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Environment Network Manawatū

ENM Pānui

Get involved with keeping our streams clean.

ENM's Plastic Pollution Challenge held two stream clean-ups in March, one at Takaro Park and one on a section of the Mangaone Stream attended by enthusiastic people from aged 2-70, all wanting to get involved in ensuring the health of our waterways. The highlights(?) were tractor tyres, and trolleys, but most importantly, urban eels.

We challenge you to clean an area of your local stream.

ENM can provide written guides, resources (litter grabber, gloves, waders, high vis vests) and support to help you run a safe, rewarding and impactful stream clean up.

Please get in touch on comms@enm.org.nz for more information.





Celebrating Volunteering:

Anna Goodall

In 2023 Anna Goodall decided to establish a veggie garden for the Savage Crescent community in her own backyard. With the help of ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network(MFAN) and Growing Gardens and Communities, the garden is now home to a number of raised beds full of winter veggies, busily growing until they're ready to harvest and [feed the Savage Crescent community...](#)

Invitation: Environment Sector Long Term Plan Information Session.

You are invited to an environment sector information session on Palmerston North City Council's Long-Term Plan.

Monday 8th April, 5:30-7pm at Palmy Conference and Function Centre.

You are most welcome to pass this information on to your colleagues and networks.

Please RSVP for catering purposes directly to council by 4pm Friday 4th April on communications@pncc.govt.nz



Gearing up for the April Repair Cafe

It's surprising how many people come out after dark in Palmy...For [Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science & Heritage](#) 'After Dark' event that is, that saw hundreds of people out to enjoy what the museum had to offer during the twilight hours of Saturday 16th March.

[Environment Network Manawatū](#) was proudly present, our Palmerston North Repair Café take apart table proving to be a huge hit with kids and their parents alike. Lots of great conversations and new faces.

Our next cafe will take place on Saturday 27th April. 9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.

Enthusiastic Electrician Needed!

Electrical mends are in demand at the Repair Cafe, and we understand how much people want this service for those small ticket items, of little value, but which have a big impact when we send them to landfill.

If you are or if you know an electrician who would love to volunteer, even just a couple of times a year we would love you to get in touch.

Email Helen on comms@enm.org.nz

Community Vibe check. Herbicide use in the city.

Do you have concerns about the use of weed killer (herbicides) in public places? Cue a Community Vibe Check! We are all keen to ensure the spaces we play and live in are safe for us, our whanau and our environment. Recently, we have heard from a few locals enthusiastic about curbing the use of these chemicals and we would appreciate your views to help shape a community led response.

Please help us sense the community vibe on this issue by completing this quick survey. We need to know your views and if you would like to see anything done about this.

Please also share this survey with any Palmy-based friends and whanau so they can contribute. The more feedback we have the better placed we are to move forward with a response as necessary. [Click here for the questionnaire.](#)



Welcoming Mark Strachan into the Community Kai Support Role.

We are excited to welcome Mark Strachan, Manawatū Food Action Network's new Community Kai Support, who will be working closely with Growing Gardens and Communities to support the installation of māra kai and trees in homes. Mark simply loves to garden and gained a love of horticulture during his time as dispatch manager at Plantlife Propagators in Ashhurst, which taught him to identify and nurture a wide variety of plants. He has a passion for organic food production guided by permaculture principles. Mark was introduced to ENM and its work through a seminar linked to Manawatū Young Chamber. From there, he volunteered to host one of our community composting hubs, took part in the trial of our 'Every Bite' initiative and finally applied to join the MFAN team. Mark is also a professional photographer and broadcast camera operator. He lives with his wife and three-year-old son in Awapuni.

Ruahine Kiwi: Introducing our mascots, the trilog of trouble.

Pinky, Perky and Squerky (working names) our scene stealing ferret, stoat and weasel have been stopping the show and creating positive pest control conversations wherever they go.



This has been lots of places over the last few weeks; Explore Esplanade Day, UCOL, and [Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science & Heritages](#) 'After Dark' event. When they are not creating a stir as the mustelids about town, they hang out with us in the [Environment Network Manawatu](#) office on 145 Cuba Street where they are happy to chat pest control at any time.



Out with the old recycling, in with the new.

We recently announced that we would be finishing our Terracycle Zero Waste Box trial on **1st of April**.

However...

We are now recycling aluminum wine bottle tops and can tabs, steel caps (think beer bottle tops) and number 2, 4 and 5 plastic bottle lids.

You are welcome to bring household quantities of these items to the ENM office, 145 Cuba Street from 9am-4pm Monday- Thursday. Please ensure:

1. They are clean.
3. That you bring household quantities. (we have limited space)
3. They are sorted. (i.e. you separate wine bottle and plastic lids by number).

Aluminum and steel will be taken to a local metal recycler, and plastic bottle tops will be taken to local company Aotearoa NZ Made Ltd, who offer solutions by upcycling them into new products.

Next Future Living Skills Programme in May.

We are currently aiming to start the next series of the Future Living Skills programme in the first week of May, this again taking place during the evening.

Registrations are not yet open, but anyone interested can email me support@enm.org.nz to and to keep an eye on the [ENM Facebook page](#) for updates.



Opportunities to get involved

Repair Cafes

Repair and connect.

Apr 6 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

Regular Events

Join in!

Apr 20 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)
Apr 27 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#)

Crop Swaps

Share and learn

Apr 6 [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst.](#)
Apr 14 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)
Apr 14 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)
First and third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Apr 7 [Ahimate Reserve](#)
Apr 7, 21 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)
Apr 13 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)
Help maintain corridors of native trees.
Apr 14, 28 [A Rocha Nursery](#)
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.
Apr 14 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..
Apr 21 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)
A restored urban native bush habitat.
Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#)
Growing fruit for the community.
Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)
Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.
Every week. [Ashhurst Community Library Garden Working Bee.](#) Keep connected on Facebook for dates and times as these do vary.

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)
Peaceful protest for climate action.
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday [Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.
Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#). Easter hours will be advertised on the [Facebook page](#). School holiday hours will be advertised on the Facebook page, website and Eventfinda prior to Easter.
Mar 3,10,17,24 [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)

Workshops and talks

Be informed.

Apr 21 [Large and Small Block Permaculture at Kaitiaki Farm, Whanganui](#)

Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

Apr 1 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)
Apr 2 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)
Apr 3 [Manawatū River Source to Sea meeting.](#)
Apr 9 [Forest and Bird Monthly meeting.](#)
Apr 25 [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#)

One-of Events

Apr 7 [Kanorau Koiora Taketake Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant Open Day](#)
Apr 8 [Environment Sector Long Term Plan Information Session.](#)
Apr 13 [Composting Workshop](#)
Apr 20 [Planning Palmerston North Expo](#)
Apr 20. [Family Fun and Planting Day, Kaitiaki Farm, Whanganui](#)

The Egg Project

Supporting the Ruahine Kiwi Project one egg at a time! [You can buy from them and support the project by clicking here.](#)

Sharing Tables and Shelves

Pātaka Kai is the Māori term for a food storehouse or basically a pantry.

Pātaka Kai are a space for people to leave what they can (excess garden produce and food for example) and for people to take what they need. This is not an exchange system, nor is koha required. Pātaka Kai are open 24/7.

[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, Manawatū, Te Whare Koha and other 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. [Click here for a list of places to access food support.](#)

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 food.action@enm.org.nz 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. [Click here to learn more.](#)

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.

Notices

- Let's Grow Palmy** holds weekly sessions, the first two in April being:
3 April introduction to Parakore (Zero Waste) by Sam Te Tau at Roslyn Library 10:30am to 11:30am
10 April Hands-on workshop at Awapuni Community Garden 22 Newbury Street behind the tennis courts, learn more about encouraging worms.
Check out the [Let's Grow Palmy! Facebook page](#) for ongoing information about garden sessions offered through PNCC Libraries.
- Te Patikitiki Rongoa:** Helpers are always welcome on Monday afternoons 2-3.30pm and Friday afternoons 3-4.30pm to help with the gardens at Te Patikitiki Library. Contact Niki Burtenshaw for more information 021362873
- Growing Gardens and Communities** sets up gardens for people who need help to get started growing kai most every Thursday from 10 AM to 12:30. Volunteers are hugely appreciated. Contact Beth Lew at 0274 399 565 for more information.
- The Brazilian Community are in search of storage space for props created for the Festival of Cultures, particularly the two large puppets that were created in collaboration

with REACT. They need a 2x3m or 3x3m space in a warehouse, garage or sponsored storage unit.

Your assistance, in this regard, would be of great value.

Location: Preferentially in Palmerston North or Manawatu but can consider Horowhenua or Taranaki areas. Contact Maria via email: palmeirinhosnz@gmail.com or 02102365251

Submissions

Horizons Regional Council Regional Council Long Term Plan.

Horizons Regional Council's draft Long-term Plan now open for consultation until Monday 22nd April 2024.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3TnfSNM> to learn more and make your submission

Apply for funding

Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Fund

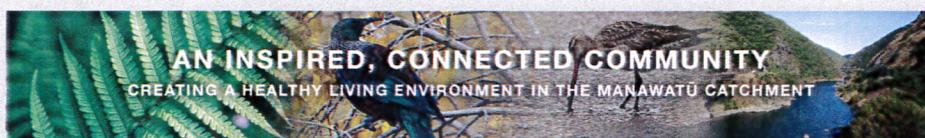
Horizons Regional Council's Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity fund is open now till Friday 3 May – application and eligibility forms can be found on the website at : <https://www.horizons.govt.nz/about-our-region-and-council/grants-and-sponsorship>

Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi – Community Climate Response Fund

Horizon's Regional Council Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi – Community Climate Response Fund are open now till Friday 3 May – application and eligibility forms can be found on the website at :

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[For an up-to-date local funding calendar developed by ENM's Communications and Events Lead Helen King you can click here.](#)



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