September
PĀNUI

In this issue: In this issue: Spring is stirring and so are things in the Manawatū. We cover highlights from the SDG Summit, dig into propagation, wetlands, climate action, and natural burial updates. Plus, meet our fantastic volunteer of the month and explore great opportunities to get involved — whether by volunteering or attending events.

ENM Event of The Month

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AGM

28th October
5.30pm - 8.00 pm
Wilkins Theatrette, Te Manawa

Agenda includes proposals to adopt Constitution and to Re-register as an Incorporated Society under the 2022 Act

RSVP Now!

Join ENM as we celebrate a successful year and look ahead to what's next. Connect with like-minded people, reflect on our collective impact, and help shape the year to come.

The Agenda will include a proposal to adopt an updated Constitution and to re-register as an Incorporated Society under the new Act.

🗓 Monday 28 October
🕔 5:30pm – 8:00pm
📍 Wilkins Theatrette, Te Manawa
326 Main Street Palmerston North 4410

🥪 Light refreshments provided

Please RSVP by the 14th of October here

ENM Board Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for positions on the ENM Board. If you're interested in contributing to ENM's governance and direction—or know someone who might be—this is a great opportunity to get involved. Click here for more info about the role: https://www.enm.org.nz/get-involved/volunteer

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RESCUE & REPURPOSING TEXTILES HUI

Join fellow enthusiasts passionate about fabric and material reuse, upcycling, recycling, and extending the lifecycle of textiles—while exploring creative alternatives to landfill.

📅 Wednesday 22 October
🕔 5:30pm – 7:00pm
📍 Palmy CBD or via Zoom

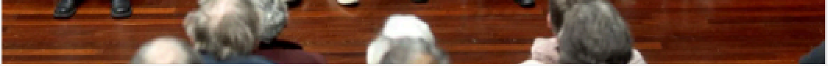
Come along to connect, share ideas, and discover what local volunteers and organisations are working on in this space.

RSVP Here

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

Where Do Our Candidates Stand on Environmental Issues?

Over the past month, we hosted two events to help our community better understand where Palmerston North candidates stand on key environmental issues. If you missed them or would like to revisit the discussions, the recordings are now easily accessible.



Click Here For the Recordings

Reflections from the NZ SDG Summit: Lifting Our Gaze Toward Collective Impact

Attending the Aotearoa NZ SDG Summit was a powerful reminder of the strategic role Environment Network Manawatū (ENM) plays in shaping a sustainable future. Over two days, we connected with passionate changemakers, facilitated an interactive session on Food Sovereignty and Circular Economies, and deepened our understanding of how ENM contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

See the Full Post on Facebook

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
GETTING IT RIGH
MASSEY UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND
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Recordings of Keynote and Plenary panels

The recordings of our keynotes and plenary panels are now available on the Massey University YouTube channel.

Keynote Speakers

- Welcome & Keynote: Professor Niki Harré – Working with People to Save the Planet
- Keynote: Dean Fraser – A Māori Vision of Sustainable Business
- Keynote: Professor Bram Büscher – Doing Conservation Right for Sustainable Development

Plenary Panels

- Plenary Panel: Young Minds Putting Sustainability into Practice
- Plenary Panel: Transforming Business for Sustainable Development
- Plenary Panel: Getting our Food Systems Right for Sustainable Development
- Plenary Panel: SDG Progress Report & Prof Trisia Farrelly on Plastics

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The Death of the Climate Emergency

Bruce Mahalski, writing for Scoop, presents a compelling article on the climate emergency we are currently facing. His piece encourages readers to confront the 'giant dead blue whale in the room'—a metaphor he uses instead of the traditional elephant, highlighting the tragic reality that blue whales in some parts of the ocean are literally starving due to human impacts on marine ecosystems. Once nearly driven to extinction in the 1960s, blue whales are again under threat, along with much of life on Earth, including humanity. This article is a powerful and thought-provoking read.

Full Story Here

Free Kawakawa Nursery' Propagation Guide

The Propagation Guide Manawatū is a practical, locally-focused resource for anyone interested in growing native plants from eco-sourced material.

Developed by the experienced team at Kawakawa Nursery, this guide brings together years of hands-on propagation knowledge combined with insights from passionate local experts in the field. It features plant varieties specific to the Manawatū district, offering step-by-step guidance on how to propagate native species using seeds, cuttings, and other techniques drawn from the local environment.

Whether you're a beginner, educator, restoration group, or seasoned grower, this guide is designed to support your journey in helping native biodiversity thrive.

Full Information and PDF Here

Well Done Natural Burials Mananwatū

We are excited to share that the PNCC Culture and Sports Committee approved the Otangaki-Ashhurst Domain Reserve Management Plan this morning which includes the establishment of the natural burial option. Natural burial is now firmly included in a PNCC plan. The plan includes considering the existing site identified, and is also now amended to include considering up to 2 other possible sites (as we had requested). Councillor Brent Barrett asked about the timeline for the establishment of natural burial. The management response was that this is not yet clear but investigative work is to occur this year. Using designated cemetery land would be more straightforward, however the first site being looked at isn't yet designated as cemetery land. Those attending were told that PNCC parks and reserves staff would take a partnership approach in establishing a natural burial site by working with Rangitāne, and with our Natural Burial Manawatū group.

Butterfly Compassion Community Proves That Sustainability and Kindness Go Hand in Hand

Butterfly Compassion Community is making a meaningful impact by combining sustainability with heartfelt generosity. Since January, the group has redistributed over 54,000 items to individuals and families facing challenging times—everything from clothing and bedding to mattresses, shoes, and toys. Items that can't be passed on directly are creatively repurposed, such as transforming old fabric into reusable rags. Their work is a testament to how compassion and environmental responsibility can thrive together.

Full Story Here

The Wild Ruahine 2026 Calendar – Available Now!

Your purchase helps protect the precious whio and the wild places they call home. This calendar is a key fundraiser for Ruahine Whio Protectors, featuring stunning photographs generously taken and donated by volunteers. It has been proudly printed locally, supporting both community and environment.

📅 $20 per calendar
📍 Available for pick-up at the ENM office

We're currently offering a selection of items for sale on behalf of several member groups to support their fundraising efforts. Feel free to stop by and take a look!

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer of the Month

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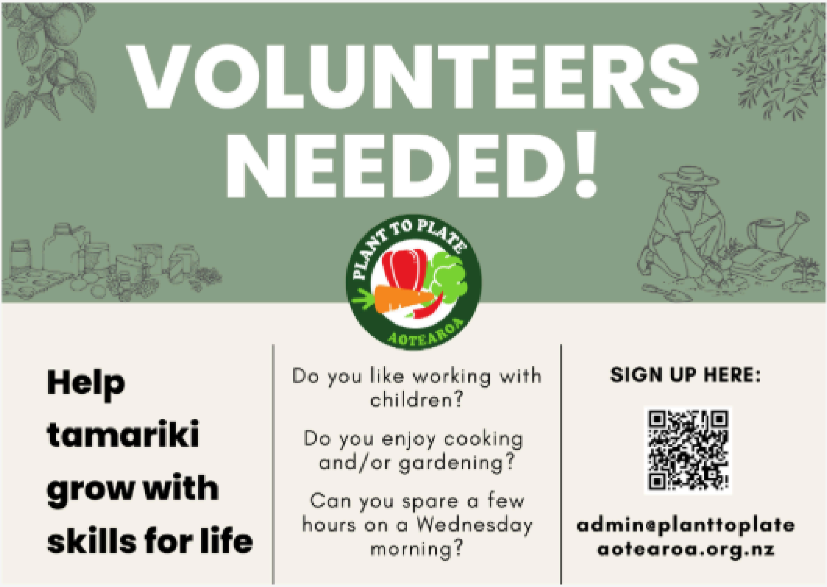
Environment
Network Manawatū
enm.org.nz
Get Involved!
Sustainable Living
Repair Café
PACKAGE FREE SHOPPING

Over the past few months, we've had the pleasure of welcoming Tae as an intern at ENM. From day one, Tae has been a thoughtful and committed member of our team, and we'll truly miss him as his internship wraps up.

Read The Full Story Here

Start Volunteering

Our network is always looking for passionate volunteers to help make a real difference in our community. There are a variety of opportunities available, with time commitments starting from as little as 2 hours a month—perfect for any schedule. Whether you're lending a hand at working bees or offering your skills behind the scenes, every bit of help counts. Interested in joining us?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

PLANT TO PLATE AOTEAROA

Help tamariki grow with skills for life

Do you like working with children?

Do you enjoy cooking and/or gardening?

Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday morning?

SIGN UP HERE:

admin@planttoplateaotearoa.org.nz

CENTRAL ENERGY TRUST
WILDBASE
RECOVERY
WITH MASSEY UNIVERSITY AND PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

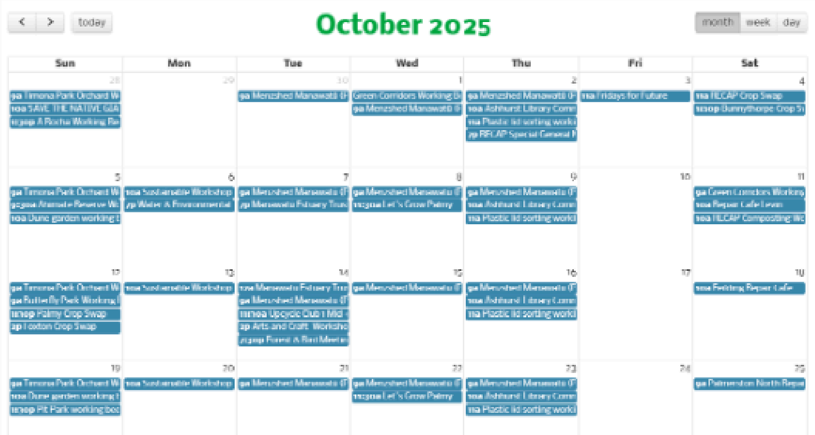
KNOW SOMEONE WHO LOVES WILDLIFE?

Tell them about our volunteer roles at Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery!

wildbaserecovery.co.nz

More Info Here

EVENTS



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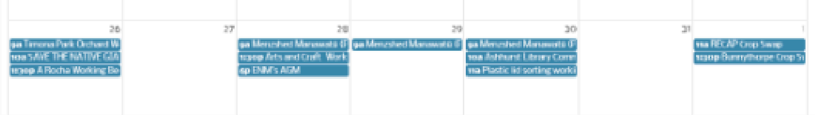
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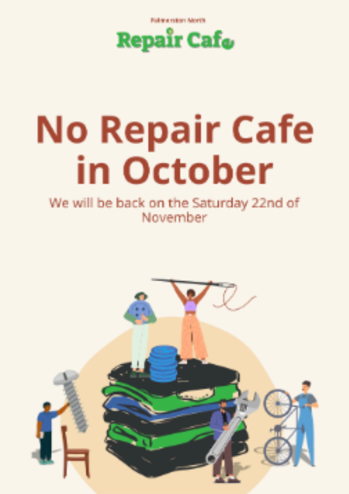
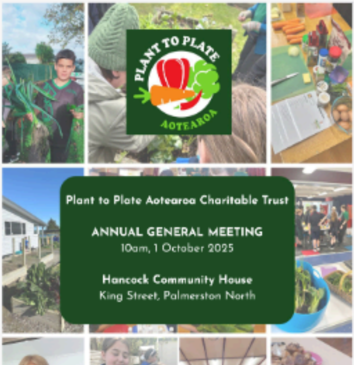
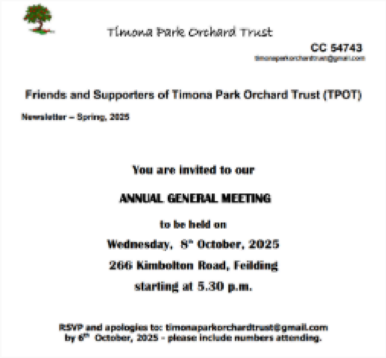

Palmerston North
Repair Cafe
No Repair Cafe in October
We will be back on the Saturday 22nd of November

No repair cafe in October

Due to venue booking clashes, we won't have a repair cafe in October.

Come along to find out about what Plant to Plate does, how they have done over the past year, and their focus for the coming year. Please send a quick RSVP email so they know you're coming.





Timona Park Orchard Trust

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Friends and Supporters of Timona Park Orchard Trust (TPOT)

Newsletter – Spring, 2025

You are invited to our

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held on

Wednesday, 8th October, 2025

266 Kimbolton Road, Feilding

starting at 5.30 p.m.

RSVP and apologies to: timonaparkorchardtrust@gmail.com
by 6th October, 2025 - please include numbers attending.

Timona Park Trust AGM

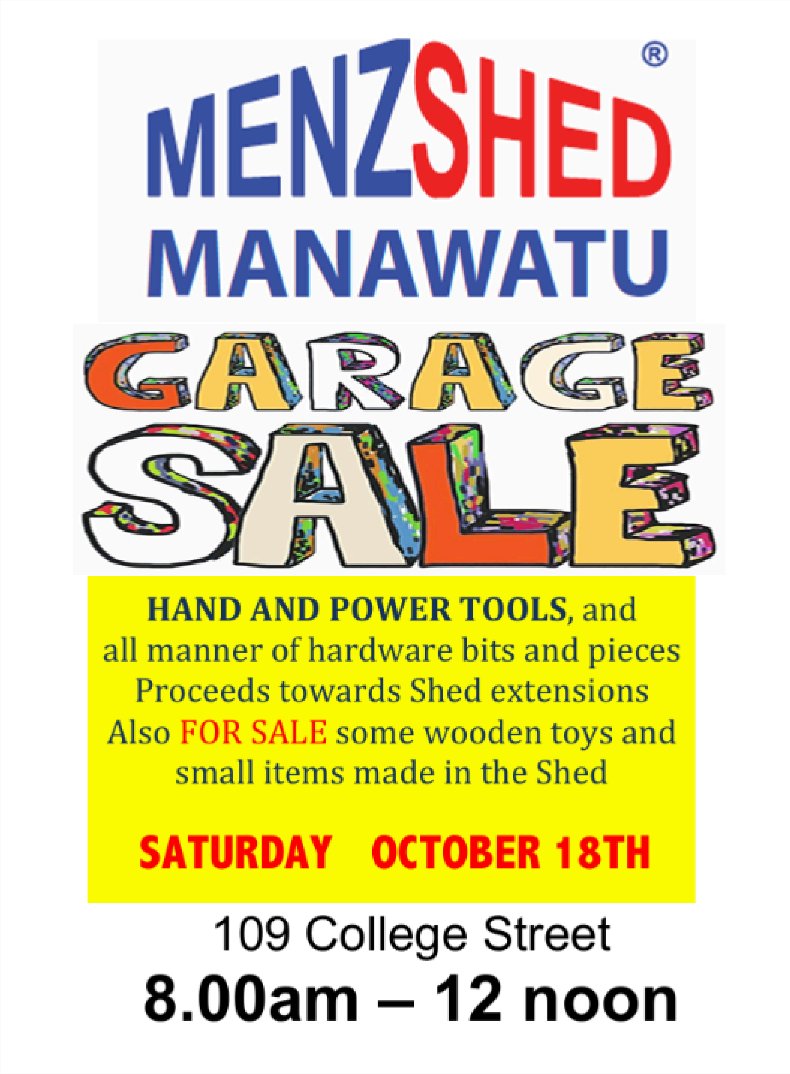
The Charities Act was amended in 2023 to include a governance requirement that
Charities review their key documents and procedures every 3 years. As part of this
review TPOT proposes to make the following minor changes to our Trust Deed.

Living Streets is hosting the 2025 Walking Summit, a one-day virtual event on Thursday, 6 November, where walkability for wellbeing takes centre stage. The summit will showcase best practices for working with communities, prioritising pedestrians, and developing guidance and policy to make streets safer for walking. It will also highlight innovative approaches and explore the health benefits of creating walkable environments.
The event will celebrate changemakers in walking advocacy, featuring impactful campaigns and the dedicated efforts of community advocates working toward healthier, more walkable spaces. Attendees

Walking
2025
walkable communities
for wellbeing
Summit

More Info Here

will also hear inspiring stories from past finalists and recipients of the Golden Foot Walking Awards.



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GARAGE SALE

HAND AND POWER TOOLS, and
all manner of hardware bits and pieces
Proceeds towards Shed extensions
Also FOR SALE some wooden toys and
small items made in the Shed

SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH

109 College Street

8.00am – 12 noon

Do you have a great local story with an environmental focus? Share it with us for a chance to be featured in our next newsletter!