July
Pānui

In this jam-packed issue, we've got exciting updates and events from across our network!
Check out what's happening with the Ruahine Kiwi Project, learn about our expanded funding area, watch new video interviews, and get the scoop on upcoming event launches—plus much more!

Expanded Funding Area - EIF

EXPANDED FUNDING AREA
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Environmental Initiatives Fund
We're here to support your vision

The Environmental Initiatives Fund supports community projects that improve environmental outcomes within the Manawatū River catchment. The Fund is made possible through the support of Palmerston North City Council and

Eastern & Central Community Trust.

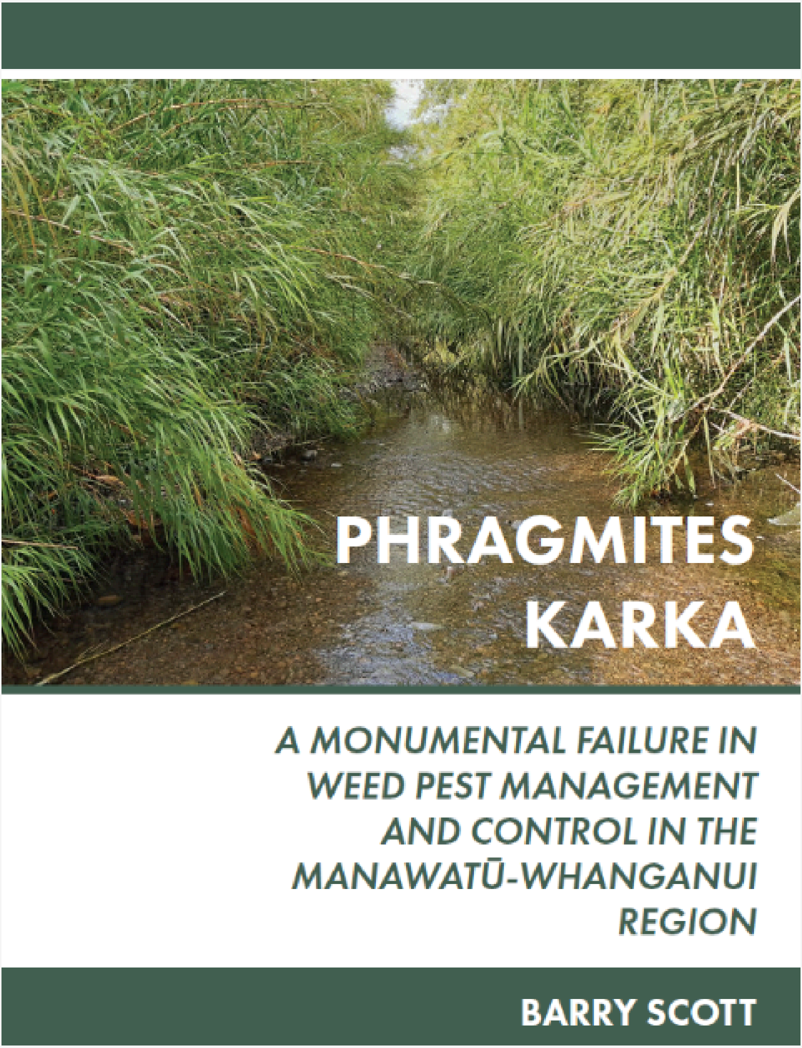
More Info Here

Ruahine Kiwi Update

North Island brown kiwi | Kiwi-nui. Adult. Hauturu / Little Barrier Island, July 2019. Image © Shaun Lee by Shaun Lee. From: www.nzbirdsonline.org.nz

With new funding, a dedicated Project Lead, and over 2,000 traps in place, the team is gearing up for a major spring trapping push. AI-powered monitoring and exciting new stoat trap developments are on the horizon.

Read the full update here



PHRAGMITES KARKA

A MONUMENTAL FAILURE IN WEED PEST MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL IN THE MANAWATŪ-WHANGANUI REGION

BARRY SCOTT

Read here

RECAP Interview

Discover how RECAP is empowering communities to reclaim food sovereignty and live sustainably. From practical workshops to shared meals, RECAP is building skills, fostering connection, and inspiring everyday action. Their mission is clear: equip future generations with the tools to thrive on a healthy planet—where sustainable living is mainstream, not marginal. Volunteering, learning, and community spirit are at the heart of it all.

See the video here

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer of the Month: Daryl Dean

While some slow down in retirement, Daryl hit the gas. With a lifetime of practical know-how and a heart for helping others, he's become a local legend—building, repairing, and mentoring with purpose. His story is one of grit, generosity, and the kind of community spirit that inspires us all.

Full Story Here

Start Volunteering

Kopua Habitat Restoration Project

We are seeking volunteers to help check a trapline at Kopua-riki near Norsewood (in Northern Tararua). Kopua-riki is an area of native bush around the Southern Star Abbey (a monastery), we have about 20 traps to check monthly (mostly DOC200's with some bait stations) and we keep a tally of results. We have been going for nearly 3 years now and have caught over 160 mammals including mustelids, rats etc. We have the Pūriri Moth as an indicator species that we are making progress. Sightings over the last three years indicate real progress with Pūriri sightings and a louder dawn chorus etc.
If you would like to help, please contact Mike Stone at 021703024.

ENM are looking for more board members

We need people who are passionate about environmental issues, and who are keen to lend their skills and experience to ENM in a governance role. We aspire to achieve a board membership that reflects the diversity of our community and our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Previous governance experience is not required — we value diverse perspectives and support our new members.

- Monthly meetings (10 per year). Requires pre-reading of agenda and reports
- 2 year term, renewable indefinitely
- Represent ENM at public/community events
- Sector advocacy, primarily through Council consultation processes
- Induction process for new members

Contribute to our subcommittees (optional):

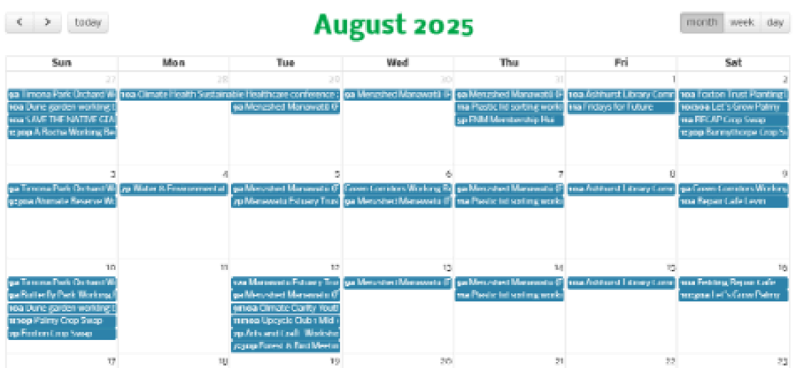
- Te Tiriti partnership
- Policy
- Funding Distribution

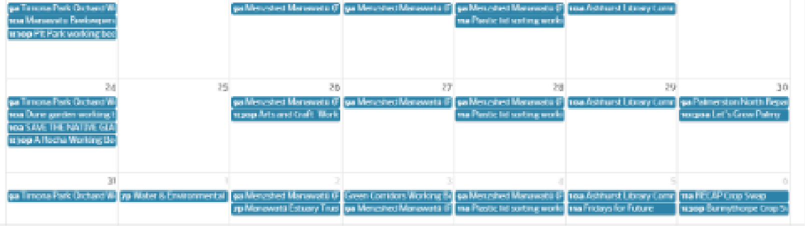
Upcycle Club 1 are looking for a crafty person

Location: Roslyn Library, 1 Kipling St., PN
Organisation: Upcycling Club 1
Commitment: 2:00 - 4:00, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

See the rest of the list here

EVENTS





See all events here

Community Food Sovereignty Winter Hui

COMMUNITY FOOD SOVEREIGNTY
WINTER HUI
MFAN

Take part in a food gifting activity, more details in the RSVP form!

Wednesday the 20th of August 10am -1:30pm.
This event will be held at the Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre on Ferguson Street.

Join us for a morning of connection, inspiration, and action!
🌿 Theme of the day: "Food as a Gift"
🔸 For most of us we see food as a commodity that is bought and sold...but what if that wasn't the case? What if we saw food as a gift instead? We will hear from a guest speaker about this shift in thinking and how communities

As always there will be chances to:
- 🔸 Network with like-minded individuals and organizations
- 🔸 Hear inspiring stories of local food sovereignty initiatives
- 🔸 Enjoy morning tea and stay after for a free lunch and further networking
- 🔸 Explore new opportunities to make a difference.

✨ This is your chance to connect, learn, and be part of the growing movement for sustainable, community-driven food solutions! 🌽

🌟 Everyone is Welcome! 🌟

RSVP Here

Sustainable Living Workshops

Interactive workshops and practical opportunities to help you live a more sustainable life.
Sustainable Living
Workshop Series 2025
Go Green

1st September: Healthy Food Choices Made Easy
Food is central to life. We will consider food choices that are healthy for us and our planet.

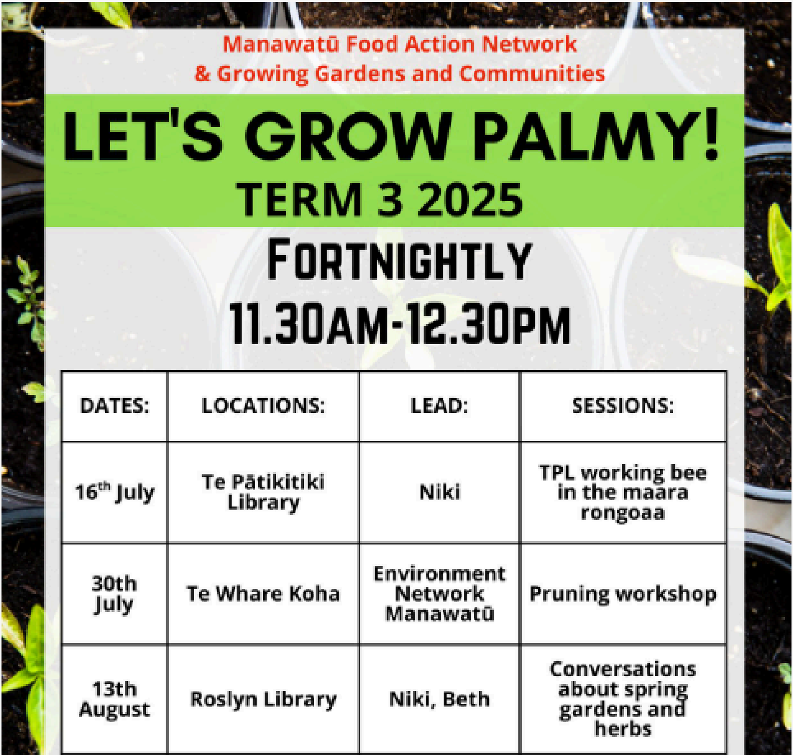
8th September: Minimizing Waste: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Learn about our Council's resource recovery systems and the ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle to keep items out of landfill.
15th September: Gardening 1: Growing Your Own Food
The basics of gardening including working with soil and the elements, including a practical demonstration of how to grow from seed.
6th October: Commute Sustainably
Exploring sustainable travel options - looking at active and low carbon travel.
13th October: Gardening 2: Growing Your Own Food - Practical
Natural ways to fertilize our gardens and maintain healthy crops, with hands on outdoor activities (weather permitting).
20th October: Household Emergency Planning: Natural Disasters and Hazards
First hand tips and insights about the realities of living through a natural disaster and empowering ways to plan and prepare for resilience.
10th November: Protecting Our Water
Relating to our water and where it comes from, considering how we can contribute to caring for our water sources through our daily choices.
17th November: Healthier Home, Healthier You
Tips, info and advice on ways to keep our homes warm, dry and healthy and save on energy sources.

*This used to be called Future Living Skills

Full Info Here

WHATUNGA TŪAO VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

Whatunga Tūao Volunteer Central invite you to their Annual Meeting (AM) to celebrate the year gone and share the exciting initiatives ahead. The AM will commence at 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 September 2025 at Hancock Community House. Financial members and registered volunteers have speaking rights at the meeting. We look forward to celebrating another fantastic year with you! RSVP to eventmanager@volunteercentral.nz by 10 September 2025, including any dietary restrictions.



Manawatū Food Action Network
& Growing Gardens and Communities

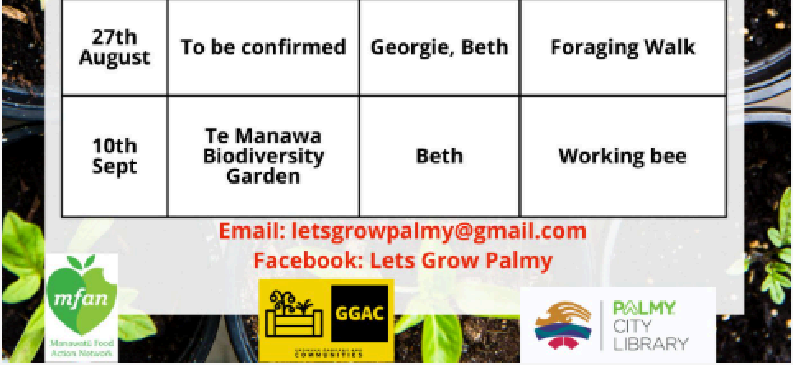
LET'S GROW PALMY!

TERM 3 2025

FORTNIGHTLY

11.30AM-12.30PM

DATES:	LOCATIONS:	LEAD:	SESSIONS:
16th July	Te Pātikitiki Library	Niki	TPL working bee in the maara rongoaa
30th July	Te Whare Koha	Environment Network Manawatū	Pruning workshop
13th August	Roslyn Library	Niki, Beth	Conversations about spring gardens and herbs



27th August	To be confirmed	Georgie, Beth	Foraging Walk
10th Sept	Te Manawa Biodiversity Garden	Beth	Working bee

Email: letsgrowpalmy@gmail.com

Facebook: Lets Grow Palmy

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PALMY CITY LIBRARY

City to Sea Rail Trail Manawatū AGM

Day: 10th September
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: Bainesse School - Rangiotu Road.

All welcome to attend. With an update on the trails progress, speaker and light refreshments.

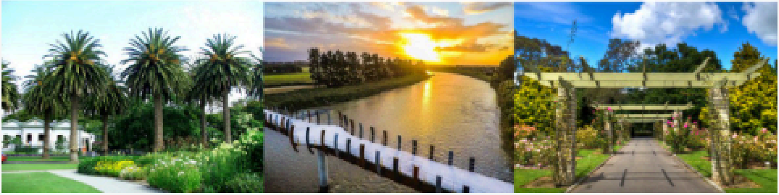
Please email Alice to RSVP

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
SUMMIT 2025

MASSEY UNIVERSITY

MASSEY UNIVERSITY, PALMERSTON NORTH

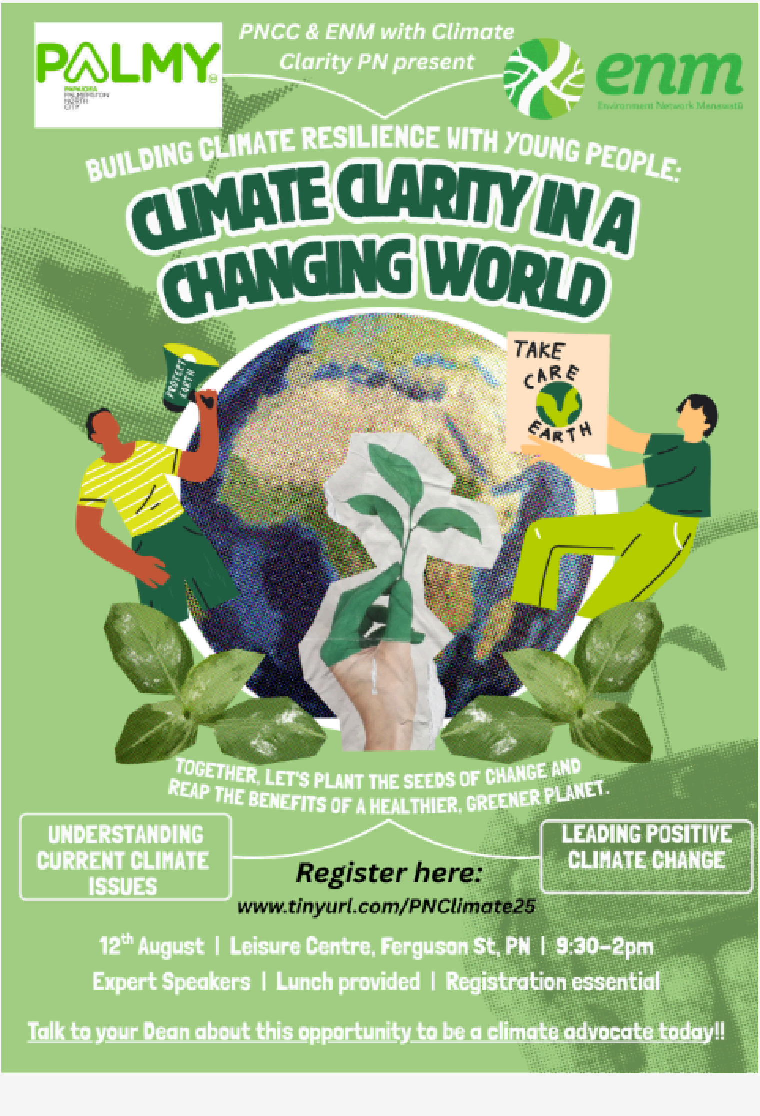
4-5 September



Earlybird Registrations Closes Soon!

Summit 2025 is hosted at the lovely Turitea Campus at Massey University Palmerston North. The leafy campus is surrounded by bush walks and buzzing with student life. While you are in the city, there is plenty to explore including the Esplanade gardens, riverside walkway and the Te Manawa museum. We are excited to see you there from the 4th-5th September!

More Info Here



PNCC & ENM with Climate Clarity PN present

BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE WITH YOUNG PEOPLE:

CLIMATE CLARITY IN A CHANGING WORLD

TOGETHER, LET'S PLANT THE SEEDS OF CHANGE AND REAP THE BENEFITS OF A HEALTHIER, GREENER PLANET.

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT CLIMATE ISSUES

LEADING POSITIVE CLIMATE CHANGE

Register here:

www.tinyurl.com/PNClimate25

12th August | Leisure Centre, Ferguson St, PN | 9:30-2pm

Expert Speakers | Lunch provided | Registration essential

Talk to your Dean about this opportunity to be a climate advocate today!!

Want to get your teens involved in climate conversations? Get them signed up for the Climate Clarity Forum.

More info in the calendar

Calling expressions of interest - enthusiasts in **textile repurposing**, fabric and material reuse, upcycling and recycling, extending the lifecycle of textiles and exploring alternatives to landfill. Please be in touch with Di at circ.economy@enm.org.nz as we look to connect in the Manawatū to share ideas and discover what local volunteers and organisations are already doing and researching.

JUST Zilch

Not knowing where your next meal is coming from is scary and it can happen to anyone. Illness, job loss, rising costs, unexpected bills… it doesn't take much to tip things over.

Every day, hundreds of people in Manawatū rely on Just Zilch for food. By joining our Winner Winner, Winter Dinner fundraiser this August, you can help families who are doing it tough right now.

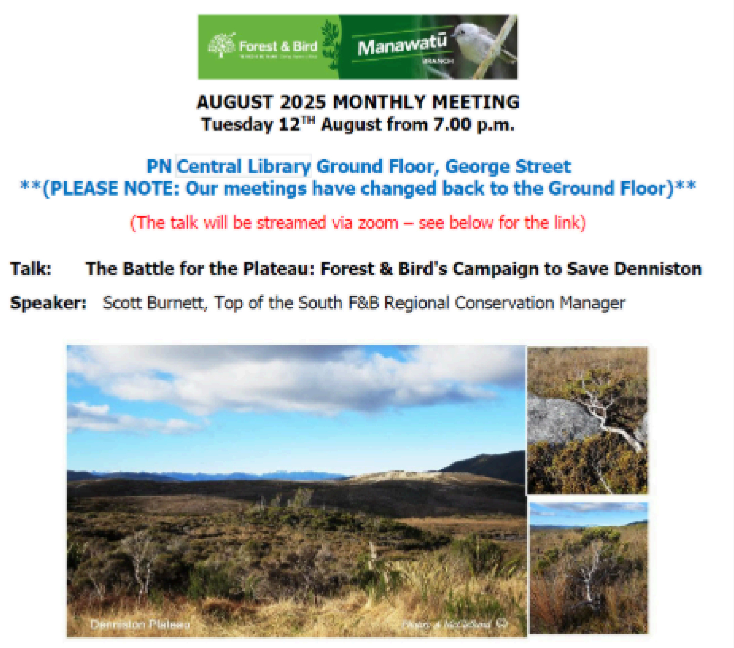
It's simple: gather your friends or whānau (or colleagues) for a potluck meal, and donate what you'd normally spend on a meal out to Just Zilch.

✓ Host a potluck dinner (or event) this August
✓ Donate what you'd usually spend on a meal out
✓ Help feed local people in our community

Your kindness helps make sure our neighbours have enough to eat this winter, and that no good food goes to waste.

Plan your dinner today and get a free digital pack to help you share the love.

Click here for more



Forest & Bird

Manawatū BRANCH

AUGUST 2025 MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday 12TH August from 7.00 p.m.

PN Central Library Ground Floor, George Street
****(PLEASE NOTE: Our meetings have changed back to the Ground Floor)****

(The talk will be streamed via zoom – see below for the link)

Talk: **The Battle for the Plateau: Forest & Bird's Campaign to Save Denniston**

Speaker: Scott Burnett, Top of the South F&B Regional Conservation Manager

Denniston Plateau is an iconic 'lost world', a biodiversity hotspot rated by DOC as one of the most ecologically valuable sites on the mainland, is facing an imminent threat. Bathurst Resources is proposing a massive 25-year open-cast coal mine, planning to use the government's controversial Fast-Track legislation to push it through with minimal public oversight. The scale of the proposed destruction is immense, threatening to permanently obliterate unique sandstone ecosystems, ancient dwarf forests, and habitats for rare species like the great spotted kiwi and the endemic Avatar moth. Scott Burnett is “Save Denniston Campaign” lead for Forest & Bird and will explain

the full context of the mining proposal and the dangers of the Fast-Track law.
Zoom Link

SoNZi

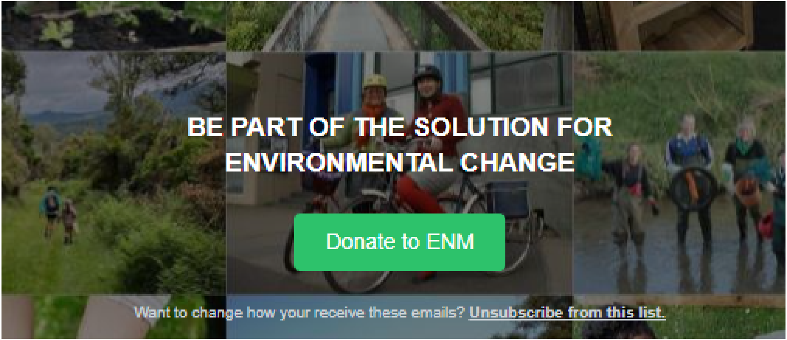
Sanctuaries of New Zealand Workshop

Whanganui &
Bushy Park Tarapuruhi

August 12-14th 2025

SONZI are pleased to announce that registration is now open for SONZI Workshop 2025, 12-14 August at Tarapuruhi Bushy Park, Whanganui.
Visit https://www.sanctuariesnz.org/2025-sonz-workshop/ to register and join

or renew your SONZI membership.



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