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Environment Network Manawatū

## ENM Pānui

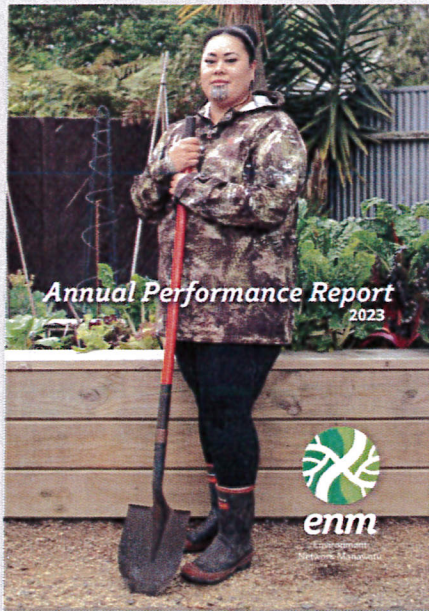
### ENM 2023 AGM.

ENM held its AGM on 26th of October, celebrating the many achievements of our now 67 member groups throughout the year and the growth of our projects and initiatives by, for and about our environment and our people.

The event was attended by 50 people including 15 of our member groups, 7 representatives from both Palmerston North City Council and Horizons Regional Council, and 11 people linked to us through an interest and passion in kai security.

We welcomed two new board members Viv Aitken and Eve Hill (who was co-opted to the board earlier in the year as our youth member) and presented our **Annual Performance Report**, which proudly tells the story of our projects and our people over the last 12 months and [which you can click here to access](#). Our sincere thanks to Anthony Behrens of

Swamthing for his design work with this stunning document.



### Celebrating Volunteering: Anna Regtien Manawatū Forest and Bird Kiwi Conservation Club.

Anna Regtien has been passionate about nature from a very early age and her role as Manawatū Forest and Bird's Kiwi Conservation Club (KCC) Coordinator is a logical extension of this. KCC is a national initiative that works to connect Kiwi kids to New Zealand's amazing wildlife and wild places. KCC has over 5,000 members throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and offers an engaging quarterly magazine and locally based opportunities for kids and [families to get outside and engage with nature...](#)

### Stewart Harrex honoured with Civic Award.

It was with great pride and delight that we learned that ENM's very own Stewart Harrex was to receive a Palmerston North Civic Honour Award for 2023 for her services to the Environment.

This is the city's most prestigious recognition of voluntary service, and well deserved by Stewart for her decades of tireless work and advocacy.

There were 5 awardees in total who were recognised at a celebration on Wednesday 25th October.





### Repair Cafe on the international Restarters Website.

Palmerston North Repair Cafe is now inputting its data on to the international [Restarters Website](#) which means the public can access information about our work and what we are saving from landfill.

For our September Cafe (our busiest yet!) we had over 80 visitors and completed over 50 mends.

The next [Palmerston North Repair Café](#) takes place Saturday 25th November 9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.

**This will be our last cafe for 2023.**

### Forest and Bird Manawatū at 65 years old.

It has been a year of celebrations for Forest and Bird, who are nationally celebrating 100 years, and for the Manawatū Branch, 65 years. The branch has been celebrating by planting 65 trees along the Poutua Walkway and also through a member only celebration event marking the mahi of the people who have made the work of the branch possible. You can keep up with the local work of the branch and stay abreast of their monthly meeting topics [through their website.](#)



### Celebrating the Installation of 100 Gardens.

An important milestone was recently celebrated of 100 backyard raised gardens installed since 2020 through a collaboration between [Manawatū Food Action Network](#) and [Growing Gardens and Communities - Manawatū.](#)

This collaboration is funded in part by Horizons Regional Council and Kāinga Ora. The installation took place at Tongan Childcare Centre Lalanga Moui.

Growing Gardens and Communities Beth Lew has been part of every single installation and has empowered and inspired hundreds of people as part of this exciting journey.

### 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.



### Feilding based Composting and gardening Workshops. Future Living Skills.

As part of its Future Living Skills Programme ENM offered two Saturday stand-alone gardening and composting workshops which were also opened up to the general public. These both took place in Feilding at St Joseph's School. These had a high uptake demonstrating clear demand for this kind of hands-on workshop. As well as great learning, valuable networking and connecting happened as part of the process.

A big thanks to Principal Anna Christensen and the school for hosting, to our generous and knowledgeable community facilitators Suzanne Chelius, Ellen Wansborough and Sam Te Tau and to our volunteer helpers.

**Future Living Skills will be offered again in 2024.**

### Fun in the Garden Educational Working Bee

A series of 'Friday Fun in the Garden' events are being run by the Manawatū Food Action Network.

Come along and give a helping hand to food resilience projects happening in our city at different locations each week, with a focus on gardens and preparing for the upcoming summer. Tools and equipment will be provided, and you will have a chance to learn and share in the joys of gardening with the MFAN team.

The event will be at a different space next week. please go [to our Facebook page for updates](#). or contact Daniel Morrimire on [food.action@enm.org.nz](mailto:food.action@enm.org.nz) for more information





## Loteria Fundraiser for Ruahine Kiwi

Looking for a way to support the mahi of ENM's [Ruahine Kiwi](#) and have a great night out to boot?

Local Mexican restaurant [Libre](#) will be running Loteria (Mexican bingo) as a fundraiser for us on Wednesday 15th of November.

The event kicks off at 7:30pm. Come down for dinner or a drink, and its \$10 for a tabla (board) with all proceeds going towards the work of Ruahine Kiwi. [You can find out more here.](#)

## Community Composting Pilot.

Manawatū 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.](#)



## Opportunities to get involved

### Repair Cafes

**Repair and connect.**

Nov 25 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe.](#)

Nov 11 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

### Crop Swaps

**Share and learn.**

Nov 12 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

Nov 12 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

### Local Markets

**Eat seasonally, buy locally.**

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

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

### AGM's

### 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.](#)

Nov 7,24 [Let's Grow Awapuni.](#)

Nov 2, 16,30 [Let's Grow Rosyln](#)

Nov 18 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

### Workshops and talks

**Be informed.**

Manawatū Estuary Trust, Saturday, 25th  
November Holben Pavillion, Foxton Beach  
at 2pm.

## Regular Working Bees

### Get your hands dirty!

Nov 5 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Oct 8, 22 [Dune Garden Working Bee](#).

Nov 11 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Nov 12,26 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Nov 12 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Nov 19 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

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

## Meetings.

### Join an active conversation.

Nov 6 [Water and Environmental Care](#)

[Horowhenua](#)

Nov 7 [Manawatū Estuary Trust..](#)

Nov 8 [Green Drinks](#)

Nov 23 . [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#).

## One-of Events

Nov 15 [Loteria Fundraiser for Ruahine](#)

[Kiwi](#).

Nov 16 [Just Zilch Fundraising Dinner](#)

Nov 25-26 [Palmy Homegrown edible](#)

[garden trail](#)

## 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](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.](#)

## Seed Libraries

The [Manawatū Food Action Seed Exchange](#) has a variety of seed exchanges within the

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.](#)

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. Palmy Homegrown: An edible garden trail of Palmerston North's most productive backyards** will be taking place on 25th and 26th of November- [you can find out more by clicking here.](#)
- 2. 'Let's Grow Roslyn'** gathering at Roslyn Library every second Thursday 10.30-11.10am will start on 19th October. Talk about, share and learn tips from like-minded people in the Roslyn community about gardening and growing kai. All welcome.
- 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:  
**Join us for International Volunteer Managers Day on December 5th!**  
We're celebrating with a special giveaway to honour our dedicated local volunteer managers. [Participate by clicking here.](#)  
**Don't Miss Our Training Session: Developing a Positive Volunteering Culture**  
Join us at Hancock House on 3rd November to celebrate Volunteer Managers' contributions. Limited spots available! To register please email [justin@tepuharakeke.org.nz](mailto:justin@tepuharakeke.org.nz)  
**Last Chance to Exhibit at Volunteering Expo Manawatū!**  
Our event on 24th November is almost fully booked for exhibitors. Act quickly if you want to join us! [Click here to register.](#)

## Employment Opportunities

### [Manawatū Food Action Network: Kai Resilience Kaiāwhina.](#)

ENM's [Manawatū Food Action Network](#) (MFAN) is looking for a Kai Resilience Kaiāwhina to support the continuation, development and implementation of kai resilience-related projects and initiatives throughout the Manawatū. This is a 25 hour per week, fixed term position. Sounds like your dream job? [Click here to find out more and to apply.](#)

<https://www.enm.org.nz/get-involved/work-available>

## Apply for funding

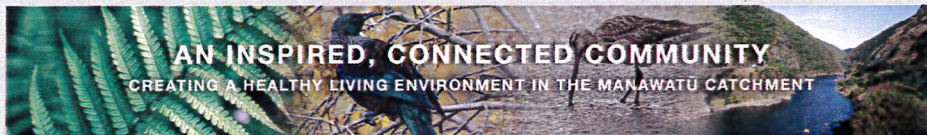
### Environmental Initiatives Fund Small Grants.

. The main purpose of the ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund is to support community projects that align with priorities of both Palmerston North City Council (PNCC) and ENM, to improve environmental outcomes for the city. [Applications for Small Grants \(up to \\$1000\) can be made by individuals and organisations at any time.](#)

### Whakahiko Ōtaki-Energise Ōtaki Fund 2023

Do you have an 'energising' idea or project that could do with funding support? Energise Ōtaki has over \$15,000 to share. Eligible projects can come in any format, from anywhere - as long as they benefit Ōtaki/Te Horo!  
The application is straightforward and the deadline is 5th November.

[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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