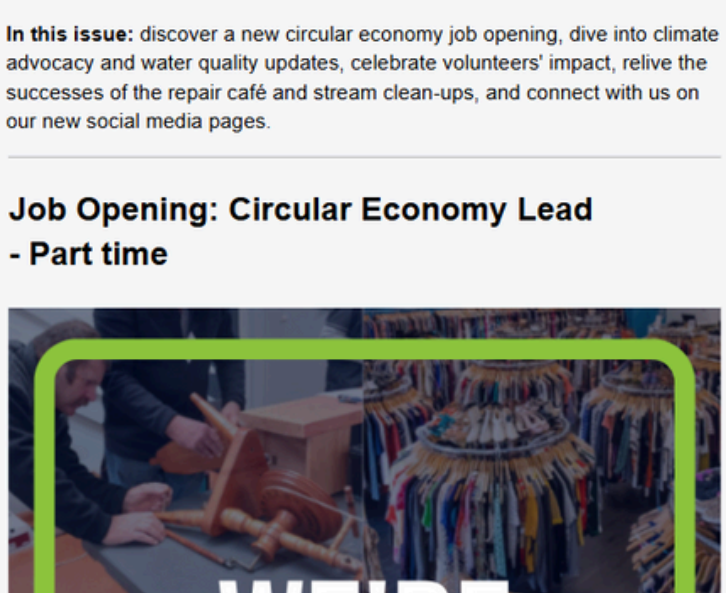


March PĀNUI



In this issue: discover a new circular economy job opening, dive into climate advocacy and water quality updates, celebrate volunteers' impact, relive the successes of the repair café and stream clean-ups, and connect with us on our new social media pages.

Job Opening: Circular Economy Lead - Part time

WE'RE HIRING

Circular Economy Lead

Role type: Part-time, 20hrs per week
Location: The ENM Office

We're looking for a Circular Economy Lead to bring people together and inspire real change at the local level.

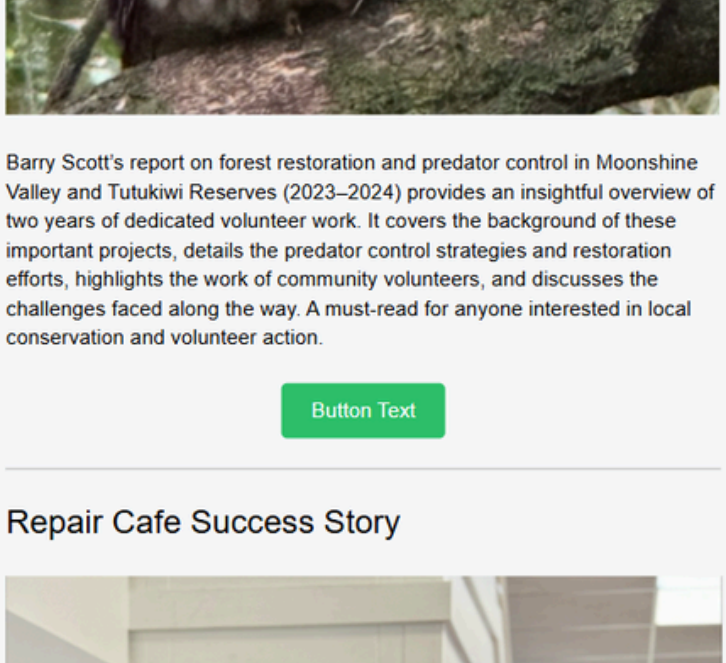
- Empower community groups to drive circular economy education
- Build strong networks of changemakers
- Support hands-on initiatives that inspire action and collaboration
- Help others understand how everyday choices can shape a better world

If you're ready to lead a movement toward smarter, more sustainable living this is your chance.

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WHATS HAPPENING

Friday For Our Future



Extinction Rebellion (XR) is a global movement that wants to challenge the system that causes and allows climate change to accelerate. As part of that the Manawatu group stands in the Square on the first Friday of each month reminding people that we have a life threatening emergency.

Wyatt and Rennie had never participated in a protest before, but they decided to join Friday For Our Future (F4F), an event organised by Extinction Rebellion Manawātū. The name comes from Greta Thunberg, the Swedish school girl who skipped school on Fridays to stand out outside Parliament on Fridays because what's the point of going to school if you have no future? At first, stepping out of their comfort zones felt a little daunting—standing in the rain, waving flags, and speaking up for a cause bigger than themselves. The group was filled with passionate, like-minded individuals, all united in the fight against climate change. Wyatt and Rennie found themselves laughing and chatting with fellow protesters, feeling a strong sense of camaraderie while cars honked in support, some drivers even giving a thumbs-up, which made the whole experience feel like a celebration of collective action. They had the opportunity to chat with nearly everyone in the group and received some kind feedback about ENM and the work we've been doing. Future Fridays is held on the first Friday of every month. We're also very grateful to our volunteer photographer, Bradley Vipond, who captured some fantastic shots for us!

If you're keen to get in involved, please sign up here [Volunteer :: Environment Network Manawātū](#)

Foxton Estuary Water Quality



This is part of an article from the [Manawātū Estuary Trust](#)

The health of our estuary, and all that lives in or around it, depends hugely on the quantity of water flowing down the Manawatu River. There is a public perception that the quality is not great, but what are the facts? Horizons Regional Council has teams that do a lot of good work on river water quality and its sources. Their work includes monitoring and publishing scientific, technical data.

Manawātū Estuary Trust Water Quality Group has been liaising with Horizons experts to provide simple information to our community about water quality, such as: What is the measure of good quality? What is the quality now? How has it changed over time? What is being done to improve it? Can I swim? Can I fish?

Their aim is to make this information easily available in a simple, understandable form. Watch this space for progress!

Horizons March 2025 Summary Report to MEMENT - Science:

LAWA website has the latest monitoring results for Manawātū river sites in the estuary. The "Estuary Health" page provides useful information and fact sheets about monitored estuaries in New Zealand including the Manawātū Estuary.

- [Manawātū Estuary Water](#)
- [Manawātū River at Whirokino Water](#)
- [Manawātū River at Foxton Water](#)

Discover the Impact of Efforts in Moonshine Valley and Tutukiwi reserves



Barry Scott's report on forest restoration and predator control in Moonshine Valley and Tutukiwi Reserves (2023–2024) provides an insightful overview of two years of dedicated volunteer work. It covers the background of these important projects, details the predator control strategies and restoration efforts, highlights the work of community volunteers, and discusses the challenges faced along the way. A must-read for anyone interested in local conservation and volunteer action.

[Button Text](#)

Repair Cafe Success Story

At our last event, a man brought in a weed eater that needed its head fixed. He had the replacement parts and his toolbox, but what he really needed was some guidance on how to do the job. This is exactly what the Repair Café is all about—empowering people to fix their own things. We showed him the ropes, walking him through each step of the repair. With a bit of teamwork, a few adjustments, and some problem-solving, the weed eater was soon back in the end. In the end, it was a fantastic outcome. He walked away with a working weed eater and a fresh set of skills.

[Stay up to date on Facebook](#)

Stream Clean Up Results

February kicked off our stream clean-up programme once again. Off the back of these events, we were able to finalise the revised event organisers' guide, thanks to some valuable feedback. Tanenuiarangi Manawātū Charitable Trust hosted a successful clean-up along Flyers Line, clearing 1.7km of drain and removing a massive **1,400kg of rubbish**. A team of 42 volunteers from TMCT, Fulton Hogan, Moana NZ, and ENM rolled up their sleeves and got stuck in. Moana NZ staff also ran their own clean-up of the Mangaone Stream, clearing 481 metres and collecting **122.5kg** of waste—an awesome effort from their crew alone.

[Click Here For More Information](#)

One Third of New Zealanders Need Help with Food

Recently, RNZ published an eye-opening article about the struggle to access food. They said "The Consumer NZ research showed 30 percent of people had to turn to friends, family, food banks or Work and Income in the past year, to find food." For more on the article, [click here](#). If you or someone else needs access to food in palmy please use the links below:

- [Food Banks](#)
- [Community Gardens](#)
- [Sharing Shelves/ Pātaka Kai](#)

Celebrating Volunteers

From the UK to our backyard: how one volunteer is helping hundreds of seeds—take root. 🌱

Cam arrived just a few months ago, but he's already transforming our seed library programme. Find out how his passion for ecology is making a big difference—and why we feel so lucky to have him on the team.

[Read More Here](#)

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES

Passionate Vegetable Gardener

Help with watering, weeding, and planting and advice on what to plant next and how to keep the garden producing well.
Location: the corner of Ferguson and Cook Street.
Organisation: Jireh Food Hub
Commitment: an hour or two once a week

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

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

Volunteer Central

Tūao Volunteer Central are available in your community to support you to achieve your goals, get a feel good factor, create and maintain connections, and support activities across all community sectors. If you would like to sign up as a volunteer, or are an organisation that is seeking support to attract and retain volunteers please get in touch with us <https://www.volunteercentral.nz/> or <https://www.facebook.com/volunteercentral.nz/>, or give us an old fashioned phone call on 06 354 6027. Whatunga Tūao Volunteer Central is the volunteer recruitment and support organisation across Palmy, Manawatu, Horowhenua, and Taranaki – we look forward to hearing from you.

NOTICES

New Social Media Pages - Follow Us!

In alignment with our strategic plan and guided by our four Pou, we've decided it's a great time to launch new social media channels focused on our emerging priority areas. While we don't yet have staff in these spaces, this is a great way to stay connected and up to date with the areas that matter most to you.

- Climate Action: [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)
- Circular Economy: [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#)

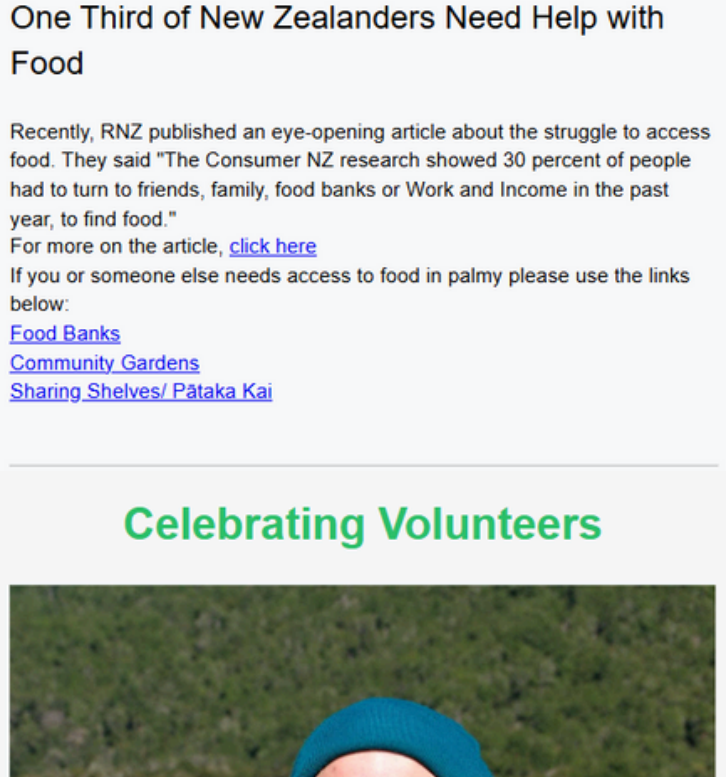
Food Sovereignty Hui

[More Info Here](#)

EVENTS

May 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

[See all events here](#)



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