



## Awards

### **New Zealand Law Society's Resource Management and Environmental Law Award**

Won by: Robert Makgill, Director of North South Environmental Law

The award was presented to Rob Makgill at the 2011 New Zealand Law Awards in November. Rob is a Research Fellow in Lincoln University's Land Environment and People research centre and has authored two articles for *Lincoln Planning Review*, including the first double blind peer reviewed article.

For more information on this award see:

<http://www.lawawards.co.nz/2011LAWAWARDS/2011SPECIALISTAWARDS/ResourceManagementandEnvironmentLaw/tabid/3548/Default.aspx>

### **Marsden Funding Award**

Won by: Dr. Suzanne Vallance, Lecturer in Urban Studies at Lincoln University to conduct research on *Re-humanising sustainability: Everyday risk, justice and encounters with 'nature'*

Critics warn that, despite its benign connotations, 'urban sustainability' has been reduced to an expert-driven, technological exercise that privileges a narrow set of interests and directs attention away from important social issues. Alternatives are needed that recognise the everyday ways the city's inhabitants encounter and understand risk, justice and nature in distinctly urban contexts. We may then be able to situate these less orthodox sustainabilities at the forefront of debates about progressive urban management. This research will explore how two different grassroots initiatives (an alternative food homekill network and some community-led earthquake recovery groups) actually 'do' sustainability by invoking the 'citizen-scholar' who participates in, and shapes, the social movements they study.

### **The College of Law's Community Service in Law Award**

Won by: Community Law Canterbury

Community Law was praised not only for the laudable work it had been doing for many years – it was described as “the mainstay of providing legal advice without charge to the community in Canterbury for many years” – but in particular for its response to the recent Christchurch earthquakes. Despite losing access to its building in February, Community Law Canterbury continued to offer its services, and extended itself even further, under the most trying conditions, to support its community. Well done to Community Law Canterbury and to all our Lincoln University students who volunteer with them.