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Environment Network Manawatū

## ENM Pānui

### Plastic Pollution Solutions: Your Choice, Your Voice An Art Exhibition.

Minimising our use of plastics is one of the hardest problems that we face. Plastic Pollution is invading our planet and Palmerston North is no exception, with plastic in our river and streams journeying out to the ocean.

Environment Network Manawatū's Plastic Pollution Challenge has been on a five-year mission to clean up local streams, raise awareness about the issue of plastic pollution and change public perceptions. 1200 volunteers have salvaged more than 2000 rubbish bags of litter plus hundreds of large items from more than 250km of urban waterways.

This incredible mahi will be showcased in an upcoming art event at **Square Edge Arts Centre** running from **1-23 September 2023** Titled 'Plastic Pollution Solutions: Your Choice, Your Voice'. The exhibition will examine the impact of consumer choices and the much-needed actions of stream clean-up volunteers - then invites exhibition visitors to have a say.

This has been made possible in part with support from [Palmerston North City Council's Creative Communities Fund](#). You can find out more about the event [here](#).



### Celebrating Volunteering: Eve Hill, Palmerston North Girls' High School (PNGHS)

Eve Hill radiates enthusiasm and pride when she speaks of her work as co-leader of the PNGHS Enviro-Group, which she has been involved in since she was a year 9 student. Now in year 12 she is deeply committed to moving the school towards solar energy, 'Two years of meetings but we will get there' she notes, and of getting year 9 students actively involved in sustainability linked activities. 2023 has been an auspicious year for PNGHS, an Enviroschool that recently [achieved the much-lauded Green- Gold status...](#)

### Evening Course of Future Living Skills.

Our third and final Future Living Skills programme for 2023 will start on Tuesday 12th September from 5:30pm 7:30pm [and registrations are open now.](#)

The programme of friendly and interactive workshops runs over 8 weeks with the aim of helping you become more sustainable in your daily life.

This course will differ from others in that there will be 6 evening sessions in Palmerston North and two practical Saturday afternoon sessions (Gardening and Composting) in Feilding,

We encourage participants to come to most of the workshops but do recognise that people have busy lives and may choose to come to just those that they are most interested in.

#### Future Living Skills

**We're keen to help you learn practical ways to live more healthily, sustainably and possibly save some money.**

Eight free interactive workshops led by council and community experts covering gardening, reducing waste, making compost, saving energy (while having a warmer drier home), preparing for disasters, and lots more.

When: Tuesdays 12, 19 September, 10, 17, 24, 31 October 5:30pm 7:30pm, Palmerston North City Library  
Saturday 14th October Gardening Workshop, Feilding  
Saturday 21st October Composting Workshop, Feilding

Register at:  
enm.org.nz or support@enm.org.nz  
The programme is free though koha is appreciated









## Calling all Sparkies! We would love you to help at Palmerston north Repair Cafe!

[Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#) is eager to find a regular electrician for our events, which take place the last Saturday at every month. Mends on small electrical items are a constant request from our visiting community. These are items that are usually not of enough value to be taken to a commercial electrician (such as lamps, kids toys etc) but which can be mended and saved from landfill. Please contact Helen King on 06 255 0126 or [comms@enm.org.nz](mailto:comms@enm.org.nz) to find out more.

The next cafe is on Saturday 30th of September at 9am-12pm. We look forward to seeing you then!

## The Manawatu Food Rescue Guide.

Our Manawātū Food Action Network recently launched a very important piece of work that has been simmering in the background for the last year, namely the 'Manawātū Food Rescue Guide' and a set of 'Food Rescue Best Before Guidelines'. These can be accessed and downloaded on our website and collected from our offices on 145 Cuba Street. These resources were one of the many outcomes of the work of Jono Naylor, our Food Rescue Lead. The other less visible part has been increased connections and communication between organisations, groups and individuals in the sector, which will only result in better outcomes linked to food security and sovereignty for our people in our rohe. [Go here to view and download these resources.](#)



## ENM AGM- for your diary.

ENM's AGM will take place on Thursday 26th of October, 5pm drinks and nibbles, AGM proper starting at 5:30pm at Palmerston North Community Leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street.

Invitations will be sent out soon, and we ask you to this stage mark this in your diaries, as an opportunity to join us and celebrate the successes of our year.

## Ruahine Kiwi

Ruahine Kiwi is now celebrating having 1747 traps out in the field and hitting a target of 300 mustelids with a total of 311 now caught. Mustelids are our target eradication pest for ensuring the safe reintroduction of kiwi by 2026.

### How can I help?

1. **By 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. We have had around 500 eggs donated over the last year but desperately need more. [Donate an egg \( or 10!\)](#) and support a generous local business that is right behind our mahi.

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 re introduction by 2025. [Click here to do this.](#)

Any questions, get in touch. [comms@enm.org.nz](mailto:comms@enm.org.nz)



## Opportunities to get involved

### Repair Cafes

**Repair and connect.**

Sep 30 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe.](#)

N.B Back in Palmy for the rest of 2023

Sep 16 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

Sep 9 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

### Crop Swaps

**Share and learn.**

Sep 9 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

Sep 10 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

### Local Markets

**Eat seasonally, buy locally.**

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

First and third Sunday [Hokowhiti 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 Sunday, Monday, Wednesday

[Wildlife Foxton Trust .](#)

Sep 12,26 [Let's Grow Awapuni.](#)

Sep 16 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

Sep 6,20 [Let's Grow Highbury.](#)

### Workshops and talks

**Be informed.**

Sep 1-27 [Plastic Pollution solutions: Your Choice, Your Voice. An Art Exhibition.](#)

Sep 14 [Election 2023 Community Panel. Te Pu Harakeke](#)

Sep 16. [Seeds! How to share them and Grown them.](#) RECAP, Ashhurst.

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

## Regular Working Bees

**Get your hands dirty!**

Sep 3 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Sep 10, 24 [Dune Garden Working Bee.](#)

Sep 9 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

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

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Sep 10 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Sep 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.

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 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

Sept 16-22 [Keep NZ Beautiful Clean Up week.](#)

## Meetings.

**Join an active conversation.**

Sep 4 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Sep 5 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

Sep 6 [Manawatū River Source to Sea meeting](#) **CANCELLED FOR SEPTEMBER.**

Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Sep 12 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)

Sep 28 . [Manawatū Beekeepers Club.](#)

## One-of Working Bees.

Sept 3 [Forest and Bird 65th Birthday Tree 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 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

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.](#)

Patikiti 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. 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)

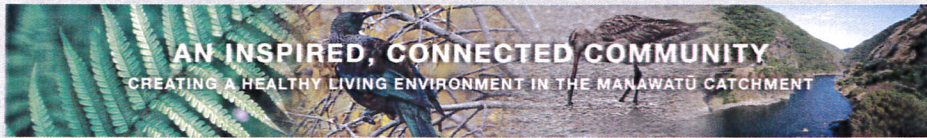
**3. The Wednesday Challenge**, piloted in Tauranga in 2022, is now moving into towns and cities across New Zealand and ENM's newest member group, [the Greasy Chain Charitable Trust](#) would love to start up one here. The challenge is to have as many people as possible ride, walk or even car-pool to work/school on a Wednesday each week, thus getting people starting a habit of being more active – in our case cycling. Participants are encouraged to log their rides (or walks) on an app to keep a track of their progress. It's been found that the best results come when people take the challenge in groups, such as from one firm, business, community group or even school. Get started by registering at <https://www.wednesdaychallenge.co.nz/> as an individual and there will be a prompt to join a team if you intend doing it as a group. You should decide in advance on the team name. The first person to register also registers the team name, so your friends/team mates subsequently join that team. It's also possible to have teams within teams or sub-teams if you wish – some firms/organisations have internal competitions – all that's up to how you want to do it. All very flexible.. Please advise Bob Selden at [bob@familybusinesscentral.co.nz](mailto:bob@familybusinesscentral.co.nz) after you've registered so that we can keep track of how many people are taking the challenge for future promo and funding opportunities.

## 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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