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December 2021

The Te Pataka Kai Christmas Food Drive

Help Te Pataka Kai make Christmas special for its community by making a donation to its Christmas fooddrive for Christmas hampers over the holidays.

Te Pataka Kai (TPK) 4412 is a safe and friendly space for whanau to come and get kai with no questions asked or no criteria to meet. Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust is working with other Manawatū partners to provide kai within the community and feeds up to 300 whanau per week. Manawatū Food Action Network currently coordinates the māra kai at Whakapai Hauora, harvesting veges weekly for supply to TPK and working with rangatahi on the Youth Justice Programme. Staff members and their whānau have also been involved helping with gardening tasks.



reception.

Exciting funding opportunity for local environmental initiatives.

ENM administers the Environmental Initiatives Fund to support Palmerston North-based community initiatives that improve environmental outcomes. Small Grants (up to \$1000) and Large Grants (between \$1,000 and \$12,000) are available for projects that align with PNCC's Eco-City Strategy priorities (as financier of the fund), and any identified priorities of the network. The Small Grants are open year-round for applications, and Large Grants have one funding round a year, next opening in February 2022. There is currently \$66,000 available for distribution. [Click here to read more](#)



Volunteers of the month. Shannon Kai Hub.

The spirit of volunteering is visible everywhere you look at the Shannon Kai Hub. From the bustle of stocking the shelves, to the friendly chatter in the opp shop and sitting room, to the clean-up after opening hours, the work here is shared by a team of 27 volunteers. They come from as far away as Levin and Longburn. Some drive to Palmerston North and fill their cars at Just Zilch for the weekly stock-up, another does the banking run when working up there. A Steering Group of eight put in more volunteer hours managing the centre, and even the core group of paid staff put in double their paid hours, doing extra volunteer work.. [Click here to read more.](#)



Employment

on the links to read more and apply.

Manawatū River Source to Sea Coordinator 20

hours per week

Manawatū Food Action Network Coordinator 20

hours per week

Casual Trapper. 20-25 hours per week.

**Applications for all positions close at 5pm on
Wednesday 8th December.**

News

Welcoming a new member group. Kawakawa Nursery.

Kawakawa Nursery is a native plant nursery that eco-sources seed and grows quality plants which are supplied to organisations for revegetation projects around the Manawatū. They are owned by Manawatū District Council, and are hoping to engage more with local communities and organizations and be involved with community projects.

Currently they work closely and collectively with Awahuri Kitchener Park Trust, as well as Timona Park Trust (TPOT), and Ellison Reserve.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Upcycling Club 1 would appreciate your donations.

Member group **Upcycling Club 1** would appreciate donations of bottle tops and jar lids.

They make sets of the puzzle the Tower of Hanoi, using only recycled materials: hard covers of unwanted books for boards, bottle tops and jar lids for wooden disks and fabric remnants for bags.

Group member Yoko Wakiya is pictured here with the sets kindly donated to the ENM office. There is a bucket in the ENM office you can pop your clean



Explore Esplanade Day-Expressions of Interest.

ENM will be having a stall at the upcoming Esplanade day event on Sunday 20th March 2022. We wish to make sure our member groups are well represented, so please, feel free to give us information to display, and, if you have an hour or two to spend a helping hand on our stall. Please get in touch with Helen on comms@enm.org.nz regarding this.

ENM Office Christmas Closing.

The ENM office will be closed from 4pm on Thursday 23rd December and re opening at 9am on Monday 10th of January as all staff take a well deserved break.

For Community Groups

Tips for Raising Funds

On our website we have a **set of twenty-one tips for raising funds** for your community group, from **raising your profile** to **building a relationship database**.

COVID-19 information

Sharing Tables and Shelves

*These are still **mostly** closed in level 2.*

Community food sharing tables and shelves linked to PNCC venues are not allowed to operate at COVID-19 Levels 2, 3 and 4. **The**

by RECAP, however social distancing rules still apply.

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 food. If you know of food that is going to waste, or anyone that is struggling to get food during lockdown, please contact one of these agencies or reach out to MFAN.
food.action@enm.org.nz.

COVID-19 Relief Fund

Support for community groups

This City Council fund assists community groups to survive the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Applications are open throughout the year, until all funds have been allocated. Get in touch to discuss your needs and find out if this fund is for you.

Events

Meetups and Public Events

All Welcome: Meet, talk, swap, connect

Dec 1, 15th Lets Grow Highbury! **Gardening Conversations**

Dec 4 **Repair Cafe Levin**

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

Dec 11 **Crop Swap Awapuni**

Bring what you have, take what you need.

Dec 9 **Green Drinks**

Chill out, chat, get nourished and inspired.

Dec 27,28,31, Jan 3,4 **Foxton Wildlife Trust Forgotten Fauna events.**

Every Friday **Fridays for Future**

Peaceful protest for climate action.

Every Friday **Feilding Farmers' Market**

Eat seasonally, buy locally and live well.

Seminars and Talks

Get the lowdown

Dec 2 **Hochstetter Lecture- Royal Society of New Zealand Manawatu**

research collaborations with Dr Dan Hikuroa and Dr Darren King.

Dec 15 Nitrate Source Tracking. A Zoom event from NZ Landcare Trust

Workshops

Learn new skills

Dec 1 Community Preserving Workshop.
Learn how to preserve.

Working Bees

Create better places and communities

Dec 5 Ahimate Reserve

Dec 11 Green Corridors Summerhill
Help maintain corridors of native trees.

Dec 12 Apollo Butterfly Park
Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc..

Dec 12 A Rocha Nursery
Growing natives from eco-sourced seed.

Dec 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
Keeping exotic species out of the wetland.

Club Meetings and AGM's

Interested people always welcome

Dec 1 ENM Source to Sea monthly meeting

Dec 6 Water and Environmental Care Horowhenua

Dec 7 Manawatū Estuary Trust
Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary.

Dec TBC Forest and Bird meeting

Swap, borrow and give.

Seeds, tools and other sharing and giving opportunities.

Small gardening 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

wheelbarrow or two. Donations of garden tools in good working order are also welcomed.

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. Please take only what you need.

RECAP oversees a **seed library** at Ashhurst Community Library for local residents.

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