



March PĀNUI



In this issue: We're welcoming a new group to our network, celebrating volunteers, and have some interesting updates from Foxton. Plus, we're taking action on environmental issues with protest efforts against coal mining, stream clean-ups, a job opening and upcoming events you won't want to miss!

WHATS HAPPENING

City to Sea Rail Trail Manawatu has joined ENM's network!



Their vision is to be a 'Great Trail' within Manawatu's interconnecting off-trail network. They are repurposing the old Foxton Railway line into a rail trail. This will run between Longburn and Himatangi Beach, and down to Foxton village.

They meet at the Rangiotu Hall on the second Wednesday of every second month (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, and Nov) and have regular working bees on SH 56 or at Longburn. This includes removing debris, branches, trees, weeds, and mowing, then using old metal to fill holes and level the trail for track development.

Please get in [touch with their Chair Alice](#), if you'd like to know more.

Foxton's Dune Garden Rare Sighting



On Sunday, Arnim's team explored Foxton's Lupin Dune and nearby areas, making notable discoveries. Two *Autetaranga* plants were found with rare berries, and the Dune Garden continues to thrive with many new seedlings. *Tatarakeke* plants were abundant, and Lupin Dune's seedbank was a key focus, with some pleasant surprises elsewhere.

A standout moment of the day was the discovery of new katipo sightings. The team found several katipo spiders, with one particularly notable observation being the first time the species had been seen in propagation, a rare and exciting occurrence. This marks a significant milestone, as it's believed such propagation may only happen in lab conditions. These sightings are part of an ongoing effort to showcase katipo to visitors, and with several in the area now, it's easier than ever to share their beauty.

See more information and photos logged on iNaturalist
<https://inaturalist.nz/calendar/arnim/2025/3/23>

The next Dune Garden session is set for April 6, if you're interested in helping out, contact Arnim on arnim@actrix.gen.nz

Plant To Plate are Hiring

WE'RE HIRING

Are you looking for:

- Administration position
- Fixed term | 4 months
- Part time | 6 hours a week
- Based in Palmerston North

If this sounds like you:
Contact Julie 021 946 972 or
email recruit@robbyoung.co.nz

RY HR.

Contact Julie McNeill on 021 946 972 or recruit@robbyoung.co.nz to learn more about the role or click the link below to apply

<https://apply.workable.com/ryhr/j/C6BE5BE570/>

Stop Bathurst's Monster Coal Mine



Bathurst's proposed Denniston coal-for-export mine¹ has been listed in the government's dodgy fast-track 'let's-not-think-too-hard-about-this' law. Bathurst wants to mine 20 million tonnes of coking coal around Denniston and the wider Buller area, to export to countries like Japan, India, and China. The application is being rammed through a secret process this year, with communities kept in the dark and denied a voice.² The fast-track application process is a farce, with decision-makers barred from considering basic environmental and democratic criteria.

There is already enough coal in existing mines to deliver a just transition away from fossil fuels. This single coal mine could belch out carbon pollution on a scale that rivals the entirety of New Zealand's annual emissions – talk about a carbon monster!³ Building this mine would drill holes in the only climate lifeboat we have.

[Read More Here](#)

Growing Gardens and Communities - Manawatū



The team laid fresh compost and planted cabbage, silverbeet, beetroot, and herbs, leaving room for more plants. Mel's dad made scones and tea, impressing Carolyn so much that offers of marriage were made! They then went to Priscilla's, where they set up planter boxes, tidied potted plants, and planted veggies and flowers. They've set up more planter boxes for Moana, trimmed a wisteria vine, and visited Sue's large garden, setting up three raised beds to help her manage the space. Mark tidied fruit trees, Beth rescued strawberry plants, and John watered everything. Thanks to Dorothy, John, Beth, Wyatt, Rowena, Dorothy, Carolyn, and Mark.

If you know someone who'd like a garden install, please get in touch!

[Email Growing Gardens and Communities](#)

Celebrating Volunteers



This month, we're thrilled to introduce Wyatt, an exceptional intern who has been making a big impact during his time with us. From video production to community gardening, Wyatt has truly gone above and beyond in every task he's taken on.

[Read More Here](#)

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

Creative Crafter

Location: Roslyn Library, 1 Kipling St., PN

Organisation: Upcycling Club 1

Commitment: 2:00 - 4:00, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month

Keen Caterer

Collect ingredience from Just Zilch and make 4 dishes for the repair cafe.

Location: Palmerston North CBD

Organisation: Palmerston North Repair Cafe

Commitment: last Saturday of the month

[See the rest of the list here](#)

NOTICES



Job Opening: Circular Economy Lead - Part time

In this role, you will support existing member groups, as well as develop, manage, and maintain key initiatives like the Stream Clean, Repair Cafe, and Community Composting programs. If you're passionate about sustainability and eager to make a tangible impact in your community, we'd like to hear from you.

[Email us for more information](#)

HOST YOUR OWN STREAM CLEAN UP

Keep Palmy's Waterways Free From Litter



Help restore the mauri (life force) of our waterways. Through community-driven clean-up events, we aim to support local Iwi's aspirations to bring life back to Palmerston North's waterways, and we need YOU!

HOW TO HOST A WATERWAY CLEAN-UP EVENT: Hosting an event is simple! Follow the Guide for Event Organisers. This will help you plan every step, from picking your section to registering your event.

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Future Living Skills Workshops



The last workshop of the series!

When: April 1st, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Have a healthier home: Lots of tips, information and advice about ways to save energy while having a warmer, drier and healthier home

Cost: Free

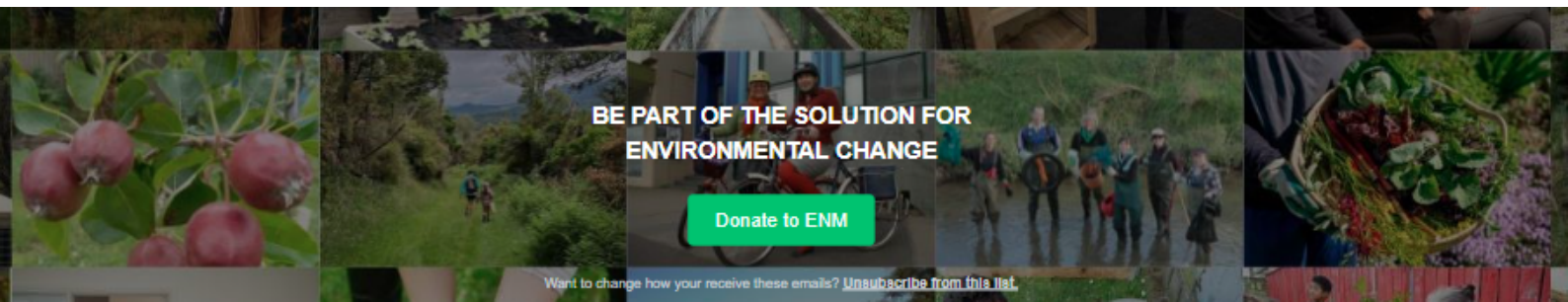
[Sign up here](#)

EVENTS

Calendar for April 2025 showing various events across the month.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

[See all events here](#)



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