children, and a small team. It's a family story that keeps growing.

A website is coming soon, with online shopping and home-delivered fruit and veggie boxes on the way.

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## SPARKING CREATIVITY IN YOUNG ARTISTS

For Anna Coursey, Lincoln has been home for five years—a place where she rediscovered her creative spark and began turning inspiration into something that now brings joy to others.

“We moved to that garden plot and I just was inspired to start creating,” Anna says, smiling, and in a floral shirt that perfectly matches her love for painting blooms—hydrangeas being a particular favourite.

Anna paints from her home studio in Lincoln, where her passion for art has grown into a thriving small business. What started as a personal creative outlet has evolved into Art Spark—a space where Anna now teaches over 30 local children, each bringing their own creativity, imagination, and ideas to her classes.

“I just love how the kids come to art classes with their own ideas,” Anna says. “There’s a project for every lesson, but I work with what they bring too. It follows a theme, but my idea might spark a different idea, which sparks another. It’s always interesting how every time, they all create something totally different—developing their own style and creativity. That’s what I love about it.”

Anna’s classes aren’t just about paint and paper—they’re about giving local children a creative, healthy outlet,

helping them develop confidence, and supporting the local economy by keeping artistic opportunities right here in the community.

When she’s not teaching, Anna continues her own artistic practice. Her work is regularly showcased at major art shows, and she’s currently preparing to exhibit her latest pieces at the Liffey Gallery this December (see more details in the Liffey section of this newsletter).

Anna also serves on the Liffey Gallery Committee, helping connect Lincoln’s vibrant art scene with the wider community through exhibitions and social media.

For those who’d like to find out more, visit Anna’s website at [annacoursey.com](http://annacoursey.com)—you’ll find more details about her paintings, upcoming shows, and information about her local art classes.

“It’s therapeutic,” Anna reflects. “We’re all creative in a way, we all want to create—no matter what that looks like. Perhaps these days we just need more chances to do that.”

**Each month we spotlight a Lincoln community member. Know someone with a story to share? Nominate them a [editor@lincolncommunity.co.nz](mailto:editor@lincolncommunity.co.nz)**

## FEATURED EVENTS



SAT 8 NOV

**Hororata Highland Games**

10am – 5pm, Saturday 8 November 2025

@ Hororata Domain

Grab your whole clan and join the community for the 13th Hororata Highland Games. This festival attracts 10,000 people annually and sees 500 competitors in Scottish events including caber tossing, highland dancing, and pipe band competitions – all surrounded by a rich tapestry of culture and tastings. This is a festival where your entire family can get off the bleachers and have a go!



THU 20 NOV

**Free Clothes Swap**

7pm – 8.30pm, Thursday 20 November 2025

@ Lincoln Event Centre

Swap your pre-loved clothes at our upcoming Free Clothes Swap. We accept women's, men's, and kids' clothes and accessories. Drop off your items beforehand to get a VIP ticket for early entry! See Humanitix <https://events.humanitix.com/clothes-swap-2025> or contact [lincolnvirotowntrust@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnvirotowntrust@gmail.com) for full details.



SAT 30 NOV

**Tai Tapu School Fair**

10am – 3pm, Saturday 30 November 2025

@ Tai Tapu School

A spectacular event packed with fun, food and entertainment for the whole community. Enjoy bouncy castles, face painting, fair games, emergency vehicles, pony rides, petting animals, live music and dance performances, art show, raffle, and a special visitor from the North Pole! Plus a white elephant sale, silent auction, food trucks, bake sale, Christmas market with local vendors, and more. Entry: \$5 per adult, kids free.

## AROUND YOU



SAT 8 NOV

**Starting & Maintaining a Worm Farm**

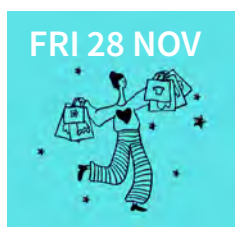
10:30am – 11:30am  
Saturday 8 November  
Lincoln Community Gardens



SUN 23 NOV

**Selwyn Fete**

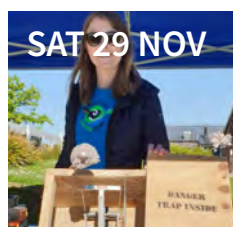
11am – 4pm  
Sunday 23 November  
Broadfield Gardens



FRI 28 NOV

**Lincoln Twilight Market**

5pm – 9pm  
Friday 28 November 2025  
Lincoln Events Centre



SAT 29 NOV

**Selwyn Trap Library**

10am – 12pm  
Saturday 29 November  
Lincoln Farmers & Craft Market



## SECRET GARDEN

Did you know there's an art gallery in Lincoln? Each month Down By The Liffey Gallery features a selection of talented artists in exciting exhibitions, showcasing local artists, emerging artists and community events with new displays every four weeks.

This month's exhibition 'The Secret Garden' features Olivia Bezett and Josephine Davis, on display from Wednesday 5th November through Sunday 30th November. Olivia creates incredibly realistic pencil drawings of flora and fauna using coloured pencils. Josephine creates detailed and enchanted paintings in both oils and watercolour, transporting viewers to worlds of magic and wonder. A beautiful mother and daughter exhibition that will captivate all who visit.





## Sunday Music Sessions

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

Sun 2 November DSuss2  
 Sun 9 November Matt Hantler  
 Sun 16 November Sam Keelty  
 Sun 23 November Dave & Mark  
 Sun 30 November Amelia

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

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## Bring Your Own Bub Session

Every Wednesday 11:30am  
 17 West Belt Lincoln

If you haven't heard: BYOBs are back at The Apollo! We're thrilled to welcome you and your little ones back for our beloved BYOB — Bring Your Own Bubs (or someone else's!) screenings.

Designed with parents and caregivers in mind, babies are welcome, crying is accepted, and prams are encouraged! No bub? No problem! Everyone's invited to join us for a laid-back mid-morning cinema experience.



## AGM NOTICE



**Lincoln Community Trust**  
 7.30pm, Monday 17th November  
 Rotary Room @ Lincoln  
 Community Care



**Lincoln Envirotown Trust**  
 7pm, Monday 17th November  
 Lincoln Event Center



## BIG FILMS, TINY CINEMA, MAXIMUM VIBES

Snuggle into your seat (nana rug optional but highly recommended) — November is rolling out a reel of stories worth leaving the house for. From feel-good flicks to edge-of-your-seat drama, our cosy wee cinema is bringing the big screen to life in the most charming way possible.

Plenty of Apollo favourites are still lighting up the screen, including Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere, Pike River, Prime Minister, and more. Check out what's hitting the big screen this month



### Familiar Touch

Drama PG

92 minutes / 13 November

Amid fading memories, Ruth, a retired cook, navigates her transition to assisted living. With grace, wit, and enduring threads of her identity, she faces a changing sense of self. As her world grows unfamiliar, something unexpected takes shape—do we glow most warmly at memory's edge?



### John Cleese Packs It In

Comedy/Documentary M

80 minutes / 27 November

At 85, comedy legend John Cleese embarks on a whirlwind tour—5 countries, 16 cities, 23 shows in 6 weeks. Battling travel chaos, age, and stubbornness, this wry, intimate documentary explores legacy, laughter, and the dignity of bowing out... however reluctantly.



### Now You See Me: Now You Don't

Crime/Thriller M

113 minutes / 13 November

The Four Horsemen ride again! Teaming up with a new crew of illusionists, they're back for their boldest heist yet. Packed with jaw-dropping magic, wild twists, and surprises that will leave you spellbound. Don't blink, you might miss the trick!



### Wicked: For Good

Musical/Fantasy

TBC / 20 November

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

## COMING SOON

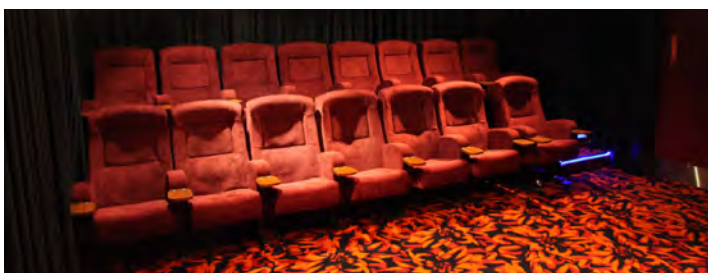
Andre Rieu's 2025 Christmas Concert: Merry Christmas!

Eternity

Nuremberg

Zootopia 2

And many more!



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