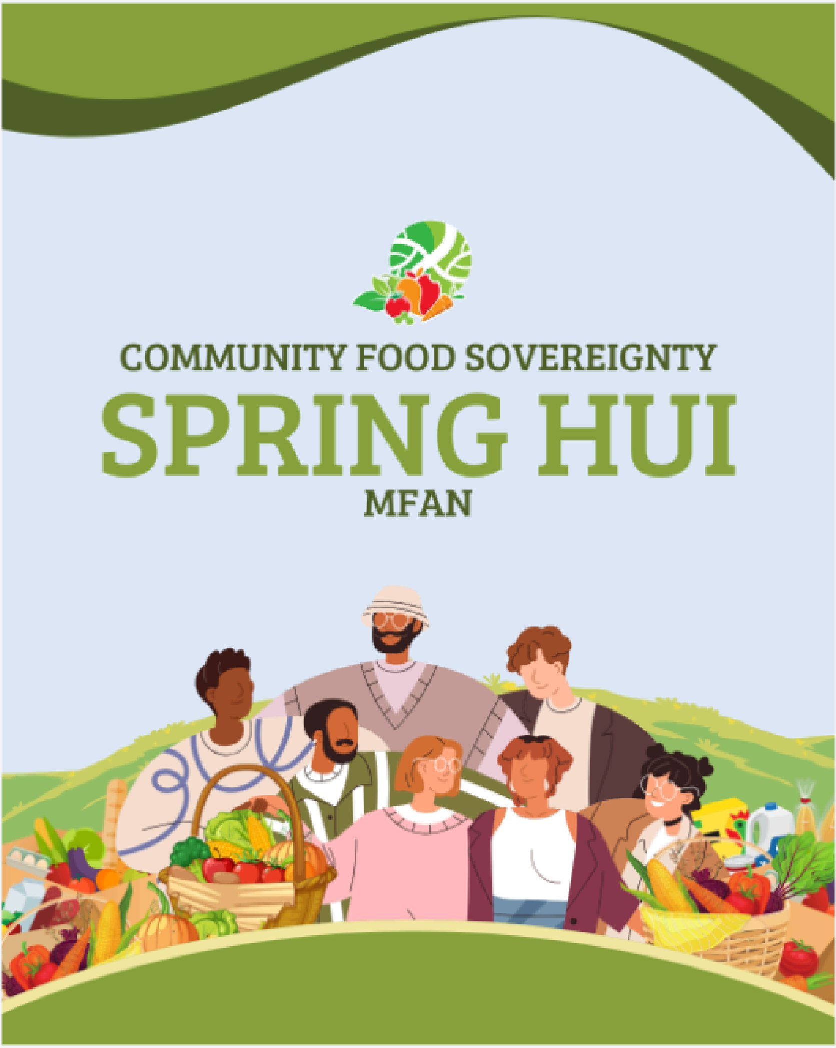
October
PĀNUI

In this issue: We recap the highlights from our recent AGM, welcome two new community groups to the ENM whānau, and share the first story in our Plant for Survival program. Plus, we cover the inspiring Textile Hui, spotlight recent funding successes, and share new funding opportunities for your projects.

ENM Event of The Month



COMMUNITY FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

SPRING HUI

MFAN

📅 Wednesday, 26 November

📍 Kelvin Grove Community Centre, 68 Kaimanawa Street

🕙 10:00am – 2:00pm

🎯 Theme: “Food as a Gift”

Let’s explore how food can build community—not just as a commodity, but as a gift. 🌽 💝
Guest speaker Helen Lehndorf will share insights on gift-based food systems and their impact.
Local groups will also speak about how food gifting is part of their kaupapa here in Palmy.
🚨 Crop Swap Alert! 🚨

Take part in the first MFAN hui crop swap by bringing something you have excess of, such as:
🥕 Homegrown produce
🍯 Preserves or baking
📚 Recipe/gardening books
🌱 Seeds or seedlings
🧰 Spare garden/kitchen tools
✨ Plus:
🔸 Free morning tea & lunch
🔸 Connect with others passionate about local food
🔸 Learn new ways to support food sovereignty
Everyone’s welcome—come connect, learn, and be part of the movement!

RSVP Here

Please ensure you do RSVP for everyone who is coming from your group: you can include multiple people in one form and this really helps us plan for catering purposes 🍝 😊

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING

ENM AGM

Thank you to everyone who joined us for a successful AGM!

We're incredibly grateful to our staff and board, who put in a huge amount of effort to ensure everything ran smoothly.

✨ Highlights from the evening included:
- An insightful presentation on the [Manawatū Estuary Management Plan] by Sian Cass
- The election of Dave Mollard, Nelson Harper, and Sivee Chawla to the ENM Board
- A thought-provoking talk from Georgina Morrison of [Environment Hubs Aotearoa about exciting research] currently in the pipeline

We're looking forward to another impactful year ahead, thank you for being part of the journey!

Our 2025 Annual Report

We have 2 new member groups and a business

affiliate member!

We are excited to welcome Textile Repurposing Manawatū, Massey Student Wildlife and Conservation Club (MSWCC) and Awapuni Nurseries to ENM's membership.

TEXTILE
RESCUE
MANAWATŪ

Textile Rescue works with charities in Manawatū to help reduce their textile surplus and waste burden and connecting communities to still useful textile resources through redistribution, rehabilitation, repair, rag making and recycling.

See their Facebook page here

Massey Student Wildlife and Conservation Club (MSWCC) is a student-run club that strives to promote awareness, interest, and involvement of Massey students in the natural world. Find out about upcoming events and opportunities here.

See their Facebook page here

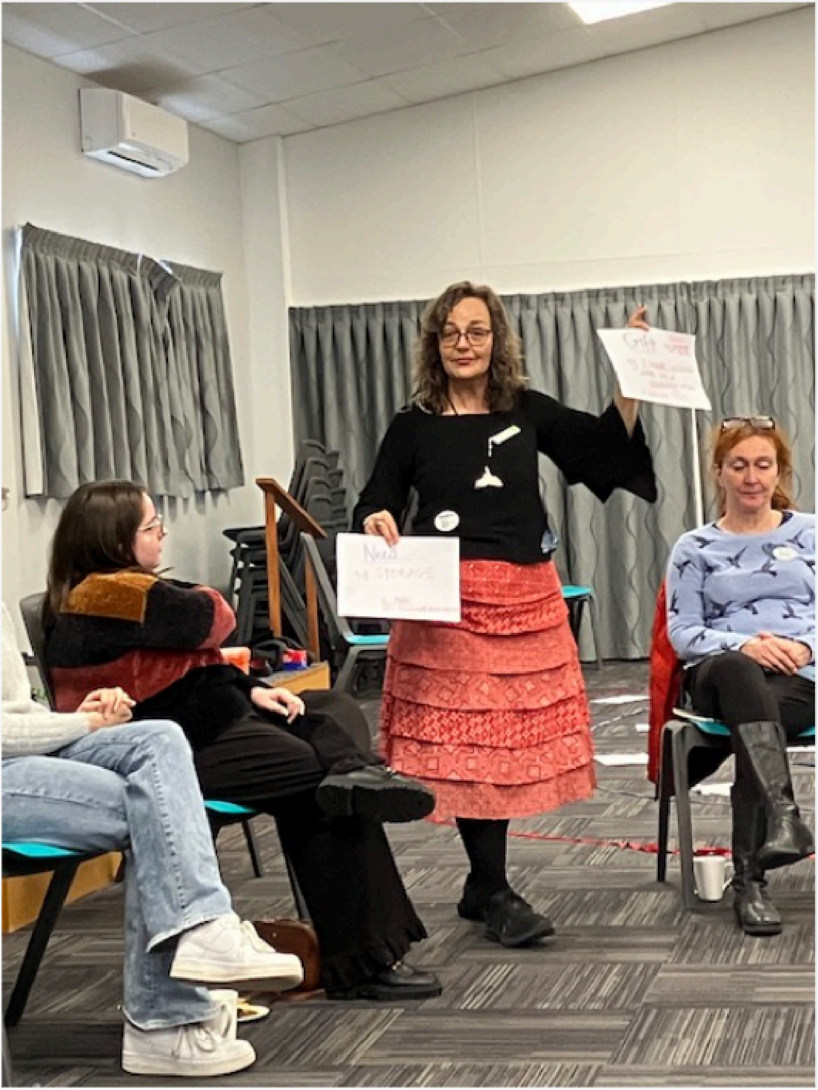
Awapuni
NURSERIES

Awapuni Nurseries is a family-owned commercial nursery located in Longburn. They grow a wide range of high-quality vegetables, herbs, flowers, native plants, and forestry seedlings for home gardeners and large-scale planting projects. These efforts help to sequester carbon, provide habitat, increase biodiversity, conserve soil, and feed the community.

They are continually improving their use of agrichemicals by implementing a more robust Integrated Pest Management (IPM) process, favouring soft products such as plant-based soaps, oils, and BioGro-certified alternatives, along with the release of biological controls. Additionally, they are investigating investment opportunities for a higher-efficiency production facility to grow more product with fewer inputs.

See their website here

Textile Hui



We had 31 people participate in the Hui in person and around 7 participate online. There is significant passionate interest in the issue, many thanks to everyone, also for the koha of kai and donations.

Each person received a heart shaped piece of traditional fabric (Shweshwe) and a safety pin. These hearts were offered to be worn in honour of this important conversation, and may be seen pinned to hats, coats as conversation starters.

A huge thank you to Sonya Turk, who inspired this coming together in this way, who is featured in this newsletter as Volunteer of the Month. Sonya has created a Facebook page: Textile Rescue Manawatū, where you can connect with her directly and read about all that she has set in motion.

Those who attended have been asked to share Futures thinking ideas they would like to action and invite participation into.

Stay in the loop with textile repurposing Manawatū here

Creating Food Sovereignty at ENM (literally)

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FAMCO LIGHTING

We recently had a volunteer reach out, keen to support our community gardens. Morri and Isarel jumped in one morning and filled the garden in front of ENM with a variety of vegetables. We're looking forward to enjoying the fruits of their labour — and you're welcome to help yourself too! 🌱 🥕 🌿

Apply for Environmental Funding

Small Grant - Open Now

- Environmental Initiatives Fund Guidelines Small Grants
- Applications for small grants (up to $1000) can be made by individuals and organisations at any time.
- The application form is concise AND QUICK.

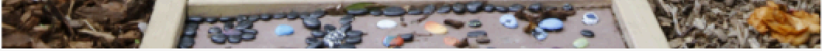
Large Grant - Open 1st Jan to 15th March

- Environmental Initiatives Fund Guidelines Large Grants
- Applications for large grants ($1000 - $15,000) can be made by organisations

Location: The project must be within the Manawatū River catchment. Find out if you're project takes place in our boundaries here.

Click here for more info

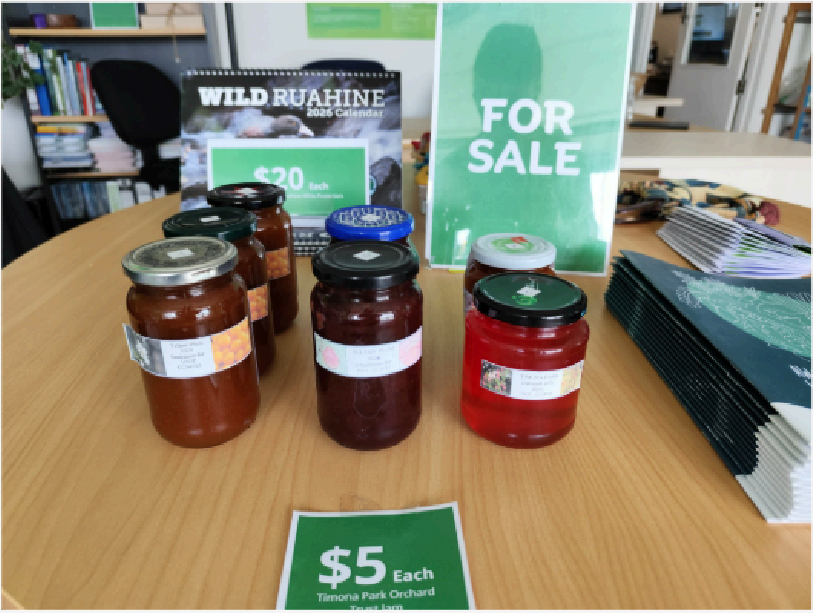
Large Grant Success Story



Cloverlea School has improved biodiversity and advanced a circular economy by successfully transforming an under-utilised area into a vibrant sensory garden. The space now promotes learning, wellbeing, and connection to nature. The project was implemented in line with the school's original vision and involved every class, from planning through to planting and ongoing care.

Full Story Here

Sweet Support: Timona Park Kitchen Jams Restocked!



We've just restocked our delicious Timona Park Kitchen jams — perfect as thoughtful stocking fillers or a treat for yourself! Each jar is just $5, and every purchase helps fund the makers behind them.

Payment options: Cash or online bank transfer
Pick yours up from the ENM office

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Spotlight: Sonya Turk – The Passionate Textile Rescuer

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
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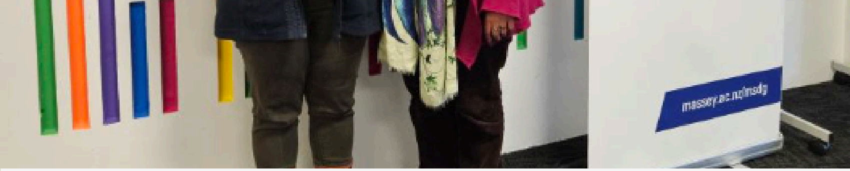


Sonya is a true champion for sustainability and creativity. Her passion for enjoying clothing for self expression, sharing with the community and protecting the environment has led to the creation of Textile Rescue Manawatū, a project dedicated to reducing textile waste and giving discarded fabrics a second life.

She built partnerships that transformed her vision into action. A textile recycling Company, Textile Products, in Auckland now turns end-of-life textiles into new products. Alsco cleans rescued textiles using commercial machines, and Mainfreight transports large loads of materials to Auckland for free. “All I had to do was ask nicely, and people said yes!” Sonya says. “The businesses have been amazing.”

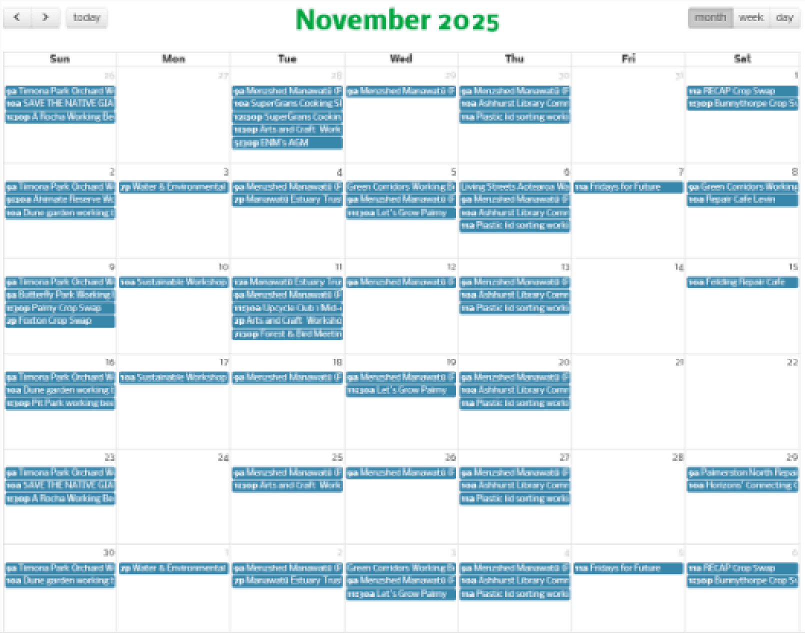
Full Story Here

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?

See the list here

EVENTS



November 2025

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CLIMATE AMBASSADOR

PROGRAMME 2026

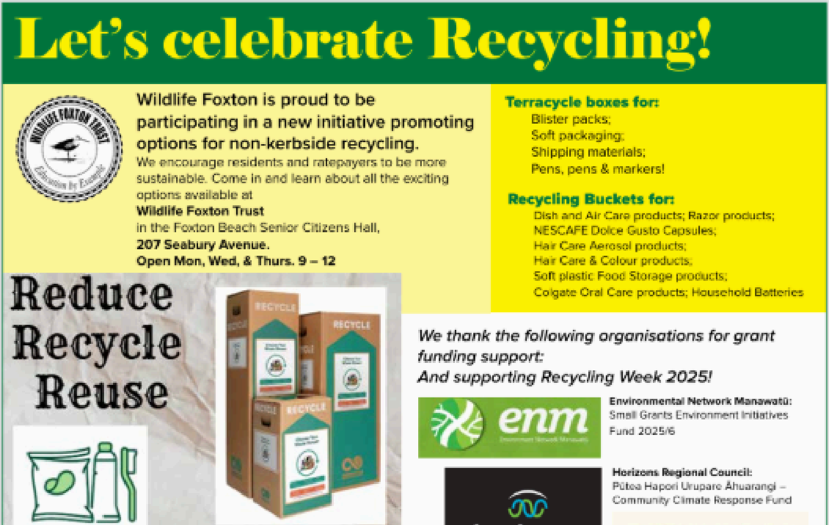
THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

Climate change is one of the most urgent global challenges, and tackling it requires informed leadership and collaborative action. The University of Waikato's Climate Ambassador Programme empowers Year 13 students to become future change-makers by equipping them with scientific knowledge, practical tools, and leadership skills.

Running from 2 March to 20 June 2026, the programme includes enrollment in CLIMT101: Introduction to Climate Change Science, a fully online university-level course offering 15 academic credits. Students will also participate in two in-person days on the Hamilton campus, where they'll explore the broader social, economic, and environmental dimensions of climate change through workshops, case study competitions, and peer collaboration.

Open to passionate students nationwide, this programme offers a unique opportunity to learn, connect, and lead in the fight against climate change—regardless of future career paths.

More Info Here



Let's celebrate Recycling!

Wildlife Foxton is proud to be participating in a new initiative promoting options for non-kerbside recycling.

We encourage residents and ratepayers to be more sustainable. Come in and learn about all the exciting options available at

Wildlife Foxton Trust
in the Foxton Beach Senior Citizens Hall,
207 Seabury Avenue.
Open Mon, Wed, & Thurs. 9 – 12

Terracycle boxes for:

Blister packs;
Soft packaging;
Shipping materials;
Pens, pens & markers!

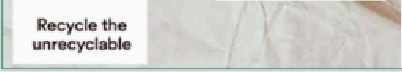
Recycling Buckets for:

Dish and Air Care products; Razor products;
NESCAFE Dolce Gusto Capsules;
Hair Care Aerosol products;
Hair Care & Colour products;
Soft plastic Food Storage products;
Colgate Oral Care products; Household Batteries

We thank the following organisations for grant funding support:
And supporting Recycling Week 2025!

Environmental Network Manawatū:
Small Grants Environment Initiatives Fund 2025/6

Horizons Regional Council:
Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi – Community Climate Response Fund


Recycle the unrecyclable

horizons
REGIONAL COUNCIL

reclaim
Serious About Recycling

Find Out About the Rail Trail Project and How It Relates to You

The Trustees of **The City to Sea Rail Trail – Manawatū** invite the community to a one-hour session on **Wednesday, 12 November**, from **5:30–6:30pm** at **Rangiotu Hall.**

This event will begin with an overview of the Rail Trail project, followed by an open group discussion. Attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about the project directly from the Trustees
- Share thoughts, concerns, and ideas
- Ask questions and gain clarity
- Help dispel rumours, misunderstandings, or misinformation

Together, the community and Trustees can shape a project that honours the past, enriches the present, and builds a legacy for future generations.

RSVP: banddcdtrust@gmail.com

FEILDING
REPAIR CAFÉ

The Feilding Repair CAFÉ is based at the Senior Hub 14 Street Feilding on the following dates in 2026, Feb 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, August 15, Sept 19 and October 17 and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC from 10.00 – 11.45am.

Monthly working be at Tutukiwi Reserve. This is held the first Friday of each month with the next one scheduled for Friday 7th November meeting in carpark at Tutukiwi Reserve, Moonshine Valley Road at 9 am. Most of the work involves removal of invasive weeds in different sections of the reserve. If you are interested in helping please contact Barry Scott. Mobile: 021 070 448 or Email: barryscott10@icloud.com

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Weeding bee at Rangitikei remnant: Saturday November 8 and the Saturday November 15

Join us for a weeding bee at an old growth forest remnant (on private land) near Mangaweka, part of a long-term restoration project, supported by Forest & Bird and other volunteers.

You will be cutting out sycamore saplings and other weeds and pasting with herbicide gel to stop regrowth. A reasonable level of fitness is required. Gloves and tools will be provided. Snacks and hot drinks will be provided too!

We hope to have carpooling available. If interested in coming, please contact Sally by Wednesday 5th to find out more.
Email sallylpearce@yahoo.com or phone/text 021 256 9641.

Free chemical drop-off day: Time to clear out your cupboards & sheds!

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BASF
Insecticide Only
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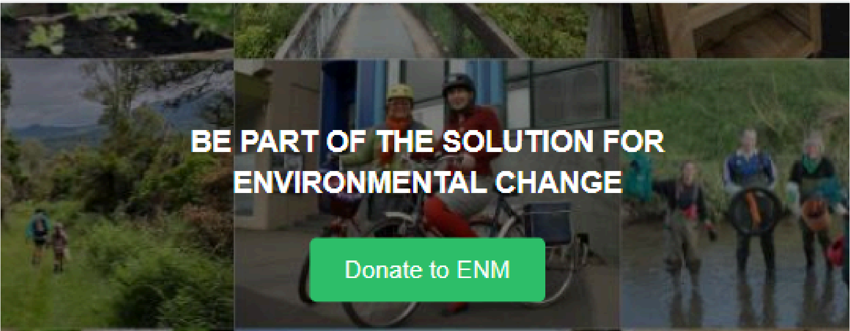
Are you a Palmerston North resident with old chemicals hiding in your garage, garden shed or laundry cupboard? PNCC are giving you a chance to get rid of them safely and for free.

More info here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