



# ENM Pānui

## News from the Sector

### **Launch of the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project**

The official launch of the project was attended by around 60 people at the Pohangina DoC base 35 minutes from Ashhurst nestled at the base of the Ruahines. The project is led by ENM on behalf of Manawatū River Source to Sea and Te Kāuru Eastern Manawatū River Hapū Collective. The launch was an opportunity to talk to involved parties about the project and what it is, celebrate its beginnings and look forward to a future where kiwi are able to be reintroduced to the area by 2026. There is a fantastic write up of the event in the [Manawatū Standard and on Stuff](#).

Find out more about the project by checking out the [Ruahine Kiwi Facebook Page](#) and you can contribute directly to the project through making [a donation of a trap for the project](#).

Pictured here are ENM chairperson Stewart Harrex and Te Kāuru activator Arapera Paewai cutting a cake made by trapper Nina Ryan.



### Closing 15th of March.

### The ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund Large Grants Round.

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 network. These funds have been made available through a Palmerston North City Council Strategic Priorities Grant.

[The Large Grants](#) round closes 15th March 2022.



### Celebrating Volunteering

In January 2022 Gerry le Roux's wife Wouna started work as trapper for the Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project. Since part of his job involves teaching night classes he has some flexibility during the day, Gerry has taken the opportunity to join Wouna and the team ground-truthing and carrying traps up the mountain and helping distribute traps along new traplines. This is an incredibly hard task that involves hours of strenuous work, [but for a very important outcome...](#)



### 21 years of ENM

Our inaugural radio show starts on Tuesday 1st of March on [Manawātū People's Radio](#). The show will air every Tuesday at 12:30pm. The first episode documents the auspicious beginnings of ENM in 2001 from the understanding of current Chairperson Stewart Harrex. If you can't listen in on that day and time podcasts can be downloaded from [our page on the MPR website](#).

## Manawatū Food Action Network Summer Hui.

A variety of people and organisations active in the food resilience space attended a hui on 22nd of February to network and share experiences and stories. Kate Aplin from Volunteer Central gave an informative presentation about attracting, managing and keeping volunteers. There are around 20 organisations and initiatives involved in the MFAN collective and a plethora of exciting, creative and community focused work going on around [food production, sharing and resilience.](#)



### Public stream cleaning events.

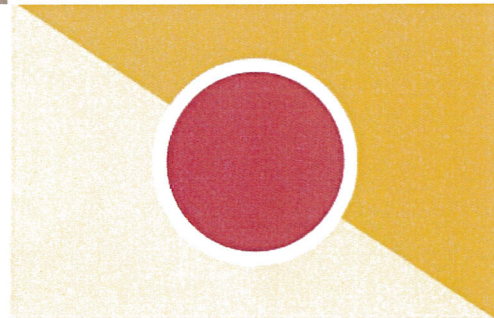
The Plastic Pollution Challenge returns with some public stream clean up events over March and April.

Plastic Pollution Challenge applies citizen science to find out how much plastic litter is in our urban waterways. The ultimate goal is to restore the mauri for these waterways.

Events will be [announced on Facebook](#) or you can get in touch directly with Manawatū River Source to Sea Coordinator Nelson Harper for more information on [manawatu.river@source2sea.org.nz](mailto:manawatu.river@source2sea.org.nz)

### ENM at Red

A reminder that vaccine passes are required for meetings at the ENM office though not for drop in visitors. As per government advice mask wearing is advised during meetings, and the ENM meeting space can accommodate no more than 10 people for this purpose.



## Opportunities to get involved

### Events

**All welcome to meet, talk, swap and connect**

Every Friday [Repair Cafe Levin](#)

Don't throw it out - bring it in for mending!

### Workshops & Talks

**Learn new skills and gain information.**

Mar 2, 16 30. [Lets Grow Highbury!](#)

[Gardening conversations.](#)

Mar 11 [Attracting Donations Workshop](#)

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

Feb 12 [Crop Swap Awapuni](#)  
Bring what you have, take what you need.  
Every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday, Friday [Wildlife Foxton Trust](#) is  
open for visitors.

## Working Bees

### Create better places and communities

Mar 6 [Ahimate Reserve](#)  
Mar 12 [Green Corridors Summerhill](#)  
Help maintain corridors of native trees.  
Mar 13 [Apollo Butterfly Park](#)  
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..  
Mar 13 & 27 [A Rocha Nursery](#)  
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.  
Mar 20 [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.

## Sharing Tables and Shelves

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are not allowed to operate within 'Red' of the COVID Traffic Light System. [The Ashhurst Sharing Shelf](#) is an exception as it is based outside and operated and overseen by [RECAP](#), however social distancing rules still apply. [Click here for a link to other sharing tables and Pataka Kai](#)

## Food Distribution

Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social

March 19 [RECAP Permaculture module observing and understanding your land.](#)

## Local Markets

**Eat seasonally, buy locally.**  
Every Friday [Feilding Farmers' Market](#)  
Every first Sunday [Summerhill Farmers Market](#)  
Every third Sunday [Hokowhitu Farmers Market](#)

## Meetings and AGMs

### Interested people always welcome

Mar 1 [Manawatū Estuary Trust](#)  
Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.  
Mar 2 [ENM Source to Sea](#)  
Mar 7 [Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua](#)  
Mar 8 [Forest and Bird Manawatū Branch.](#)  
Mar 10 [Green Drinks](#)  
Chill out, chat, get nourished and inspired.  
Mar 24 [Manawatū Beekeepers club](#)

## Small Gardening Tools

Tools are now 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.](#)

## Seed Libraries

The [Manawatū Food Action Seed Exchange](#) has a variety of seed exchanges within the

Services Manchester House Community Fruit Harvest, Te Whare Koha and others 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 or reach out to ENM's Manawātū Food Action Network.

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city. Find them at Awapuni, Roslyn, and Te Patikitiki libraries, and the ENM office at 145 Cuba St. Donations are always gratefully received.

## Have your say

### Public Zoom meeting- Feilding Against Incineration

A petition has been launched around the proposed Feilding Pyrolysis Plant and a public Zoom meeting is tentatively planned for 10th March. Please go to the [Feilding Against Incineration Facebook Page](#) for up to date information.

## Apply for funding

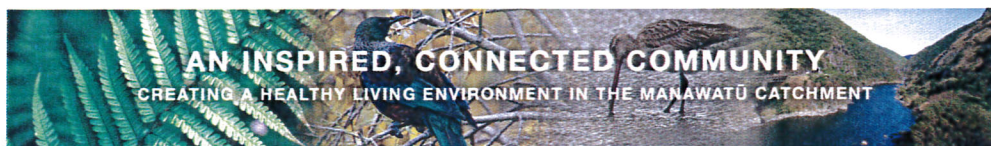
### Predator Free Backyard Communities Funding

[Funding applications](#) are now open until 9th of March for community groups that manage introduced predators in backyards

### PNCC Resource Recovery Fund.

Community groups and small businesses who want to bring their green idea to life can apply to the [Resource Recovery Fund](#) which will be an annual initiative, with \$40,000 available in total each year. The application round is open from 1st- 31st. March 2022.

The fund is available to projects that promote or contribute to reducing, reusing, and recycling items, with an overall goal of reducing the amount of waste ending up in landfill.



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