



MANAWATŪ RIVER **SOURCE TO SEA**

2017-2040 *DRAFT*

A WHOLE-OF-CATCHMENT APPROACH TO ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY



COMMUNICATING



CONNECTING



COLLABORATING

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“Manawatū River Source to Sea” intends to bring together the many projects throughout the catchment which are working at enhancing biodiversity¹, the health of rivers and the wellbeing of communities.



“Manawatū River Source to Sea” is a community-led initiative and has been developed by the Biodiversity Cluster Group, of Environment Network Manawatu (ENM)² and members of the wider public. The aim of Manawatū River Source to Sea is to maximise the power and benefits from working together, and sharing ideas and resources. This is an inclusive programme that invites participation from all iwi/hapū, sectors and communities in the Manawatū River Catchment and plains.

VISION:

What Manawatū River Source to Sea will look like in 2040

“Manawatū River Source to Sea” is an integrated network of biodiversity-focused initiatives, including sustainable business activities and other nature-related activities that collectively contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity and provide benefits to the Manawatū River Catchment’s community.

MISSION:

Our overall approach to reach our objectives

To collaborate and connect with the Manawatū River Catchment’s community in a manner that drives the enhancement of biodiversity and the parallel development of a sustainable, extended, nature-based experience from source to sea.



¹ In the context of Manawatū Source to Sea, “biodiversity” encompasses the “diverse biota, fauna and flora native to New Zealand, especially that endemic to the Manawatū River Catchment, functioning in natural ways” (Definition: Dr Jill Rapson, 2016).

² ENM is a charitable umbrella organisation serving environmentally focused not-for-profit community groups in the Manawatū River Catchment.

OBJECTIVES:

Manawatū River Source to Sea sets out to achieve:

- Enhanced biodiversity (with an emphasis on indigenous biodiversity) throughout the catchment;
- A physically connected network of initiatives enhancing biodiversity;
- An enlightened approach to business enhancing biodiversity and cultural, social and economic community wellbeing at the same time;
- A range of sustainable, extended nature-based experiences connected via walking and biking trails;
- Community pride in, and connectivity with, a biodiversity-rich catchment;
- Communities in full support of the Manawatū River Source to Sea vision;
- Communities collaborating with each other and relevant agencies throughout the catchment;
- A well-established research and monitoring programme showing progress over time.

The programme of work will take place on two levels:

- On the overall catchment level, the community umbrella group of Manawatū River Source to Sea will continuously facilitate the support of existing and the initiation of new initiatives;
- On the ground individual community groups will drive and own localised projects.



Key

Environment Network Manawatū Biodiversity Groups' Projects

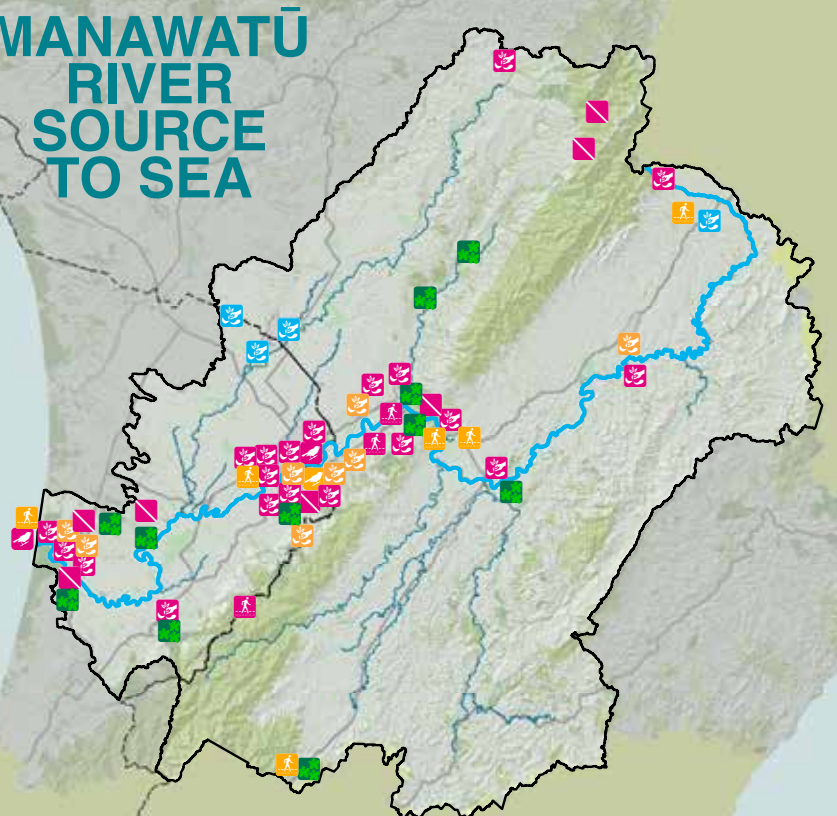
- Active Planting, Nurseries and Restoration Projects
- Active Pest and Weed Control Projects
- Active Wildlife Projects
- Non-Member Group Projects
- Proposed Planting, Nursery and Restoration Projects
- Proposed Wildlife

Other Information

- Reserves
- Active Cycle and Walkway Projects
- Proposed Cycle and Walkway Projects
- Manawatū Catchment Area
- Manawatū River
- Te Araroa Trail
- Tributaries of the Manawatū River
- State Highways



MANAWATŪ RIVER SOURCE TO SEA



A BRIEF HISTORY OF MANAWATŪ RIVER SOURCE TO SEA

Conversations to develop an overall biodiversity strategy for the Manawatū River Catchment were started by members of various community groups in 2014/15, who formed the Biodiversity Cluster. They asked Environment Network Manawatu (ENM) to facilitate communication, connections and collaboration. Initially quarterly meetings were open to all ENM member groups and the wider public. In June 2016 interested parties started to meet monthly to accelerate the conversations and progress a “master plan”.

BIODIVERSITY CLUSTER GROUPS ACTIVELY INVOLVED AT VARIOUS STAGES OF THE PROCESS WERE:

- Wildlife Foxton Trust
- Manawatu Estuary Trust
- A Rocha Manawatu
- Friends of Waitoetoe Park
- Ahimate Reserve Community
- Pit Park People Society Inc.
- Green Corridors Palmerston North
- C.T. Keeble Memorial Forest Trust
- Kiwi Conservation Club
- NZ Landcare Trust
- Palmerston North City Environment Trust
- Te Ao Turoa Environmental Centre – Rangitaane o Manawatu
- Stoney Creek Catchment Care Group
- Ashhurst Action Group
- Forest & Bird Manawatu Branch
- Middle Districts Farm Forestry Association
- Palmerston North City Council
- Horizons Regional Council
- Department of Conservation
- Water Protection Society
- Spotless Facilities Services (NZ) Ltd
- Ruahine Whio Protection Trust



IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING GROUPS WERE REGULARLY INCLUDED IN UPDATES AND CONSULTATION PROCESSES:

- Save our River Trust
- WECA
- REACT
- RECAP
- Te Kāuru Eastern Manawatū River Hapū Collective
- Fish and Game
- Te Araroa Manawatu Trust
- Wildbase Recovery Community Trust
- Apollo Butterfly Park
- Manawatū Walkways Promotion Society
- Railway Land Action Group



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