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Environment Network Manawatū

# ENM Pānui

## All eyes on the Esplanade

ENM enjoyed the first Esplanade Day in three years as part of a huge stall that involved Wildlife Foxton Trust and Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club.

ENM chatted to over 200 visitors, gave out fruit supplied by [Community Fruit Harvest Manawatū](#), information about our projects, the chance to go on a Kiwi scavenger hunt and to plant and take home a seed. Our thanks to everyone who visited us and the ENM staff and volunteers who helped make the day a success.





## Environmental Initiatives Fund



### APPLY NOW! The ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round closes 15th March 2023.

The fund supports Palmerston North-based community initiatives that improve environmental outcomes. Small Grants (up to \$1000) and Large Grants (between \$1000 and \$12,000) are available for projects that align with Palmerston North City Council's (PNCC) Eco-City Strategy priorities, and any identified priorities of the Environment Network Manawatū. This funding has been made possible by PNCC.

[The Large Grants](#) round will be open from 1st February-15th March 2023. [Click here to access the application form.](#)

Applications for Small Grants are continually accepted.

### Our amazing mural is complete!

Fielding based artist [Joe Mcmenamain](#) worked his artistic magic and, wow, just wow.

The mural is a mix of vibrant greens, Joe's trademark native birds and drawings of the hive of activities and initiatives that our member groups, collectives and projects participate in. Our thanks to PNCC and Creative Communities for the funding to make this dream a reality.



**mfan** *Manawatu Food Action Network* **Awapuni Park Movie Night** **enm** *Environment Network Manawatū*

Featuring **TOGETHER WE GROW**

**Whānau friendly event!**  
March is a time to have an evening of gathering in healthy & sustainable food and flavour. Bring your whānau and a Maori haka to the event with us. Join us and the chance to talk to people from a range of organisations that support food resilience in our city.

Wednesday 29th March 5:30-7:30pm

Partnering together with **PALMY** **ORAKONNECT** **Kāinga Ora**

### Movie night at Awapuni Park

As part of PNCC's movie night series ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) will be hosting a movie night on Wednesday 29th of March, with a food resilience theme. This takes place in Awapuni Park from 5:30pm. Bring your kids, a picnic and sit back, enjoy and learn. All very welcome.

### Celebrating Volunteering- Richard Lloyd, Palmerston North Repair Cafe.

Richard Lloyd is a man of many talents;. As well as a long career in science and technology, he is a musician and keen woodworker and restorer. He has a passion for fixing things and empowering others to do the same, which has led him to play an instrumental role in helping launch and oversee [Palmerston North Repair Café](#).

[Repair Cafes are an international movement.](#) They are free pop-up events [where local people bring in their broken....](#)





## The Ruahine Kiwi Project Post Cyclone Gabrielle.

The team managed to get out and access some of our trap lines in late February once it was safe to do so. There are many road closures, slips, two bridges washed away and fallen trees in the Pohangina area. Some traps (though thankfully not many) have been lost in the silt/floods, and will be a while until some trap lines can be accessed. Our sympathies go out to all affected residents in Pohangina and surrounding areas. Our continued thanks to [The Egg Project](#) for their support, especially during these tough times. You can support them and us, by buying and donating eggs for the project.

## Enrol for the Future Living Skills Course in March.

Want to learn how to save money on your power bill? Grow a new garden? How to reduce your waste? Clever tips and tricks to make your home more energy efficient? We're keen to help you become more sustainable in your daily life through participation in the Future Living Skills Programme which will be starting again on Monday 27th March from 10 am -12 noon and taking place over eight sessions at Te Patikitiki Library.

The programme is free though koha is appreciated. You can register [by clicking on this link](#).



## Palmy Pollution Challenge Events.

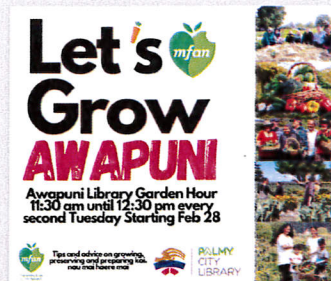
It's been a slow start to the stream clean up season with adverse weather/climate events raising stream levels and making getting in there and trawling out rubbish a tricky business.

There are two events currently scheduled that we welcome involvement in these being on Saturday 4th of March, and Saturday 18th of March [and you can register here](#).

## Let's Grow Awapuni

Are you interested in growing more of your own fresh healthy produce?

You are warmly invited to attend Let's Grow Awapuni, every 2nd Tuesday from 11:30 until 12:30 to korero about and share the produce you grow. Guest speakers and resource sharing will be a regular feature of this fun networking initiative. Let's Grow Awapuni starts on the 28th of February at Awapuni Community Library on College Street.





## A Forager's Life.

A shout out to Helen Lehndorf, previous MFAN coordinator and firm friend of ENM for the launch of her new book 'A Foragers Life' which will take place on 17th of March 5:30pm at Palmerston North City Library. [You can register your interest here.](#)

## Opportunities to get involved

### Regular Events

**All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect**

Fourth Saturday of the month [Palmerston North Repair Cafe.](#)

Every Second Saturday [Repair Cafe Levin](#)  
Don't throw it out - bring it in for mending!

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)  
Peaceful protest for climate action.

Mar 11 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)  
Bring what you have, take what you need.

Mar 18 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

Mar 5, 19 [Dune Garden Working Bee.](#)

Every Sunday, Monday,

Wednesday [Wildlife Foxton Trust .](#)

### Local Markets

**Eat seasonally, buy locally.**

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

Every first Sunday [Summerhill Farmers Market](#)

Every third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

### Working Bees

**Create better places and communities**

Mar 5 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Mar 11 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)  
Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Mar 12 and 26 [A Rocha Nursery](#)  
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Mar 12 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)  
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

### Workshops, Talks and Special Events

Mar 1, 15 and 29 [Lets Grow Highbury Garden Hour.](#)

Mar 3 [School Strike for Climate Change March.](#)

Mar 3 [Horowhenua Volunteer Expo](#)

Mar 4, 18 [Plastic Pollution Challenge Clean up Event.](#)

Mar 4 [Vaka Festival](#)

Mar 4 [Summer Pruning Workshop](#)

Mar 11 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

Mar 14, 28 [Let's Grow Awapuni.](#)

Mar 17 [Positive Volunteer Culture Workshop](#)

Mar 17 [A Forager's Life Book Launch](#)

Mar 18 [Green Corridors 21st Birthday](#)

Mar 20 [NZ Landcare Trust- regional webinar series to learn how to include wetlands in your farm environment plan.](#)

Mar 25 [Beginners Gardening Workshop](#)

### Meetings and AGMs

**Interested people always welcome**

Mar 1 Monthly meeting [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

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

Mar 7 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)  
Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Mar 8 [Green Drinks Palmerston North](#)

Mar 19 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday [Menzshed](#)

Sharing tools, skills and friendship.

Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#)

Growing fruit for the community.

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

Every Friday [Best Care Whakapai Haora Māra Kai](#)

Every Friday. [Ashhurst Community Library Garden Working Bee.](#)

Mar 14 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)

Mar 23. [Manawatū Beekeepers Club.](#)

## ENM on the Radio

Every Tuesday 12:30-1.

Manawatū Peoples Radio show '[21 years of ENM](#)' Listen live or via podcast.

## 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.](#)

## 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](mailto: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. Palmerston North Dress for Success](#) is an initiative of Work Manawatū. They support women to succeed in work and life by providing quality clothing, styling advice and a network of support as they pursue their journey. No referral is needed and you can contact them for a free session on [palmerstonnorth@dressforsuccess.org](mailto:palmerstonnorth@dressforsuccess.org)

[2. A Rocha Manawatū](#) has native plants to distribute for a koha and pots to give away. If interested please contact Christine on 06 353 6820.

3.. [Upcycling Club 1](#) would like to see a new group set up to make educational toys/games using recycled materials. This is a project with great potential to grow and expand, but the group does not have the capacity due to commitments to offer free arts and craft workshops at Te Manawa and Age Concern. If you are interested in volunteering [please click here to get in touch.](#)

4.It's time to start thinking about who you would like to nominate for the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Event - VRE2023. Nominations will be open from 16 March to 28 April. Keep an eye on [Volunteer Central's social media channels](#) for updates on how to submit your nomination.

## [Apply for funding](#)

### [ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund.](#)

Open year round for small grants of up to \$1000  
Open 1st February -15th March for Large Grants.

### [The Recreational Path Fund Application.](#)

The Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project includes a Shared Use Path that runs the length of the new road and provides a new pedestrian and cycle connection between Ashhurst (Cambridge Avenue) and Woodville (Hampson Street). Waka Kotahi has made funding available through the Recreational Paths Fund for community groups or organisations that want to complement the path by adding other trails that provide access for recreational users. The fund will be available until March 2025, if not awarded prior.

### [PNCC Resource Recovery Fund](#)

The fund is available to projects that promote or contribute to reducing, reusing, and recycling items, with an overall goal of reducing the amount of waste ending up in landfill. Applications that help reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, education programmes, community events, trials and pilot programmes, and research and development projects are all eligible to apply for funding grants of between \$2,500 and \$15,000.

Open from now until 31st March 2023.

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

