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## Mid-December 2021

### December is often a busy, complicated and wonderful month...

made more so this year by a change of system from levels to traffic lights, opening Auckland borders and a 'missing' month due to our August lockdown that has many of us scrambling a bit towards the end of the year! Almost time for all of us to take breath, eat well, be with family and enjoy a change of pace over the holiday season.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who popped into the office and donated food to Te Pataka Kai 4412 for their Christmas Hampers- Dave Mollard and Lisa Christensen are pictured here with some of the goodies so generously given to a great cause.

A mid December newsletter I understand is a bit of an anomaly but there are certainly some things worth letting you know before the year wraps up and to take the opportunity again, from all of us here at the ENM office to wish you a wonderful, relaxing holiday period doing the things that you love with the people that you love.

A reminder as well that our office is closed from 4pm on Thursday 23rd December, opening again 9am on Monday 10th January. We look forward to seeing you in 2022!



## Stuck for an original gift for friends or family this Christmas?

### Gift a predator trap and donate to the welfare of local biodiversity for 2022!

A predator trap deployed in the Ruahine Ranges is the perfect waste-free gift to help bring kiwi and other threatened species back to the area. Rats, stoats, possums, wild cats and hedgehogs destroy bird life by attacking small chicks and eating eggs. When you donate a trap as a gift, your money will be put towards the installation of traps to kill these alien predators.

Kiwi Habitat Project Activator Ian Rasmussen (pictured here) is passionate about the need for this work. 'This project represents the opportunity to re-introduce kiwi into an area where they have not been sighted for decades and to create a viable population'

We are hoping to deploy up to 1300 traps in the Ruahine Ranges in 2022. Your donation will help in significantly decreasing predator numbers and increasing bird life in the area.

To donate go to <https://www.enm.org.nz/>



## ENM under the new Covid-19 Protection Framework

With New Zealand transitioning to the Covid-19 Protection Framework ENM has given careful consideration to how people can access our office space at 145 Cuba Street and how we can remain respectful and inclusive as per our organisational values.

All visitors remain warmly welcome to the ENM office space on a drop-in basis. Masks are required.

Proof of a My Vaccine Pass is required for anyone physically attending a meeting at the ENM. Zoom options will be made available to participants who are not able to do this. People will be kindly requested to show their pass on arrival.

Proof of a My Vaccine Pass is required for anyone entering the ENM staff area.

We appreciate your patience as we all learn how to navigate our new normal and look



## Don't forget the Environmental Initiatives Fund! An exciting opportunity for local 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](#)



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