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Network Manawatū

Annual Performance Report

2026



For the year ended 30 June 2026





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Ants Gear of Green Corridors, who helps maintain a network of reserves through the gullies of Summerhill and Aokautere, along the Turitea Stream.

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Front cover: These Opiki School tamariki loved the day in the mud, planting native seedlings they had raised through the Trees for Survival programme.

Left: Royce Mills is one of Green Corridors' volunteers, always with a smile on her face.

Chair Report

I am pleased to present ENM's Annual Report for 2026. It has been a year of environmental action, driven by passion, partnerships, and the collective efforts of people and organisations across the Manawatū.

During 2025/26, the ENM team delivered the second year of our Strategic Action Plan. We added another part-time pou lead, meaning that three of our four pou—Community Food Sovereignty, Circular Economy, and Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement—now have dedicated staff supporting both established and emerging groups in these areas. As the stories in this report show, there is also plenty happening in the Climate Action space. Securing permanent funding for a Climate Action pou lead remains a priority.

A focus this year was creating regular opportunities for member groups to come together. At least one event was held each month, ranging from pou gatherings and local election candidate evenings to hui delivered with other organisations. Attendees consistently tell us that these occasions strengthen relationships, encourage the exchange of ideas and experience, and renew their enthusiasm for environmental mahi.

Almost since ENM began, the network has nurtured a vision for an Environment Hub that would help us fulfil our core role of connecting and inspiring communities for environmental action. At a June hui, more than 50 people—including many new to ENM—explored what this long-held dream could look like in practice. The energy and ideas generated demonstrated the potential for a welcoming, creative, shared space where people could collaborate, access resources, develop initiatives, and turn ideas into action. An artist's impression of that vision appears on page 11. In the coming year we will build on this momentum and map out what it will take to make the dream a reality.

The Environmental Initiatives Fund received a significant boost through our new three-year partnership with Eastern and Central Community Trust and increased



funding from Palmerston North City Council. This enabled us to expand both the funding available and the Fund's geographical reach. ENM distributed $171,000 to environmental initiatives across the Manawatū River catchment, compared with around $70,000 for the Palmerston North City area in previous years. We warmly thank both partners for investing in grassroots environmental action across our rohe and we look forward to funding more mahi in the coming year.

Another key milestone was the establishment in June of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi project as an independent entity, the SRK Taiao Trust. With its own governance team, dedicated Project Lead and Fieldwork Coordinator, and continuing partnership with Te Kāuru Manawatū Eastern Hapū Collective, the project is well placed to build on the work undertaken under ENM's wing. ENM will provide transitional support as the Trust becomes established. We wish the Trust every success in pursuing its goal of returning kiwi and other taonga species to the Southern Ruahine.

The wider funding environment remains challenging for community organisations. Through careful financial management, ENM achieved a moderate surplus while continuing to deliver a wide range of programmes and services. This provides a sound base for the year ahead.

As always, I acknowledge ENM's impressive team of mostly part-time staff. Together, you are a powerhouse of expertise, passion, creativity, and focus. I also thank our volunteers, members, partners, supporters, and funders for all the ways you contribute to this important mahi. Your collective impact on the future of this rohe is immeasurable.

On behalf of the Board, ka nui te mihi atu—a heartfelt thank you to everyone who is part of the ENM whānau.

Rebecca Bell








Repair Café
FIXED




RETHINKING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH KAI

People

Members



PN Girls' High School Enviro Group, Upcycling Club 1, Water Protection Society, CT Keeble Forest Trust, Water and Environmental Care, Rethink Waste Manawatū, Green Bikes, Moheke Community Garden, Hāpai Te Hapori - Shannon Kai Hub, Manawatu Walkways Promotion Society, Ahimate Reserve Community, Awatapu College Enviroclub, Railway Land Action Group

Board



Rebecca Bell
Chair



Kendall Palmer
Treasurer/Secretary



Dr Jean Hera



Sajani Dissanayake
Youth Member



Heather Meikle



Heinz Fellerhoff



Sivee Chawla



Dave Mollard



Nelson Harper

We acknowledge the contribution to ENM's subcommittees:
Funding Distribution Subcommittee: Shane Caske, Myles Stillwell, Vicky Forgie, Maddie Coenders, Kristi Whittaker.
Policy Subcommittee: Irene Thomas.

Staff



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Food Sovereignty Lead



Di Koch
Circular Economy Lead



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Southern Ruahine Kiwi Project Lead



Mark Strachan
Biodiversity Lead



Madz BatachEl
General Manager



Rennie Williamson
Communications Lead



Kerry Jaques
Finance & Administration



Sumeet Kaushal
Systems and Workflow



Jess Fancy
Southern Ruahine Kiwi Ranger



Willoughby Rolfe
Cleaner

Volunteers

ENM's activities are supported by over 100 volunteers who willingly offer their time, expertise and wisdom.

Connecting & Inspiring Communities

for Environmental Action

KEY FUNCTIONS

Networking

Active Member Groups of ENM

2026: 67

2025: 65

Environmental Initiatives Funding (EIF) Distributed

Total EIF Funds distributed ($)

2026: 172,354

2025: 70,300

Applications received for EIF funding

2026: 74

2025: 28

Number of EIF Large Grants awarded

2026: 20

2025: 10

Number of EIF Small Grants awarded

2026: 35

2025: 13

Advocacy

Submissions/deputations or involvement in pre-consultation

2026: 11

2025: 8

Volunteers

Number of volunteers

2026: 111

2025: ?

Not reported

Volunteer hours

2026: 2,596

2025: 2,064

Communications

Newsletter subscribers

2026 1,830

2025 1,780

Followers on our collective social media forums

2026 11,360

2025 10,524

Website visitors

2026 30,325

2025 15,591

Local events on our calendar

2026 680

2025 607

ENM hosts full membership and public facing events beyond the specific pou-related activities recorded above. The following data does not include the pou-related activities already recorded above.

Number of all other ENM events or activities delivered

2026 94

2025 73

2026 2,683

2025 1,436

Number of participants at all other ENM events or activities



Trusted Environmental Hub



Feedback from our community this year demonstrates that ENM is a trusted hub that brings people together, strengthens networks and supports practical environmental action across the region. Respondents to our surveys highlighted the role of hui, workshops, māra kai and repair cafés in helping people meet and share ideas.

"I always find the quarterly hui really inspiring. I love the way we can connect with other people and learn about some of the amazing mahi that is being done in our community."

ENM is valued as both a source of information and a catalyst for action. Newsletters, event promotion and regular communications keep people informed about environmental issues, opportunities and initiatives throughout the region. Through these connections, people discover new ways to get involved, develop new skills, join local projects and become part of the network.

"The interactions with ENM have helped us identify funding opportunities, build new connections, and increase awareness of other initiatives in the region."

Practical support is a key part of ENM's contribution to the community. Funding opportunities, grant administration, volunteer referrals and advice from staff help organisations strengthen their capacity, expand programmes and deliver positive outcomes.

The Environmental Initiatives Fund (EIF) remains one of the most significant ways ENM enables community-led action. This year, the EIF expanded beyond Palmerston North to become available across the wider Manawatū River catchment. Demand for funding was exceptionally strong, with applications far exceeding available funds, demonstrating both the value of grassroots environmental action and the trust communities and funding providers place in ENM to distribute resources where they can make the greatest difference.

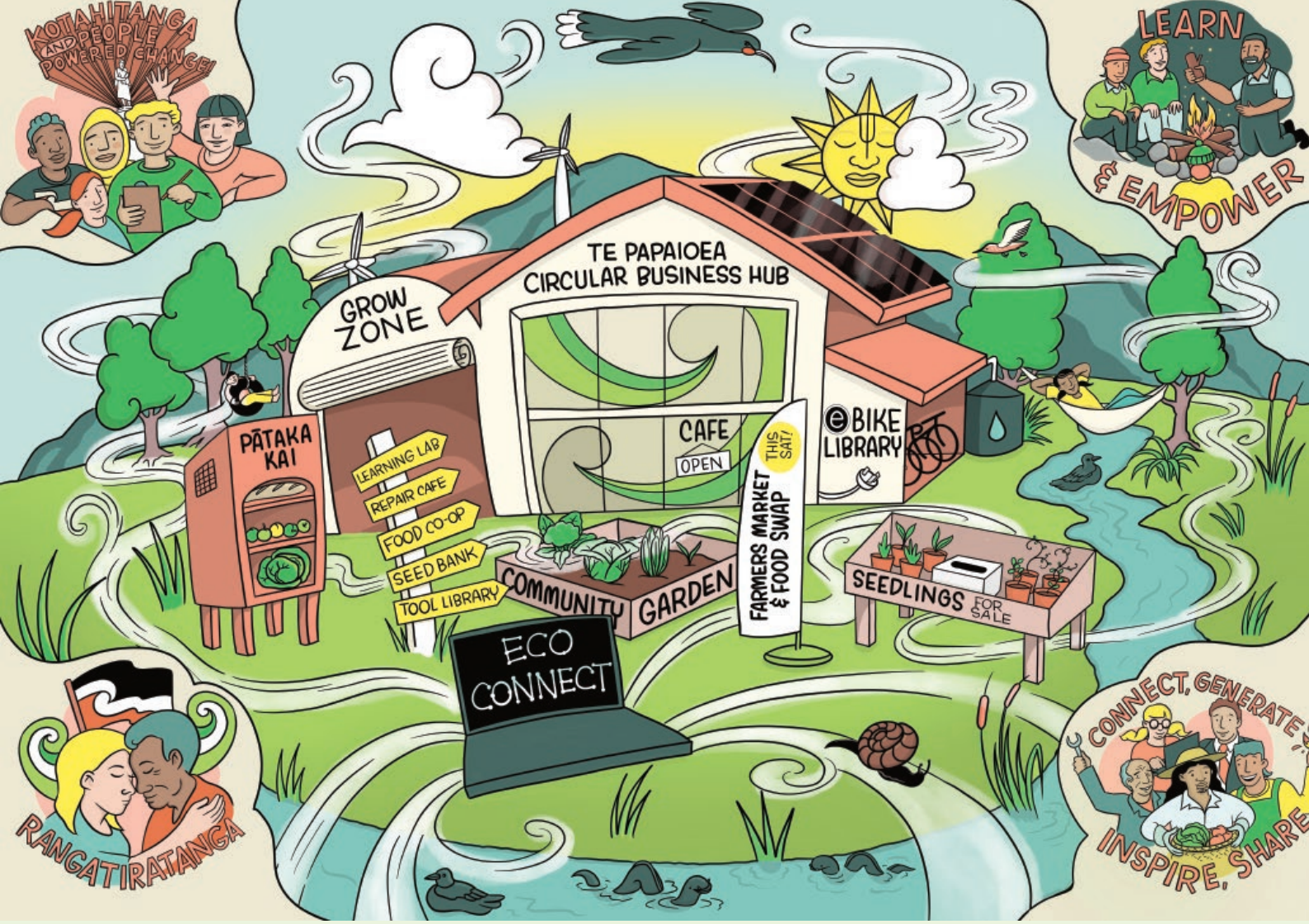
"Encouragement and support, engaging with the wider community, grants, suggestions and learning opportunities. Just so much, I can hardly name it all."

ENM strengthens networks, encourages collaboration and connects people with the knowledge and expertise needed to act. Community groups increase their reach and effectiveness. Individuals adopt more sustainable practices, share knowledge with whānau, friends and colleagues, and become more involved in environmental initiatives.

ENM helps ensure the priorities of our members are represented in decision-making processes. Throughout the year we supported participation in local, regional and national policy conversations, including council planning processes, environmental consultations and legislative reviews.

Just as importantly, ENM helps foster belonging, participation and resilience. Through shared learning, volunteering and community events, people build confidence, form meaningful connections and strengthen the collective capacity across the region.

"As an Autistic disabled person I have found ways to interact with other humans in a way that feels natural, through nature and environment. I am happier."



Dreaming Together for an Environment Centre

For many years, our community have talked about the potential for a dedicated Environment Centre. This year we took an important step forward, with more than 50 people gathering at Winter Solstice to imagine what such a space could mean for our region. Participants shared ideas, aspirations and practical suggestions, creating a collective vision that extends far beyond a physical building.

People envisioned a welcoming hub where environmental groups can connect, collaborate and share resources; a place that supports events, learning, mentoring and the sharing of knowledge and skills. They imagined a space that fosters wellbeing, belonging and community resilience while creating opportunities for volunteering, leadership, participation, and income generation. Food growing and sharing, repair and reuse activities, biodiversity initiatives, climate action, mātauranga Māori and kaitiakitanga all emerged as important expressions of this vision.

ENM worked alongside a professional illustrator who transformed the conversations into a visual representation of the shared vision, providing a powerful focal point for our aspirations and a shared goal for the future.

A significant area of work this year centred on strengthening our understanding of Te Tiriti partnership. The Rākau: Being a Palmerstonian training facilitated by Warren and Virginia Warbrick brought together 28 participants from 19 community groups to learn about the history of Rangitāne o Manawatū and deepen their understanding of mana whenua perspectives.

By supporting volunteers, building organisational capability, advocating strategically and connecting people to knowledge and resources, ENM helps create the conditions for communities and te Taiao to thrive.

"Our family's sense of participation has grown."

Climate Action Pou

15
Number of Climate Action Member Groups

100%
Percentage of Climate Action member groups who report that ENM has helped them be more effective

16
Sustainable Living workshops

241
Attendees of Sustainable Living workshops

100%
Percentage of Sustainable Living workshop feedback that demonstrates attendees have confidence in applying learnings in their everyday life

Climate action continues to be woven throughout the work of Environment Network Manawatū. While we have not yet secured dedicated resourcing to coordinate in this space, climate-focused groups report that ENM supports them to develop ideas, strengthen initiatives and contribute to climate awareness, resilience and advocacy across the region.

"Awareness of other groups' activities and ability to connect through ENM's network increases our effectiveness."

This year ENM developed our ability to measure, communicate and amplify the value of environmental action across the region through collaborating with Massey University. We are developing a framework to understand and communicate climate, ecological, social and economic impacts of community-led environmental action; and we supported the successful delivery of the Aotearoa New Zealand Sustainable Development Goals Summit in Palmerston North.

"Glenn and I just wanted to say thanks so much for your multiple contributions to the Aotearoa NZ Sustainable Development Summit, from your role as a partner organisation, to facilitating a session, through to talks from several of your ENM team at the event ... It was just great having you all there!" Regina, organiser of SDG Summit

All projects funded through the EIF contribute to climate action by reducing emissions, strengthening community resilience, restoring ecosystems, reducing waste or supporting more sustainable ways of living.

The Building a Climate of Hope project received funding to print and distribute Aotearoa New Zealand's first interfaith climate action resource, which sparked conversations and encouraged the development of climate action groups within faith communities and interfaith councils across the motu.

Youth leadership emerged as a significant theme throughout the year. Through EIF support and staff mentoring, ENM supported both the Climate Clarity Hui and the Climate Clarity Youth Forum. Led by young people, including ENM's Youth Board member, these events helped students explore climate challenges and identify practical ways to contribute to positive change.

"The best part was having living examples of the changes young people can make and being shown what support systems are out there"

Our Sustainable Living workshops explore topics including waste minimisation, gardening, energy use, water conservation and sustainable transport. This year we introduced a new opening session delivered in partnership with a tangata whenua facilitator, bringing a Te Ao Māori perspective to the programme and helping establish a highly engaged learning community. Participants reported making positive changes in their homes and neighbourhoods, increasing their understanding of local environmental issues, and becoming more involved in community initiatives.

A Legacy of Climate Leadership



Kua hinga te tōtara o Te Waonui a Tāne. We acknowledge the passing of Philip McConkey (1942–2026), a dedicated community advocate and former ENM Board member whose influence continues to be felt across our organisation and the wider Manawatū.

After a lifetime of community service, Philip devoted much of his later years to raising awareness about climate change through Fridays for Future with Extinction Rebellion Manawatū.

Philip joined the ENM Board in 2022, bringing a strong climate and equity lens to strategic discussions. He helped strengthen ENM's understanding of its role in honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and consistently advocated for climate action to remain an important part of the organisation's direction. We valued his thoughtful leadership, encouragement, wisdom and genuine care for people.

The impact of Philip's contribution can still be seen in the relationships he nurtured, the conversations he encouraged, and the community leaders he inspired. It is fitting that, in the same year we farewelled Philip, ENM supported the Climate Clarity Youth Forum where a new generation of young climate leaders stepped forward to share their vision for the future.

Philip believed climate change was the greatest social justice challenge of our time and was committed to encouraging action. His legacy reminds us that hope is built when people come together with courage, generosity and a commitment to future generations.



The Climate Clarity Youth Forum at the Palmerston North Convention Centre, brought together 65 students and teachers from 15 schools.

"I learned a great deal about water, including where the water supply for Palmerston North comes from, how wastewater is treated, and how to save water in daily life."

This year, Environment Hubs Aotearoa published Community is Climate Resilience, which explored how communities responded to the severe weather events of 2023. This research highlights the critical role of community relationships, local organisations and trusted networks in supporting people during times of disruption. It reinforces the importance of ENM, showing that connected communities are more resilient communities.

We drew on insights from this climate resilience research in our interactions with decision-makers, and we invited public consideration of climate and sustainability issues during the local government election period through hosting a candidates meeting.

Biodiversity Protection & Enhancement Pou

34
Number of Biodiversity Member Groups

1
Biodiversity Hui

30
Attendees at Biodiveristy Hui

79%
Percentage of Biodiversity groups that report that ENM's support has helped them to be more effective

ENM has many members who are working towards thriving ecosystems, with a shared desire to see the Manawatū River catchment restored to a healthy, respected and connected state. This year marked a significant milestone in our strategic journey with the appointment of a 0.5 FTE Biodiversity Lead dedicated to supporting biodiversity-focused groups and strengthening the network.

The new role has enabled greater focus on relationship building, community support and opportunities for collective learning. Throughout the year we worked to better understand the aspirations and needs of biodiversity groups while creating opportunities for people to connect, share knowledge and learn from one another. This reflects ENM's strategic commitment to enabling and supporting community-led action rather than leading projects ourselves.

This year marks the completion of ENM's role in supporting the establishment of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi (SRK) project as an independent entity. Significant progress has been made over recent years to build governance, partnerships and strategic direction for the project. The adoption of a Pest Management Plan in August 2025, and the establishment of the new SRK Taiao Trust in June 2026 represent important milestones towards a sustainable future for kiwi restoration in the southern Ruahine ranges. We are proud to have supported the project through this formative phase and look forward to seeing its continued success as a standalone organisation.

Building strong relationships with mana whenua remains an important part of our biodiversity work. Through projects including SRK, participation in Ora Konnect's Rongoā Squad, and practical support for restoration aspirations, we have continued developing relationships with Ngāti Kauwhata, Mokai Patea and Rangitāne o Manawatū. These relationships help deepen our understanding of local aspirations and strengthen opportunities for collaboration in caring for the natural environment.

ENM members participated in networking and training opportunities throughout the year, which help us better understand the priorities of biodiversity groups while strengthening sector capability and identifying opportunities for future support.

A hui held at Wildbase Recovery Centre, delivered in partnership with Landcare Trust brought together biodiversity practitioners, volunteers and community leaders from across the region to reconnect, share experiences and explore future opportunities for collaboration. This was a highlight of the year, where participants enjoyed learning about local restoration projects, discussing common challenges, and identifying areas where collective effort could achieve stronger outcomes. Conversations throughout the day generated enthusiasm for future practical learning opportunities, including knowledge sharing around pest trapping and predator control.

"Many community groups are just busy getting on with their projects and it is very valuable to have the ENM network structure that enables awareness of the full range of environmental issues and activities happening in the Manawatū."



Quan learning how to check traps with Jess on the Deerford Loop in the Ruahine Ranges.

Biodiversity-focused groups actively contributed to advocacy conversations throughout the year. They participated in discussions relating to the Palmerston North City Council Stormwater Plan, Nature Calls consultation, the Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan, and wider environmental policy conversations. Feedback from members directly informed ENM submissions, helping strengthen our collective voice and ensuring local knowledge and community perspectives were reflected in advocacy efforts. Biodiversity groups also demonstrated a willingness to stand together on issues of importance, including participation in discussions surrounding the Conservation Amendment Bill.

ENM started a new partnership with Trees for Survival, to support young people to grow and plant native trees, creating a valuable pathway for nurturing future environmental leaders and strengthening community participation in restoration efforts.

"The pride and feedback from the children is fantastic."

Overall, the year reflects significant progress in supporting biodiversity groups to restore, protect and enhance ecosystems throughout the Manawatū River catchment.

Growing Future Kaitiaki Through Trees for Survival

Our partnership with Trees for Survival demonstrates the power of bringing people together around a shared vision for a healthier environment. Across five local schools, students spent months nurturing native seedlings before planting approximately 4,600 of them into riparian areas throughout the Manawatū River catchment.

The programme brings together schools, landowners, iwi, businesses and community groups, while helping tamariki develop practical skills, environmental knowledge and a sense of kaitiakitanga. One example this year involved Riverdale School students planting native trees at Ahimate Reserve, connecting young people with local restoration leaders and community volunteers while contributing to the long-term restoration of local ecosystems.

Beyond the trees themselves, the programme builds relationships, confidence and environmental stewardship. It helps young people understand that they can play an active role in restoring biodiversity and caring for the places they call home. Each planting day represents an investment not only in the landscape, but also in the next generation of environmental guardians.

Community Food Sovereignty Pou

89	3	100	82%
Number of Food Sovereignty Member Groups	Number of Food Sovereignty Hui	Number of attendances of Food Sovereignty Hui	Percentage of Food Sovereignty groups that report that ENM's support has helped them to be more effective

There is so much interest, passion and enthusiasm for all things food across the Manawatū. This year, ENM's focus has been on delivering programmes that develop leadership, and build community capability, rather than undertaking on-the-ground projects ourselves. We are increasingly seeing communities lead and deliver their own food sovereignty initiatives, with ENM acting as a connector, supporter and enabler.

Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) provides a valued space where food sovereignty leaders, food rescue organisations, community gardeners and local food advocates can learn from one another. Through regular hui, participants share practical experiences, celebrate successes, discuss challenges and develop new ideas together. The network strengthens people and relationships, builds capacity for growing, sharing and valuing kai and strengthens food resilience across the region.

"The food action hui are great morale raisers."

The popular crop swaps remained a valued way for participants to exchange produce, seeds, plants and knowledge. Ongoing engagement, resource sharing and increasing enquiries from groups wanting to establish gardens demonstrate growing momentum for community-led food growing initiatives, and discussions through MFAN reflect a growing interest in collaboration among community gardeners.

"The seed libraries mean I can access diverse and interesting seeds without any cost and have also motivated me to improve my seed saving skills so I can give back from my own garden."

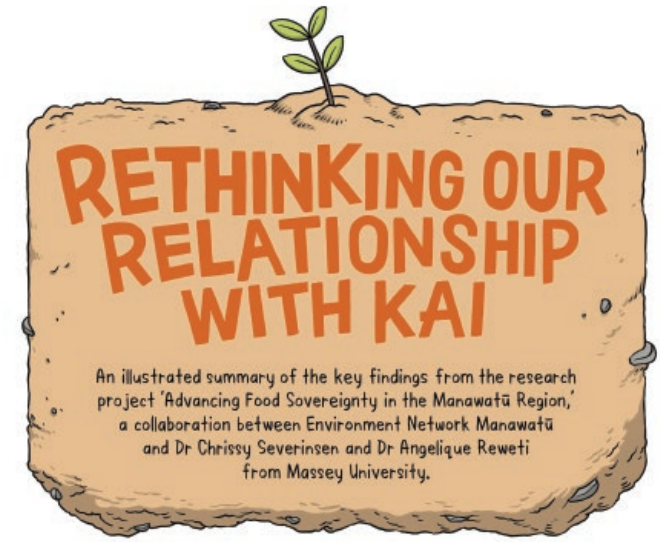
Survey feedback demonstrates the value of this approach. Eighty-two percent of food sovereignty groups reported that ENM helped them be more effective in their work. Groups consistently describe the benefits of stronger collaboration, access to resources, shared learning opportunities and belonging to a wider network of people working toward similar goals.

We help groups to develop ideas, connect with the right people, access resources and identify funding opportunities that allow them to reach their aspirations. Demand for shared resources such as the ENM van, trailer and equipment continues to grow, enabling groups to transport materials and support volunteers more effectively.

"Our thanks and appreciation ...for the support ENM has given us to proceed with building a shared community garden ...I don't think we would've been able to achieve it without the guidance provided. Our little neighbourhood group are now enjoying the benefits of working together."

Twenty-two food sovereignty projects received funding through the EIF this year this year, to support new and existing community gardens, orchards, food sovereignty initiatives and collective conversations about local food systems. Funding enabled groups to purchase plants, compost, tools and materials, develop infrastructure, and support volunteer participation.

Through our ongoing participation in Ora Konnect, we contributed to conversations and collective action projects following the release of Te Tihi's He Ao Tōmua, He Iwi Tōnui, a vision informed by whānau voices and aspirations in the 4412 area of Palmerston North. The importance of food sovereignty remains a strong theme throughout this





work, with ENM participating in the Seasonal Kai Celebration Squad to support whānau at events such as the Ora Konnect Matariki Celebration.

We also collaborated with Drs Chrissy Severinson and Angelique Reweti from Massey University to explore food sovereignty in the Manawatū. Drawing on both academic research and insights from local communities, the project resulted in the publication of *Rethinking Our Relationship with Kai*, a beautifully illustrated resource that makes complex ideas about food systems, sustainability and wellbeing more accessible. The resource has already sparked valuable conversations locally and beyond the region, helping people imagine stronger, more resilient and culturally grounded food futures.

"Sharing the wisdom and insights of MFAN really helps other communities to be empowered on their own journeys... The resource 'Rethinking our Relationship with Kai' is highly valued in other places and a great resource."

Overall, the year's progress demonstrates the value of investing in community leadership, relationship building and local capability.



Growing Community Through Shared Gardens

One of the clearest signs of success this year has been seeing communities move from ideas to action. Through advice, connections, funding support and practical resources, ENM helped community groups develop local food-growing initiatives that are now increasingly self-directed and community-owned.

A neighbourhood group working to establish a shared community garden received support to develop its plans, access suitable materials and build confidence to move forward. The result was far more than a garden. The project created opportunities for neighbours to work together, share knowledge, build relationships and create a space that continues to benefit the wider community. Similar stories are emerging across the region as groups strengthen their capacity to lead local food sovereignty initiatives for themselves.

Circular Economy Pou

15	2	63	56%	518
Number of Circular Economy Member Groups	Circular Economy Hui	Attendances at Circular Economy Hui	Percentage of Circular Economy Member Groups groups who report that ENM has helped them to be more	Number of items repaired at Palmerston North Repair Cafe

ENM's Circular Economy work focuses on building the relationships, knowledge and community leadership required to support a transition from a waste management mindset towards a circular economy. Throughout the year, progress has been made across all key strategic workstreams, with a particular emphasis on supporting community-led action and developing new partnerships.

"Volunteering at the lid sorting activity helped me better understand waste reduction and recycling practices, and connect with others who care about environmental action in the community."

An important area of development has been strengthening relationships with mana whenua and increasing our understanding of how Te Ao Māori perspectives can contribute to circular economy thinking. Through building relationships with organisations including Te Ao Turoa and Para Kore and participating in regional learning opportunities, we are beginning to embed wider concepts of stewardship, resource use and collective wellbeing into our circular economy work.

Significant progress has also been made in establishing and strengthening a regional circular economy network. Two textile reuse and repurposing hui brought together community practitioners, researchers, volunteers and organisations interested in reducing textile waste. This work has contributed to the emergence of Textile Repurposing Manawatū and an active network of more than 100 people interested in textile rescue, repair and reuse. ENM has supported this growing movement through communications, networking, workshop space and practical assistance.



Getting hands-on at the Take Apart Table at the Palmerston North Repair Café.

"Provides a forum for networking that one small organisation could not achieve alone."

Supporting community leadership remains central to this work. The Palmerston North Repair Café continues to thrive through strong volunteer leadership, with ENM providing coordination and administrative support. This allows volunteers to focus on repairing, teaching and sharing skills, while new partnerships expanded the expertise available to the community.

"Repair cafe fixes items that could be in rubbish bins. People come to the event not just to fix their item but also to be connected with other people. I observed some lonely people just come for a cup of tea and chat."

Community-led recycling, reuse and repair initiatives were also supported through the Environmental Initiatives Fund, helping local groups trial new ideas, expand existing programmes and increase their impact.

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Community-led clean-up events

ENM has continued to work alongside Palmerston North City Council on waste minimisation initiatives, community clean-up activities, resource recovery education and conversations about future solutions to waste challenges. We have also strengthened connections with businesses, researchers and national organisations working in the circular economy space, helping to build stronger alignment between community action and systemic change.

Together, these activities are helping build a stronger regional circular economy where resources are valued, waste is reduced and practical solutions are community-led. Through repair, reuse, waste minimisation and emerging circular economy initiatives, communities are increasingly equipped to extend the life of resources and reduce environmental impacts across the region.





Repurposed materials create inclusive space

Cloverlea Schools' sensory garden creates an inclusive, multifunctional outdoor space that enhances biodiversity and demonstrates practical applications of circular economy principles. The initiative, which was supported through the EIF involved full participation from all classes within the school. Students contributed to the planning and design process, selected and planted native species, and repurposed existing materials to construct garden features. Notable elements include a music wall created from recycled items and a garden path formed from upcycled resources. These features support hands-on learning while promoting sustainability. The completed garden now provides a vibrant habitat that encourages pollinators and supports ecological health. It also offers students opportunities to develop knowledge of kaitiakitanga, environmental stewardship, and collaborative problem-solving. The space has quickly become a valued taonga within the school community, offering a calm and engaging environment that supports wellbeing and curriculum-linked learning. The sensory garden is expected to serve the school for many years, enriching both the natural environment and the educational experiences of its students.




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Entity Information

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Legal name of entity
Environment Network Manawatū Incorporated

Entity identifier
ENM

Type of entity
Incorporated Society (1145055) and Registered Charity (CC21200)

Entity's purpose or mission
The aim of ENM is to promote a network of collective community action to realise a vision of an enhanced Manawatū environment.

The purpose of ENM is to:

1. Coordinate and communicate the efforts of the member groups to:
    - actively protect, maintain, restore and enhance the environment of the Manawatū River Catchment.
    - promote ideas to the wider community to encourage them to participate in environmental projects.
    - develop concerted long-term plans of action to enhance the environment and actively progress the implementation of these plans.
    - encourage the provision of "green" areas for passive recreation.
    - work together to identify, initiate, support, implement and maintain environmental projects that benefit the wider community.
    - initiate, develop, implement and participate in environmental education.
2. Advocate for ecological sustainability and matters of agreed environmental significance.
3. Act as a central point of access to environmental information.
4. Liaise with similar organisations elsewhere in New Zealand and around the world, as appropriate, to source and share ideas for environmental projects and issues.
5. Work respectfully and collaboratively as tangata tiriti, in partnership with mana whenua, to recognise kaitiakitanga, environmental aims and objectives in common.
6. Obtain sponsorship funding and donations to carry out the charitable purposes of ENM.
7. Carry out other activities consistent with the charitable objects of ENM.

Entity structure
ENM operates as a single unit. We have a Board and a team of staff.

Officers are elected by ENM members at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year by those elected. Only Affiliate Members, or members of Group Member organisations are eligible to stand for elections.

The Board consists of at least five Officers and no more than 10 Officers, including a Chair, Treasurer and an optional Youth Member. ENM aspires to achieve a board membership that reflects the diversity of the Manawatū community and ENM's commitment to Te Tiriti.

Entity's governance arrangements
The Board governs ENM, and employs a General Manager, who oversees operations.

Other entities controlled by the entity (Legal Name and Entity Identifier)
ENM hosts three projects/collectives that are not legal entities:

- Southern Ruahine Kiwi
- Manawatū Food Action Network
- Manawatū River Source to Sea

Entity's reliance on volunteers and donated goods or services
ENM relies on volunteers for its Board, who provide governance, management oversight and occasional assistance with operational activities to boost the organisation's overall capacity.

ENM also relies on regular volunteers who help to undertake many of our activities.

ENM recognises that donations of goods and services help to support our activities.

Environment Network Manawatū Incorporated

Statement of Service Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Description of Medium to Long-term Objectives

Connecting and inspiring communities for environmental action

All life is part of a thriving, self-sustaining ecosystem. Our vision is that the ecological and human communities in the Manawatū River catchment are living in harmony.

Our motivations

- Our responsibility to care for the earth and each other
- Becoming better Te Tiriti partners
- Collaboration and inclusivity
- A belief that small actions can have a big impact

Our Roles

Creating Community

ENM prides itself in our proven ability to create community by bringing together groups from a variety of backgrounds to work towards a common goal. We **support** emerging and established environmental and food resilience focussed initiatives to thrive. We **encourage strong community connections** and provide networking opportunities. We facilitate conversations to **identify community needs and provide space** and support for community-led solutions to flourish.

Building Capacity and Capability

ENM has a clear focus on environmental sustainability and recognises that **maintaining organisational sustainability** will ensure we are functional and effective.

We work toward **unlocking resourcing for our sector** and building the capacity and capability of member groups through **education, collaboration, and volunteer coordination.**

Sector Leadership

ENM is Palmerston North City Council's designated Sector Lead for the environment.
We **demonstrate best practice as a member-led organisation** through our proven ability to coordinate, **communicate**, and **advocate** in collaboration with our member groups, and we **support and enable** them in their mahi.

Our Pou

Our four pou are the key priorities that guide everything we do at ENM. By focusing on these, we believe we can achieve our vision and make a real difference. These pou, and their actions are outlined in our 2024 – 2027 strategic plan.

Climate Action

Climate action involves taking steps to slow down climate change, such as reducing emissions, reducing wastefulness and overconsumption, having clean air, pushing for climate-friendly policies, and helping build sustainable, living cities. Our goal is to raise awareness about climate issues and help to hold both local and central governments accountable. We recognise that climate action is closely connected to the other pou, but it needs special attention because it is so important.

Community Food Sovereignty

Community food sovereignty is about ensuring that communities have the right to healthy, culturally appropriate food that is grown locally and sustainably. Our network in this area, including the Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN), works together to help communities grow their own food, make healthy food more accessible, reduce food waste, and provide free or affordable food to people. Our goal is to ensure everyone has access to healthy food that is grown in sustainable ways.

Circular Economy

A circular economy is built around three main ideas: reducing waste and pollution, using only sustainable and biodegradable materials, and reusing things until they can be composted. Our network is working together to promote moving away from plastics, having less, fixing things when we can, finding new homes for good-quality products, and turning used materials like cotton and aluminium into something useful again.

Biodiversity Protection and Enhancement

Biodiversity protection and enhancement focus on preserving and restoring the natural environment in our region. Our network in this area, including the Manawatū River Source to Sea (Source to Sea), is working together to improve the health of the Manawatū River catchment—the area of land where rainwater and streams flow into the Manawatū River. We aim to protect and increase native birds, insects, and plants, while also improving the river's water quality.

Our Key Functions

Our key functions support and strengthen our pou, enable us to show sector leadership, build capacity, capability and create community. Ensuring ENM is being efficient and effective in these key functions is pivotal and underpins all our other roles across the four Pou.

- Collaborate with mana whenua
- Transition from project management and delivery to increasingly supporting and equipping our membership
- Increase financial resilience
- Continue to support local projects through the Environmental Initiatives Fund.
- Progress our vision for an Environmental Centre
- Improve volunteer coordination
- Ongoing communications, promotion, and education
- Networking, collective coordination, and relationship building
- Advocacy
- Systems support

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Statement of Service Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Description of Key Activities

ENM Staff and Board continued to implement the 2024-27 Strategic Framework, focusing on our core roles of sector leadership, building capacity and capability, and fostering community within our pou.

Demonstrating the impact of ENM's model is challenging – the impact of our activities is hard to measure, often indirect, and happens over the longer term. This is the second year of reporting on our strategic goals. For the first time, we can share how ENM is perceived by members, regarding whether they feel ENM's support helps them to be more effective. We continue to share measures of participation, funding and reach, as reported previously.

		2026	2025
Climate Action	Number of Climate Action Member Groups	15	8
	Number of Climate Action Hui	-	1
	Number of attendances at Climate Action Hui	-	20
	Percentage of Climate Action member groups who report that ENM has helped them be more effective	100%	Not reported
	Number of Sustainable Living workshops delivered (previously called Future Living Skills)	16	16
	Number of attendances at Sustainable Living workshops	241	225
	Percentage of Sustainable Living workshop feedback that demonstrates attendees have confidence in applying learnings in their everyday life	100%	Not reported
Biodiversity Protection & Enhancement	Number of Biodiversity Member Groups	34	33
	Number of Biodiversity Hui	1	2
	Number of attendances of Biodiversity Hui	30	35
	Percentage of Biodiversity groups who report that ENM's support has helped them to be more effective	79%	Not reported
Community Food Sovereignty	Number of Food Sovereignty Member Groups	89	113
	Number of Food Sovereignty Hui	3	4
	Number of attendances of Food Sovereignty (MFAN) Hui	100	158
	Percentage of Food Sovereignty member groups who report that ENM has helped them be more effective	82%	Not reported

		2026	2025
Circular Economy	Number of Circular Economy Member Groups	15	Not reported
	Number of Circular Economy Hui	2	Not reported
	Number of attendances of Circular Economy Hui	63	Not reported
	Percentage of Circular Economy member groups who report that ENM has helped them to be more effective	56%	Not reported
	Number of items repaired at repair cafes	518	476
	Number of community-led clean-up events supported	6	4

Key Functions	**Networking**		
	Active Member Groups of ENM	67	65
	Environmental Initiatives Funding (EIF) Distributed		
	Total EIF Funds distributed ($)	172,354	70,300
	Applications received for EIF funding	74	28
	Number of EIF Large Grants awarded	20	10
	Number of EIF Small Grants awarded	35	13
	Advocacy		
	Submissions/deputations or involvement in pre-consultation	11	8
	Volunteers		
	Number of volunteers	111	Not reported
	Volunteer hours	2,596	2,064
	Communications		
	Newsletter subscribers	1,830	1,780
	Followers on our collective social media forums	11,360	10,524
	Website visitors	30,325	15,591
	Local events on our calendar	680	607
	Events		
	ENM hosts full membership and public facing events beyond the specific pou-related activities recorded above. The following data does not include the pou related activities already recorded above (there is no double counting).		
	Number of all other ENM events or activities delivered	94	73
	Number of participants at all other ENM events or activities	2,683	1,436

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Financial Information

Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Revenue			
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	1	32,259	115,747
General grants		252,335	114,602
Capital grants and donations		-	-
Government service delivery grants/contracts		30,000	20,000
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts		422,592	359,454
Revenue from commercial activities		970	89
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		12,239	10,639
Other revenue		3,304	713
Total Revenue		**753,699**	**621,245**
Expenses	2		
Employee remuneration and other related expenses		422,498	330,348
Volunteer related expenses		1,212	1,340
Expenses related to commercial activities		500	75
Other expenses related to service delivery		108,974	99,239
Grants and donations made		162,073	70,314
Other expenses		19,912	9,290
Total Expenses		**715,169**	**510,607**
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		**38,530**	**110,639**

This performance report has been approved by those charged with governance.

Date: October 15, 2026

Signature: RBell

Name: Rebecca Bell

Position: Chair

Date: October 15, 2026

Signature: K Palmer

Name: Kendall Palmer

Position: Treasurer

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Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended 30 June 2026

	Note	2026 $	2025 $
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and short-term deposits	3	402,120	420,037
Debtors and prepayments		10,251	13,246
Investments		86,665	-
Other current assets		24,930	2,433
Total current assets		**523,966**	**435,716**
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	36,782	29,846
Intangible assets	6	23,010	-
Total Non-Current Assets		**59,792**	**29,846**
Total Assets		**583,758**	**465,562**
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	4		
Creditors and accrued expenses		32,528	15,632
Employee costs payable		56,169	44,063
Deferred revenue		142,665	75,000
Other current liabilities		13,000	30,000
Total Current Liabilities		**244,362**	**164,695**
Total Liabilities		**244,362**	**164,695**
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		**339,396**	**300,867**
Accumulated Funds			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	7	73,396	59,867
Discretionary reserves		266,000	241,000
Total Accumulated Funds		**339,396**	**300,867**

The financial statement should be read with the notes to the performance report and audit opinion

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Cash flows from operating activities	2026 $	2025 $
Operating receipts (money deposited into the bank account)		
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	32,259	115,747
General grants	320,000	111,300
Capital grants and donations	-	-
Government service delivery grants/contracts	13,000	30,000
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts	425,587	362,341
Gross sales from commercial activities	970	89
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	11,388	10,639
Other cash received	3,304	713
Total receipts	**806,508**	**630,829**
Less operating payments (money withdrawn from the bank account)		
Employee remuneration and other related payments	410,392	336,528
Volunteer related payments	1,212	1,340
Payments related to commercial activities	500	75
Other payments related to service delivery	115,088	99,429
Grants and donations paid	162,073	70,314
Other payments	7,250	5,899
Net GST	21,646	9,866
Total payments	**718,161**	**523,451**
Net cash flows from operating activities	**88,347**	**107,378**
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	19,599	13,955
Payments to purchase investments	86,665	-
Net cash flows from other activities	- 106,264	**- 13,955**
Net increase/(decrease) in cash	- 17,917	93,423
Opening cash	**420,037**	**326,614**
Closing cash	**402,120**	**420,037**

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Statement of Accounting Policies

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Basis of preparation

This performance report is prepared in accordance with the XRB's Tier 3 (NFP) Standard. The entity is eligible to apply these requirements as it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of less than $5,000,000. All transactions in the performance report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar. This performance report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

Treatment of GST

All amounts are recorded on a GST exclusive basis, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

Income Tax

Environment Network Manawatū is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

Cash and short term deposits

Cash and short term deposits in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Investments

Term deposits with maturities over 90 days are classified as Investments.

Measurement Base

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Revenue Recognition

1. Grants, donations, bequests, fundraising or other similar revenue

Revenue is recognised on the basis of documented expectation. The revenue is recognised over the time the expectation is satisfied. Where there is no documented expectation revenue is recognised on receipt.

2. Revenue from providing goods and services

Revenue is recognised in the period the goods and services are provided.

Fixed Assets

Items of property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Where an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance is calculated as the difference between the sale price and the carrying amount of the asset

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost less amortisation.

Depreciation or Amortisation

Depreciation has been charged against the operation of ENM in the Statement of Financial Performance. ENM depreciates its fixed assets and intangible assets by spreading the cost of the asset over its expected life using the straightline or diminishing value methods. ENM's depreciation rates are as follows:

- Furniture and Fixtures: 16% diminishing value
- Computers: 50% diminishing value
- Office Equipment: 50% diminishing value
- Motor Vehicles: 17.5-20% straightline
- Intangible Assets: 40% straightline

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards Applied

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards have been applied to Intangible Assets in Note 6.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies this year (last year - nil).

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Notes to the performance report

For the year ended 30 June 2026

Note 1 - Analysis of Revenue

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Donations, koha, bequests and other general fundraising activities	Donations from individuals	9,859	9,108
	ANZ Staff Foundation	16,500	-
	Craigs Investment Partners	500	-
	Esplanade Garden Club	-	30
	NZ Landcare Trust	250	-
	Palmerston North City Environmental Trust	-	97,436
	Penny Family	5,000	5,000
	Papaioea Rotary Club	-	2,000
	Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Alliance	-	1,500
	Te Awa Community Foundation	-	500
	Project Waitangi	150	150
	RECAP	-	23
	Total	**32,259**	**115,747**
General grants	Air NZ	15,000	-
	Community Organisation Grants Scheme	5,000	5,000
	Eastern and Central Community Trust	147,335	-
	Environment Hubs Aotearoa	-	14,392
	Estate of Gordon Lindsey Isaacs	3,000	-
	Lotteries	60,000	66,257
	Lion Foundation	7,000	7,900
	Mainland Foundation	-	5,860
	Mazda Foundation	-	5,194
	Olive Tree Charitable Trust	10,000	-
	Sargood	5,000	10,000
	Total	**252,335**	**114,602**
Government service delivery grants/contracts	Kainga Ora	30,000	20,000
	Total	**30,000**	**20,000**

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Non-government service delivery grants/contracts	Horizons	76,000	81,550
	Palmerston North City Council	321,900	241,249
	Massey University	200	5,000
	Trees for Survival	6,957	-
	Te Tihi o Ruahine	-	6,514
	U3A Manawatu	50	-
	Zero Waste Aotearoa	17,485	25,141
	Total	**422,592**	**359,454**
Revenue from commercial activities	General sales	441	89
	Event registration fees	529	-
	Total	**970**	89
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	Interest	12,239	10,639
	Total	**12,239**	**10,639**
Other revenue	Reimbursements received	2,375	713
	Insurance claim settlement	929	-
	Total	**3,304**	**713**

Note 2 - Analysis of Expenses

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Employee remuneration and other related expenses	Salaries and Wages	355,549	290,403
	Kiwisaver Contributions	10,044	7,805
	ACC Levies	628	789
	Cellphone Reimbursements	-	74
	Wellbeing and Team Building	858	1,054
	Recruitment	-	697
	Professional Services	4,355	-
	Ruahine Kiwi Project Labour	43,473	26,334
	Training and Supervision	7,591	3,192
	Total	**422,498**	**330,348**
Volunteer related expenses	Environmental Initiatives Fund - Honoraria	1,000	1,250
	Other	212	90
	Total	**1,212**	**1,340**
Expenses related to commercial activities	General Purchases	500	75
	Total	**500**	**75**
Other expenses related to service delivery	Administration and Overhead Costs	12,327	16,985
	Accounting Fees	1,138	908
	Electricity	2,755	2,717
	Events	4,709	2,115
	Insurance	1,664	1,743
	Office Equipment	2,203	2,463
	Printing and Promotional	4,878	7,142
	Project Expenses	48,615	41,486
	Rent	19,010	16,950
	Telephone, Internet and Website	1,886	1,836
	Travel	4,886	2,394
	Vehicle Operating Costs - Van	3,228	2,276
	Vehicle Operating Costs - Trailer	1,675	223
	Total	**108,974**	**99,239**

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Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Grants and donations made	Environmental Initiatives Fund	162,073	70,314
	Total	**162,073**	**70,314**
Other expenses	Audit Fees	7,250	700
	Depreciation	11,537	8,164
	Losses on Disposal of Assets	1,125	427
	Total	**19,912**	**9,290**

Note 3 - Analysis of Assets

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Cash and short-term deposits	Business Edge - 00	82,546	80,301
	Online Call - 01	90,904	74,607
	Notice Saver (32 day) - 02	109,804	126,787
	Notice Saver (90 day) - 06	117,715	137,307
	Debit Card - 03	991	929
	Petty Cash	110	107
	Vouchers	50	-
	Total	**402,120**	**420,037**
Debtors and prepayments	Accounts Receivable	4,199	10,211
	Prepayments	6,052	3,035
	Total	**10,251**	**13,246**

Category

Investments

2026

Asset Class	Valuation Method	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Income Reinvested	Gains/ (Losses)on Revaluation or (Impairment)	Closing Carrying Amount
Kiwibank Term Deposit	Cost less Impairment	-	85,000	-	1,665		86,665
Total		**-**	**85,000**	**-**	**1,665**		**86,665**

2025

Asset Class	Valuation Method	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Income Reinvested	Gains/ (Losses)on Revaluation or (Impairment)	Closing Carrying Amount
Kiwibank Term Deposit	Cost less Impairment	-	-	-	-		-
Total		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**		**-**

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Other current assets	GST Receivable	24,079	2,433
	Interest Receivable	851	-
	Total	**24,930**	**2,433**

Note 4 - Analysis of Liabilities

Category	Analysis	2026 $	2025 $
Creditors and accrued expenses	Accounts Payable	31,023	14,952
	Accrued Expenses	1,505	680
	GST Payable	-	-
	Total	**32,528**	**15,632**
Employee costs payable	Annual Leave Payable	21,374	19,050
	PAYE Payable	6,819	5,350
	Kiwisaver Contributions Payable	2,274	1,292
	Wages Payable	25,702	18,371
	Total	**56,169**	**44,063**
Deferred revenue	Eastern & Central Community Trust	2,665	-
	Estate of Gordon Lindsey Isaacs	5,000	-
	Lotteries	135,000	60,000
	Air NZ	-	15,000
	Total	**142,665**	**75,000**
Other current liabilities	Income in Advance	13,000	30,000
	Total	**13,000**	**30,000**

Note 5 - Property, Plant and Equipment

2026

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying amount
Motor vehicles	17,134	-	-	5,350	-	11,784
Furniture and fixtures	433	-	-	69	-	364
Computers	12,278	19,599	1,125	6,118	-	24,634
Total	**29,846**	**19,599**	**1,125**	**11,537**	**-**	**36,782**

2025

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying amount
Motor vehicles	22,484	-	-	5,350	-	17,134
Furniture and fixtures	516	-	-	83	-	433
Office equipment	437	-	291	146	-	-
Computers	1,044	13,955	135	2,586	-	12,278
Total	**24,481**	**13,955**	**426**	**8,165**	**-**	**29,846**

Note 6 - Intangible Assets

2026

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying amount
Website development	-	23,010	-	-	-	23,010
Total	**-**	**23,010**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**23,010**

2025

Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Disposals	Depreciation and Impairment	Revaluation Movements	Closing Carrying amount
Website development	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

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Note 7 - Accumulated Funds

2026

Description	Capital Contributed by Owners	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Restricted Reserves	Discretionary Reserves	Revaluation Reserves	Other Reserves	Total
Opening balance	-	59,867	-	241,000	-	-	300,867
Capital contributed by owners	-						-
Capital returned to owners	-						-
Surplus/(Deficit)		38,530					38,530
Transfer to restricted or discretionary reserves		-40,000	-	40,000			-
Transfer from restricted or discretionary reserves		15,000	-	-15,000			-
Total	**-**	**73,396**	**-**	**266,000**	**-**	**-**	**339,396**

2025

Description	Capital Contributed by Owners	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Restricted Reserves	Discretionary Reserves	Revaluation Reserves	Other Reserves	Total
Opening balance	-	49,228	-	141,000	-	-	190,228
Capital contributed by owners	-						-
Capital returned to owners	-						-
Surplus/(Deficit)		110,639					110,639
Transfer to restricted or discretionary reserves		-100,000	**-**	100,000			**-**
Transfer from restricted or discretionary reserves		-	-	**-**			**-**
Total	**-**	**59,867**	**-**	**241,000**	**-**	**-**	**300,867**

Breakdown of Restricted and Discretionary Reserves

Name	Nature and Purpose	2026 $	2025 $
General	To set aside funds to cover 3-6 months annual operating expenditure	181,000	141,000
PNCET Legacy	To set aside funds for the future development of an environment centre	85,000	85,000
Website	To set aside funds for website development	-	15,000
	Total	**266,000**	**241,000**

Note 8 - Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

Commitment	Explanation and Timing	2026 $	2025 $
Commitments to lease or rent assets	A nine year lease for the premises at 145 Cuba Street commenced on September 2020 with rights of renewal every 3 years.	2,000	12,000
	An open ended rental agreement for our photocopier which commenced on 14 October 2025 with a minimum of 12 months notice to terminate.	50	0
Commitments to fund successful applications to the Environmental Initiatives Fund	Environmental Initiatives Fund - Small grants approved but not yet paid out (This Year 20, Last Year 9)	13,028	4,327

Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (Last Year - Nil)

Note 9 - Other

Deferred Revenue: Unused Significant Donations, Grants, Bequests and Pledges with Expectations over Use

Description	Purpose and nature of the condition(s)	Date condition(s) expected to be met	Original amount $	Deferred amount 2026 $	Deferred amount 2025 $
Eastern & Central Community Trust	Community Partnership Fund Grant - Environmental Initatives Fund grant funding (60%) and contribution towards the cost of on-going service provision (40%).	31/3/2027	462,000	2,665	-
Estate of Gordon Lindsey Isaacs	Grant G-202604-19496 - contribution towards the cost of on-going service provision.	30/4/2027	5,000	5,000	-
Lotteries	Grant LC-2025-288084 - contribution towards the cost of on-going service provision.	31/3/2027	120,000	60,000	60,000
Lotteries	Grant LEH-2026-318382 - contribution towards the cost of Phase 2 of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi programme.	30/6/2027	75,000	75,000	-
Air New Zealand	Grant 3/06/25 - contribution towards the purchase of cameras and camera equipment for the Ruahine Kiwi project.	31/12/2025	15,000	-	15,000

Goods or services provided to the entity in kind

Description	Amount $
Anthony Behrens, Swamp Thing Design - various photography and design projects	3,568
Speedy Signs - signage for Southern Ruahine Kiwi project	120
Patricia Hayes - gardening equipment for Food Sovereignty pou activities	350
Vestas NZ Wind Technology Ltd - Pallet collars for construction of garden beds by MFAN	2,100
The Landscape Supply Yard - garden supplies (compost, garden mix, mulch)	226
Anonymous donation - traps for Southern Ruahine Kiwi project	207

Note 10 - Related Party Transactions

Description of related party relationship	Description of the Transactions (whether in cash or amount in kind)	Value of transactions		Amount outstanding	
		2026 $	2025 $	2026 $	2025 $
Environment Hubs Aotearoa with Ellieda Komene who is an officer for Environment Hubs Aotearoa (EHA).	ENM receive funding from EHA (cash).	-	12,443	-	-

Note 11 - Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (Last Year - Nil)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENT NETWORK MANAWATU INCORPORATED

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the performance report of Environment Network Manawatu Incorporated (the "Entity"), which comprise the financial statements on pages 26 to 38, the statement of service performance on pages 22 to 25, and entity information on page 21. The complete set of financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, statement of financial performance, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the performance report, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:

- the entity information as at 30 June 2026;
- the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2026, and its financial performance, and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the service performance for the year ended 30 June 2026 in that the service performance information is appropriate and meaningful and prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods

in accordance with the Reporting Requirements for Tier 3 Not-for-Profit Entities (Tier 3 (NFP) Standard) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Due to insufficient supporting documentation and records being available for audit, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence over the measures included in the Statement of Service Performance. As a result, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments may have been necessary to those measures.

We conducted our audit of the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and the audit of the statement of service performance and entity information in accordance with the ISAs (NZ) and New Zealand Auditing Standard (NZ AS) 1 (Revised) *The Audit of Service Performance Information*. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards (New Zealand))* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Entity.

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Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Performance Report
Those Charged with Governance are responsible on behalf of the entity for:

- The preparation, and fair presentation of the performance report in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;

- The selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods that present a statement of service performance that is appropriate and meaningful in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;

- The preparation and fair presentation of the statement of service performance in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework;

- The overall presentation, structure and content of the statement of service performance in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework; and

- Such internal control as Those Charged with Governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, Those Charged with Governance are responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Those Charged with Governance either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate or collectively, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and NZ AS 1 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the performance report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management and Those Charged with Governance.

- Obtain an understanding of the process applied by the entity to select its elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and the measurement bases or evaluation methods.

- Evaluate whether the selection of elements/aspects of service performance, performance measures and/or descriptions and measurement bases or evaluation methods present an appropriate and meaningful assessment of the entity's service performance in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

- Evaluate whether the statement of service performance is prepared in accordance with the entity's measurement bases or evaluation methods, in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by Those Charged with Governance and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events, and elements/aspects of service performance in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework, in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with Those Charged with Governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Jane Goodall

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