Like any organisation, Lincoln University Planning Association (LUPA) is a product of the people who belong and contribute to it. With such a flurry of activity in the first semester (see LUPR Vol1(2) for details), the second semester of 2009 was a little more low-key, with many people head-down in study and assignments.

Fortunately, despite heavy workloads, this period was not completely devoid of activity. We were able to gain support for a gathering and formally celebrate the launch of Lincoln University Planning Review (now renamed Lincoln Planning Review), the Journal of LUPA. It was fantastic to acknowledge the hard work and success of those who had contributed to, edited and produced the publication. Special thanks go to the Land Environment and People research centre (LEaP) and the Faculty of Environment, Society and Design of Lincoln University for funding this event.

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**LEaP**

**Susanne Becken***

Congratulations to the LPR team.

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The Land Environment and People (LEaP) Research Centre at Lincoln University was established in 2008 and has attracted much interest. It is a highly interdisciplinary and integrative research centre that links different aspects of sustainability within Lincoln and with partners outside Lincoln within New Zealand and internationally.

Creating and sharing knowledge is one of the cornerstones of LEaP’s mission and that is why I am excited about the early success of the Lincoln Planning Review (LPR). This publication provides interesting, up-to-date information on relevant issues, as well as the latest news about events at Lincoln University. While it is ‘at home’ in the Environmental Management and Planning theme of LEaP, it is also of interest to other themes and their audiences, for example recreational planners, landscape architects and environmental advocates.

I wish to congratulate the team of LPR on their good effort and their contribution to LEaP and Lincoln University and I wish them all the best for the future. We are all looking forward to future editions of LPR.

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