



ENM Pānui

News from the Sector

Plastic Pollution Challenge Autumn Events are Underway!

A big thank you to all who helped out with the Plastic Pollution Challenge clean up at the Clausen Reserve on Saturday 19th March! This amazing piece of local mahi took 21 bags of litter out of the stream and surrounding park including and a big pile of metal including bikes, appliances, electronics, car parts, concrete, and a car license plate. Students from St Peter's College as part of an initiative to have the year 7s helping out attended as did Councillor Renee Dingwall, MP Tangi Utikere and many people local to the Reserve.

A kind volunteer who has attended previous years events noted "We saw a lot less plastic bags, straws and toothbrushes this year which is great, but we saw a lot of face masks which we didn't see in previous years".

[There will be four more events taking place over April and May which we welcome your registration for and involvement in.](#)



Welcoming new member and affiliate groups to ENM

This month ENM proudly welcomes 350 Te Papaioea-Palmy as a member group and Palmerston North Dress for Success as an affiliate member group.

[350 Aotearoa](#) is the New Zealand arm of the international climate movement 350.org, which aims to unite the world around climate change solutions. Their mission is to strengthen and grow climate action in communities across New Zealand.

[Dress for Success Palmerston North](#) supports women to succeed in work and life by providing quality clothing, styling advice and a network of support as they pursue their journey.

Celebrating Volunteering

John Girling has travelled the world as an industrial psychologist working with large organisations to manage their greatest resource, people.

John spent 15 years in China as a registered foreign expert in agriculture and education where he helped develop projects in ostrich farming, cattle and goat husbandry and exotic flowers. After retiring ten years ago, he returned to New Zealand with [his wife to settle in Foxton, Manawatū...](#)



Growing Interest in a Palmy Repair Cafe.

ENM has noted an increase in conversations around a possible Repair Cafe for Palmerston North and recently held a meeting for interested parties to assess possibilities. Repair Cafes are free pop up events where local people bring in their broken and damaged belongings and local volunteer experts do their best to repair them. you can find out more by following the [Repair Cafe New Zealand Aotearoa Facebook Page.](#)

If you are interested in being part of a continued conversation about this please contact comms@enm.org.nz

Neighbours Day Aotearoa- Kai Connections

ENM's [Manawatū Food Action Network \(MFAN\)](#) collaborated with PNCC in March to celebrate [Neighbours Day Aotearoa](#) with the theme of Kai Connections.

This was an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the city-wide work done to connect people through food by foodbanks, community gardens, sharing shelves, and free food stores to name just a few things. It was also an opportunity to share collective stories which will be published in a book available in our local libraries soon. [check out the MFAN Facebook page for more information.](#)

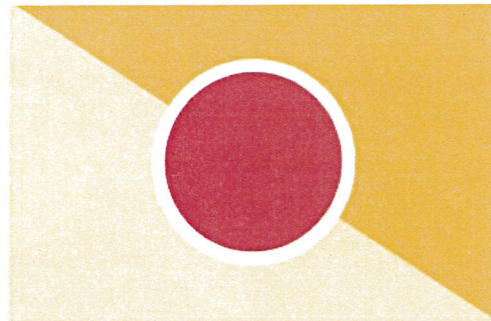


Our thanks to The Egg Project.

[The Egg Project](#) is giving much appreciated support to the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project through an incentive for people to donate eggs for traps for the cause. Hundreds of eggs have been donated so far [and doing so is a simple way to support biodiversity](#) and the reintroduction of kiwi to the Ruahine Ranges by 2026.

ENM at Red- Changes.

It is no longer a requirement to scan when entering the ENM office spaces and vaccine passes for meetings are not needed from Tuesday 5th of April. From that point there will also (tbc) changes to numbers for gatherings in our meeting room.



Volunteer Awards

Is there a volunteer in your organisation you wish to recognise and celebrate the work of?

Volunteer Central will host the 9th Recognition Event for volunteers in our region in [June and nominations are open until 15th of April.](#)

The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy

This will be presented to Ora Kōnnect on April 6th and implementation will start shortly after. The document is a forward-thinking broad picture of what needs to be done to support whānau on their journey to food sovereignty. During the discovery phase, MFAN has pinpointed over 100 projects that are either currently happening, planned or are the dreams of the community that will transform the 4412 into an area of abundance and pride.



Opportunities to get involved

Events

All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect

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.
Apr 9 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)
Bring what you have, take what you need.
Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) is open for visitors.

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

Apr 3 [Ahimate Reserve](#)
Apr 9 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)
Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Workshops & Talks

Apr 2 [Using and modifying microclimates for effective and diverse food gardening](#) a workshop from RECAP.
Apr 5 [Leading Teams Workshop](#) with PN Community Services Council.
Apr 9 [Understanding and improving your soil](#) workshop from RECAP.
Apr 12 [Considering Standing for Local Government?](#) i with PN Community Services Council.
Apr 13 Online networking event – [Manawatu/Whanganui Pest Plant Hui- NZ Landcare Trust](#)
Apr 13 [Lets Grow Highbury! Gardening Conversations](#)
Apr 16 [Kids Cyanotype Workshop](#)
Apr 26 [Governance 101](#) in association with PN Community Services Council

Meetings and AGMs

Interested people always welcome

Apr 4 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)
Apr 5 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#) Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Apr 10 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Apr 10 & 24 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Apr 17 [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.

Apr 6 Monthly meeting [ENM Source to Sea](#)

Apr 7 [Supergrans Manawatū AGM](#)

Apr 12 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)

Apr 28 [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

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are not allowed to operate within 'Red' of the COVID Traffic Light System. [The Ashhurst Sharing Shelf](#) is an exception as it is based outside and operated and overseen by [RECAP](#), however social distancing rules still apply. [Click here for a link to other sharing tables and Pataka Kai](#)

Small Gardening Tools

Tools are now 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, Te Whare Koha and others 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 or reach out to ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network. food.action@enm.org.nz.

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.

Have your say

Opportunity for the environment sector to engage in feedback

PNCC's Draft Annual Budget 2022-23

There will be a virtual sector meeting for the environment taking place on Tuesday 12 April in the time slot 5.45-6.30pm. This meeting will take place [via teams and you can join it here](#). You can find out more about the annual plan [on the PNCC website](#).

MFE Transforming Recycling Consultation

This consultation sets out three proposals to transform recycling in Aotearoa New Zealand these being the container return scheme , improvements to household kerbside recycling and the separation of business food waste. Submissions are open until 8th May 2022 [and you can go here to heave your say.](#)

[Apply for funding](#)

[Community Climate Response Fund.](#)

[Horizons District Council](#)

A new contestable fund for climate related projects aims to support and encourage community efforts to build resilience to the effects of climate change, or support the transition to a sustainable carbon neutral regional economy by 2050.

[Kanorau Koiora Taketake - Indigenous Biodiversity Community](#)

[Grant- Horizons District Council.](#)

Horizon's vision for this programme is to empower communities to reconnect with an improved biodiversity. It supports projects that support connections between nature and people and projects that work to restore and protect indigenous biodiversity including those that support regeneration and continuation of mātauranga Māori (Māori knowledge).

[The Gift Trust](#)

The Gift Trust is managing a new environmental fund created by some of our donors to benefit the environment, biodiversity, or climate in the lower North Island. We believe your organisation works in that space, within that geographic region and so are reaching out to invite you to apply. Please note that applications close Tuesday 12th April.



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