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Environment Network Manawatū

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The ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round
opens 1st February 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 PNCC's Eco-City Strategy priorities, and any identified priorities of the Environment Network Manawatū. This funding has been made possible by Palmerston North City Council.

The Large Grants round will be open from **1st February- 15th March 2022**. applications for Small Grants are continually accepted.

We will be holding an **information/celebration evening** on Monday 30th January 2023 from 5:30-6:30pm at Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North. 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 register by clicking here.](#)

Read about all the 2022 Large Grant recipients at this link and read inspiring stories of the projects 2021 grants helped make happen [by clicking here.](#)

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Let's Grow Kai

Let's Grow Kai is a collaboration between [Growing Gardens and Communities](#) and [Manawatū Food Action Network](#) focused on building veggie gardens, planting trees in homes and mentoring new gardeners so they can support their own journey to food sovereignty.

Representatives from [Te Awa Community Foundation](#) were invited to participate in a recent build. One supporter who helped to enable the grant to Let's Grow Kai was impressed: "It's great to finally see the project in action". Two fruit trees were planted to complement the lettuce, strawberries and brassicas that were put in. Clive Pedley, Chair of Te Awa Community Foundation, explained why they wanted to be involved with Let's Grow Kai; "It was very important to our donor to support this initiative, so we are thrilled to be able to support this great community initiative. Local donors support sustainable local communities is at the heart of why we exist. We hope other donors will join us to further support this project". Let's Grow Kai, is one of the projects born out of the [4412 Kai Resilience Strategy](#) supporting whānau in the 4412 postcode area of Palmerston North.

A mural for the ENM Office building!

ENM has achieved funding from the PNCC Creative Communities scheme to design and create a mural for the side of our building.

The mural will be completed by Feilding based artist [Joe Mckenamin](#) who will begin painting in early February. The aim of the mural is to showcase the passions of ENM's members groups, projects and initiatives in a piece of art that reflects the breadth of our collective work. We will keep you updated with our progress via our [Facebook page](#).



53 planter boxes delivered as part of a project for Kāinga ora tenants.

Kāinga ora (previously Housing New Zealand), UCOL (now Te Pūkenga) and Manawatū Food Action Network joined together for a project to create and deliver planter boxes for Kāinga ora tenants who are learning how to start their own garden. The aim was to give residents the chance to have a go at growing some fresh food for themselves at their homes.



The planter boxes were put together by a group of rangatahin from Hato Pāora College, Palmerston North Boys' High School, and Freyberg High School who attended

UCOL two days a week on either the Certificate in Building, Construction, and Allied Trade Skills course or the Plumbing, Gasfitting, and Drainlaying course. 53 Planter boxes were delivered to 43 Whanau in total, with 4 Cubic metres of compost donated by PNCC and hundreds of seedlings were donated by Oderings Palmerston North and Awapuni Nurseries. Our thanks to all involved!

Celebrating Volunteering- Te Awahou Kai.

It was two hungry tamariki knocking on Foxton resident Linda Lake's door 5 years ago that jolted her into action. For Linda, it was natural to feed these children, but she soon realised that there was a wider need in the Foxton community for a service that provides furniture, clothing, food and most importantly love and respect to whānau who are struggling. Te Awahou Kai started in Linda's home, she pickup up donated goods and then gave them to people in need. [Te Awahou Kai soon grew out of her home...](#)



Repair Cafe gaining momentum.

Saturday 26th of November saw the [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#) have its most successful event yet with 118 visitors, 16 volunteers, 26 successful repairs, and a massive amount of fun!

We have one more Repair Cafe this year, Saturday 17th December from 10am-1pm at Te Manawa Museum. After this we will be taking a well-deserved holiday break until Feb/March 2023.

Thanks to everyone who came to support us, have repairs, or even just have a look.

The Egg Project recipient of a local business award.

Ruahine Kiwi Sponsor [The Egg Project](#) recently won the Agriculture and Food category at the Manawatū Business Awards!!

Our congratulations to them for their innovation, support and mahi.





Looking for a Christmas Gift that helps local biodiversity?

Gift a predator trap to the Ruahine Kiwi Project!

A predator trap deployed in the Ruahine Ranges is the perfect waste-free gift to help bring kiwi back to the area. Rats, stoats, possums, wild cats and hedgehogs destroy bird life by attacking small chicks and eating eggs. When you donate a trap as a gift, your money will be put towards the installation of traps to kill these alien predators. Your donation will help in significantly decreasing predator numbers and increasing bird life in the area. [Find out more by going to our donations page.](#)

ENM Office hours over the Christmas Period

The staff at ENM wish you all a wonderful, restful festive period with those that you care about.

Our offices will be closed from 4pm Thursday 22nd December, opening again on Monday 9th January 2023.



Donate to Support Let's Grow Kai through the Te Awa Foundation.

Growing Gardens and Communities installs garden beds and in the homes of those who struggle to afford to do this by themselves and provides ongoing support and mentorship. The Manawatū Food Action Network works collaboratively with them and the wider community to provide logistical support and facilitate the purchase and planting of fruit trees alongside the gardens. By supporting people through community gardens, in-home gardening, urban farming, and social enterprise whanau will be able to not only provide their own fresh healthy produce but grow extra for their neighbours.

You can donate to this incredible cause via the Te Awa Foundation, our local community foundations which enables people to give back to their own community and support local projects. [Click on the donate button to the left!!](#)

Opportunities to get involved

Regular Events

All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect

Workshops, Talks and

Special Events

Dec 4 [Mangaone West Stream Field Day.](#)

Third 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.

Dec 10 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)
Bring what you have, take what you need.

Dec 17 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) up to 22 December. Opening Saturdays for the 2023 summer holiday break, 10am to 3pm 7th 14th 21st 28th January. Also open Monday 23rd January and Sat 4th February for Waitangi weekend.

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

Dec 4 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Dec 10 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)
Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Dec 11 [A Rocha Nursery](#)
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Dec 11 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Dec 18 [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](#)

A stream health assessment practical workshop in association with Massey University, Horizons Regional Council and NZ Landcare Trust.

Dec 14 [Lets Grow Highbury Garden Conversations](#).

Meetings and AGMs

Interested people always welcome

Dec 5 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Dec 6 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#).
Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Dec 7 Monthly meeting [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

Dec 13 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch](#).

Dec 14 [Green Drinks Palmerston North](#)

ENM on the Radio

Every Tuesday 12:30-1.
Manawatū Peoples Radio show '21 years of ENM' Listen live or via podcast.

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

Sharing Tables and Shelves

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are now operating within 'orange' of the COVID Traffic Light System. . [Click here for a link to sharing tables and Pataka Kai in our area.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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

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. [Timona Park Orchard Trust](#) (TPOT) - Simon St end of Timona Park, needs extra volunteers to weed around the orchard fruit trees and native plantings around the wetland and bush areas. Some gardening knowledge preferred and own tools required. Must be able to work as part of a team. For more information contact Barbara 027 444 8355 or Lyn at timonaparkorchardtrust@gmail.com

4. [Just Zilch](#) will be closed for the holidays from 23rd December reopening on the 9th January.

Apply for funding

[ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund.](#)

Open year round for small grants of up to \$1000

[The DOC Community Fund](#)

Open now until 31st January. This fund supports community-led conservation projects on public and private land. Find out more here.

[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.

[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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