

# **ENM Pānui**

# News from the Sector

### ENM celebrating 21 years of work for the environment

Environment Network Manawatu was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on the 18th day of June 2001, the rest since then being a rather amazing piece of local history. Our mahi has involved thousands of inspiring conversations, hundreds of dedicated volunteers, tens of talented staff members and a handful of incredible, groundbreaking projects. All of this alongside our core work to support, underpin and celebrate the achievements and aspirations of our 62 member groups.

2022 will see ENM celebrating 21 years of work in our sector through various events, our weekly show '21 years of ENM' on Manawatū People's Radio and other communications highlighting this auspicious milestone. Keep up to date with this via our Facebook page, and if you have any stories you want to share with us about your role in the history of ENM please get in touch- we would love to hear them!





# Beam Along the Stream event engenders learning and ideas about local streams.

Held on 8th of May the event was an e-scooter tour of Palmerston North's significant streams and drains, including the Mangaone stream, Te Kawau stream and the Pioneer Highway drain. Beam e-scooters were sponsored by Beam Mobility and there were guest speakers from ENM, the Plastic Pollution Challenge, Horizons Regional Council and Rangitane who met the group at points along the track to discuss relevant topics,. 33 people attended in all and they were asked for feedback on how to improve the waterways, reduce litter, make the space more inviting, beautiful, and usable. We are hoping this feedback and information will help inform the future focus of Plastic Pollution Challenge work.

### Celebrating Volunteering

Josie Brennan has volunteered for ENM and its projects since 2019, her professional skills and investment in the local environment having both impact and value.

Josie is deeply passionate about reducing plastic use and ensuring that our waterways have their mauri reclaimed. This has seen her naturally drawn to playing an active volunteer role in events linked to ENM's <u>Plastic Pollution</u> Challenge (PPC) often with her children in tow...





# Hokowhitu School Students learn more about Plastic Pollution

Almost 70 new entrant/year one students had the opportunity to learn more about plastic pollution in our awa, streams and drains and what they can do about it in a presentation given by Manawatū River Source to Sea Coordinator Nelson Harper. As part of his work Nelson oversees the Plastic Pollution Challenge which has been active since 2019 and works understand the scale of plastic pollution going into the Manawatū river via our urban streams and to use this knowledge to improve the health of our local waterways.

Students learned about the differences of organic and inorganic waste and what can and can't be composted or recycled. The school was gifted some litter pick up sticks (which were greatly enjoyed!) to help encourage them to keep their environment clean.



# The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy available to read.

The strategy has been developed by the Manawatū Food Action Network in close collaboration with the tangata whenua Rangitāne o Manawatū and a wide range of service providers and community organisations who together make up Ora Konnect's 4412 Kai Security Squad. The strategy represents almost a year of work and research and Kai Resilience Lead Dave Mollard is thrilled that it is now available to the public " The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy is a foundation document, the next stage is the implementation phase where we have identified over 100 whānau and community led initiatives that are either currently running but need extra support. are in the planning stage or are the dreams and aspirations of families living with food insecurity. Combined with the mahi and aroha of this incredible community, these projects will support our people into food resilience"

# Local funding offers a green 'boost' for nine Palmerston North based projects.

ENM's Environmental Initiatives Fund has awarded grants totalling almost \$62,000 to nine local projects in its 2022 large grants funding round. The fund is made possible by a Palmerston North City Council Strategic Priority Grant and focuses on projects that <a href="improve environmental outcomes">improve environmental outcomes</a> for the city and its people...







# ANZ New Zealand Staff Foundation Funds Cameras and Traps for the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project

The project was lucky to receive funding for 4 cameras which will be strategically placed to give a greater understanding of predator behaviour. This means traps can be placed more effectively. Funding was also received for 90 different traps to allow for experimentation with alternative approaches.

Our sincere thanks to the ANZ New Zealand Staff Foundation for their generous contribution.

### Volunteer Recognition Event Nominees.

Volunteer Central is proud to share the outstanding volunteers nominated this year for the Volunteer Recognition Event due to their generosity and kindness in supporting our communities. We are looking forward to



celebrating all volunteers' achievements. <u>Their stories are</u> here, and nominees include some ENM volunteers.



#### Plants for Koha

A Rocha Manawatū has native plants to distribute for a koha and pots to give away.

If interested please contact Christine McArthur on 06 353 6820.

## Opportunities to get involved

### **Regular Events**

# All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect

Every Second Saturday Repair Cafe Levin
Don't throw it out - bring it in for mending!
Every Friday Fridays for Future
Peaceful protest for climate action.
May 11th Crop Swap Awapuni
Bring what you have, take what you need.
Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday Wildlife Foxton Trust is open for visitors.

### Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday Feilding Farmers' Market
Every first Sunday Summerhill Farmers
Market

**Every third Sunday** <u>Hokowhitu Farmers</u> Market

## Workshops, Talks and

### **Special Events**

June 1, 15, 29 <u>Lets Grow Highbury!</u> sessions at Te Patikitiki

June 3-6 Red Cross Book Sale.

June 3 Join Te Aroha Noa in the Te Kawau Stream Clean

June 5 Green Corridors Public Planting
Day.

June 18 Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa

For the diary for August...

Beekeeping NZQA Level 3 in Ashhurst .
For more information email John Bell (j.d.bell@xtra.co.nz) or phone 021 620 169
June 25 Build a Manu Tukutuku (traditional kite) for Matariki at Pukaha.

### **Working Bees**

# Create better places and communities

June 5 Ahimate Reserve

June 12 & 26 A Rocha Nursery

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

June 12 Apollo Butterfly Park

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

June 11 Green Corridors Summerhill

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

### Meetings and AGMs

# Interested people always welcome

June 1 Monthly meeting Manawatu River
Source to Sea

June 1 Green Drinks Networking event

June 6 Water and Environmental Care

**Horowhenua** 

June 7 Manawatū Estuary Trust Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary. June 8th RECAP AGM June 19 Pit Park Roslyn

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday Menzshed

Sharing tools, skills and friendship.

Every Sunday Timona Park Orchard

Growing fruit for the community.

Most Sundays Manawatū Estuary Trust

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

# Sharing Tables and Shelves

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are now operating within 'orange' of the COVID Traffic Light System. . Click here for a link to sharing tables and Pataka Kai in our area.

### **Food Distribution**

Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social Services Manchester House Community Fruit Harvest, Te Whare Koha and others are working together to rescue and distribute food. If you know of food that is going to waste, or anyone that is struggling to get food, please contact one of these agencies or reach out to ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network. food.action@enm.org.nz.

June 14 Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch..

June 23 Manawatū Beekeepers club

### ENM on the Radio

Every Tuesday 12:30-1.

Manawatū Peoples Radio show '21 years of ENM' Listen live or via podcast.

### **Small Gardening Tools**

Tools are available for keen gardeners to borrow from the Awapuni, Roslyn and Te Patikitiki branches of Palmerston North City Library! If you have a garden kaupapa requiring more serious tools, then email <u>food.action@enm.org.nz</u> to organise borrowing our big implements: spades, forks, shovels, rakes and even a wheelbarrow or two. Donations of garden tools in good working order are also welcomed. <u>Click here to learn more.</u>

### **Seed Libraries**

The Manawatū Food Action Seed Exchange has a variety of seed exchanges within the city. Find them at Awapuni, Roslyn, and Te Patikitiki libraries, and the ENM office at 145 Cuba St. Donations are always gratefully received.

# Have your say

After a whirlwind or recent consultations June seems quiet!

## Apply for funding

#### PNCC Community Led Initiatives Fund.

Open year round to the community to deliver their own small-scale initiatives, including events and projects that will contribute to Palmy's goals of being creative and exciting, connected and safe, and an eco-city.

#### The Page Trust

Open to organisations registered with Charities Services and schools that are based in or supporting people within the two funding regions (Hamilton funding area) or (Palmerston North funding area). Closes 1st August.

### Jeanette Fitzsimons Climate Action Grants

A new funding opportunity focused on youth and climate action with grants up to \$5000. Closes 1st September

## **Employment Opportunities**

### Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) - Kai Resilience Project Manager

Seeking a team player with excellent networking, inter-organisational coordination, project management, and leadership skills; with a flair for securing additional funds; and a passion for growing kai sustainability and resilience.

#### Horizons Regional Council Enviroschools Facilitators.

Horizons Regional Council are looking for Expressions of Interest for the following contract roles starting from around 1 July 2022:

- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Enviroschools Facilitator (approx. 16 hours per week)
- Secondary/Intermediate School Enviroschools Facilitator (approx. 16 hours per week)
  - Tararua Enviroschools Facilitator (approx. 5hrs per week)

For more information, please contact Sarah Williams, Horizons Regional Council, Enviroschools Regional Leader, on sarah.williams@horizons.govt.nz or 021 22 77 209.





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