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## **New Faces to ENM**

Your newsletter comes to you typed from the fair fingers of a different ENM staff member this month. My name is Helen King and I have recently taken on the role of Communications and Events for ENM. I've been working in the Palmerston North and Manawatū community sector for the past 15 years in a diverse set of roles, including education, coordination, funding, and training and am a long time supporter/board member/past employee of local member group RECAP out in Ashhurst.I will be familiar to many of you but look forward to meeting those of you who are not so familiar and supporting you through communicating your events, celebrating your successes and helping you tell and disseminate your stories.

During this month we also welcomed Lisa Christensen to the role of Coordinator for the Manawatū Food Action Network. Lisa grew up in the Manawatū and has recently returned home after crossing the motu to live for 15 years in Te Tai Rāwhiti. She is happy to be back amongst the greener hills, rain and wind. She has a background in Te Reo Māori education, home education and mahinga kai, growing food. She runs Tipu Ora seedlings, selling from the Summerhill and Hokowhitu Farmer's Markets, and is a passionate food grower, forager and composter.





adjustments we are all making around the uncertainty of living with a pandemic. Over everything we need to look after ourselves and those who we hold dear during this time and seek help if and when we need it, but also being aware that changes of levels mean changes of dates and times for many events, which I hope has been reflected within this newsletter.

Ngā mihi,

Helen

### **ENM 2021 AGM**

It is our sincere pleasure to invite you to the ENM 2021 AGM which will be held on Thursday 14th October, 5:30pm at Crossroads Church, 220 Church Street, Palmerston North.

We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate the 2020-21 year and the achievements, stories and successes of our many and varied member groups.

#### Please click here to respond to the Invitation

Please note that due to current level two restrictions we will be unable to hold our usual pre AGM networking and nibbles opportunity. If a change to level one occurs we will look to reinstate this.

## ENM Volunteer of the Month Indra Dulal, Awapuni Community Garden.

Indra was raised in Bhutan in the rural village of Chirang district. One of eight siblings he learned to speak English from a young age, at highschool. This helped set him up for a lifetime of teaching, advocacy, language translation and community work... **click here to read more** 



## Employment

**Experienced Trapper** *ENM, The Southern Ruahine Kiwi Habitat Restoration Project. Applications Close 10th October.* 

ENM is looking for an experienced trapper to join our small delivery team of up to four field staff, carrying out critical conservation work within the Southern Ruahine Ranges and surrounding farmland. This is a 30 hour a week position.

Please click here for more information and to apply.

## **COVID-19** information

#### **Sharing Tables and Shelves**

... are still closed in level 2

Community food sharing tables and shelves are not allowed to operate at COVID-19 Levels 2, 3 and 4. Food action work continues, with Just Zilch, Te Pataka Kai 4412, the Salvation Army, Methodist Social Services and others 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.

### News

#### **RECAP Survey**

Help future planning for sustainability and resilience in Ashhurst.

RECAP has created a brief community survey to gather your feedback about their work to see how they are doing, where they can improve and what the communities they serve would like to see offered from us both in terms of educational opportunities and ongoing projects.

#### Click here to complete the survey

For those in Ashhurst & Pohangina, there is a

#### **Community Toolkit** *Ways to connect and support*

This guide is designed to help you prepare and plan for how you support your friends, whānau, neighbours and members of your community groups through these challenging times. It contains community resources and tools compiled by ActionStation staff and volunteers.

### **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. details to enter within the survey.



#### Let's Grow Highbury! Future garden conversations.

Level 2 still means that library use is unavailable for for Let's Grow Highbury garden conversations, When levels change the group will be looking at meeting after the school holidays either at Te Patikitiki library or at another venue.

Please click here to link to the Facebook page to keep updated

### National Plastics Action Plan for Aotearoa

Did you know that each year every New Zealander sends at least 60kg of plastic waste to landfill?

The Ministry for the Environment has just published the National Plastics Action Plan for Aotearoa highlighting the next steps on the journey. **Click here to read more.** 

### Age Friendly Palmerston North Older Person of the Year Awards

Age Friendly Palmerston North are looking for nominations for Older Man of the Year, Older Woman of the Year, Business of the Year (that work with older people), and Technology Award (for an organisation or person who helps older people with technology). Nominations close on 15th of October. Please contact **agefriendlypn@gmail.com** for more information.

## **For Community Groups**

## **Events**

Meetups and Public Events All Welcome: Meet, talk, swap, connect

#### Oct 2 Repair Cafe Levin Don't throw it out - bring it in for mending! Oct 6, 8, 13th and 15th Forgotten Fauna

Tours Wildlife Foxton Trust
Learn about some of our forgotten fauna (animals) of skinks, gecko, fish and invertebrates.
Oct 6 ENM Source to Sea Meeting
Oct 9 Crop Swap Awapuni
Bring what you have, take what you need.
Oct 14 Green Drinks

Chill out, chat, get nourished and inspired. Oct 16 Crop Swap Ashhurst, Recap Bring what you have, take what you need. Oct 30 Everyday Kaitiaki Festival Learn and care about local plants and critters. 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

Due to fluctuating pandemic levels there are no seminars or talks scheduled for this month (well, that we have been asked to advertise anyway at this stage!) Feel free to contradict us with this and email anything our way you want people made aware of.

### **Pivot Conference**

New Zealand's annual volunteering conference - connect with peers, share and learn together, be inspired by a range of practitioners and thought leaders, and leave with renewed optimism for the future of volunteering. This year, Volunteering New Zealand celebrates twenty years of championing the volunteer sector.

### **Nature Heritage Fund** *Applications close 29 October*

This fund helps private landowners, local government, community groups and others to protect high-value ecosystems.

#### **Everyday Kaitiaki Festival** 30 October Ashhurst Domain

Department of Conservation, Te Manawa and Horizons will host this family-friendly day. With the help of local guides, people will conduct mini environmental surveys of the plants and critters that call the Manawatū home, and some of the ways we can care for the environment so they can thrive. A range of activities and stalls will help share the message that we can all be Kaitiaki of our own environments.

#### Stallholders wanted

If you can provide relevant whānau-friendly activities and information, please email **everydaykaitiaki@gmail.com**.

#### **Strategic Priority Grants** *Applications close 1 November*

Palmerston North City Council's Strategic Priority Grants programme is designed to help the community sector deliver on Council's vision, and provide solutions to local social, environmental and cultural issues. Oct 16 Upcycle Club 1 Get creative with "waste" materials. Oct 20 Biochar Field day, Halcombe Organised by the NZ Landcare Trust. Facilitated by Phil Stevens from Slow Farm. Oct 23. Beginners Berm Gardening A workshop from RECAP, Ashurst Sept 23-Nov 5 Sustainable Living Move towards a more sustainable lifestyle.

#### Working Bees

Create better places and communities

Oct 3 Ahimate Reserve, Awapuni An urban wilderness park by the river. **Oct 9** Green Corridors Summerhill Help maintain corridors of native trees. **Oct 10 Apollo Butterfly Park** Planting for Monarch butterflies, etc.. Oct 10 & 24 A Rocha Nursery Growing natives from eco-sourced seed. Oct 17 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**

Interested people always welcome

Oct 4 Water & Environmental Care Water quality in the Horowhenua & NZ. Oct 5 Manawatū Estuary Trust Caring for the Manawatū River Estuary. Oct 7 AGM: Timona Park Orchard Trust Community involvement in fruit tree growing. Oct 12 Forest and Bird Meeting Oct 14 AGM: Environment Network Manawatū

Catch up, network and plan for next year. Oct 28 Manawatū Bee Keeper's Club Information, education and networking.

## **Have Your Say**

#### Click here for more information.

#### Current submissions open

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Applications always open for small grants.

Do you need funding for an environmental project? A reminder that the ENM Environmental Initiatives Fund is open year round for small grants for Palmerston North based organisations including educational institutions

Click here to read more about the fund.

### **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.

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CREATING A HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE MANAWATŪ CATCHMENT

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