



# DECEMBER

# PĀNUI



In this issue: We've packed it full of sustainable Christmas ideas, practical tips for resilience and disaster preparedness, and the latest council policy updates and events you won't want to miss.

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# WHATS HAPPENING



## Manawatū Estry Trust Update

They have a new facebook and updated website.

Follow them on [Facebook](#)

See the updated [website here](#)



## Have a Sustainable Christmas with the Help of A Rocha

A Rocha has put together a fantastic article, including printouts:

- ☐ Eco Advent Calendar + Printouts
- ☐ Christmas Tree and Decoration Ideas
- ☐ Gifts and Wrapping
- ☐ Less Wasteful Christmas Feasting

Read the full article [here](#).



#### Future Living Skills workshop take home points

Resilience and Disaster Preparedness is a big and important topic. Here are just a few key messages:

- Make sure you have enough water stored to get through at least 3 days. Add five drops of non-scented liquid household chlorine bleach per litre to the water. You can find instructions for storing [drinking water here](#) (see instructions under Prepare Containers of Water.) You will find lots of other useful information on the government's [Get Ready website](#)
- Make a plan! Start with the worksheets from the session and keep going - you can make your plan in bits over time. The Get Ready website can help with that too.
- Be aware that gas leaks are an explosion risk after a severe earthquake! If you have gas at your house know where to turn it off (usually a yellow toby at the street or front of your house). If you are in an urban area and your neighbours might have gas, don't light a fire or even candles until the "all clear" is given. Use battery powered lighting instead. Keep a torch by your bed.
- Get to know your neighbours - who nearby may need extra support, and who can offer help (knowledge, resources etc)? Consider joining Neighbourhood Support or even starting your own group!

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# VOLUNTEERS

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



A dedicated group of volunteers are working tirelessly to preserve its unique ecosystem. Bob Hoskins, Derek Prior, Craig Dunlop, and Arnim Littek are four such volunteers whose efforts are making a lasting impact on the environment and the local Foxton community.

[Read the full story here](#)

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Seed Library Volunteer

Jacob, the Seed Library volunteer, will be away from 3rd December to March.

We will need to find someone to cover this period.

Please contact Siobhan if you are interested. [Email Here](#)



## Weeders in Foxton

Manawatu Estuary Trust hosts weekly Wednesday morning and fortnightly Sunday morning working bees. They are always looking for more helpers! Please email [manawatu.estuary@gmail.com](mailto:manawatu.estuary@gmail.com) to find out the plan for the event.

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## NOTICES



## Safeguard our Future!

EHA is making a real difference—protecting the environment and supporting resilient communities. But funding cuts are putting that progress at risk. EHA is a hub like us. They support 21 environmental hubs like us across Aotearoa so we can better support our network. They're empowering people to take action in their own backyards: from planting native trees to rescuing kai and reducing waste. They're helping communities thrive with education, resources, and practical solutions. This November, they're raising funds to keep this mahi going strong. By supporting them, you're investing in a sustainable future for Aotearoa.

Donate to EHA today

<https://www.environmenthubs.nz/donate>

## HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE COMMUNITY

### FOOD POLICY HEARING

Thank you for your submissions!

Next step: Council Hearing

When: 9.00am-10.30am on Wednesday 4 December 2024.

Location: The venue of the meeting is the Council Chamber, First Floor,  
Civic Administration Building, Te Marae o Hine, 32 The Square.

Each submitter will have 10 minutes to present their submission, including time for questions from the Mayor and Councillors. If you plan to include a PowerPoint or similar presentation, please email it to Natalya at [natalya.kushnirenko@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:natalya.kushnirenko@pncc.govt.nz) ASAP.

Please note, the Mayor and Councillors will have read all submissions before the meeting. The meeting agenda, including all submissions, will be publicly available at least two working days before the hearing.

You can find it here: <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/.../Upcoming-meetings-and-agendas>

Final Consideration:

Submissions will be analysed and presented to the Sustainability Committee on 19 February 2025 for final adoption by the Council. This is a public meeting, and you're welcome to attend or watch online.

### PNCC/ENM SECTOR SESSION – WASTE BYLAW + RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

#### Waste Bylaw

PNCC is consulting on some proposed changes to the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw. This follows on from the review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan earlier this year.

They have organised a session for the membership of Environment Network Manawatū to present the proposed changes, answer any questions you might have, and provide an opportunity for discussion. They will have some

copies of the draft Bylaw for you to take away, and iPads in case you want to make a submission online. Submissions will be open until 24 January 2025.

### Reserve Management Plans

These plans are not about the infrastructure of our parks or their maintenance. They are about how they are managed and the types of things we allow, restrict, or ban. I would like to give you a presentation on what the RMPs are and how they operate – and then you can let us know your position on them. If you're open to that, how about these options:

Please RSVP by 5 December 2024 to Peter Ridge  
([peter.ridge@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:peter.ridge@pncc.govt.nz)) with numbers and dietary requirements

A light supper with tea and coffee will be provided.

Where: Eileen Philp Room, Community Leisure Centre, 569 Featherston Street, Terrace End 4410

When: Monday 9 December, 5.30pm – 7pm



### TE TIRITI PRINCIPLES BILL SUBMISSIONS

The Justice select committee is now calling for public submissions on the Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill.

Submissions are open until 11.59pm Tuesday, January 7 2025

Important note: no feedback containing offensive language will be considered

National's James Meager chairs the committee and told Te Ao Māori News it would be working to a typical six-month timeframe for the overall process - though hearings were intended to be wrapped up by the end of February.

To learn more or read more about the bill click the link below

[Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi Bill - New Zealand Parliament](#)

## FUNDING



**EIF** Environmental Initiatives Fund

Imagine what you could achieve with up to \$12,000!

### Need Funding For Your Project?

Our large grant is open between 30th January and 15th March 2025.

[Learn More Here](#)



### EIF Fund Opening Soon

Your project could be the next big thing for our community. Apply for the Environmental Initiatives Fund today and bring your ideas to life!

Let's work together to foster a vibrant Manawatū River catchment, where clean waterways flow freely and everyone has access to nutritious food.

Together, we can build a resilient and harmonious environment for all!

#### Getting Started:

Visit our website for fund guidelines, application forms, FAQs, and more.

[Read More Here](#)

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## HARD TO RECYCLE



### Recycle E waste for FREE at Noel Leeming

In New Zealand, e-waste is increasing at a rate three times faster than municipal waste streams, with the average Kiwi generating more than 21kg of unwanted and end-of-life e-products each year. We hope this programme will help New Zealand divert a significant amount of e-waste from landfills, and recover precious resources to be recycled.

### Drop off

- Personal and laptop computers and all cables
- Tablets, notebooks and palmtops.
- Computer monitors and parts (e.g. internal hard drives and CD drives)
- Computer peripherals and accessories (e.g. mice, keyboards, web cameras, USBs and modems)
- Printers, scanners, and multi-function devices
- Photographic cameras and video cameras

### What happens to it?

All e-waste recovered through TechCollect NZ pilot programme is recycled by local recyclers who recover and recirculate as much material as possible. However, where our local recycling partners are unable to treat certain e-waste components due to recycling capability limitations e.g., printed circuit boards, or where there are limited end markets for recovered resources e.g., plastics, they are exported under permit for environmentally sound treatment or further processing offshore.

Metals: All processed in New Zealand

Non-lead glass: Processed in New Zealand

Printer and computer plastic: Sorted into polymer type, granulated and then exported to Malaysia (HIPS from cartridges and printers may be processed in China)

PCBs: Exported to Japan for processing

Lithium batteries: Exported to South Korea for processing

CRT and flat screen monitors: First stage recycling performed by Abilities group in Auckland. Plastic is exported to Malaysia for processing and leaded glass is exported to Nyrstar in Australia for processing. Metals, clean glass and mercury tubes are processed in New Zealand.

[Read More Here](#)

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## EVENTS



#### ONE OFF EVENTS

Dec 4 Mitigating nitrogen for improved water quality and reduced environmental footprint

Dec 5 PNCC/ENM Sector Session - Waste Bylaw + Reserve Management Plans

Dec 7 Potato growing competition

#### CHRISTMAS BREAK CLOSURE

Dec 20 - 5 Jan We will be enjoying our summer holidays and the office will be closed

#### MEETINGS

Join an active conversation.

Dec 2 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)

Dec 3 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)

Dec 4 [Source to Sea Meeting](#)

Dec 10 [Forest and Bird Monthly meeting](#)

#### REPAIR CAFES

Repair and connect.

#### WORKING BEES

Get your hands dirty!

Dec 1 [Ahimate Reserve](#)

Dec 1, 15 [Dune Gardens, Foxton](#)

Dec 8 [A Rocha working bee](#)

Dec 8 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)

Dec 14 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)

Dec 15 [Pit Park Roslyn](#)

Every Thursday [Bottle top working bee](#)

Every Friday [Community Food Garden Fridays.](#)

NA [Feilding Repair Cafe](#)  
Dec 14 [Repair Cafe Levin](#)  
NA [Palmerston North Repair Cafe](#)

Every Sunday [Timona Park Orchard](#)  
[Growing fruit for the community.](#)  
Every week. [Ashhurst Community Library Garden Working Bee](#). Keep connected on Facebook for dates and times as these do vary.

#### CROP SWAPS

Share and learn

Dec 7 [RECAP Crop Swap, Ashhurst](#)  
Dec 7 [Bunnythorpe Crop Swap](#) Dec 8  
[Palmy Crop Swap](#) Dec 8 [Foxton Crop Swap](#) \_\_\_\_\_

#### LOCAL MARKETS

Eat seasonally, buy locally.

- Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)
- First and third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

#### REGULAR EVENT

- The first Friday of each month [Friday for Future](#)  
[Peaceful protest for climate action](#)
- Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - [Menzshed Sharing skills and friendship](#).
- Every Wednesday - [Let's Grow Palmy!](#)



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