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Environment Network Manawatū

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ENM Celebrates 2021-22 at its Annual General Meeting

ENM held its AGM on 25th of October, celebrating the many achievements of our 65 member groups throughout the year and the growth of our projects and initiatives by, for and about our environment and our people. It's been quite an eventful year for the sector.

We also farewelled board chair and incredible environmental advocate Stewart Harrex after 10 years of dedication, passion and service to the network. Her infectious enthusiasm and support will be missed, and RECAP chairperson and long-time ENM supporter Harvey

Jones honoured her with some beautiful, fitting words to mark her tenure.

We also welcomed a new board with 4 new members and new co-chairs which represent an exciting, fresh chapter for ENM as we move into a new space of growth and collaboration.



The ENM 2021/22 Annual Report

We are incredibly proud of our 2021/22 Annual Report which celebrates the work of our member groups, notes the progress of our projects and tells the stories of the people and places we work with, for and about.

Our sincere thanks to Anthony Behrens of [Swampting](#) who took our words and turned them something visually stunning.

You can read the report [by clicking here](#) or [email us](#) to request a paper copy.



Celebrating the 4412

'Let's Grow 4412' was a celebration of diversity, food and community and was held at Te pātikitiki library in Highbury, on Saturday the 15th October. Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) along with PNCC and Highbury Whānau Centre were organisers of the event. The new māra kai/learning garden at Te pātikitiki was officially opened and blessed through karakia and waiāta and the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy, written by MFAN was handed over to the community. Workshops presented the wisdom of growing food, foraging for food, garden planning and storytelling. A crowd of almost 200 had their hunger sedated through the diverse range of free food provided by the Punjabi, Afghan, Cambodian and Samoan communities, a sausage sizzle from PNCC and an ice cream truck sponsored by Kainga Ora. Cultural performances from Tongans, Tokolauans and Monrad Intermediate kapa haka

group were another highlight of what was a fun-filled day, bringing community together. Photo credits Danu Sefton.

Celebrating Volunteering

Dress for Success Palmerston North – combating fast fashion to help women dress for the workplace.

Dress for Success is an affiliate member group of Environment Network Manawatū and a welcome social and environmental initiative that has been a long time in the making.

The idea of a Palmerston North branch came in 2014 when ex-Mayor Heather Tangau was packing to move to Auckland. She had quality clothes from [her more formal days she no longer needed...](#)



Second Repair Cafe a Success

The second Palmerston North Repair Cafe was held 29th of October and saw continued support from a community eager to get items fixed, learn and reduce waste.

The next Repair Café will take place on Saturday 26th of November from 10am-1:30pm at Te Manawa Museum.

You can keep up to date with this initiative on [our Facebook page](#).

Future Living Skills helping to facilitate change

It's not too late to join the Future Living Skills Programme, an eight-week series of interactive workshops on a range of sustainability-based topics.

So far much has been learned by all involved about reducing waste, gardening and eco-building and renovation, but there are still sessions to come on water, healthy food choice, travel and community resilience.

[You can find out more and register by clicking here](#). If you join the series part way in, you can still attend any topics you've missed in the next series (which we hope to run in 2023).

Future Living Skills was developed collaboratively by local government in NZ and is supported by Palmerston North City Council. It is published by independent charity Sustainable Living Education Trust.



An Exciting Egg Milestone!!!

To date customers of [The Egg Project](#) have supplied just over 2000 eggs to support the Ruahine Kiwi Project which total \$1170.00 in value. Quite the contribution! Eggs are used in the 1000+ traps used within the project to eradicate pests and ensure that kiwi can be reintroduced by 2023.

Our sincere thanks to Pip Chrystall and her team for their ongoing support, advocacy and mahi.

Our Thanks to the Mazda Foundation for supporting Ruahine Kiwi.



The Ruahine Kiwi Project has been a grateful recipient of a grant from [The Mazda Foundation](#) in its latest round for 60 NAWAC approved traps for feral cats and possums. 30 will be implemented on each side of the Ruahine range.



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.](#)

Welcoming New Member Group Manawatū River Catchments Collective.

Manawatū River Catchments Collective (MRCC) recently became ENM's 65th member group and are a welcome addition to our diverse community.

MRCC brings together community catchment groups made up of and led by rural landowners who are passionate about their environment and working together to achieve their goals. MRCC supports members by providing access to additional funding, support, knowledge and training. You can keep up to date with their valuable mahi by [following them on Facebook](#), or getting in touch via [contacts on the ENM website](#).



Opportunities to get involved

Regular Events

All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect

Every Fourth Saturday [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#).

Workshops, Talks and Special Events

Nov 2, 16, 30 [Lets Grow Highbury Garden Conversations](#).

Nov 7 [Managing Volunteers workshop](#)

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.

Nov 12 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)
Bring what you have, take what you need.

Nov 19 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

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

Nov 6 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Nov 12 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)
Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Nov 13 & 27 [A Rocha Nursery](#)
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Nov 13 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Nov 20 [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.](#)

Sharing Tables and Shelves

Community food sharing tables and shelves

Nov 12 [Beginner's Gardening workshop](#)

Nov 19 [Social Solutions for more Sustainable Living workshop](#)

Nov 26 [RECAP Crop Swap and Garden drop in session.](#)

Nov 27 [Scything Workshop](#)

Meetings and AGMs

Interested people always welcome

Nov 1 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Nov 2 Monthly meeting [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

Nov 8 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)

Nov 7 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Nov 9 [Green Drinks](#)

Nov 24 [Manawatū Beekeepers club](#)

Nov 26 [Manawatū Estuary Trust AGM.](#)

ENM on the Radio

Every Tuesday 12:30-1.

Manawatū Peoples Radio show '21 years of ENM' Listen live or via podcast.

Small Gardening Tools

Tools are available for keen gardeners to borrow from the Awapuni, Roslyn and Te

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.](#)

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.

Notices

1. [Palmerston North Dress for Success](#) is an initiative of Work Manawatu. 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. **Free data projector.** Note it doesn't have an HDMI input but it works well. Email comms@enm.org.nz for more information

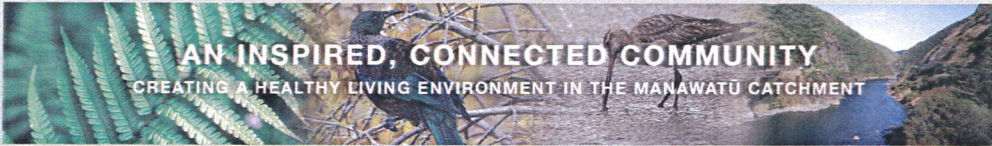
4. [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch](#). is looking for committee members, particular with IT and communications skills. [Please email them to find out more.](#)

Apply for funding

ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund.

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

[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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