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Environment Network Manawatū

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Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge

Stream clean-up series for Summer- Autumn 2023.

Palmy's Plastic Pollution Challenge is kicking off a series of stream clean up events around the city starting with Renfrew Place on 4th February. There will be four other events over the next six weeks focusing on different stream 'hot spots'.

These events are an opportunity to help restore the wellbeing of our local streams, understand the extent of the plastic pollution issue in our city and think about what we can do about it. Bring yourselves, bring your kids, and be prepared to meet likeminded people, enjoy some sunshine (?) clean up a tract of stream and learn more about what is ending up in there and why.

[You can register for events \(these are free\) here.](#)





Environmental Initiatives Fund



The ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round opens 1st February 2023.

The fund supports Palmerston North-based community initiatives that improve environmental outcomes. 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 Environment Network Manawātū. This funding has been made possible by Palmerston North City Council.

[The Large Grants](#) round will be open from 1st February-15th March 2023. [Click here to access the application form.](#)

Applications for Small Grants are continually accepted. Read about all the 2022 Large Grant recipients at this link and read inspiring stories of the projects 2021 grants helped make happen [by clicking here.](#)

Keep an eye out for the painting of our mural!

ENM achieved funding from the PNCC Creative Communities scheme to design and create a mural for the side of our building.

The mural will be completed by Feilding based artist [Joe Mcmenamin](#) who will begin painting our mural on 5th of February. The aim of the mural is to showcase the passions of ENM's members groups, projects and initiatives in a piece of art that reflects the breadth of our collective work.

We will keep you updated with our progress via our [Facebook page.](#)



Esplanade Day 12th February 2023

After a two-year COVID related hiatus Palmy's most popular summer event, Esplanade Day returns for 2023!

This is an event all about children and ENM will be present showcasing its projects and those of its member groups.

If you are a member group and you would like to be involved and/or have information about your work showcased, please [get in touch with Helen](#) ASAP.

Celebrating Volunteering- 350 Te Papaioea

When Ryan Jackson was younger, he wanted to be one of two things; either a teacher or a DOC Ranger. Tricky choice. Ryan is now eight years into his teaching career, but his passion for the environment, particularly Climate



Change action, is still very much at the fore in his work with young people, and his personal choices and beliefs. Understanding the impact of collective action and the wish to give his time to something he cared deeply about, Ryan discovered 350 Aotearoa in 2020. 350 Aotearoa is the New Zealand Arm of the international grassroots climate movement 350.org, [which aims to unite the world around climate change solutions...](#)



Repair Cafe returns on 25th February!

After a break for the holiday season Palmerston North Repair Cafe will be back at Te Manawa Museum on Saturday 25th of February from 10am-1pm.

The Repair Cafe has proven to be a huge success over its first 4 events, with over 70 items having been mended and hundreds of people in attendance. We hope to continue building on this success and encouraging a positive repair culture in our community in 2023. [Find out more about the Repair Cafe here.](#) and [follow us on Facebook](#) for updates about each event.

On a positive note Feilding will also be starting their own Repair Cafe starting on 11th March. Follow their [Facebook Page](#) for more information.

Future Living Skills Course beginning in March.

Want to learn how to save money on your power bill? Grow a new garden? How to reduce your waste? Clever tips and tricks to make your home more energy efficient? We're keen to help you become more sustainable in your daily life through participation in the Future Living Skills Programme which will be starting again on Monday 27th March from 10 am -12 noon and taking place over 8 sessions at Te Patikitiki Library.

The programme is free though koha is appreciated.

You can register (spaces are limited) [by clicking on this link.](#)



Donate to Support Let's Grow Kai through the Te Awa Foundation.

Growing Gardens and Communities installs garden beds and in the homes of those who struggle to afford to do this by themselves and provides ongoing support and mentorship. The Manawatū Food Action Network works collaboratively with them and the wider community to provide logistical support and facilitate the purchase and planting of fruit trees alongside the gardens. By supporting people through community gardens, in-home gardening,



urban farming, and social enterprise whanau will be able to not only provide their own fresh healthy produce but grow extra for their neighbours.

You can donate to this incredible cause via the Te Awa Foundation, our local community foundations which enables people to give back to their own community and support local projects. [Click on the donate button to the left!!](#)

Manawatū Food Action Network (MFAN) Summer Hui.

We warmly invite those involved and active in the food resilience space to the MFAN Summer Hui taking place Thursday 2nd of February from 10am-1pm at Te Manawa Museum.

[Registrations are essential and you can click here to do that.](#) The theme of the hui will be dollars and sense, with a focus on funding and financial resilience and there will be the opportunity to network, share, and hear an outline of MFAN's work for the year ahead.



Opportunities to get involved

Regular Events

All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect

Fourth Saturday of the month [Palmerston North Repair Cafe.](#)

Every Second Saturday [Repair Cafe Levin](#)
Don't throw it out - bring it in for mending!

Every Friday [Fridays for Future](#)
Peaceful protest for climate action.

Feb 11 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)
Bring what you have, take what you need.

Feb 18 [Upcycling Club 1 workshop at Te Manawa](#)

Feb 5, 19 [Dune Garden Working Bee.](#)
Every Sunday, Monday,

Wednesday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) .

Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

Every first Sunday [Summerhill Farmers Market](#)

Workshops, Talks and Special Events

Feb 1 and 15 [Let's Grow Highbury! Te Patikitiki Garden Hour.](#)

Feb 4, 26. [Plastic Pollution Challenge clean-up events.](#)

Feb 10 [Mana Tangata – Working with People workshop.](#)

Feb 16 [Love your Land- Eco- Thrifty workshop.](#)

Feb 17. [Developing a Positive Volunteering Culture](#)

Feb 17 [The Beehive Design Collective present the true cost of coal.](#)

Feb 18 [RECAP Summer Pruning workshop, Ashhurst](#)

Feb 25 [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst](#)

Mar 1 [NZ Landcare Trust- regional webinar series to learn how to include wetlands in your farm environment plan.](#)

Every third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

Working Bees

Create better places and communities

Feb 5 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Feb 11 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Feb 12 and 26 [A Rocha Nursery](#)

Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Feb 12 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Feb 19 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

A restored urban native bush habitat.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday [Menzshed](#)

Sharing tools, skills and friendship.

Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#)

Growing fruit for the community.

Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

Every Friday [Best Care Whakapai Haora](#)

[Māra Kai](#)

Every Friday. [Ashhurst Community Library](#)

[Garden Working Bee.](#)

Sharing Tables and Shelves

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are now operating within 'orange' of the COVID Traffic Light System. . [Click here for a link to sharing tables and Pataka Kai in our area.](#)

Food Distribution

Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social Services Manchester House Community Fruit Harvest, Te Whare Koha and others are working together to rescue and distribute

Meetings and AGMs

Interested people always welcome

Feb 1 Monthly meeting [Manawatū River Source to Sea](#)

Feb 6 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Feb 7 [Manawatū Estuary Trust.](#)

Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Feb 8 [Green Drinks Palmerston North](#)

Feb 14 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)

Feb 23. [Manawatū Beekeepers Club.](#)

ENM on the Radio

Every Tuesday 12:30-1.

Manawatū Peoples Radio show '[21 years of ENM](#)' Listen live or via podcast.

The Egg Project; Support Ruahine Kiwi.

[Click here to purchase and donate.](#)

Small Gardening Tools

Tools are available for keen gardeners to borrow from the Awapuni, Roslyn and Te Patikitiki branches of Palmerston North City Library! If you have a garden kaupapa requiring more serious tools, then email food.action@enm.org.nz to organise borrowing our big implements: spades, forks, shovels, rakes and even a wheelbarrow or two. Donations of garden tools in good working order are also welcomed. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Seed Libraries

The [Manawatū Food Action Seed Exchange](#) has a variety of seed exchanges within the city. Find them at Awapuni, Roslyn, and Te Patikitiki libraries, and the ENM office at

food. If you know of food that is going to waste, or anyone that is struggling to get food, please contact one of these agencies or reach out to ENM's Manawatū Food Action Network. food.action@enm.org.nz.

145 Cuba St. Donations are always gratefully received.

Notices

1. Palmerston North Dress for Success is an initiative of Work Manawatū. They support women to succeed in work and life by providing quality clothing, styling advice and a network of support as they pursue their journey. No referral is needed and you can contact them for a free session on palmerstonnorth@dressforsuccess.org

2. A Rocha Manawatū has native plants to distribute for a koha and pots to give away. If interested please contact Christine on 06 353 6820.

3. It's time to think about who you will nominate for the **Volunteer Recognition Event – VRE2023**. Nomination opens in March – keep an eye on [social media for updates](#).

4. Member group Moheke Community Gardens now has a popular Pātaka Kai/Community Pantry, which welcomes fresh fruit and veges, fresh bread, non-perishable food and labelled vege and herb seedlings as donations. Outside 7 Moheke Avenue, Roslyn, take what you need and share if you can <https://www.facebook.com/mohekecommunity>. The pātaka was constructed by member group Menzshed Manawatū and is generously supported by member group Community Fruit Harvest Manawatū. Imagine at least a couple of these in every suburb.

5. Upcycling Club 1 would like to see a new group set up to make educational toys/games using recycled materials. This is a project with great potential to grow and expand, but the group does not have the capacity due to commitments to offer free arts and craft workshops at Te Manawa and Age Concern. If you are interested in volunteering [please click here to get in touch](#).

6.. **Kuaha Matihiko**: Digital Gateway project. A collaborative team across AgResearch, Massey University and Waka Digital have been successful in obtaining funding from the Our Land and Water National Science Challenge to develop a new gateway to give all New Zealanders transparent access to trusted data sources. Land and water data can be inaccessible, expensive, hard to find, or not publicly available. The Kuaha Matihiko: Digital Gateway project aims to create a digital gateway to data and tools that is user-friendly, open-access, inclusive, collaborative, and trustworthy.

An important part of the project is to undertake a data-use stocktake. Here the intention is to reach out to users and creators of data across scales (e.g. community groups, mana whenua, regional councils, agribusiness, central government) to undertake a very short 4 min survey through our website – www.finddata.co.nz – which provides some context for their organisation, data activities and key datasets for land and water that stakeholders create, provide, use or manage. This information will be used to identify the data resources which are most utilised by different stakeholder groups and allow us to ensure that this information is readily accessible to all users through the gateway. This information will be anonymous and a summary of responses will be made available on the website once responses have been collated. This information will be important to prioritise which of the many, many land and water datasets are linked through to the gateway.

Further details and progress updates on the project are also available on the project through the Our Land and Water website - <https://ourlandandwater.nz/project/kuaha-matihiko-digital-gateway/> To undertake the survey please go to <http://finddata.co.nz/#Survey>

[Apply for funding](#)

[ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund.](#)

Open year round for small grants of up to \$1000
Open 1st February -15th March for Large Grants.

[The Recreational Path Fund Application.](#)

The Te Ahu a Turanga: Manawatū Tararua Highway Project includes a Shared Use Path that runs the length of the new road and provides a new pedestrian and cycle connection between Ashhurst (Cambridge Avenue) and Woodville (Hampson Street). Waka Kotahi has made funding available through the Recreational Paths Fund for community groups or organisations that want to complement the path by adding other trails that provide access for recreational users. The fund will be available until March 2025, if not awarded prior.

[For an up-to-date local funding calendar developed by ENM's Communications and Events Lead Helen King you can click here.](#)



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