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Environment Network Manawatū

May Pānui

In this issue: Biodiversity Hui, ENM Winter Solstice Hui, Food Appreciation Month, Climate Clarity Youth Led Hui, The Loder Cup Award, local submission updates, and much more!



ENM's socials and other notices will be a little quieter for a few weeks while our amazing Comms Lead Rennie recovers from a cycling accident. Please do look out for cyclists (and pedestrians) and continue to advocate for safer roads.

ENM Winter Solstice Hui: Dreamtime for an Environment Centre.

Interested in having an inspirational, local environment centre? Then this event is for you! Open to all, we'd love to hear from our members to help us articulate a firm vision and plan practical steps toward achieving this long-held dream.

Further details to follow but for now, hold the date **23rd June 5:30 - 8pm** and register your interest using [this link](#).

ENM SUBMISSIONS

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

Regional Pest Management Plan review

Our April consultation evening at Te Manawa was a great success. The mayor and some city councillors were in attendance, as well as a strong contingent of ENM member group representatives.

Robust discussions on the future of the Palmerston North wastewater system and the Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan (RPMP) were had, aided by a delicious dinner prepared by a very generous volunteer, thanks Jamie! Many thanks also to the team at Te Manawa for hosting us in their beautiful venue.

The date for submissions on the RPMP has been extended to the 15th of May, so you still have time to contribute your experience and knowledge about pest species in the region.

[Have your say | Regional Pest Management Plan Review | Have Your Say](#)

ENM's draft submission on the RPMP has been circulated among our biodiversity-focussed members and we have received thoughtful and helpful feedback. If you would like to see the current ENM draft submission, you can do so [here](#).

Please send any feedback to Mark at biodiversity@enm.org.nz by Sunday the 10th of May.



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Have your say on the future treatment and discharge of Palmy's Wastewater



As part of our Long Term Plan, you told us the cost of our previous proposal in 2021 was too high. We've looked at alternatives and are now consulting on your feedback on these options



Have your say by 4pm 31 May 2023
Learn more: pncc.govt.nz/natural

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 looking 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](#)

Tree planting volunteers

Keen to get fit in the fresh air and make the world a little bit greener? We need you! It's tree planting season and ENM is looking for volunteers for native reforestation projects in Manawatū. If you'd like to be notified of opportunities to volunteer on native planting projects, please email Mark at biodiversity@enm.org.nz

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



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. We welcome all members that would like the chance to speak about their work in the catchment to let me know via the [RSVP form](#).

Horizon's Funding List

Horizons provides a range of funding to support biodiversity and the environment. Please use [this link](#) to see the full list of current grants and sponsorship opportunities, **including** the Community Climate Response Fund which closes on the **8th May**.

Restoring Wetlands Fund

Fonterra has partnered with NZ Landcare Trust (NZLT) to support wetland restoration across rural Aotearoa, committing \$250,000 per year to fund community restoration projects. Grants of up to \$60,000 are available in 2026. For more information, please use [this link](#).

The Loder Cup

The Loder Cup acknowledges outstanding achievements in flora conservation work. The Cup is awarded by the Minister of Conservation each year to a person or group of people who best represent the objectives of the Cup, to celebrate their outstanding conservation work in Aotearoa New Zealand. You can find out more about the history of the Cup and its previous winners on the Department of Conservation's website [here](#).



Circular Economy

Kings Birthday Weekend Book sale!

There are over 100,000 books plus games, records, DVDs, CDs, jigsaw puzzles, comics and sheet music

FREE ENTRY and same great prices as last year.

The Barber Hall, Arena 5 Waldegrave Street, Palmerston North. **Friday 29th May, 10am- 8pm.**
Saturday 30th May, 10am-6pm. Sunday 31st May, 10am-4pm. Monday 1st June, 10am-2pm



Palmerston North Repair Cafe

May 30, 2026, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Palmerston North Community leisure Centre, 569 Ferguson Street, Terrace
End



Climate Action



Climate Clarity Hui

22 April 2026 was Earth Day, marking 56 years of global environmental action focussing on community-led climate solutions and renewable energy adoption. The 2026 theme centred on "Our Power, Our Planet," emphasising people power.

In Palmerston North, 65 students and their teachers from 15 schools celebrated Earth Day by holding a Climate Clarity Youth Forum at the Palmerston North Convention Centre. Building on last year's successful Youth Forum held International Youth Day, 12 August, this year's Youth Forum distinguished itself by being student led, with prominent youth climate action speakers and a student panel.

Read more about this fabulous event on our website [here](#).



**Community
Food Sovereignty**

FOOD APPRECIATION MONTH MAY



Last chance to join our 4-week group [programme](#)

Pasifika Dessert Edition Launch Event

**TONIGHT - 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**

Kai o Ngā Tau Ki Mua - Food Futures



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 [here](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Save the Dates - ENM Events

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 of our events [here](#)