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Environment Network Manawatū

## ENM Pānui

Give the gift of helping return Kiwi to the  
Ruahine Range for Christmas

Looking for a Christmas Gift that helps local biodiversity?

In just over two years Ruahine Kīwi has put 1807 traps in position and has hit a milestone of 5949 pests, including 371 mustelids, our target species.

Despite the exceptional groundwork happening to ensure our rohe is Kiwi ready the future of the project may be in question from mid 2024 when our current funding concludes.

How can I help?

By making a donation, the perfect Christmas gift for a passionate environmentalist. Large or small it all helps and will contribute to ensuring that predator pests are eliminated so we can make our rohe kiwi friendly for re-introduction by 2025. [Click here to do this](#)

2. By donating eggs through a fantastic scheme set up by local business [The Egg Project](#). We need around 100 eggs a week to make sure our traps are baited. We have had around 5000 eggs donated over the last year but desperately need more. [Donate an egg \(or 10!\)](#) and support a generous local business that is right behind our mahi.





### Celebrating Volunteering: Paula from Supergrans Manawatū

Paula is incredibly creative, crafty and community driven; for her a volunteering role with Supergrans Manawatū and ENM's [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#) is a logical extension of these passions that sees her sharing these wonderful skills.

Paula became a regular volunteer for [Supergrans Manawatū](#) where she teaches a weekly sewing class, after learning about them at one of the earlier Repair Cafe's. Supergrans Manawatū works to help build resilience in the community by empowering and guiding whanau and individuals to develop health sustainable life skills including sewing [knitting preserving, cooking...](#)

### Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round opening in January.

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 PNCC's Eco-City Strategy priorities, and any identified priorities of the Environment Network Manawatū.

**The Large Grants round will be open from 30th January-14th March 2024.** Applications for Small Grants are continually accepted. [You can find out more at this link.](#)

[Celebration and information evening](#)



Environmental  
Initiatives Fund



This will be held on on Monday 30th January from 5:30-6:30pm at Te Manawa Museum,.This will be an opportunity to learn about currently funded projects from the recipients themselves, ask questions and gain more information about your potential application. This will be an informal event, with a chance to network, enjoy a light supper and appreciate the breadth of the work able to happen as the result of the funding. [You can RSVP to this event here.](#) Read about all the 2023 Large Grant recipients [at this link](#)



### Our Final Repair Cafe for 2023

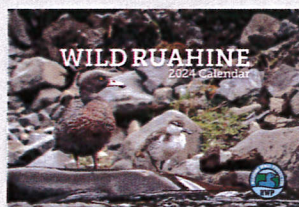
The final [Palmerston North Repair Café](#) for 2023 took place on Saturday 25th November, with around 40 visitors 30 plus mends and a vacuum maintenance workshop to boot which had several people learning how to take to clean their appliances to help their longevity.

**The next Palmerston North Repair Cafe takes place on Saturday 24th February from 9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.**

### Wild Ruahine Calendar- A fundraiser for Ruahine Whio Protection

Created locally by volunteer Anthony Behrens (Swampthing) with photos taken by locals, all funds from sales of the 2024 calendar will go towards the community effort to protect the precious Ruahine Whio. The last season was particularly challenging in our rivers and with a lack of ongoing DOC funding this year the Whio need your support even more. This is your chance to support a very threatened species that lives in our backyard,.

You can email [comms@enm.org.nz](mailto:comms@enm.org.nz) and buy and collect from the ENM office. Calendars are \$20.







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### ENM over the holiday period.

Our staff will be taking a well-deserved break over the festive period and our office will be closed from midday on Thursday 21st of December, opening again at 9am on Monday 8th of January.

Recycling facilities will **not be available** during this time.

We wish all of you a relaxing and happy festive season with those you love and look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

### Community Composting Pilot.

Manawātū Food Action Network will be starting a small community composting pilot at different spaces around the city, and we are looking for expressions of interest.

Participants will be given a compost bin and then linked to a local drop off point where their waste will be composted.

If you are interested in participating, [please click here and complete the given form.](#)



### Future Living Skills for 2024- Learn, connect and become more sustainable.

We are **taking expressions of interest** for our next Future Living Skills Programme which will be an evening programme running from Tuesday of 13th of February, 5:30pm-7:30pm from the Central City Library.

The programme takes place over eight-weeks and includes interactive workshops and practical opportunities to help you become more sustainable in your daily life. You have the unique opportunity to hear from council and community experts on a range of topics, 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. The full programme will be announced closer to the time via [the following link](#) on our website. [Register your interest by clicking on this link.](#)

Please email Future Living Skills Coordinator Sally Pearce on [support@enm.org.nz](mailto:support@enm.org.nz) for more information

## Opportunities to get involved



## Repair Cafes

### Repair and connect.

No Palmerston North Repair Cafe or Feilding Repair Cafe for December and January. These will start again in February.

December 9 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

## Crop Swaps

### Share and learn.

Dec 10 [Palmy Crop Swap](#).

Dec 10 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

Jan 13 [Te Patikitii Library and Let's Grow Highbury! Crop Swap](#)

## Local Markets

### Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

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

## Regular Events

### Join in!

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)

Peaceful protest for climate action.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

[Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.

Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday,

Wednesday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#).

Dec 5,19 [Let's Grow Awapuni](#).

Dec 14 [Let's Grow Roslyn](#)

## Workshops and talks

### Be informed.

No events this month

## Regular Working Bees

### Get your hands dirty!

Dec 3 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Dec 3,17 [Dune Gardens, Foxton](#).

Dec 9 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.\*

Dec 10, 24 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Dec 10 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Dec 17 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

**Most Fridays** [Friday fun in the garden](#). with Manawatū Food Action Network.

**Every Sunday** [Timona Park Orchard](#)

Growing fruit for the community.

**Most Sundays** [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

**Every week**. [Ashhurst Community Library](#)

[Garden Working Bee](#). Keep connected on

Facebook for dates and times as these do

vary.

## Meetings.

### Join an active conversation.

Dec 4 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Dec 5 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#).

Dec 6. [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

Dec 13 [Green Drinks](#)

## One-of Events

### 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.](#)



## 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. **Let's Grow Highbury!** will start again at Te Patikitiki Library on 7th February and then fortnightly from 11:30AM to 12:30PM.
- 2 **A Rocha** has natives, of varying heights to give away for koha plus five avocado trees, about 50 cm high for free. Call 06 353 6820
3. **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
4. **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.
5. **Volunteer Central** have the following notices:

**Do you know what your rights and responsibilities are as a volunteer, or as an organisation that has volunteers?**

Don't miss the Volunteer Rights & Responsibilities Free Workshop celebrating International Volunteer Day. 4th December, 9:30 am- 11:30 am, Hancock Community House. To register please email [justin@tepuharakeke.org.nz](mailto:justin@tepuharakeke.org.nz)



5. The Greasy Chain Charitable Trust have the upcoming Gravel and Tar event (20th of January) and Slick and Stones Gravel Assault from 17th February- 14th April. [Find out more here.](#)

## [Apply for funding](#)

[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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