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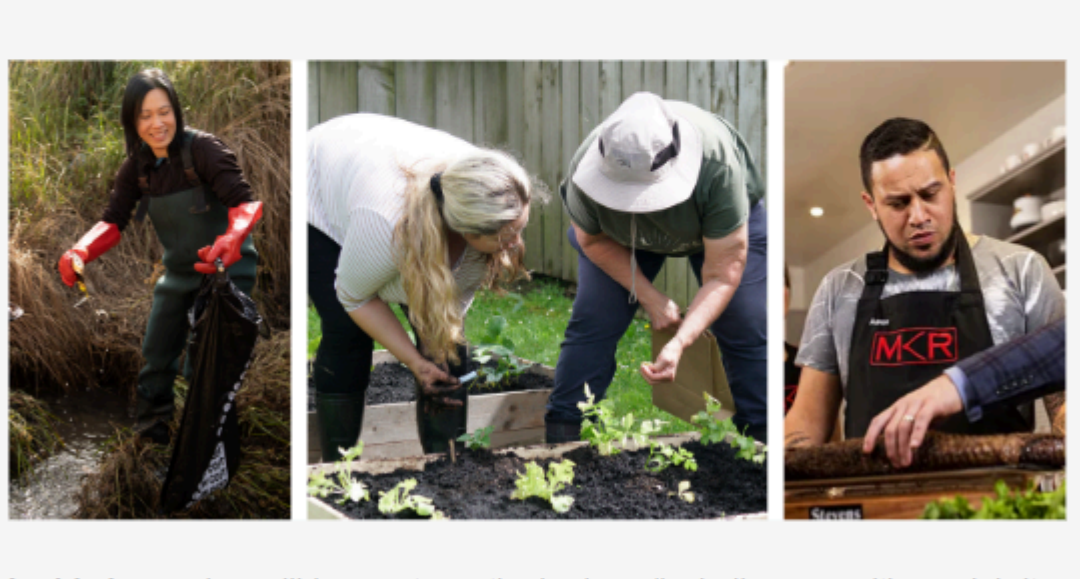
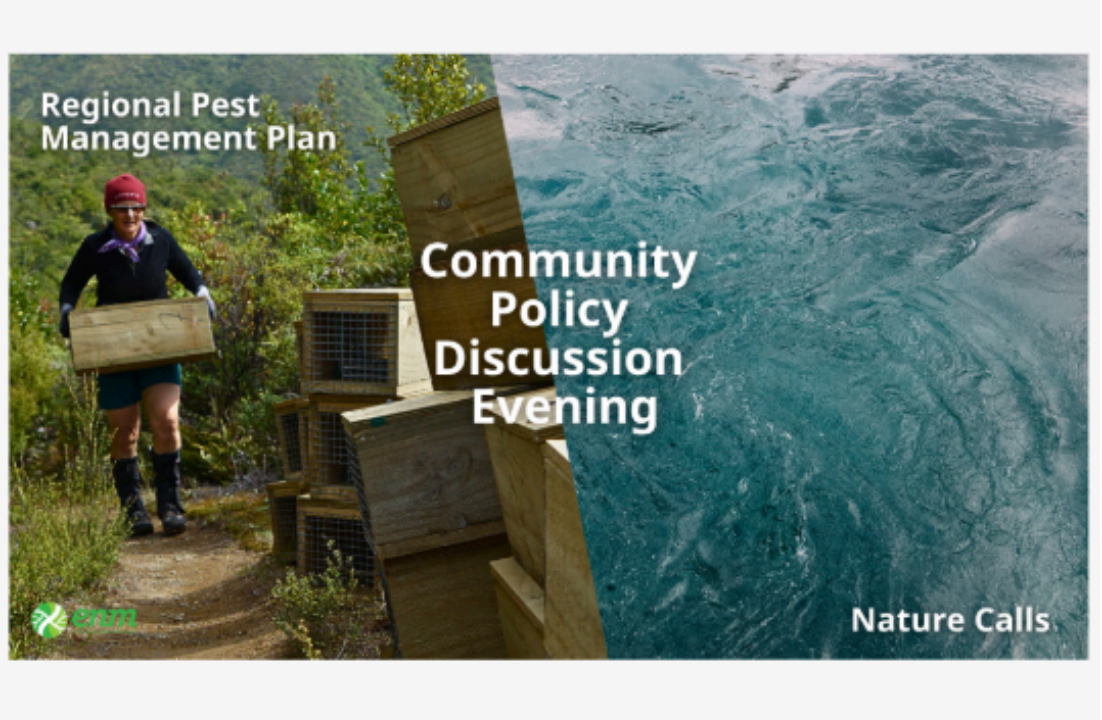


In this issue: incredible events on the horizon (including one with a celebrity chef!), exciting new volunteering opportunities, a chance to have your say through local advocacy, free trees up for grabs, and fantastic funding opportunities you won't want to miss.

ENM SUBMISSIONS

Input from our network helps ENM make strong submissions that encourage environment-focussed decision making. Let us know what you think ENM highlight to our local government bodies in these upcoming consultation/s.

Nature Calls & Regional Pest Management Plan


Regional Pest Management Plan
Community Policy Discussion Evening
Nature Calls

You are invited to attend an evening of discussion and consultation on two important policies under consideration by our city and regional councils. This is a special opportunity to hear from experts and decision-makers about wastewater and pest management policies that will affect the health of the catchment for years to come. Your specific experience and local knowledge is invaluable to this endeavour.

The event will run from **5.30pm to 8.30pm on Monday the 13th of April** at the Wilkins Theatrette at **Te Manawa Museum**.

PNCC will present first on Nature Calls, a $480 million project about the future of how we discharge our wastewater. PNCC will invite feedback on Nature Calls soon and this meeting will help to provide insight on Nature Calls.

We will provide dinner, then Horizons representatives will speak and consult on the Regional Pest Management Plan Review.

We hope to see you there and hear your views.

Have your say on council annual budgets

Palmerston North City Council are currently consulting on their annual budget, with submissions open until 10th April. Make sure you take a look and have your say. This is a good time to tell the council what you think it important - what have they got right? What have they missed?

Manawatu District Council are redeveloping their Strategic Goals, which will help them to prioritise and plan for their next Long Term Plan. These goals will likely help drive the council's direction for a long period so if you live in, or connect to the Manawatū District, this is a really important topic to be part of. Let MDC know what you think by Monday 24th April.

VOLUNTEERING

Start Volunteering

Our network is always looking for passionate volunteers to help make a real difference in our community. There are a variety of opportunities available, with time commitments starting from as little as 2 hours a month—perfect for any schedule. Whether you're lending a hand at working bees or offering your skills behind the scenes, every bit of help counts. Interested in joining us?

Creative Crafter
Location: Roslyn Library, 1 Kipling St., PN
Organisation: Upcycling Club One
Commitment: 2:00 - 4:00, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month
Also loking for people who could make Origami cranes at home to give away to the users of the Library.

Treasurer / minute secretary
Location: Palmerston North
Organisation: Greasy Chain
Commitment: 10-12 hours per month
Full info here

See the rest of the list here

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

A collection of stories, updates and events broken down into our four pou.

Biodiversity Protection & Enhancement

Biodiversity Hui: Nurturing Life from Source to Sea

BIODIVERSITY HUI
Nurturing Life from Source to Sea

We invite you to join us on the **19th of May 2026 for the Biodiversity Hui: Nurturing Life from Source to Sea.** Chris Smith at Wildbase Recovery has kindly offered to host us at their beautiful facility in the Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North. The morning will include a guided tour and talk about their important conservation work.

Members are also invited to speak about their own biodiversity enhancing projects and their future plans in a soap-box style round of talks that are sure to inform and inspire. We will conclude with a light lunch and a chance to mingle with friends old and new.
Spaces at the hui are strictly limited by the venue, so please RSVP promptly if you wish to attend. I welcome all members that would like the chance to speak about their work in the catchment to let me know via the RSVP form.

RSVP Here

Green Corridors Working Bees

Apr 1st, 11th & 25th
When: 1st Wednesday every month, 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month
Area: Summerhill. Email us to get the exact location for this week.

Green Corridors is a voluntary group that works with Palmerston North City Council to plant reserve areas to encourage native biodiversity. They would like to engage a few extra volunteers to maintain a plantation of young native trees in the Summerhill area. It will be best if volunteers can commit to attending regularly, and good fitness is needed, as work is on sloping and uneven ground.

Email us to sign up

Free Native Trees

A Rocha are giving away free native trees.

Email us to get them

DOC Community Fund – Pūtea Tautiaki Hapori

The DOC Community Fund supports community-led conservation projects on public and private land.

$9.2 million from DOC's Community Fund was awarded to 20 groups protecting threatened species and ecosystems across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Projects were funded for up to three years and covered a range of threatened ecosystems and species across Aotearoa New Zealand, including plants, invertebrates, and birds like tara iti/fairy tern, New Zealand's rarest bird.

The fund received 291 applications, totalling requests for more than $141 million. This was the largest amount of funding ever sought through this fund, compared to $77 million in 2023. With an average grant of $450,000, the funding targeted investment into high-value conservation outcomes, and supported collaboration and engagement with local communities and iwi.

The Fund will be open for applications from Tuesday 31 March 2026 until 5 pm Thursday 30 April 2026.

Full Info Here

Kanorau Koiora Taketake

Indigenous Biodiversity Community Grant
Open till Friday 1 May 2026.

This grant is for community groups who are caring for the whenua and helping local ecosystems flourish. Funding and practical support are available for projects that protect, restore, and celebrate the unique biodiversity of our region.

The Pūtea Hapori Urupare Āhuarangi – Community Climate Response Fund will also be open during the same dates, supporting community-led climate action across the region.

More info here

Horizon's Funding List

Horizons provides a range of funding to support biodiversity and the environment.

Click here

Forest & Bird
Manawatū
BRANCH

April monthly meeting and AGM

Agapanthus: Friend or Foe?

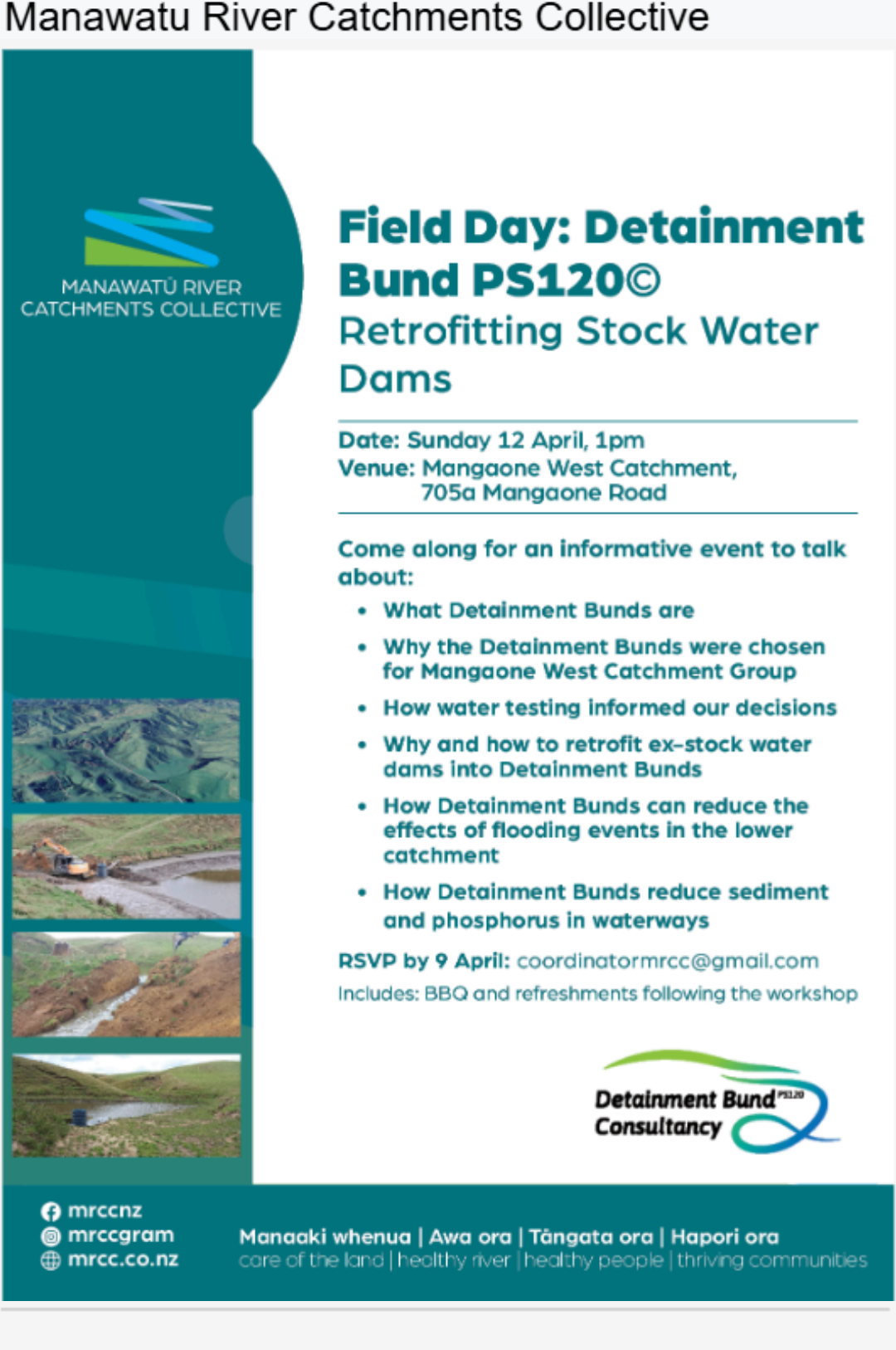
Tuesday 14th April from 7.00 p.m.
PN City Library, George Street Entrance, Palmerston North

Speaker: Murray Dawson AHRIH, MNZM, Cultivated plants project manager from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture

The Manawatū Branch AGM will start at 7.15 p.m.
followed by the Monthly Talk
(The talk only will be streamed via zoom starting about 7.30 p.m.)

Join Zoom Meeting from 7.30 p.m.
All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated
Join their mailing list on their website

Manawatu River Catchments Collective



MANAWATŪ RIVER CATCHMENTS COLLECTIVE

Field Day: Detainment Bund PS120©
Retrofitting Stock Water Dams

Date: Sunday 12 April, 1pm
Venue: Mangaone West Catchment, 705a Mangaone Road

Come along for an informative event to talk about:

- What Detainment Bunds are
- Why the Detainment Bunds were chosen for Mangaone West Catchment Group
- How water testing informed our decisions
- Why and how to retrofit ex-stock water dams into Detainment Bunds
- How Detainment Bunds can reduce the effects of flooding events in the lower catchment
- How Detainment Bunds reduce sediment and phosphorus in waterways

RSVP by 9 April: coordinatormrcc@gmail.com
Includes: BBQ and refreshments following the workshop

Detainment Bund PS120 Consultancy

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Manaaki whenua | Awa ora | Tāngata ora | Hapori ora
care of the land | healthy river | healthy people | thriving communities

Conservation week - April

With conservation week starting on the 20th of April, we will have comms coming out about how you can get involved! Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see what's happening.

Circular Economy

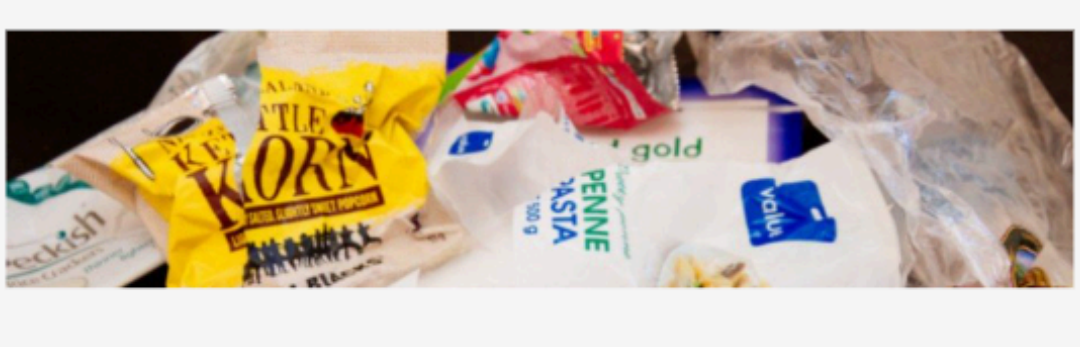
Host your own Stream Clean-Up!

We've got free equipment and a step-by-step guide to make organising easy.

It's super easy:
✓ Get some friends together
✓ Choose a day
✓ Pick your section on the map
✓ Follow the guide and register your event

Click here to learn more

Start saving your soft plastics at home



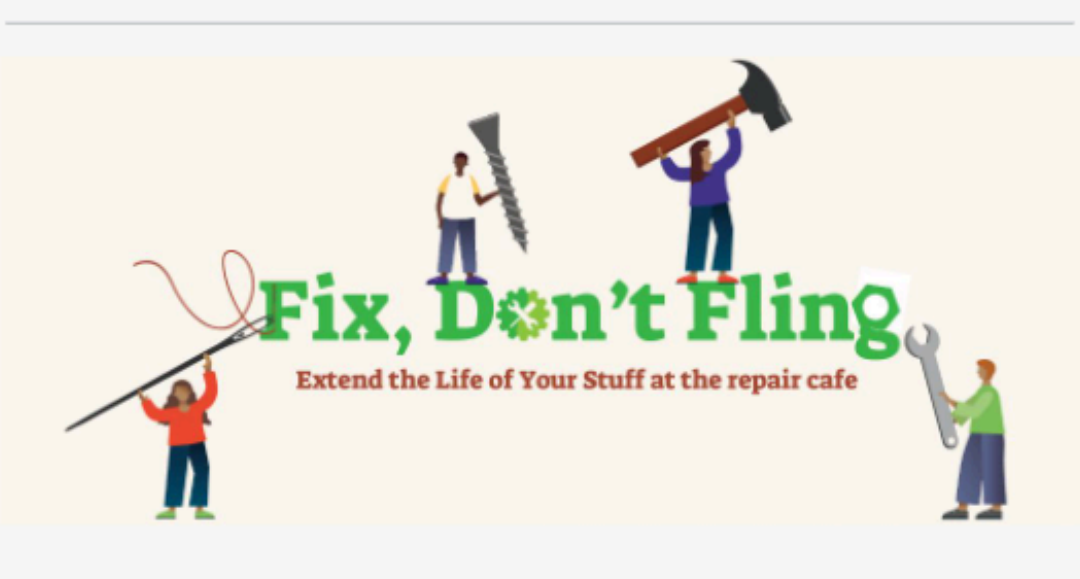
From July, you'll be able to recycle common soft plastic items with PNCC, for example:

- bread bags
- bubble wrap
- cereal and snack food bags
- chip packets and confectionery wrappers (lightly foiled)
- courier bags
- dairy product wraps and bags
- frozen food bags
- pet food bags (dry food only)
- toilet paper and paper towel wrapping.

Don't drop them anywhere yet! They are still getting organised.

Upcycle One Club

Craft day:
2:00 - 4:00 Tuesday 24th March at Roslyn Library, 8 Kipling St Palmerston North (off Vogel St)
Free for both adults and children
Activities: Origami and bottle top games


Fix, Don't Fling
Extend the Life of Your Stuff at the repair cafe

Get your things repaired

Repair Cafes are free pop-up events where local people bring in their broken and damaged belongings and local volunteer experts do their best to repair them.

Levin Repair Cafe
April 11, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
The Senior Citizens Hall on the corner of Cambridge and Montgomery Streets

Feilding Repair Cafe
April 18 - 10am till 11.45am
14 Bowen St Feilding

Palmerston North Repair Cafe
May 2, 2026, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM (no April event)
Palmerston North Community leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street, Terrace End

Climate Action

Sustainable Living Workshops

The program has already started but it's not too late to sign up! Join us for eight practical, interactive workshops designed to support you in living a more sustainable, connected life. The next two sessions are around gardening: 31 March and 21 April

More Info Here

Get your teen's school in the Climate Clarity Hui

CLIMATE CLARITY IN A CHANGING WORLD
PROTECT EARTH
TAKE CARE EARTH

Helping plant the seeds of change and reap the benefits of a healthier, greener planet. This event will help young people understand the current climate issues and leading positive change.

Date: 22nd April
Time: 9.30am -2pm
Location: Convention Centre, 354 Main Street, Palmerston North

Make sure your teen's school is registered to get involved with this wonderful event!

If your'e a member group of ENM and you've got printed materials you'd like visible at the event, please email us to get it organised.

Register Here

SuperGrans Manawatū AGM

SuperGran invite you to their AGM is on Thursday 9th April at 2pm.
Held at SuperGrans office: Level 2, 74 The Square, Palmerston North.
All welcome.

RSVP by Tuesday 7th April

Community Food Sovereignty

SuperGrans need fruit

The fruit supply for SuperGrans' preserving workshops has dried up, and their freezer is now nearly empty. If SuperGrans cannot source fruit soon, they will be unable to continue running their preserving workshops for much longer.

Do you know of any free options in Palmy for SuperGrans to collect? The fruit also needs to be of reasonable quality, as they cannot use produce that is past its best.

Email SuperGrans

Food Appreciation Month - May

Food Appreciation Month
Pasifika Dessert Edition

Join our 4-week group programme

Pasifika Dessert Edition Launch Event
Tuesday, 5th May | 6.45 – 8.30pm | All Saints, 338 Church Street, PN

- Tasting: Enjoy a delicious dessert prepared during the demo
- Tips, Tricks & Recipes: Practical take-home resources to reduce food waste
- Programme introduction: what the next 4 weeks look like and how to get involved

Click here to find out more

Kai o Ngā Tau Ki Mua
Food Futures

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Kai o Ngā Tau Ki Mua
FOOD FUTURES
Register to secure your spot

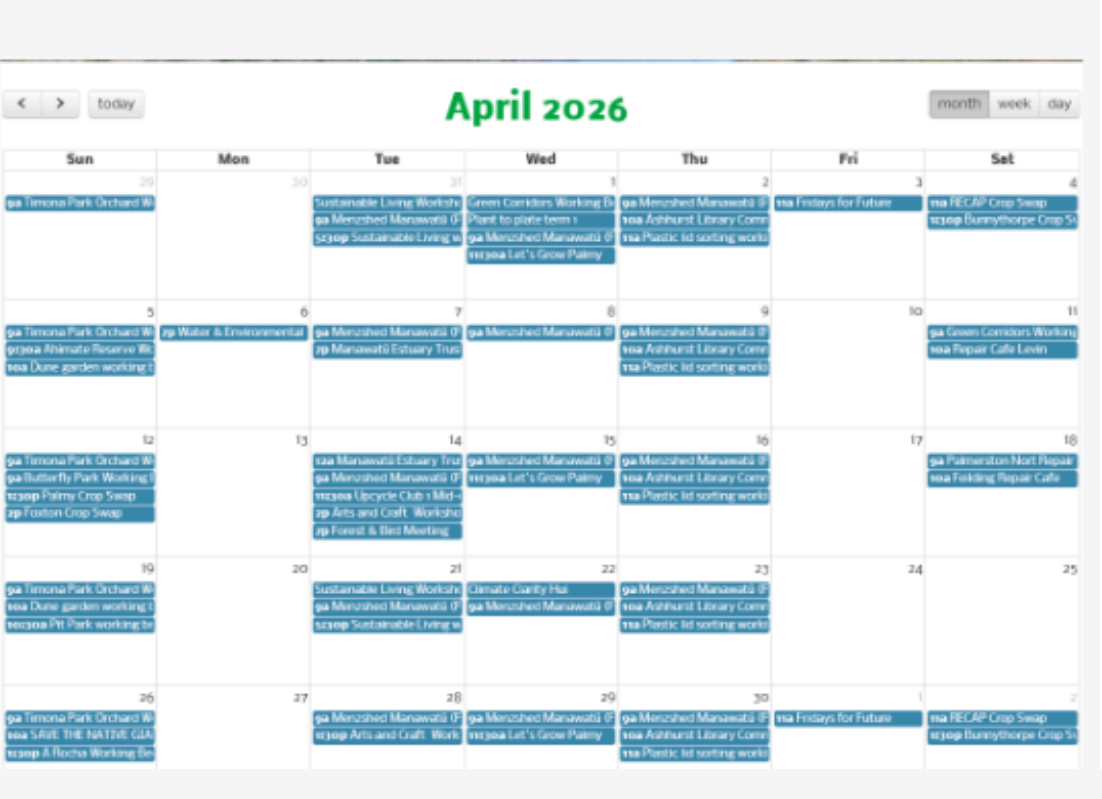
Building Climate-Resilient Food Systems
21 July 2026 | 9:00am–5:00pm | Palmerston North Conference & Function Centre

A conference grounded in place, partnership, and diverse knowledge systems, recognising the role of tangata whenua, primary producers, and communities in shaping resilient food futures.

- Explore the interconnected relationships between food production, climate change, and resilience in the Manawatū and wider Aotearoa context
- Share practical, locally grounded solutions across farming, policy, science, and community sectors
- Foster collaboration that leads to collective action for more resilient, low-emissions, and equitable food systems

Register Your Interest

EVENTS CALENDAR



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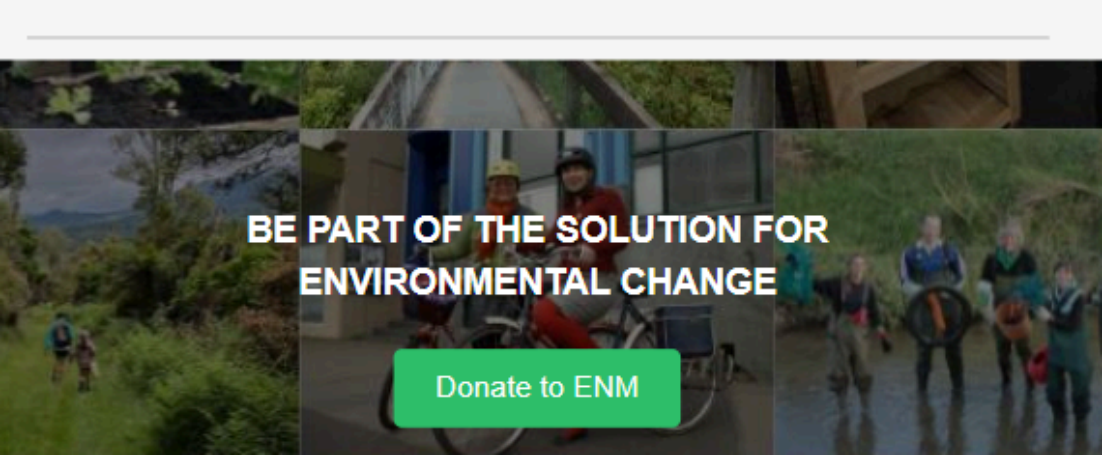
Save the Dates - ENM Events

Wednesday 22 April – Climate Clarity Hui - full-day focus on supporting and developing youth action supported by ENM.
Tuesday 19 May – Biodiversity Hui: Nurturing Life from Source to Sea
Tuesday 23 June – Winter Solstice Hui: Dreamtime for an Environment Centre
Tuesday 21 July – Kai o Ngā Tau Ki Mua. Food Futures: Building Climate-Resilient Food Systems.
Thursday 13 August – Circular Economy Hui: Education and Advocacy toward Waste Minimization
Thursday 24 September – Food Sovereignty meets Circular Economy: All about Composting
Thursday 22 October – ENM Membership Gathering & Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 3 November – Biodiversity Hui: Rewilding from Back Garden to Back Block
Thursday 1 December – Community Food Sovereignty Summer Hui: Celebrating Impacts of Volunteer-Led Environmental Action

See all events here



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