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Environment Network Manawatū

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**Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round
now open for applications.**

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.

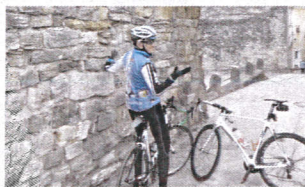
The Large Grants round will be open from 30th January- 14th March 2024.

Applications for Small Grants are continually accepted. [You can find out more at this link.](#)

An event was held on 30th January to celebrate projects previously supported by the fund with 27 people in attendance. These projects included, trapping resources, gardening resources, paper towel upcycling and seeds linked to an artistic performance.



Environmental Initiatives Fund



Celebrating Volunteering: Bob Selden. Greasy Chain Charitable Trust.

A casual coffee trip to local George Street café Cyclista has had the happy result of 6 years' worth of valuable volunteer mahi at Greasy Chain Charitable Trust for current board Chairperson Bob Selden. Cyclista Café owner Steve encouraged him to help out with the annual Gravel and Tar cycling event and Bob has been passionately involved ever since.

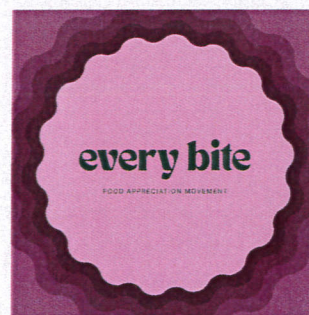
Bob came to Palmerston North with his wife six years ago from [Australia quickly adapting to the Manawatū lifestyle...](#)

Every Bite

Every Bite is a new food waste prevention project that aims to work with communities of Aotearoa New Zealand to contribute to a 10% reduction in household food waste. MFAN has been selected to be a key partner in the initial development of the programme and its pilot over the next year. At the heart of the project is the desire to reconnect with each other and share the food wisdom of past generations.

We will be working with a predicted 250 local families, each who will take part in a four-week guided course as part of this project during 2024 to help them achieve this goal.

More information will follow in our March newsletter about how people can register their interest.





Repair Cafe starts again 24th February.

The next Palmerston North Repair Cafe takes place on **Saturday 24th February** from 9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street. The cafe will run on the last Saturday of each month, final cafe for the year in November for 2024.

N.B we will NOT be holding a cafe in March as this falls on Easter Weekend.

Welcoming our new Kai Resilience Kaiāwhina.

Meet our newest staff member and part of the [Manawatū Food Action Network](#) team, Siobhan Hirst. Siobhan has taken on the role of Kai Resilience Kaiāwhina. Siobhan brings skills and experience in the areas of resource and environmental planning, landscape design and construction, small business management and office administration to her position. One of her more recent roles was co-owner of a small retail business in Palmerston North selling bulk building, landscaping and gardening materials, which she and her partner Shane ran for 12 years. Her favourite past times include gardening and trail running.

You are likely to find her in the ENM office or out in the field at MFAN events and working bees.



Te Manawa Six Extinctions Exhibition

Communications and events lead Helen King and our co-chairperson Rebecca Bell had the privilege of attending the launch of [Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science & Heritage's](#) newest exhibition 'Six Extinctions' in mid-December.

It's a fantastic family friendly exhibition documenting the six known earth extinctions, including the one we are currently in, and it's free to the public.

ENM features as part of the exhibition as a local solution, and a way to get involved and make a difference. Helen is very (brightly) pictured next to our information.

[Find out more by clicking here.](#)

Community Composting pilot now active.

MFAN is currently rolling out a 10-week community composting pilot at different spaces around the city, with the aim of encouraging people to compost their food waste locally.

Up to 100 food waste bins will be distributed to interested families who fill their bin and take it to one of five collection points where it will either be composted on-site or nearby, and used in local community gardens.

Contact kai.security@enm.org.nz if you are interested in taking part.



Future Living Skills

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

The Future Living Skills Programme starts again Tuesday of 13th of February, 5:30pm-7:30pm from the Central City Library. Registrations are now fully open.

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.

[You can register and view the full programme by clicking here.](#)

Please email Future Living Skills Coordinator Sally Pearce on support@enm.org.nz for more information

Explore Esplanade Day 2024

Explore Esplanade Day will be taking place on Sunday 3rd of March and ENM will be present with a stall and fun activities for kids and their whanau.

In a nice link, the 3rd of March is also World Wildlife Day, a day to celebrate all wild animals and plants and the contribution that they make to our lives and the health of the planet.

We look forward to seeing you there!





Support Ruahine Kiwi

The Manawatū Standard recently posted a superb article linked to the ongoing need for funding for Ruahine Kiwi so we can keep the mahi going. Current Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature Funding finishes mid 2024. The article gives some real in-depth information about the project and its focus. [Click here to access it.](#) We welcome your support; [please go to the link here if you wish to donate.](#)

Opportunities to get involved

Repair Cafes

Repair and connect.

Feb 3 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

Feb 17 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

Feb 24 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#)

Crop Swaps

Share and learn.

Feb 11 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

Feb 11 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

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

Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Feb 4 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Feb 11, 25 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)

Feb 10 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Feb 11,25 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Feb 11 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Feb 18 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Regular Events

Join in!

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)

Peaceful protest for climate action.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

[Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.

Every Saturday, Sunday, Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday [Wildlife Foxton Trust.](#)

Feb 7, 14,21,28 [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)

Workshops and talks

Be informed.

Feb 10th. [Summer Pruning Workshop](#)

hosted by RECAP in Ashhurst.

Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

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

Feb 13 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

Feb 7. [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

Feb 22 [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#)

One-of Events

Feb 10 [Ashhurst Domain Open day](#)

Feb 17 [Sticks and Stones Gravel Assault.](#)

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.

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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. **Let's Grow Palmy.** Let's Grow Highbury, Awapuni and Roslyn, have now been morphed into one weekly session 'Let's Grow Palmy' which will take place at different libraries throughout the city each week. Let's Grow Palmy is a community gardening initiative for people to meet up, share and learn about a variety of aspects in growing kai, rongoā and food forest concepts. The initiative will meet every Wednesday 10.30-11.30am at various library sites. The first meet up is at Te Pātikitiki Library Wednesday 7th February 2024.

Please email: letsgrowpalmy@gmail.com to be added to their email list.

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.

Submissions

Proposed Community Garden at Bill Brown Park

PNCC is planning to give Papaioea Pasifika Community Trust a licence so it can start a community garden at Bill Brown Park.

The community garden will be used as an educational tool for members of the Pasifika community and wider Palmy community. The Trust plans to run workshops and upskill families in growing their own fruits and vegetables.

Submissions close on 18th February.

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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