



## Lincoln University Medal

### John Edward Gould

Lincoln University upholds the principle of sustainability operationally and academically and the generations of graduates now emerging are expected to carry the concepts forward into their working careers, imbuing all they do with its importance.

Among the champions of sustainability at Lincoln University is John Edward Gould, Senior Tutor in the Department of Environmental Management.

John's personal commitment to sustainability runs deep and has been characterised by meritorious voluntary effort, qualifying him most worthily for the award of the Lincoln University Medal.

This medal acknowledges outstanding contributions to the fabric and reputation of Lincoln University through voluntary effort.

John was part of a small group who worked to revive the existence of SAGE (Sustainability Action Group for the Environment) at Lincoln University in 2017 after it had lapsed following the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010-2011.

John has been fully involved with SAGE since its revival and he has provided valuable support to founding Chair Dr Sue Jarvis, and the subsequent chairpersons over the past seven years.

John has contributed time, energy, ideas and enthusiasm to a highly commendable and appreciated level. He has 'made things happen'.

SAGE has contributed significantly to putting Lincoln University on the pathway to becoming carbon neutral and more environmentally sustainable.

Among projects and outcomes with which John has been closely involved is the Lincoln University Sustainable Transport Survey of 2018 which identified scope for a Sustainable Transport Strategy among staff and students.

SAGE's advocacy has made a significant contribution to sustainable thinking and policy making at Lincoln University. It has led, for example to the drafting of a Lincoln University Sustainability Policy and Plan; the process of switching to renewable energy sources of power (solar); and to the appointment of a Sustainability Officer.

**John defers any credit to others and to members of the SAGE team with whom he has worked. This modesty notwithstanding, Lincoln University is delighted to award its Lincoln University Medal to John Edward Gould for the outstanding service he has given to the university through SAGE.**

Professor Grant Edwards  
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell  
Chancellor