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Environment Network Manawatū

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Make your dream project a reality. Funding available through ENM's Environmental Initiatives Fund.

Do you have an exciting idea for an environmental project for our city?

Does your environmental group need funding to increase reach and capacity?

Have you got great ideas and vision which could be accelerated with financial support?

Closing on the [14th of March](#), an application to the Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants round could be an opportunity to fund that Palmerston North based sustainability or biodiversity initiative that needs the wings to fly.

The fund has enabled some incredible projects; from pathways to water tanks, from composting projects to gardens, from musical productions to preserving.

Find out more about what was [funded last year here](#), and you can find out more [about the fund and start making your application here](#):



Environmental Initiatives Fund



Celebrating Volunteering:

Laurin Benedict- ENM Intern.

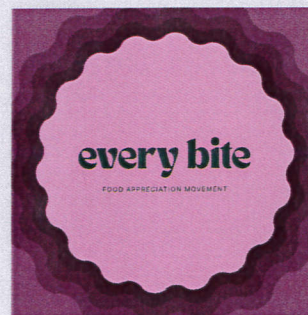
The realisation that holistic development cannot be achieved by a singular view brought Laurin Benedict to ENM as its current volunteer intern where she will be a welcome presence over the space of the next three months.

Laurin arrived to Palmerston North close to 11 months ago from India to pursue her Masters in Sustainable Development Goals specializing in Environment [Sustainability at Massey University....](#)

Every Bite first trial concluded.

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.

The national programme has concluded its first participant trial. Feedback gathered from trial participants and facilitators throughout the programme will be analysed and the programme adjusted as required to roll out to the next round of participant testing in April and May.



Repair Cafe back again for 2024!

Despite the mighty Festival of Cultures happening on the same day we had a steady cafe with 48 mends, and around 45 visitors this month.

We enjoyed getting back into it and to be able to help people fix the things that they love.



Enthusiastic volunteer
sparky needed!



N.B we will NOT be holding a cafe in March as this falls on Easter Weekend. Our next cafe will take place on Saturday 27th April.

9am-12pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.

Enthusiastic Electrician Needed!

Electrical mends are in demand at the Repair Cafe and we understand how much people want this service for those small ticket items, of little value, but which have a big impact when we send them to landfill.

If you are or if you know an electrician who would love to volunteer, even just a couple of times a year we would love you to get in touch.

Email Helen on comms@enm.org.nz

Community Composting trial a success.

Did you know that globally, an estimated 40% of all food produced is lost or wasted along the food chain, with 27.30% of total food loss or waste occurring at home? Cue the Manawatū Food Action Network Community Composting Trial, which has been quietly happening over the last 7 weeks.

We have been gently distributing home composting bins, and with the help of volunteers setting up composting sites and registering participants willing to collect and drop off their food waste for at least the duration of the trial.

We currently have:

- 6 active food waste collection and composting sites participating. 2 in Highbury, 2 in Westend, 1 in Awapuni, 1 in Roslyn.
- Across the 6 sites, we have allocated 50 benchtop food waste collection buckets to people, with 37 of these people actively participating.
- To date, these 37 participants have made 136 drop-offs in total, amounting to 0.498 tonnes of food waste being diverted from landfill.
- One Westend site has been running for 7 weeks, has 16 active participants, who have dropped off 0.309 tonnes of household food waste in 78 loads (19.29kg per person).

Get involved! We are still looking for participants: to either collect and drop off their household food waste, or to host food waste collection and composting sites.

Email us on kai.security@enm.org.nz





Our thank to Leana Hamlin.

We farewelled a true wahine toa from our organisation; our Community Kai Champion Leana Hamlin.

Leana has worked under the auspices of our [Manawatū Food Action Network](#) for almost 18 months, with a focus on garden installation and support linked to [Growing Gardens and Communities - Manawatū](#) . Leana simply loves supporting people on their journey to food security and does it with heart, soul and passion that is infectious and inspirational.

A huge thank you on behalf of Environment Network Manawatū, MFAN and the wider community for the lives you have touched, and the gift that is you.

Ruahine Kiwi Progress.

Watch this space for exciting new developments as the project evolves in mid 2024 when our Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature contract is completed.

You can support us by:

1. **Donating eggs** through a fantastic scheme set up by local business [The Egg Project](#). We need around 100 eggs a week to make sure our traps are baited.
2. **By making a donation.** Large or small it all helps and will contribute to ensuring that predator pests are eliminated so we can make our rohe kiwi friendly for 2026.

www.enm.org.nz/manawatu-river-source-sea/donate-ruahine-kiwi

3. **By volunteering.** From July 2024 we will be looking for volunteers to help support our work in the understanding that we may have reduced staff capacity. [There are varied opportunities to get involved.](#)



Expanding our recycling opportunities.

We are excited to announce some new recycling opportunities available at the ENM office.

Starting Wednesday 6th March, we will be accepting wine bottle tops and plastic number 2 lids.

You are welcome to bring household quantities of these items to the ENM office, 145 Cuba Street from 9am-4pm Monday- Thursday. Please ensure:

1. They are clean.
2. That the lids are number 2 plastic (think milk bottle lids)
3. Just household quantities.

3. They are sorted. (i.e., you separate wine bottle and plastic lids).

Please contact comms@enm.org.nz for more information

Opportunities to get involved

Repair Cafes

Repair and connect.

Mar 2nd [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

Mar 23 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

No Palmerston North Repair Cafe in March.

Crop Swaps

Share and learn

Mar 2 [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst.](#)

Mar 10 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

Mar 10 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

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

Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Mar 3 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Mar 10, 24 [Dune Gardens, Foxton.](#)

Mar 9 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Mar 10, 24 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Mar 10 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Mar 17 [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.

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.](#)

Mar 6, 13,20,27 [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)

Workshops and talks

Be informed.

Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

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

Mar 5 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

Mar 28 [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#)

One-of Events

Mar 15 [Positive Volunteer Culture Workshop](#) .hosted by Te Pū Harakake.

Mar 28 [Confident Public Speaking Workshop](#) hosted by Te Pū Harakake.

The Egg Project

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.](#)

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.

2. Palmerston North City Library's annual creative writing project, 'Versions' this year has the theme "whenua / earth", tying in with our Local History Week.

There's no minimum word count or and the writing can be submitted in any form, from a few lines of poetry to a 3,000-word short story, to a play script.

[Find out more on the library blog here](#)

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

Horizons Regional Council Regional Land Transport Plan Midterm Review

The regional Land Transport Plan sets out the strategic direction for land transport across the Horizons Region.

This mid-term review has been developed with regional partners with agreement on what the objectives and investment priorities should be, along with which activities we want to pursue and in what order of priority.

[Click here to submit and find out more.](#)

Closes 11th March 5pm.

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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