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Environment Network Manawatū

# ENM Pānui

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## New Staff at ENM

Kia Ora, my name is Rennie Williamson and I am taking over the Communications Manager role.



I'm a returning Palmy local with a background in running an interior design business focused on sustainability and biophilic design for four years. I also recruited for renewable energy companies in Australia. I'm passionate about making a positive impact on the Manawatū. Outside of work, you can find me at the gym or working on my cookbook.

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It's time for change

We'd love to hear from you!



We have 3 quick questions

1. What do you want to hear more about?
2. What's your main reason for subscribing to us?
3. Is there anything you don't like about the newsletter?

Submit A1 Minute  
Form

Or

Email Us Your  
Thoughts



### RSVP to ENM's AGM

ENM's Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 24th of October from 5:30pm-7pm. Please pop this date in your diary.

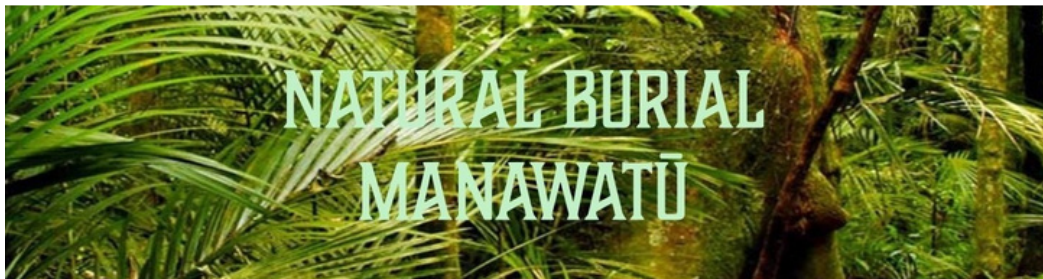
[RSVP Here](#)

### Are you interested in becoming a board member?

We are looking for new board members to join a dynamic team of dedicated people in the exciting role of ensuring the vision, direction and future of ENM and its ongoing support of member groups through collectives and projects.

Please get in contact by the 17th of October.

[Email Madz Now!](#)



### New Member

## Natural Burial Manawatū

We're excited to welcome Natural Burial Manawatū to our network! This group advocates for sustainable burial options that minimise environmental impact and reduce the high costs of traditional funerals. By leaving bodies in their natural state and using biodegradable products, they promote shallow burials that support land regeneration into permanent forests. Natural Burial Manawatū aims to make internment free for residents to combat funeral poverty.

They are seeking sponsorship or partnerships, as well as land that could be suitable for restoration through natural burial. If you have any information, please contact Jean.

Email: [jeanhera@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jeanhera@xtra.co.nz)

Phone: [0274075641](tel:0274075641)



### Say Goodbye to Polystyrene Waste!

We are thrilled to say that E-Cycle are now offering a new recycling service for all clean polystyrene in the Manawatu Region.

Once your polystyrene is delivered to E-Cycle, it will be put through their hot melt densifier machine. This machine squeezes out all the air, reducing the polystyrene to a material that can be used to create picture frames and decorative mouldings.

Residents drop off Point (under 1 cubic metre):  
Ferguson St Recycling Centre, Palmerston North,  
during opening hours.

Businesses/large quantities: (over 1 cubic metre): Please email [tessa@e-cycle.co.nz](mailto:tessa@e-cycle.co.nz)



### Celebrating Volunteering

## Reviving Plastic Toys:

## Ian Robertson's Repair

### Magic

Last month at the Repair Café, Ian Robertson showcased his impressive skills in plastic toy repair, bringing broken items back to life. Learn about his techniques and the fascinating stories behind each repair!

[Read Here](#)

Do you have an exciting idea for an environmental project for our city?

Applications:

Small grants (up to \$1000): Always open

Large grants (up to \$1000): Opens early 2025



Environmental  
Initiatives Fund

[Read updated guidelines here](#)



Bring us your bottle tops!

REMEMBER you can recycle number 2,4,5 plastic lids, aluminium bottle tops and steel bottle tops at ENM's Office at 145 Cuba Street, 9am-4pm Monday- Thursday. We also hold a bottle top sorting working bee every Thursday from 11am-12pm.

## Opportunities to get involved

### Repair Cafes

Repair and connect.

Oct 12 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

Oct 19 [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)

Oct 26 [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#)  
**AT HIGHBURY WHANAU CENTRE.**

### Crop Swaps

Share and learn

Oct [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst.](#)

Oct [Bunnythorpe Crop Swap](#)

Oct 13 [Palmy Crop Swap.](#)

Oct 13 [Foxton Crop Swap](#)

### Regular Events

Join in!

The first Friday of each month

[Fridays for Future](#)

Peaceful protest for climate action.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

[Menzshed](#) Sharing skills and friendship.

Sept 4, 11, 18, 25 [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)

### AGM's

Be informed.

Oct 24 [ENM's AGM.](#)

### Local Markets

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)

First and third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

## Regular Working Bees

Get your hands dirty!

Oct 6 [Ahimate Reserve](#) Oct 6,20 [Dune Gardens, Foxton](#). Oct 12 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#) Help maintain corridors of native trees. Oct 13, 27 [A Rocha Nursery](#) Growing natives from eco-sourced seed. Oct 13 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#) Planting for Monarch butterflies. Oct 20 [Pit Park Roslyn](#) A restored urban native bush habitat. Every Thursday [Bottle top working bee](#) Every Friday [Community Food Garden Fridays](#).

Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#) Growing fruit for the community. Most Sundays [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#) Keeping exotic species out of the wetland. Every week. [Ashurst Community Library Garden Working Bee](#). Keep connected on Facebook for dates and times as these do vary.

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## Sharing Tables and Shelves

Pātaka Kai is the Māori term for a food storehouse or basically a pantry.

Pātaka Kai are a space for people to leave what they can (excess garden produce and food for example) and for people to take what they need. This is not an exchange system, nor is koha required. Pātaka Kai are open 24/7.

[Click here for a link to sharing tables and Pataka Kai in our area.](#)

## Meetings.

Join an active conversation.

Oct 7 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Oct 1 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#).

Oct 8 [Forest and Bird Monthly meeting](#).

Oct 24 [Manawatū Beekeepers Club](#)

## One-of Events

Oct 5 [Manawatu Estuary Birdwatching](#)

Oct 14 [PNCC Food Security Policy](#)

Oct 20 [Ashurst Domain Weeding](#)

Oct 26 [RECAP Permaculture Garden Tour](#)

Oct 27-28 [Eco Thrifty Living Celebrating 10 years of Permaculture](#)

2 Sept- 4th Nov [Future Living Skills Programme](#)

## The Egg Project

Supporting the Ruahine Kiwi Project one egg at a time! [You can buy from them and support the project by clicking here.](#)

## 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](mailto: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.](#)

## Food Distribution

Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social Services Manchester House, Community Fruit Harvest, Manawatū, Te Whare Koha and other are working together to rescue and distribute 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. [Click here for a list of places to access food support.](#)

## 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 145 Cuba St. Donations are always gratefully received.

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## Notices



**Grow your crowdfunding skills with the new**

**Generosity Generator**  
*Masterclass*

Enrol for free at  
[ggm.givealittle.co.nz](http://ggm.givealittle.co.nz)

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### Free Crowdfunding Course

The Generosity Generator Masterclass is a free, self-paced, online short course that teaches the fundamentals of crowdfunding. It's been created with charities in mind, but schools and community groups can gain value from it too! Designed to be completed before running a crowdfunding campaign, so you can make the most of the knowledge and resources. Find out more and sign up [HERE](#).

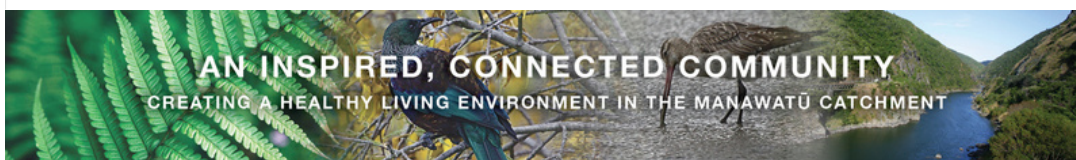


## Radical Action Grants

RAG supports grassroots environmental activism in Aotearoa with up to \$700 per grant. We aim to make it easier to take action on the climate and environmental crises, and forward the movement for justice of all kinds. Applications opened yesterday 1st October and close at midnight on Thursday 31st October. You can get all the info and apply at [HERE](#).

## Other Notices

- Te Patikitiki Rongoa: Helpers are always welcome on Monday afternoons 2-3.30pm and Friday afternoons 3-4.30pm to help with the gardens at Te Patikitiki Library. Contact Niki Burtenshaw for more information 021362873.
- [Growing Gardens and Communities](#) sets up gardens for people who need help to get started growing kai most every Thursday from 10 AM to 12:30. Volunteers are hugely appreciated. Contact Beth Lew at 0274 399 565 for more information



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