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Environment Network Manawatū

# ENM Pānui

Conservation Week- Te Wiki Tiaki Ao Tūroa

14-20 August 2023.

This year for Conservation Week the theme is around asking Aotearoa to **take action for nature**. knowing there is always something we can do to help our environment and the native and endemic species that make Aotearoa unique.

For ENM member groups conservation is not a week; it represents concentrated, dedicated long term work, mostly from volunteers, to engender lasting change for the benefit of all life in our rohe. We are continually humbled by the incredible mahi that goes on in our sector and as part of conservation week, ENM will be putting a spotlight on this, and looking to celebrate this with the aim of encouraging public involvement, appreciation and understanding.

Locally Horizons Regional Council and Central Energy Trust Wildbase Recovery Centre will be joining forces this year to provide a conservation themed event for families for Conservation Week. [This will take place on Saturday 19th August between 10am -2pm.](#)





## Green Gold EnviroSchools Accolade for PNGHS.

ENM was honoured to be invited to be part of Palmerston North Girls High's Schools (PNGHS) 100th celebrations for reaching their Green Gold EnviroSchools status. This is the result of over 20 years of environmental and sustainability focus, and the dedicated work of hundreds of young women and teachers, in particular PNGHS ex teacher now EnviroSchools facilitator Dr Heather Meikle. The school is the first in the region to achieve this accolade, which is the highest EnviroSchools honour. They join 10 other secondary schools in NZ who have achieved this status. The school demonstrates a sharp sustainability focus which is clearly and intentionally interwoven through all subjects and spaces in the school. PNGHS have been a proud ENM member group since 2014.





## A thank you to Genki!

Genki Mitsunaga spent 2 weeks in July volunteering for ENM as part of an internship linked to Kindai University in Japan through Massey University. We loved having him, and we think he had a pretty awesome experience! In his words:

'I have learned many things working at ENM. I designed maps of Palmerston North and Manawatū area member groups, put them on the walls, and researched about Terracycle, painted the walls the way I wanted...I have gardened twice. I had never gardened before because there are no opportunities to do so in Japanese cities...activities with the Ruahine Kiwi allowed me to see and hear New Zealand birds and get a taste of beautiful nature... Thank you so much for giving me wonderful experiences!



## Repair Cafe in Ashhurst.

[Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#) got mobile this month and took ourselves out to Ashhurst in an aim to take the event to city peripheries. The event was a collaboration with local organisation [RECAP](#), who were eager to test the waters and see how popular the event might be in the village. Bikes were popular, and we had some interesting mends including furniture, toys and an old ships clock! We will be back at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre for the rest of 2023, the next cafe being on Saturday 26th of August 9am-12pm. We look forward to seeing you then!

## Upcoming Manawatū Food Action Network Winter Hui

The Manawatū Food Action Network Winter Hui 2023 will be taking place Friday the 18th of August 2023 9:30 am-2:30pm at Te Manawa with the theme of Food Waste: A Global Problem with Local Solutions.

We will be launching our Community Composting Project and the Manawatū Food Rescue Guide and Food Rescue Best Before Guidelines which are newly created resources that will be free to take back to your organisation.

This hui is a space to come together, learn and grow for those working within the food space and [you can register for the event here](#)







## Upcoming Plastic Pollution Art exhibition

Regular visitors to the ENM office space may have noticed, a varied and accumulating pile of debris in the corner and asked the very valid question 'Why?' or very possibly 'What??'

It does have a purpose; in the name of art and awareness around the health of our streams and awa.

These are items collected from various 2023 stream clean-ups which are going to be used as part of an art exhibition linked to the work of [Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge](#) taking place at [Square Edge Community Arts](#) from August 30 -25 September 2023. This has been made possible in part with support from [Palmerston North City Council's Creative Communities Fund](#).

## Ruahine Kiwi: planning for the future.

Strategic planning was the name of the game this month for the Ruahine Kiwi Project as ENM and Te Kaūru Eastern Manawatū River Hapū Collective got together under the guidance of the amazing Rebecca Bell to work out the 'what nexts?'

We understand that this is a forever project and though we are on track to release kiwi in 2026, there will be much necessary mahi to keep them flourishing. We know and are grateful that we don't work in isolation, and that there are other incredible predator control projects we work with and alongside. We are clear it's not just kiwi. The work done to control predator pests has a huge effect on other species of flora and fauna resulting in a rich, vibrant ecosystem supporting a plethora of life. It's exciting, impactful work that we are proud to be involved in.

Please support us. [Donations of eggs via the Egg Project](#), [donations of money](#), or [donations of time](#), all are of [incredible value](#).



## Opportunities to get involved

### Repair Cafes

**Repair and connect.**

**August 26** [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#).

**N.B Back in Palmy for the rest of 2023**

**August 12** [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

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### Regular Events

**Join in!**

**Every Friday** [Fridays for Future](#)

Peaceful protest for climate action.

**Every Tuesday & Wednesday**

[Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.



## Crop Swaps

Share and learn.

August 13 [Palmy Crop Swap](#).

August 26 [Ashhurst Crop Swap \(RECAP\)](#)

## Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

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

## AGM's

26 October. [Environment Network Manawatu AGM](#).

## Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Aug 6 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Aug 13, 27 [Dune Garden Working Bee](#).

Aug 12 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Aug 13, 27 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Aug 13 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Aug 20 [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.

## 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

Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday

[Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) .

August 1, 15, 29 [Let's Grow Awapuni](#).

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

Aug 9 & 23 [Let's Grow Highbury](#).

## Workshops and talks

Be informed.

Aug 10 [Special Screening: We can Produce our own Power: Community Energy Projects in Aotearoa'](#).

Aug 19 [Conservation Whanau Day](#)

## Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

Aug 1 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#).

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

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

Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Aug 11 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch](#).

Aug 24 . [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#).

## One-of Working Bees.

Aug 12 [Keeble's Bush Restoration Planting](#)

Aug 13 [Palmerston North Religious Diversity Day Community Planting](#)

## 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



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.](#)

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. Did you know that PNCC has an Eco Design Advisor (Nelson Lebo) who offers free advice to Palmerston North residents, architects, designers and builders on sustainable design and energy options for homes?** This is a free service helps the Council meet its objectives as a sustainable city. [Find out more here](#)

**2. [Supegrans Manawatū](#)** is very sad to farewell Fiona and Becs from our team. We thank them for their skills, enthusiasm and dedication to enabling others to take greater control of their own future. However, this does present an exciting opportunity to provide our service differently and we are flexible in how we restaff. If you have skills in cooking, preserving, sewing or other sustainable living initiatives and would like to share them with your community please contact Joanne via email [manager@sgmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:manager@sgmanawatu.org.nz) or ring to have a chat 063543804. We would love to hear from you.

**3. [Growing Gardens and Communities](#)** and Let's Grow Kai are setting up garden beds for people on Thursday mornings 3 August, 10 August and 17 August. Helpers would be great. Contact Beth Lew 0274399565 or [growinggardensandcommunities@gmail.com](mailto:growinggardensandcommunities@gmail.com) for times and addresses.

**4. A Guide to Just Transitions -information and seminar.** Motu Research has just released [a new research-based and action-oriented guide](#) to help communities and organisations run their own just transition processes in response to challenges like climate change, rapid technological change, employment changes in regions and the transition to renewable energy. The guide offers practical ideas, methods, and tools enabling communities to come together to solve problems in ways that work better for everyone. It draws on tikanga and mātauranga Māori and includes brief case studies of transitions led by iwi, hapū and Māori communities as well as other communities around Aotearoa. There is also an **Online seminar to introduce the guide on 7 August at 12:30 pm to introduce the guide.** [Register here.](#)



5. **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.](#)

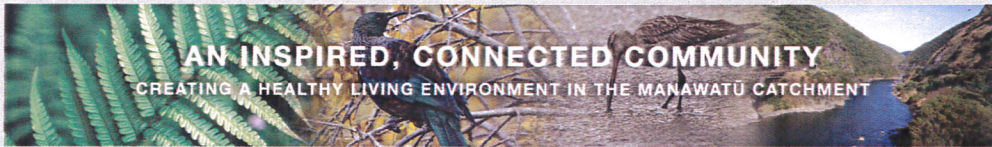
6. **Volunteer Central** always welcomes enquiries from volunteers and has many opportunities available some of which only require a few hours per month or week, making it easy to fit volunteering into your schedule. Some are one-off events, while others offer the flexibility to work from home. 06 354 6027 [info@volunteercentral.nz](mailto:info@volunteercentral.nz)  
[www.volunteercentral.nz](http://www.volunteercentral.nz)

## [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.**

[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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