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Environment Network Manawatū

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Having our say through submissions to Long-Term Plans

ENM as a network has been exceptionally busy this month having its say in Long -Term Plan submissions to Horowhenua District Council, Manawatū District Council and Horizons Regional Council. Submissions to Palmerston North City Council's Long-Term Plan close on Thursday 9th of May.

We have appreciated strong involvement from member groups, all of whom have had an opportunity to view our submissions and feedback with their perspectives, which have added information and impact to the strong unified environmental voice we hope to present to councils. We thank everyone involved for their input.



Celebrating Volunteering:

Ralph Sims- Green Corridors Range to River

Ralph Sims is a man of many diverse talents. His ability to turn his hand to planting and successfully maintaining native trees in the Turitea Valley as part of his volunteer work for Green Corridors Range to River is just one of them.

Ralph is perhaps better known as Professor Emeritus, Sustainable Energy and Climate Mitigation and for his 53-year stint at Massey University. Ralph has lived in the Turitea Valley with his wife Cathy for 38 years and notes that they 'had frequently walked the [trails that Green Corridors has since developed](#)'...

A Natural Burial Ground for the Manawātū?

What are the steps for a natural burial?

How might we progress natural burial options locally?

These are questions that are currently being asked and this Friday 3rd May there is now an opportunity to have them answered.

Join us for an information session examining questions, talking about the principles, the emotions and the science of natural burials, and everything you need and want to know about the practical steps to achieve a natural burial.

Speaker: Mark Blackham, Advocate and Founder of Natural Burials, a Non-Profit Organisation. With Brent Barrett, PNCC Councillor, Dr Jean Hera, Local Advocate.

When: Friday 3rd May 10am-11am

Where: Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street. [Register by clicking here.](#)

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Mark is an experienced, lively and engaging speaker about natural burials and almost anything related to death. He loves taking audience questions with no matter how small or large.

He founded the Natural Burials non-profit organisation in 1999 and was instrumental in setting up the country's first natural cemetery, in Wellington in 2008. This was the first natural cemetery in the world outside of the UK. Since then, he has advocated for and advised on natural cemeteries and promoted the concept to New Zealanders. There are now 28 cemeteries in NZ, with over 2000 people buried there.



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Repair Cafe Tool Sharpening Workshop a big hit!

35 people came along to Palmerston North Repair Cafe's Tool sharpening workshop which took place as part of the event on 27th of April. Spades, axes, saws, knives and gardening tools all had a starring role, as Repair Cafe volunteers made it look easy and answered people's questions.

We understand how important education is in helping people learn how to repair their damaged and broken items, and we are hoping to make workshops like this a key part of what we do every month. Keep posted for the next event.

Our next cafe will take place on Saturday 25th May. 9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.

Have your voice heard about the use of weed killer (herbicides) in public places.

We are all keen to ensure the spaces we play and live in are safe for us, our whanau and our environment. Recently, we have heard from a few locals enthusiastic about curbing the use of these chemicals and we would appreciate your views to help shape a community led response.



Please help us sense the community vibe on this issue by completing this quick survey. We need to know your views and if you would like to see anything done about this. The questionnaire takes just a few moments to answer. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TQ38WRT>



Future Living Skills begins 7th of May.

Wanting to increase your sustainability savvy and eco awareness?

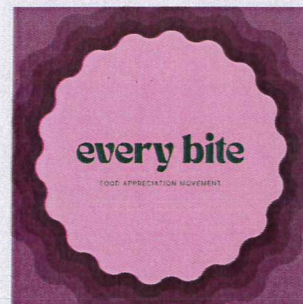
Future Living Skills is the opportunity for you! Hear from council and community experts on a range of topics, get dirty through some hands on opportunities and share your own ideas, challenges, and tips. We all learn from each other around engaging topics such as waste minimisation, gardening, water, energy and travel.

Our next programme starts on Tuesday 7th May and runs for eight weeks from 5:30pm-7:30pm at Palmerston North City Library.

[Find out more and register here.](#) Spaces are limited, and attending the programme comes at no cost, though koha is appreciated.

The next steps for Every Bite.

In April, after months of development, the 'Every Bite' food waste minimisation programme was rolled out to the public in 4 regions in NZ. Manawatū Food Action Network kicked off the programme in Manawatū with 3 introductory lunchtime workshops held during the school holidays at Roslyn's Rangiora Community Centre. Attendees go on to implement simple experiments at home for 4 weeks, with the programme 'wrapping-up' at a lunchtime event in May.



Continued Community Composting.

The community composting initiative is continuing after a successful trial period during which over 1 tonne of household food waste was saved from going to landfill. You can get involved! We still have bins to distribute to households wanting to collect and drop off their household food waste at one of the 5 active food waste collection and composting sites participating; 2 in Highbury, 1 in Westend, 1 in Awapuni, and 1 in Roslyn. We are also still

looking for households or community gardens to host food waste collection and composting sites in other PN suburbs. Email kai.security@enm.org.nz for more information.

Opportunities to get involved

Repair Cafes

Repair and connect.

May 4 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

May 18 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

May 25 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#)

Crop Swaps

Share and learn

May 4 [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst.](#)

May 12 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

May 12 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

First and third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

May 5 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

May 5, 19 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)

May 11 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

May 12, 26 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

May 12 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

May 19 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#)

Growing fruit for the community.

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

Regular Events

Join in!

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)

Peaceful protest for climate action.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

[Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.

Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday [Wildlife Foxton](#)

[Trust.](#)

May 1,8,15,22,29 [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)

Workshops and talks

Be informed.

May 3 [A Natural Burial Ground for the Manawatū? information session.](#)

May 3 [Sustainable is Attainable Workshop](#)

May 18 [Biochar Workshop](#)

Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

May 6 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

May 7 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

May 14 [Forest and Bird Monthly meeting.](#)

May 23 [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#)

One-of Events

May 3 [Fossil Fuels Climate Action Unity March](#)

May 5 [No Faith in Fossil Fuels. A multi faith prayer vigil](#)

May 18 [Far out! Godwits, Guitars and Songsters.](#)

May 31-June 1 [Red Cross Book Sale.](#)

Every week. [Ashhurst Community Library Garden Working Bee](#). Keep connected on Facebook for dates and times as these do vary.

Sharing Tables and Shelves

Pātaka Kai is the Māori term for a food storehouse or basically a pantry. Pātaka Kai are a space for people to leave what they can (excess garden produce and food for example) and for people to take what they need. This is not an exchange system, nor is koha required. Pātaka Kai are open 24/7. [Click here for a link to sharing tables and Pataka Kai in our area.](#)

The Egg Project

Supporting the Ruahine Kiwi Project one egg at a time! [You can buy from them and support the project by clicking here.](#)

Small Gardening Tools

Tools are available for keen gardeners to borrow from the Awapuni, Roslyn and Te Patikitiki branches of Palmerston North City Library! If you have a garden kaupapa requiring more serious tools, then email food.action@enm.org.nz to organise borrowing our big implements: spades, forks, shovels, rakes and even a wheelbarrow or two. Donations of garden tools in good working order are also welcomed. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Food Distribution

Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social Services Manchester House, Community Fruit Harvest, Manawatū, Te Whare Koha and other are working together to rescue and distribute food. If you know of food that is going to waste, or anyone that is struggling to get food, please contact one of these agencies. [Click here for a list of places to access food support.](#)

Seed Libraries

The [Manawatū Food Action Seed Exchange](#) has a variety of seed exchanges within the city. Find them at Awapuni, Roslyn, and Te Patikitiki libraries, and the ENM office at 145 Cuba St. Donations are always gratefully received.

Notices

1. Weeding bees at Rangitikei remnant: Saturday 4th May

Volunteers are invited to join an autumn weeding bee at a forest remnant on private land near Mangaweka, the focus of a long-term restoration project supported by Forest & Bird volunteers. You will be cutting out sycamore saplings and other weeds (and using 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!

Sally is also looking at running weeding bees on Saturdays May 11 and 18 if weather permits. Carpooling may be available. If interested in any of those dates, please contact her by the preceding Wednesday to register your interest and find out more. Email sallypearce@yahoo.com or phone/text 021 256 9641.

2. **Te Patikitiki Rongoa:** Helpers are always welcome on Monday afternoons 2-3.30pm and Friday afternoons 3-4.30pm to help with the gardens at Te Patikitiki Library. Contact Niki Burtenshaw for more information 021362873.

3. **Growing Gardens and Communities** sets up gardens for people who need help to get started growing kai most every Thursday from 10 AM to 12:30. Volunteers are hugely appreciated. Contact Beth Lew at 0274 399 565 for more information.

4. **Volunteer Central** . A big shout out to all organisations that put forward nominations for our amazing volunteer recognition event! This year an outstanding 58 volunteers have been nominated. Do you want to know who they are? Keep an eye on our [social media and website](#).

Submissions

Palmerston North City Council Long- Term Plan.

Submissions close 9th May 2024. [Click here to have your say](#).

Palmerston North City Council Waste Minimisation and Mangement Plan.

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Apply for funding

Community Development Small Grants

Grants of up to \$5,000 (subject to availability of funds) are available to provide funding for essential administration expenses to enable local communities and for-purpose organisations to operate. This fund is provided by the Palmerston North City Council and is administered by Te Pū Harakeke—Community Collective Manawātū.

[Click here to find out more](#).

[For an up-to-date local funding calendar developed by ENM's Communications and Events Lead Helen King you can click here.](#)



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