

# Sustainability News

UC Sustainability Office (Planning, Strategy and Services)

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the April edition of Sustainability News. This is a brief update to let you know about the events over the next few weeks put on for you by the Sustainability Office, and especially about **the Pizza and Home Brew Garden Party this week!** We're putting this on with the Okeover Community Gardeners, Kakariki and the Brew Club. It'll be a great chance to get together with like-minded people in a really nice space, and eat some yummy food and sample some delectable drinks! A good way to wrap up a really trying term.

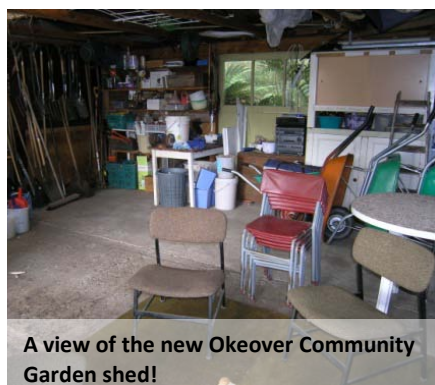
*Matt Morris, Sharon McIver, and UC Sustainability Team*

## Shedding Light

The Okeover Community Garden has been running for nine years now, and that's a lot of time to accumulate stuff. Which is why Jonny, Matt, and Sharon decided to make the most of the clement weather last week to makeover the garden sheds so that they're as enjoyable and inspiring as the garden itself. Cue several days of sorting, storing, chucking, labelling, sweeping, wiping, occasional dancing, and periodic outbursts of cursing, as all the stuff in the sheds was categorised and re-housed according to its purpose.

Now, the main shed has four distinct areas: kitchen, gardening, crafts, and (our favourite) a lounge area, which was perfect for imbibing a spot of homebrew to celebrate our achievements.

Now it's your turn to come and enjoy our new space – at the pizza and homebrew party to celebrate the end of term. Be amazed at what can be achieved with a shared vision and a big bucket of elbow grease.



A view of the new Okeover Community Garden shed!



A new mosaic chicken and colchicums at Dovedale Community Garden. Photo: Michael Abrahamson

## Resilience

The Sustainability Office is running weekly lunchtime workshops on 'Future-Proofing' – the sustainability end of earthquake recovery. The dates and times are on the next page. But you can also find the notes from these workshops on our website. Visit [www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/futureproofing.shtml](http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/futureproofing.shtml).

## Green Recovery Workshop

**Lincoln University, 20 April 2011, Lincoln University,** This provides an overview of the Green Recovery and Reconstruction: Training Toolkit for Humanitarian Aid (GRRT). GRRT was produced by World Wildlife Fund and the American Red Cross in collaboration with over 30 authors and expert reviewers from more than 14 different humanitarian, government, and conservation organizations. It will be led by Charles Kelly, one of the contributors to the development of the GRRT as well as the Rapid Environmental Impact Assessment in Disasters tool and Shelter Environmental Impact Assessment Checklist. Contact Suzanne Vallance ([Suzanne.vallance@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:Suzanne.vallance@lincoln.ac.nz) or 03 325 3838 x 8747) by noon 19<sup>th</sup> April to reserve a place in the workshop. Participation is at no cost.

## Coming Up...

### **Tuesday 19 April, 12-1pm**

Future Proofing Workshop: Emergency Kits  
Okeover Community Garden. Free

### **Wednesday 20 April, 12-1pm**

Self-Sufficient Home Gardening Workshop: 'Plant  
Guilds', with Lily White  
Okeover Community Garden. Free

### **Thursday 21 April, 2-5pm**

Okeover Community Gardening Bee  
Okeover Community Garden

### **Thursday 21 April, 3-6pm**

Pizza and Home Brew Garden Party  
Bring a vegetarian pizza topping to share. We'll  
do the bases.  
Okeover Community Garden. Gold coin  
donation.

### **Tuesday 26 April, 12-1pm**

Future Proofing Workshop: Composting Toilets,  
with Lily White  
Okeover Community Garden. Free

### **Friday 29 April, 12-1pm**

Eco Office Network: UC Eco Office Certification  
Workshop, with Matt Morris  
Okeover Community Garden

### **Friday 29 April, 12-5pm (note new starting time)**

Okeover Community Gardening Bee  
Okeover Community Garden

### **Tuesday 3 May, 12-1pm**

Future Proofing Workshop: Water, with Sharon  
McIver  
Okeover Community Garden. Free

### **Wednesday 4 May, 12-1pm**

Self-Sufficient Home Gardening Workshop, with  
Lily White  
Okeover Community Garden. Free

### **Friday 6 May, 12-5pm**

Okeover Community Gardening Bee  
Okeover Community Garden

### **Tuesday 10 May, 5-6.30pm**

Eco My Flat Workshops  
Contact [matthew.morris@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:matthew.morris@canterbury.ac.nz) for  
information, or visit  
<http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/ecomyflat>



## Eco-My-Flat 2011 Starts NOW!

The popular eco-my-flat competition where student flats compete to eco up their homes was due to start on February 28, but has been postponed until the second and third terms. Now running from May 9 to August 12, in response to recent events, the 2011 competition will incorporate an element of survivalism with an extra workshop added on preparing emergency kits and collecting and storing water. We're hoping that our resourceful flats will not only excel in the area of emergency preparation, but will be able to teach us a thing or two as well! And if you or someone you know is interested in participating in eco-my-flat please go to [www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/ecomyflat](http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/ecomyflat). Sign ups are open from 18 April.

## Flat Wanted

Katie Earle is looking for a flat, with other sustainability-minded people. Ideally, it would be near Philpotts Rd, or on a bus route. Email her at [triny\\_bop@yahoo.com](mailto:triny_bop@yahoo.com)

## Summer Sustainability Team

A huge thanks to Mario, Cameron, Kate and David for their great work over the summer with the Sustainability Office. Lisa and Helen left Christchurch post EQ but are still working with us. The reports from our summer team have started appearing in our research catalogue. Visit: [www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/research/catalogue.shtml](http://www.sustain.canterbury.ac.nz/research/catalogue.shtml) to see what they came up with.

## UC Sustainability is on Facebook!



We are on Facebook so please join our community by "liking" us at <http://www.facebook.com/ucsustainabilitycommunity!>

**FREE stationary giveaway** from midday Tuesday 19 April, UCSA carpark. The Information and Records team are doing another giveaway of used boxes, fileboxes, clear files, folders etc. Get in quick! <http://www.facebook.com/ucnoticeboard>

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