

New Zealand Centre for Sustainable Cities



Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtago

Seminar Series

Civic and urban agriculture as one response to sustainable cities

We are in the early stages of understanding and quantifying the full implications of the industrial food supply for urban and rural ecosystems, population health and the social capital of local communities. We are also beginning to see the challenges posed by global environmental change for the present and future supply of prevailing diets. There is growing consensus that the diets in affluent countries such as Australia and New Zealand, rich in meat protein, dairy and pre-prepared foods, are not sustainable in environmental or public health terms.

By challenging the ongoing supply of industrial diets, climate change presents a population and environmental health opportunity. This presentation will describe the contribution that civic and small scale urban agriculture can play in relation to urban food security, improving urban quality of life and reducing urban impacts on eco-system services.

Tuesday, 30 June, 11.00-12.30pm

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Jane Dixon, National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University.

12:00-12.30pm

Questions and discussion

Small Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Wellington, 23A Mein St, Newtown, Wellington

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