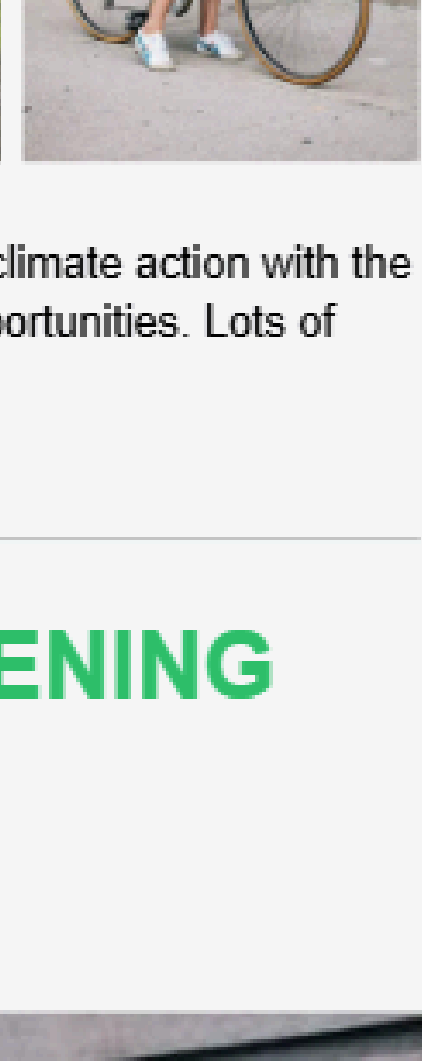
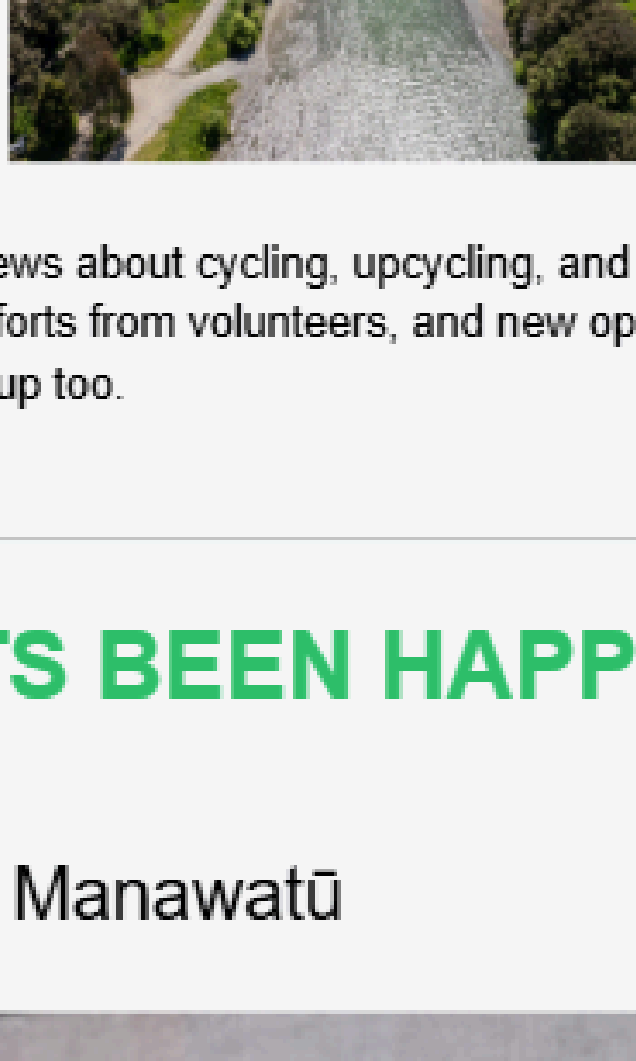
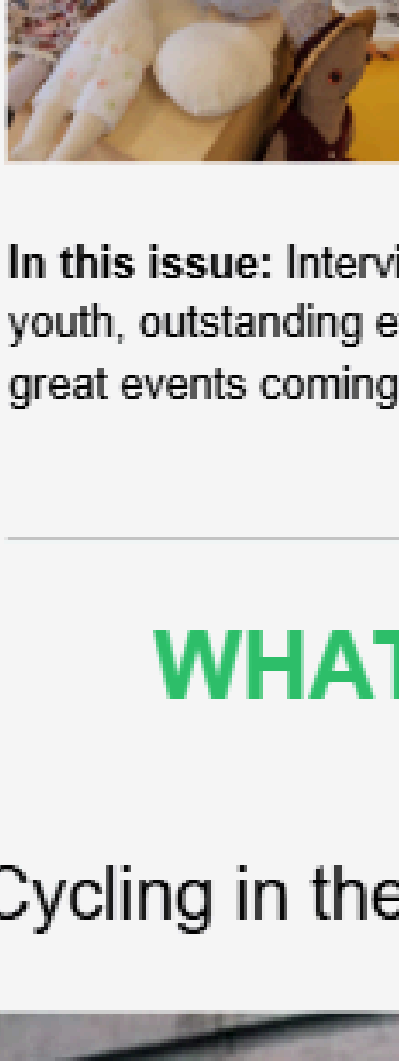


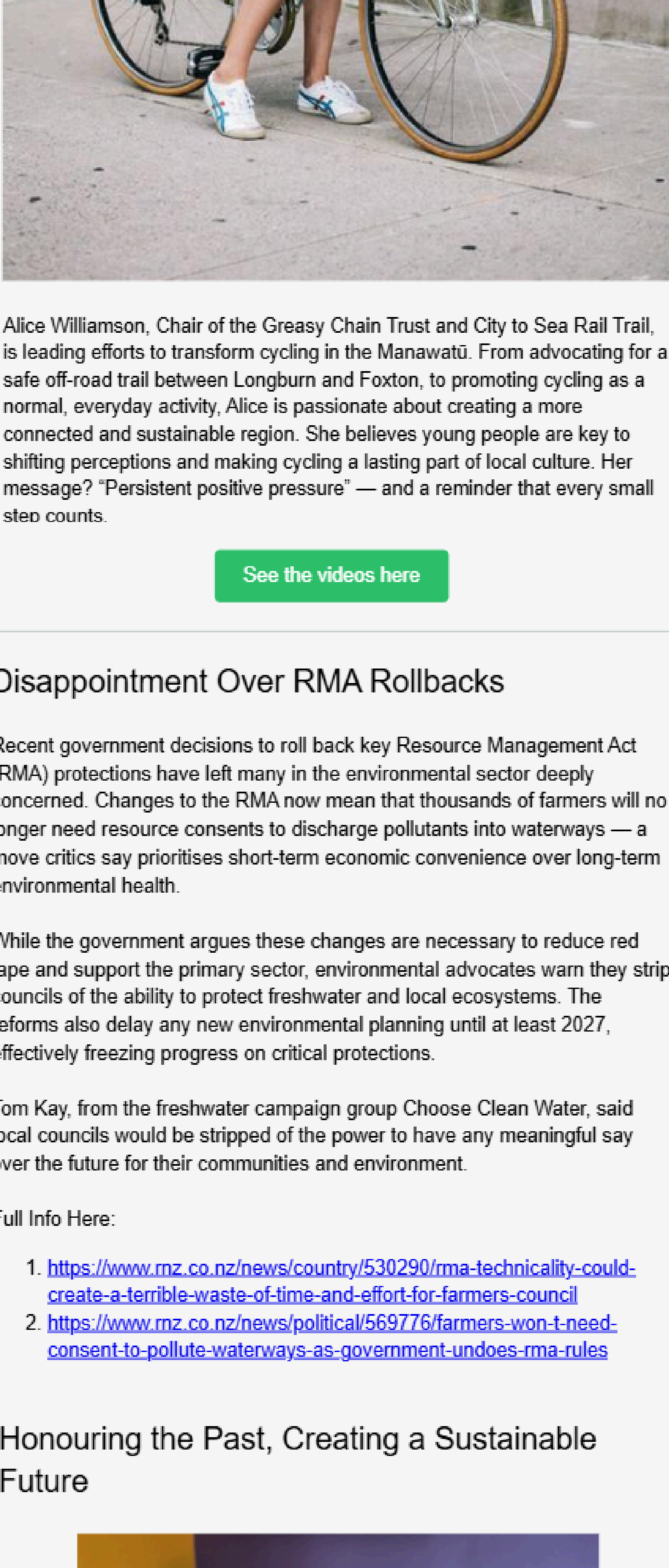
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In this issue: Interviews about cycling, upcycling, and climate action with the youth, outstanding efforts from volunteers, and new opportunities. Lots of great events coming up too.

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

Cycling in the Manawātū



Alice Williamson, Chair of the Greasy Chain Trust and City to Sea Rail Trail, is leading efforts to transform cycling in the Manawātū. From advocating for a safe off-road trail between Longburn and Foxton, to promoting cycling as a normal, everyday activity, Alice is passionate about creating a more connected and sustainable region. She believes young people are key to shifting perceptions and making cycling a lasting part of local culture. Her message? "Persistent positive pressure" — and a reminder that every small step counts.

[See the videos here](#)

Disappointment Over RMA Rollbacks

Recent government decisions to roll back key Resource Management Act (RMA) protections have left many in the environmental sector deeply concerned. Changes to the RMA now mean that thousands of farmers will no longer need resource consents to discharge pollutants into waterways — a move critics say prioritises short-term economic convenience over long-term environmental health.

While the government argues these changes are necessary to reduce red tape and support the primary sector, environmental advocates warn they strip councils of the ability to protect freshwater and local ecosystems. The reforms also delay any new environmental planning until at least 2027, effectively freezing progress on critical protections.

Tom Kay, from the freshwater campaign group Choose Clean Water, said local councils would be stripped of the power to have any meaningful say over the future for their communities and environment.

Full Info Here:

- <https://www.nz.co.nz/news/country/530290/rma-technicality-could-create-a-terrible-waste-of-time-and-effort-for-farmers-council>
- <https://www.nz.co.nz/news/political/569776/farmers-won-t-need-consent-to-pollute-waterways-as-government-undoes-rma-rules>

Honouring the Past, Creating a Sustainable Future



Yoko's story is a powerful reminder that sustainable living isn't a new idea — it's something many communities have practiced for generations. In this reflection, she shares how growing up in Japan shaped her values around waste and resourcefulness, and how those values now inspire a creative, community-driven upcycling group right here in our region.

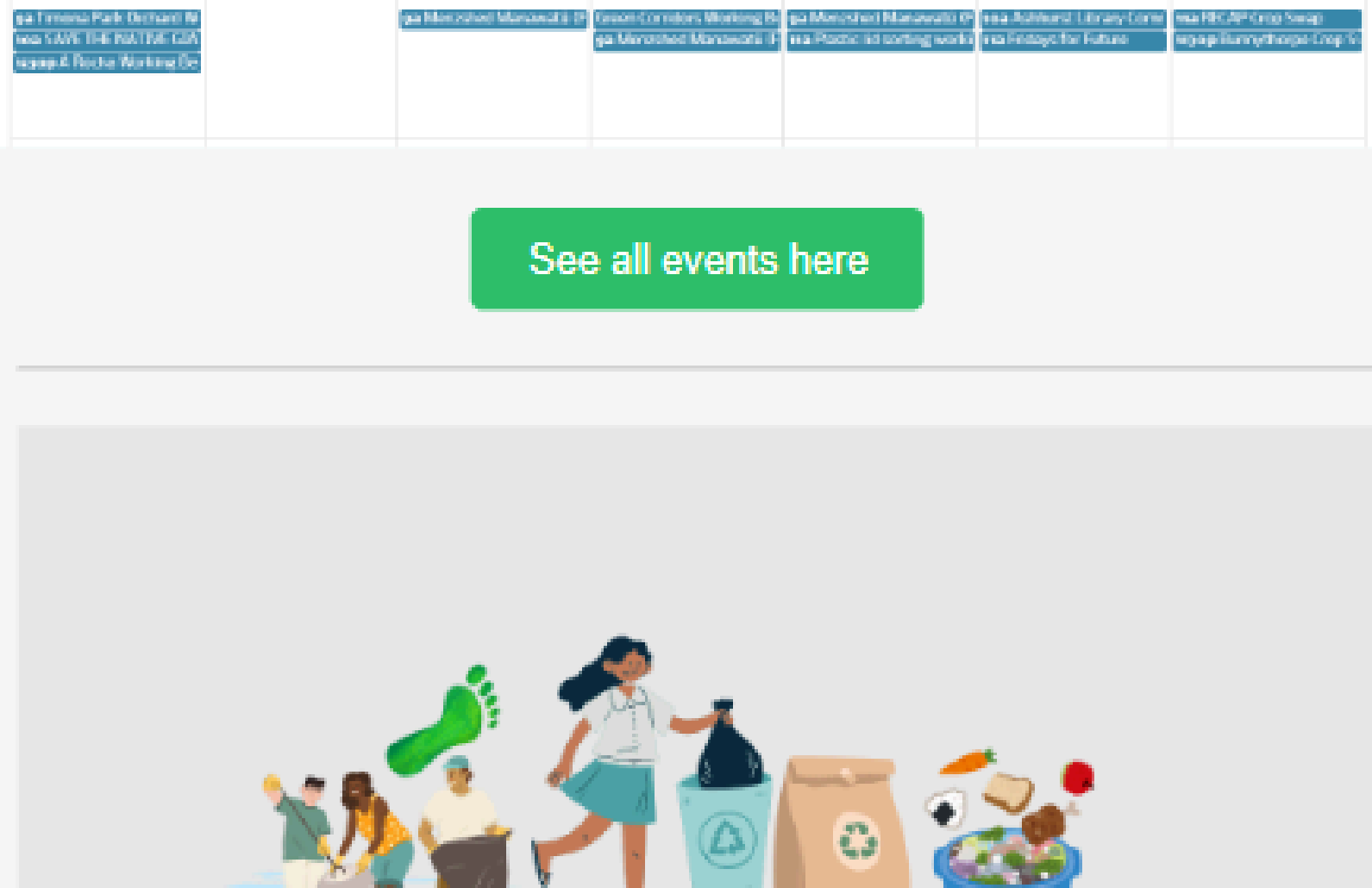
[Full Video Interview Here](#)

Youth Unite for Climate Action in Palmy!

40 students from 8 schools gathered for a powerful day of climate talks, hope, and action. Top experts, bold ideas, and real solutions. With powerhouse speakers like Emeritus Professor Ralph Sims and climate activist Sophie Handford, the youth explored real solutions and sparked hope for a resilient future. From eco-anxiety to climate justice, the message was clear: Youth voices matter, and change starts now.

[Full Video Interview and Article Here](#)

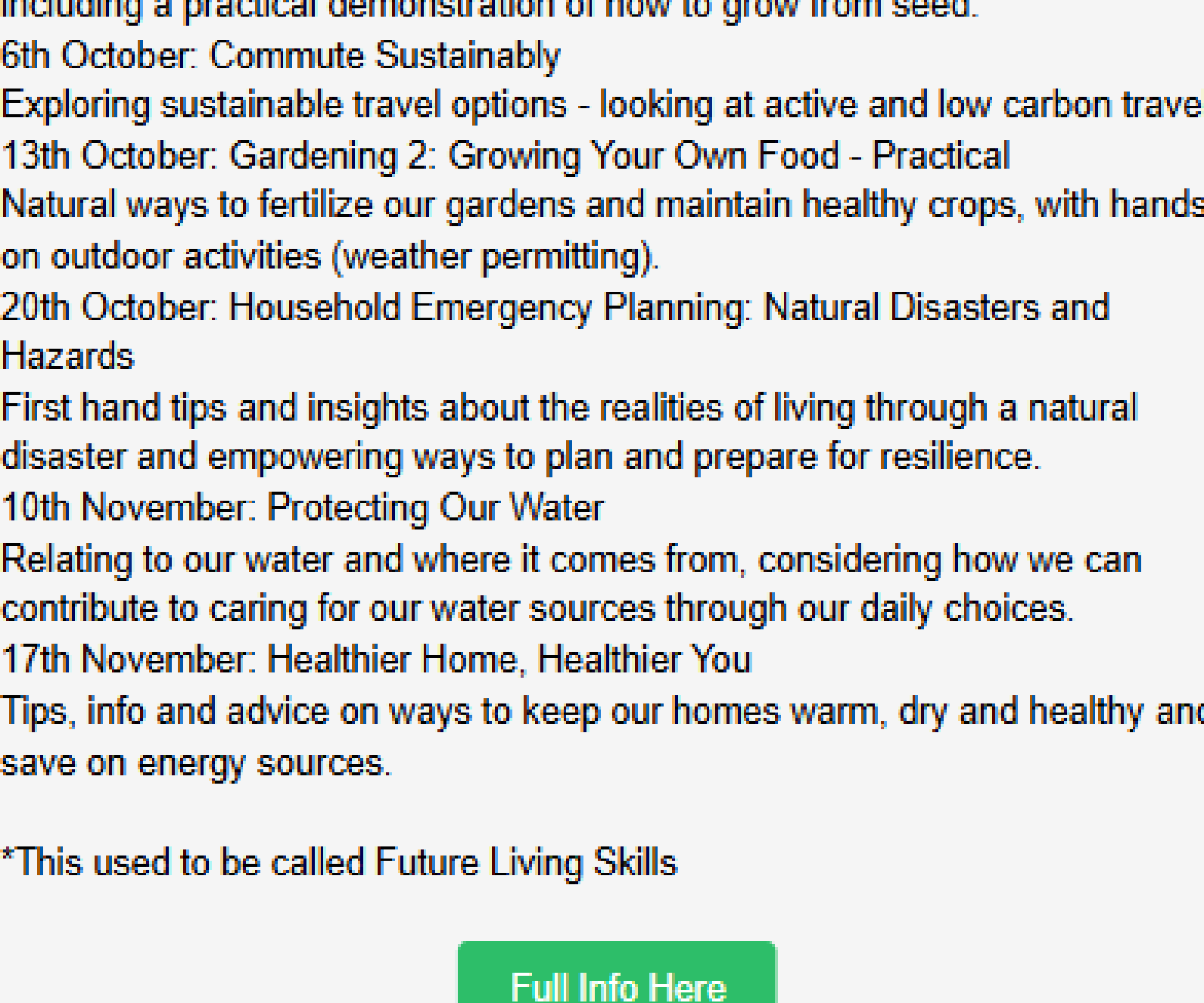
Textile Repurposing



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 Manawātū to share ideas and discover what local volunteers and organisations are already doing and researching.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer of the Month: Barry – Guardian of Moonshine Valley



Every thriving forest has its guardians — those who work quietly, consistently, and passionately to protect and restore the land. This month, we're proud to celebrate Barry as our Volunteer of the Month — a dedicated kaitiaki whose decades of care have helped transform two of Palmerston North's hidden ecological gems: Moonshine Valley and Tutukiwi Reserve.

[Full Article Here](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Working bee Tutukiwi Reserve
Work is varied but mostly involves weed pest control within the reserve. Anyone is welcome to join. The next working bee will be held on Friday 5th September.
Location: Tutukiwi Reserve. Volunteers meet in the reserve carpark in Moonshine Valley at 9 am.
Commitment: First Friday of every month
If you are interested contact Barry Scott on 021 070 4848 or email barryscott10@icloud.com

Volunteer wanted for Upcycling Club 1:
To supervise mainly origami and/or Introductory sewing at our craft sessions for school age children.
The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 3:10 to 4:00.
At the Roslyn Library, 8 Kipling St., PN.
Thank you, Yoko, Upcycling Club 1

[See the rest of the list here](#)

EVENTS

September 2025						
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Sustainable Living Workshop Series 2025

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](#)

SEPTEMBER 2025 MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday 9th September 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 (@ 7.30pm)

Talk: Reasons to kill rats*

Speakers: Professor Steve Treweek & Professor Mary Morgan Richards, Massey University

Norway Rat (Rattus norvegicus)
Photo: DOC

Ship Rat (Rattus villosus)
Photo: DOC

House Polynesian rat (Rattus exulans)
Photo: DOC

Three species of rat arrived in Aotearoa with humans and quickly spread to all corners. At the same time as rats expanded, many endemic vertebrate populations went extinct. The invasive rodents compete with native predators, harbour fleas with disease, and add to our carbon footprint. We talk about the ecology of rats in New Zealand forests and summarise why we kill them and who benefits from reducing their density. We are also interested in rat dispersal and their ability to tolerate high doses of anticoagulants and will talk about future studies.

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated.
If you would like to stay in touch, please sign up to their mailing list on our website: www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz

Environmentally focused Meet the Candidates Event

Get to Know Your Candidates!
Join Environment Network Manawātū for a special Meet the Candidates event and hear directly from those standing for Palmerston North. This is your chance to ask questions, learn about their priorities, and find out who best represents your vision for our environment and community.

Meet the Horizons candidates:
📅 Event Date: Tuesday 9th September
📍 Location: Globe Theatre
🕒 Time: 5:30-7:30pm

[Facebook Event Here](#)

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