



21 Years of Environment Network Manawatū



A celebration of 21 years of communication, cooperation and collective action in the environmental sector.



Thousands of inspiring conversations, hundreds of dedicated volunteers, tens of talented staff members and a handful of incredible, ground-breaking projects.

21 years of work in the environmental sector.

Environment Network Manawātū was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on the 18th day of June 2001, and since then has undertaken a journey of communication, cooperation and collective action.

From small beginnings and the passion and drive of a select group of pioneers ENM has evolved today into an environmental organisation that is unique in Aotearoa for being led by the voices and input of its 62 member groups, who it underpins, supports and celebrates.

ENM has evolved through some tumultuous times in its 21 years of existence. From being barely visible and quite nomadic at times to now having a physically accessible

central city location as a base for its 11 staff, 2 collectives and various projects; such could only have been dreamt of by its numerous volunteers who have been its driving force.

From a time when green views were 'fringe' and unpopular, though tireless dedication, tenacity and consistency ENM is now the voice and the hub for the Manawātū Region with close respected relationships with local stakeholders and councils.

What is written here looks to mark and celebrate the people, places and projects who have been with us on this journey, albeit in a small way, but one that we hope captures some of the unique stories, the impact on our environment and the change that this has engendered.





Our sincere thanks to those who made it all possible.

Hundreds of people have been involved in the work of ENM, and thousands touched by its mahi, all of whom have played a part, large or small in the shaping of the organisation as it is today. Our thanks to all of you for your role. Every protest, every submission, every phone call, and every volunteer moment add up to something powerful and meaningful for our people and our environment.

Our acknowledgement to the pioneers who formed ENM, kept going no matter the adversity and who worked to establish its direction, collective and projects understanding the need to keep on pushing.

Our thanks go to all previous and current board members, staff and volunteers who have offered their time, expertise and wisdom in helping create what stands today as the environment hub for the Manawātū Region.

Our appreciation to all our funders who partner with us to ensure our work continues to benefit both people and environment.

Our thanks to our local councils; Palmerston North City Council, Manawātū District Council, Tararua District Council, Horowhenua District Council and Horizons Regional Council for ongoing collaboration and support.

To our strategic community partners who work for other community organisations, government departments and within the environmental sector for adding value and strength to our collective voice.

Our appreciation to our member groups and all the people involved in them, both past and present. Thank you for shaping the organisation through comment, activism, support and tireless volunteer hours. ENM is sum of your passion, dedication and powerful collective voices.

Whilst we acknowledge that it is impossible to capture and acknowledge the impact of every story, and every person involved we are grateful to all who have made our mahi possible.



A brief history of a huge effort



2001-2003

Where: Home-based.

New People: Ross Davies, Lyndsey Chadwick, Paula Allen, Vivienne Nicholls, Ken Milne, David Forrest, Sue Walker, Richard Heerdegen, Harvey Jones, David Chapple, Jenny Edwards, Rochelle Viles, Anna Brooking, Elke Schelling, Adie Leng.

Member Groups: Less than 10

Milestone: Environment Network Manawātū was incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 on the 18th day of June 2001.



'Having no offices...we used to use one of the committee rooms of the council offices for a while. We oversaw the first aspects of a web presence and the various policies.' Harvey Jones, 2002-2003.

2003-2004

Where:

City Future space, PNCC.

New people:

Bruce Thomson.

Member groups: 18

Notable milestones:

Began to source funding from PNCC and Horizons.

2005-2007

Where: Esplanade Environment Centre.

New people: Marilyn Bulloch, Anthony Goldie, Bruce Bulloch, Christine Cheyne, Donald Kerr, Terry Kelly.

Member groups: 18

Notable milestones: Promoting member group activity and awareness of sustainability matters to the public via paper, website, database of membership.



'The hunt for an office space was an ongoing issue in the early days... a highlight was the publication of a document called 'An Invitation to Wildlife' which early coordinator Adie Leng was involved in bringing together'

Marilyn Bulloch. Chairperson 2005-2006

2007-2009

Where: Awapuni Sustainable Development Centre.

New people: Keith Young, Bryony de Boer, Sally Pearce. Gareth Cartwright, Tabitha Manderson.

Member groups: 19

Notable milestones:

- Established links with Palmerston North Community Services Council.
- Much time spent at events and stalls increasing sector awareness.

'One of the most interesting and enjoyable events I was involved in was the Envirotour to Foxton and the Manawātū Estuary in December 2016... We didn't get the weather quite right! It rained a bit during the Piriharakeke walk but cleared up later and I think most people ended up enjoying the day as feedback was generally very positive'

Sally Pearce, ENM Coordinator 2007-2019



2009-2013

Where: Green Hub on Main Street.

New people: Stewart Harrex, Sharon Stevens, Beth Tolley, Geraldine Holmes, Ros Powell, Zaneta Park, MG Gopalan, Donna Robert, Kheng Lim, Trisia Farrelly, Murray Kirk, William Demchick, Ron Paddock, Heike Schiele, Rachel Keedwell, Helen Lehndorf.

Member groups: 19-30

Notable milestones: Development of core values and culture.

'We had to figure out how we could best work together for the benefit of our member groups.. we recognised in hindsight that values and an organisational culture had developed with ideals such as teamwork, consensus decision making, listening to, supporting, connecting and enabling member groups. We had an image of ENM not as an umbrella organisation with power at the top but more like an upside-down umbrella organisation.'

Beth Tolley Chairperson, 2012-2014



2013-2020

Where: The Square above Robert Harris as sub-tenants of SuperGrans Manawatū.

New people: Heinz Fellerhoff, Alistair Cole, Richard Ram, Graeme Finlayson, Matthew McKenzie, Midge Minot, Kaia Costanza-Van den belt, Sarah Galley, Karen Tutt, Jenny Edwards, Francois Vallee, Selwyn Yorke, Ami Coughlan, Reece Pomeroy, Claire Bulloch, Brittany Burnett, Heather Browning, Janine McCready, Pooja Jayan, Amber Filleul, Madz BatachEl.

Member groups: 30-55

Notable milestones:

- The Manawatū Food Action Network is formed in 2016.
- Planning workshop which led to the formation of the Manawatū River Source to Sea Collective in 2017.
- Beginning of the Plastic Pollution Challenge Project in 2019.
- Robust accounting, IT and communication systems put in place.



'My favourite work for ENM was the food action statement I was working on with member groups and Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Inc. in early 2016 just before the food network idea (later Manawatū Food Action Network) was suggested.'

Sharon Stevens, Project Coordinator 2013-2017

2020-2022

Where: 145 Cuba Street.

New people: Nola Fox, Debra Wynn, Kendall Frecklington-Palmer, Georgina Morrison, Jonathon Hannon, Heather Knox, Kerry Jaques, Lisa Christensen, Susana Figlioli, Ellieda Komene, Ian Rasmussen, Charlie Higginson, Cesar Britto Da Graca, Jonathon Hannon, Helen King, Sumeet Kaushal, Dave Mollard, Nelson Harper, Daniel Morrimire, Nina Knez, Wouna le Roux, Vicky Forgie, Tom Shannon, Brian Finch.

Member groups: 55-62

Notable milestones:

- The start of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project in 2021
- Launch of the 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy (KRS) in 2022
- Focused funding opportunities and success leading to substantial projects and exponential growth.

'The main lesson I have learned while working with people who are in a state of food insecurity is that they don't need me or anyone else they don't know, telling them what to do! What they do need is someone to help them create some goals for starting their journey to food sovereignty and to support them to achieve these moemoea.'

Dave Mollard, 4412 KRS Kai Security Lead



Our organisation

Environment Network Manawātū is the environment hub for the Manawātū Region with the key purpose of facilitating and enabling communication, cooperation, and increasing collective action amongst its member groups and the wider community. ENM provides leadership by underpinning, fostering and encouraging environmental initiatives in the region. Our two current member groups

are from throughout the Manawātū River Catchment with interests including biodiversity regeneration, freshwater management, citizen science, food security and resilience, sustainable living, alternative energies, and active transport. The network is organised into two collective focus areas; Manawātū Food Action Network and Manawātū River Source to Sea.



Our collectives

Manawātū Food Action Network (MFAN)

MFAN is a collective of social service and environmental organisations (and other community stakeholders) working together to increase collaboration, education and awareness around issues of food security, food resilience and food localisation. Currently MFAN's main focus is implementation of the recently developed 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy.

Manawātū River Source to Sea (S2S)

Manawātū River Source to Sea (S2S) is a collective of ENM member groups working together with the vision of engaging the community in collective action to enhance biodiversity and the mauri of the river in the Manawātū River catchment, and to build community wellbeing. The collective is currently delivering two projects, The Plastic Pollution Challenge and the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project





Projects

4412 Kai Resilience Strategy.

The 4412 Kai Resilience Strategy was born out of the moemoea of Ora Konnect, a collaborative group of Māori Health providers, Mana Whenua, Rangitāne, and other groups with a vested interest such as the NZ Police, Massey University, Kainga Ora and Palmerston North City Council.

Ora Konnect created a series of squads to focus on areas of need in the 4412-postcode area of Palmerston North. The Kai Security Squad was born with the goal of bringing together the various local organisations working in the food insecurity space to formulate a strategy to support Whānau on their journey to food sovereignty. In 2021 the Manawatū Food Action Network was contracted to collate this strategy, which was completed in 2022.

Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project

The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project is managed by Environment Network Manawatū via a partnership between Manawatū River Source to Sea and Te Kāuru Eastern Manawatū River Hapū Collective. The project is funded by the Department of Conservation Jobs for Nature initiative and aims to control predator pests in 13,000 ha of the Southern Ruahine Ranges, with the dream of returning Kiwi to the area by 2026. The project is

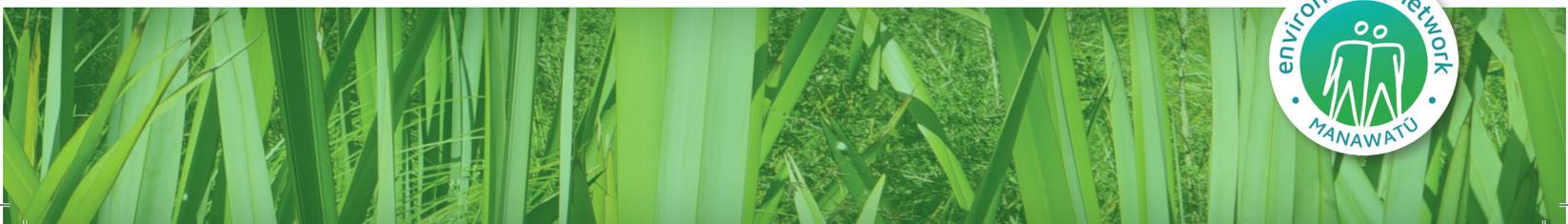
delivered in alignment with neighbouring predator control projects in the area, presenting a fantastic opportunity to return a taonga species to a significant proportion of the Ruahine Ranges.

Plastic Pollution Challenge

Manawatū River Source to Sea collaborates with Massey University's Zero Waste Academy, Rangitāne o Manawatū, Te Kāuru Eastern Manawatū River Hapū Collective in Dannevirke and RECAP in Ashhurst to deliver the Plastic Pollution Challenge (PPC). This project launched in 2019 to understand the scale of plastic pollution going into the Manawatū river via our urban streams and to use this knowledge to improve the health of our local waterways. A wide range of school children, students, community members, companies, council staff and academics have been involved to date.

Environmental Initiatives Fund.

The Environment Network Manawatū administered Environmental Initiatives Fund supports Palmerston North-based community initiatives that improve environmental outcomes and is made possible by a PNCC Strategic Priority Grant. Small Grants (up to \$1000) and Large Grants (between \$1000 and \$12,000) are available for projects that align with PNCC's Eco-City Strategy priorities, and any identified priorities of the network.



Get Involved

Join:

The environmental sector is stronger as a network

ENM welcomes membership applications from formal and informal organisations with an interest in the environment of the greater Manawatū. Membership is free.

www.enm.org.nz/get-involved/join-enm

Donate:

Support the work ENM does to help create a connected, healthy environment in the Manawatū.

The work of ENM is funded by grants and donations from a number of generous donors. These allow us to provide services to the 62 member groups that make up the network, to maintain a central hub for environmental and sustainability ideas and activities in the Manawatū, and to advocate for a sustainable future.

www.enm.org.nz/get-involved/donate

Volunteer:

Be part of an inspired, connected volunteer community.

Many of our groups are looking for volunteers to help on short-term and long-term projects, planting trees, setting up gardens, and some even need help from people with more technical skills. If you have the time, and a skill to offer, just fill out the form.

www.enm.org.nz/get-involved/volunteer

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Keep up to date with local environment-based news.

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