

# 'A Bit of a Do'

# Programme



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**TALKS:** Bring your lunch | hot drinks provided

**WALKS, TOURS AND WORKSHOP:** Limited places | **Bookings essential\***

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## Local History Week

31 OCTOBER – 6 NOVEMBER 2011

## MONDAY 31 OCT.

**OPENING** of Local History Week  
Sponsored by the Manawatu Journal of History  
11am | 1st Floor | Central Library

**LUNCHTIME TALK: Strippers, Tubbers and Scutchers: Life and Work in the Manawatu Flax Mills.** The flax industry was a major source of employment in our district for almost 150 years. This talk will examine the lives of flax workers by drawing on local records, anecdotes and photographs.

**SPEAKER:** Margaret Tate  
12 noon | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library

**MINA MCKENZIE MEMORIAL LECTURE: 'The Creation of a New Tradition: Women's Quilting in Tonga'**

**SPEAKER:** Dr Phyllis Herda, University of Auckland. Organised by the Te Manawa Museum Society  
7pm | Te Manawa

## TUESDAY 1 NOV.

**HOME MOVIES:** Buried treasures from the Archives. Part I  
10.15am | S&V | Ground floor | Central Library

**LUNCHTIME TALK: Heritage Buildings of Coleman Mall, Cuba and George Streets:** Once Cuba Street was a major shopping street. Val's heritage study, recently undertaken for PNCC, has revealed some stunning history from amongst the old, often ignored, buildings in the area.  
**SPEAKER:** Val Burr  
12 noon | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library

**BOOK LAUNCH and REMINISCENCE TEA PARTY:** Prepare to be delighted and amused by a collection of anecdotes and reminiscences of a colourful life 'well lived'. Join centenarian Peter Leyland, at his book launch, with readings by his nephew, John Leyland.  
2pm | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library



*Flaxworkers c1910*  
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## WEDNESDAY 2 NOV.

**TOURS:** Choose your tour, either, Treasures of the City Archives or Central Library Art and Architecture.  
10.15am | **Bookings essential\***

**LUNCHTIME TALK: Totara Reserve: a window into Manawatu's environmental history.** Initially preserved for its timber, and now a prized scenic and recreational reserve, this talk will trace its history so we can better understand the changing attitudes and values of New Zealanders towards our natural heritage.

**SPEAKER:** Dr Catherine Knight  
12 noon | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library

**WALK: Globe Theatre:** Come and find out about the workings of our very own purpose-built community theatre, inspired by its namesake in London.

**GUIDE:** Bruce Warrick  
2pm | **Bookings Essential\***

### SPECIAL EVENT:

#### A BIT OF A DO WITH GAYLENE PRESTON:

An illustrated talk about the use of local and personal histories in documentary film making.  
Sponsored by the Palmerston North Heritage Trust  
6 pm | S&V | Ground floor | Central Library



## THURSDAY 3 NOV.

**HOME MOVIES:** Buried treasures from the Archives. Part II  
10.15am | S&V | Ground floor | Central Library

**LUNCHTIME TALK: The Roman Catholic Māori Mission and Local Marae:** This talk will examine the formation and nature of the relationship between the Roman Catholic faith and local Māori, first begun in 1860s and 70s by the Catholic French Missionaries stationed at Pukekarakā in Otaki, who became known as the Priests of the Māori Mission  
**SPEAKER:** Eljohn Fitzgerald  
12 noon | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library

**A BIT OF A DO at Highden Manor:** Tour this historic 1896 Manor House, situated on 24 acres of manicured gardens and native forest, and experience a world of civilised grace and old English charm. Tour followed by afternoon tea. 2pm | Cost \$20 pp | **Bookings Essential\***



*Highden Manor 1967  
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## FRIDAY 4 NOV.

**TOURS:** Choose your tour, either, Treasures of the City Archives or Central Library Art and Architecture. 10.15am | **Bookings essential\***

**LUNCHTIME TALK: Dressing Up and Having Fun:** Hear the stories behind the Palmerston North Heritage Trust's 2012 calendar, entitled 'A Bit of Do'.  
**SPEAKERS:** Members of the Palmerston North Heritage Trust  
12 noon | 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor | Central Library

**WALK: Memorial Park's Memories:** Looking back to 1876 when the first gravel was quarried, and its journey to becoming one of our city reserves.  
**GUIDE:** Garry O'Neill  
2pm | **Bookings Essential\***

## SATURDAY 5 NOV. 2011N\_Fx61\_0046

**CREATIVE WORKSHOP: Make a Memory Book.** During the workshop you will not only create and decorate your own mini album but also complete up to 4 pages using your own photos. Workshop by Margaret Wanden.  
9.30am | Cost \$10 pp | Central Library | **Bookings essential\***

**WALK: Historic Terrace End Cemetery:** A stroll around Palmerston North's oldest cemetery. Hear about the history and background of a few of the personalities buried there.  
**GUIDE:** Noeline Penny  
2pm | **Bookings Essential\***



*Terrace End cemetery c1925  
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## SUNDAY 6 NOV.

**WALK: Te Manawa's New Galleries:** Tour the newly developed Te Manawa galleries, Manawatū Journeys and Te Rangi Whenua  
**GUIDES:** Tony Rasmussen and Te Manawa staff  
2pm | **Bookings Essential\***

**POWER STATION Open Day:** Walk around the historic Power Station. Engines will be run on the hour and members of the PN Electric Power Station Society will be on hand to answer questions.  
Open 12.30 – 4.30pm | Cost \$2 pp | Keith Street (off Napier Road)

**CACCIA BIRCH Open Day:** Named after the family who gifted this historic property, this NZHPT Category 1 house was built in 1895. View the house, gardens and Coach House archive.  
Open 1 – 4pm | 130 Te Awe Awe Street



Family outing c1920s 2010G\_Unknown\_3559

# WEEKLONG ACTIVITIES

- **DISPLAY: 'A Bit of Do':** A fashion display of dressing up in the 1890s, 1920s, 1950s, 1970s and 1990s, from the Te Manawa collections. Complemented with archives and photographs.  
25 Oct. to 6 Nov | 1<sup>st</sup> floor | Central Library
- **DISPLAY: Family Treasures and their Stories.** Exhibition by students of The Gifted Education Centre, Terrace End School.  
25 Oct. to 13 Nov | City Archives | Ground Floor | Central Library
- **KIDS QUIZ:** Treasure hunt around The Square – locate and identify the historical local landmarks from photographic details.  
Collect your quiz from the Children's Zone, Central Library
- **ADULTS QUIZ:** Treasure hunt around Palmerston North – locate and identify historical local landmarks from photographic details.  
Collect your quiz from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Central Library
- **CALL FOR PHOTOS OF THE 1970S:** What memories of Palmerston North in the 1970s did you capture? Bring your photographs and movies to the Ian Matheson City Archives, Ground Floor, Central Library, to be copied for Pataka Ipurangi: Manawatu Memory Online.



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