Adjunct Lecturers Join
Department of Environmental Management

Three adjunct lecturers joined the Department of Environmental Management at the end of last year: Dr Lin Roberts (adjunct senior lecturer), Leo Fietje (adjunct lecturer), and Dr Sue Jarvis (adjunct lecturer).

Dr Lin Roberts has worked in a number of academic, government, and non-government roles. She currently teaches an MBA course at the University of Canterbury and has developed Masters courses for Lincoln University and Deakin University. Since 1994 she has been director of a consultancy dedicated to sustainable development. Lin will be teaching ERST 620 Advanced Environmental Management Systems this year and is developing research projects in sustainable food systems and sustainability in tertiary institutions.

Dr Sue Jarvis will be known to many staff and students as the front person of the Lincoln Envirotown Trust (LET), of which she has been an initiator and is the Chair. She has also been involved with Enviroschools and Lincoln University’s Waterwatch programme. The wealth of experience that Sue has gained, both in her role with LET as well as that of a teacher and careers advisor at Lincoln High School, will be of great value to a range of staff, departmental activities and efforts, including those aimed at integrating sustainability in courses and degrees, at advancing sustainable practices within the department, and the promotion of our degrees at high schools.

Leo Fietje is already well-known to many Lincoln University postgraduate students as he has contributed to many departmental activities over the years. This includes teaching (ERST621 Principles of Environmental Impact Assessment and ERST631 Environmental Sciences in Environmental Policy), as an advisor to postgraduate research students, and because of his position in the New Zealand Chapter of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand. Leo will continue in these roles this year.

Retirements
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Chris Kissling

From January this year, Professor Chris Kissling has retired from Lincoln University. Chris came to Lincoln University in 1990 to co-ordinate the development and introduction of the Bachelor of Resource Studies. In 1993, when the University created a Chair in Transport Studies, he was appointed as professor. In the twenty years of his service to Lincoln University, Chris has been a highly valued teacher (in 2009, he was awarded ‘Teaching in Geography (in all settings)’ award by the NZ Geographical Society), and an indefatigable advocate for Transport Studies, bringing his extensive experience and high standing in the Transport and Logistics profession to his teaching, research and many contributions to course development (of on- and off-campus courses). His presence, many talents and contributions will be sorely missed by the department and the wider university.

Jane Swift

Jane Swift, a member of the secretarial support staff of the Faculty of Environment, Society and Design, has indicated her intention to retire in April this year. Jane joined Lincoln University in 1998 to become the PA of the then Director of the Department of Resource Management, Professor Ian Spellerberg, until 2002 when, as the result of a restructuring, she became a Divisional secretary. Jane has been a crucial pillar in a whole range of things, including the administration of Postgraduate applications, the maintenance of staff research records (Research Master), and the allocation of office space to PG students. For many PG students in the Department of Environmental Management, Jane has been the first point of contact and advice, and she developed and maintained a warm relationship with many of the students. Her departure will leave a big gap.

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