

Heritage Month

featuring
Local History Week



1-30 March 2025

Deepen your understanding of people and place

How this booklet works

Heritage Month runs for most of March. Within Heritage Month, the City Library hosts Local History Week from 1-10 March. To make the distinction, this booklet is broken up by a cover page that separates each section. Local History Week events are listed in calendar order, while those in Heritage Month are grouped by type, for example, talks and documentaries; activities; guided tours etc.

We have also curated some areas of interest pages for quick reference. These include Rangitāne and Te Ao Māori; Families and Schools; Facts and Figures; Storytelling; Industrial and Transport; and Military History.

Register

The majority of activities are free to attend, unless stated. For most activities and events, you can turn up on the day. The remaining activities require you to register or have a ticket to participate. The guided tour to Biggin Hill Aircraft Centre requires participants to have current NZ government issued photo ID for entry to Ohakea.

You can register online by contacting the Heritage Team at heritage@pncc.govt.nz

You can find all Heritage Month and Local History Week activity listings, as well as a downloadable booklet online:

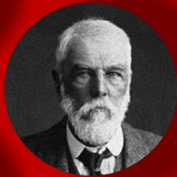
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For more information about anything in this booklet, please contact the Heritage Team.

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Local History Week

1-10 March



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Nga mihi nui to the following organisations for participating in Local History Week:



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Nau mai, haere mai

Welcome to Local History Week

Local History Week has a proud history in Palmerston North.

Established in 2008, this celebratory week is a chance for the community to connect with our unique history. A time to focus attention on the people and events of our collective past and the impact on us today.



Once again, the City Library is delighted to coordinate and curate a themed week of activities.

For the next three years we are looking to highlight the people, kaupapa and organisations that have made an impact on the city and how we see ourselves as Palmerstonians. Those who have led the way and inspired others to do so. The whakatuaki (proverb), *Hāpaitia te ara tika pūmau ai te rangatiratanga mō ngā uri whakatipu*, speaks to those who have fostered the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.

We thank the generosity of our city's historians, knowledge holders, researchers, enthusiasts and heritage organisations in offering a range of talks, workshops and guided experiences for us all to learn and understand more about our rohe.

**We warmly invite you to join us for
Local History Week and Heritage Month.**



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Ngā mihi nui,

**The Heritage Team at the
Palmerston North City Library**

Local History Week 2025

1-10 March

Saturday 1 March

Pōwhiri

The oldest marae in our rohe, Te Rangimarie, will welcome you for the beginning of Local History Week. Participate in a pōwhiri, learn about the wharenuī and the whenua it stands on. Followed by hākari (refreshments). Consider staying for Peter Te Rangi's presentation.

Saturday 1 March, 1 - 2.30pm

Te Rangimarie Marae, Rangiotu

Limited numbers, registrations to:
heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Influential Leadership in Rangitāne

Peter Te Rangi (Rangitāne o Manawatū) will talk about leaders of Rangitāne descent who have made a generational impact - some of whom have had a regional, national and international influence.

Saturday 1 March, 2.30 - 3.30pm

Te Rangimarie Marae, Rangiotu

Sunday 2 March

Camellia Loop Walk

Take an informative, casual tour of the 700m long Camellia Loop Walk surrounding the Dugald MacKenzie Rose Garden. **Members of the Camellia Society** will share how the garden has developed over the years and highlight some of the special species within the collection of 300 different camellias. Note: This event takes place during Esplanade Day.

Sunday 2 March, 11am - 12pm

Victoria Esplanade Gardens

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Exploring the Esplanade

Join historian Associate Professor **Geoff Watson** and historical geographer, Professor Emeritus **Mike Roche**, for a walk-and-talk about the history and trees of the Victoria Esplanade, including the legacy of Peter Black. Note: This event takes place during Esplanade Day.

Sunday 2 March, 1 - 2pm

Victoria Esplanade Gardens - meet outside the Peter Black conservatory

Mina McKenzie Memorial Lecture

The Double Shift: Working Women's Lives in the Twentieth Century

Every year the Mina McKenzie Memorial Lecture discusses a topic near and dear to the museum community. The 2025 lecture will be presented by Professor Emerita **Barbara Brookes**. Her illustrated talk examines the way women combined paid and unpaid work over the twentieth century. The unpaid nature of domestic work meant it was often unrecognised but was essential to everyday life. **Louisa McKenzie** will also speak about her mother's experience as a working woman. Everybody welcome.

Followed by afternoon tea.

Supported by the Te Manawa Museum Society.

Sunday 2 March, 3 - 4.30pm

Te Manawa Museum, Te Rangahau, Ground Floor, 326 Main Street

Monday 3 March

Fred Hollows: One Man's Vision

Paul Holmes' 1992 documentary features the story of ophthalmologist Fred Hollows. His charity work around the world restored sight to many and The Fred Hollows Foundation continues his work today. One time Australian of the Year, Fred is a Palmerston North Boy's High School old boy.

Monday 3 March, 10 - 11am

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Listening to Letters

In composing hand-written letters in the past, people had to carefully consider their thoughts. Listening to those letters can restore the past to us. Professor Emerita **Barbara Brookes** will speak to why listening to letters has become a global phenomenon and local people will read aloud letters which contrast with the short texts, tweets and soundbites of the modern world.

Monday 3 March, 12 - 1pm

Central Library, Second Floor

From Back Then to Now

The Indian community in Palmerston North and the greater Manawatū region traces its origins back to the beginnings of the 1900s, marking over twelve decades of remarkable transformation. **Paul Patel** QSM will delve into the heritage of the early Indian pioneering families who through their hard work and entrepreneurial spirit, were instrumental in shaping the business landscape of the region, leaving a lasting legacy that continues to inspire future generations.

Monday 3 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Tuesday 4 March

Back of House Tour

Go behind the scenes at Te Manawa Museum of Arts, Science and Heritage to glimpse into the museum collection stores and view some of the precious objects not normally on display. If you have a particular area of interest, be sure to mention it when you register and the **Te Manawa collections team** will find something suitable to show.

Tuesday 4 March, 12 - 1pm

Te Manawa Museum, 326 Main Street

Limited numbers. To register, email bookings@temanawa.co.nz

Heritage Help Session

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Tuesday 4 March, 2.30 - 4pm (three 30 minute sessions)

Central Library, Second Floor

Limited sessions as listed above. To book a 30 minute session, email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Teira (Taylor) Samuel Mihaere (Ngāti Mutuahi, Rangitāne)

Hear **Peter Te Rangi** (Rangitāne o Manawatū) talk about a leader of renown during the 1960s and 1970s. In Dannevirke, he was Taylor, a Māori boy from Tahoraiti. In Palmerston North, however, he was Sam, and it was there that he became a well-respected, much-loved local politician.

Tuesday 4 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Wednesday 5 March

Walkshop - Food, Fashion and Business: A Social History of George Street

Reinvigorated by the opening of the City Library in 1996, George Street has become a “must visit” destination for lovers of both cafe culture and boutique owner-operated businesses. Join **Genny Vella** for a personal social history “walkshop” of George Street as experienced through food, fashion and the fabulous. Learn about the passionate, colourful owners of key businesses on the street and the delights they hold.

Wednesday 5 March, 10.30 - 11.30am

Meet outside the Central Library on George Street

IPU: Innovation in Education

When a private tertiary institute was declared open in 1990 by then Governor General, Sir Paul Reeves, it was a landmark event in the educational history of New Zealand. Hear **Hiroyasu Tsumakura** tell how one person's vision came true, leading to the establishment of IPU in Palmerston North, and enabling other private institutions to open and make significant economic and cultural impacts to New Zealand society.

The talk will be followed by a tour of the gardens.

Wednesday 5 March, 12.30 - 3.30pm

Library, IPU, 57 Aokautere Drive

Three Sisters, One Journey:

Ngāti Porou to Rangitāne

In the 1950s, three sisters from Waipiro Bay moved to Palmerston North in search of mahi. Pani, Hana and Tangihōro Ruwhiu had a profound impact on Rangitāne community. Join Tangihōro's tamāhine, **Phyllis Fitzgerald** (Rangitāne ki Manawatū), as she tells their story.

Wednesday 5 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

St Michael's Anglican Church and Marae, 70 Ellesmere Cres, Highbury

Seeds of Innovation:

The Manawatū Food Story

Explore the history of food production and research in the Manawatū region with a panel discussion led by Dr **Victoria Hatton**, CEO of Food HQ. Manawatū has long been a hub of agricultural innovation, food technology and food science. Delve into the region's unique contributions to food production, and hear stories of ingenuity, resilience, and progress.

Wednesday 5 March, 6 - 7.30pm

Te Manawa Museum Foyer,
326 Main Street



"Queen Elizabeth II talking with Mr. T. S. Mihaere, City Councillor", by Manawatū Evening Standard, Fairfax Media, 1970, via Manawatū Heritage.

Thursday 6 March

Mrs Emmarah Freeman: Founder of Northcote Hospital

Emmarah Freeman trained as a nurse at Birmingham General Hospital before migrating to Aotearoa New Zealand. She married her cousin William Freeman in Wellington before the couple moved to the Makuri Valley near Pahiatua, where they started a farm. When a bush fire reduced William to invalid status Emmarah found herself returning to her nurse's vocation. **Russell Poole** will talk about this "nurse of enterprise", the founder of Mrs Freeman's Private Hospital (also known as Northcote Hospital), and the ancestor of today's Crest Hospital.

Thursday 6 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm
Central Library, Second Floor

The impact and legacy of Robert Matthews

Robert Matthews was one of Palmerston North's most significant musicians, well known for his contribution to music education at Palmerston North Teachers' College and nationally. Join **Roy Tankersley** to learn more about Robert, long serving organist and choir master at St Andrew Presbyterian Church, a man who inspired a life-long love of music in people of all ages. In honour of Robert, Pathways Presbyterian Church (formerly St Andrews) formed the Robert Matthews Memorial Scholarship, supporting young local musicians. Past scholars will perform after the presentation.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 6 March, 3.30 - 5pm
Central Library, Second Floor

Friday 7 March

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Friday 7 March, 10.30 - 12pm **(three 30 minute sessions)**

Central Library, Second Floor

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Image courtesy of the New Zealand Rugby Museum.

The Grasslands Revolution at Massey and in Manawatū

During the 1920s, L.J. Wild and Geoffrey Peren played a leading role in placing New Zealand agriculture on a more scientific footing. In so doing they helped facilitate a 'grasslands revolution' which saw an intensification of farming in New Zealand, with profound long-term consequences for the environment. Associate Professor **Geoff Watson** will share how these two thought leaders democratised knowledge making it relevant and comprehensible to farmers and pupils alike.

See page 15 for details about the display of Massey University pioneers in research and innovation.

Friday 7 March, 2 - 3pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Saturday 8 March

Rural documentaries

In tandem with the Rural Games running in Te Marae o Hine - The Square, the Central Library is host to a selection of rural-themed documentaries. Showcasing rural businesses and communities around Aotearoa New Zealand, the footage ranges from 2011-2017.

Saturday 8 March, 10am - 4pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Local Women's Rugby Herstory

Many may have overlooked the significance of the Manawatū region in the broader development of women's rugby in New Zealand, and indeed internationally. Dr **Lydia Furse** will trace a number of local links to the herstory of national women's rugby, outlining reactions to games in the 1920s before considering the interprovincial game in 1980, and finally celebrating some local sports stars who have made a huge impact on the world stage as part of the Black Ferns.

See page 15 for details about a display of items from the New Zealand Rugby Museum.

Saturday 8 March, 12 - 1pm

Central Library, Second Floor

The Undersigned Women:

Exploring Local Suffragist Stories

More than 500 Palmerston North women signed the Suffrage petition, submitted to Parliament in 1893. Learn about some of the local signatories at this talk by Dr **Ralph Body**, Heritage Assistant – Archives.

Saturday 8 March, 2 - 3pm

Central Library, Second Floor



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Sunday 9 March, 10am - 4pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Julia Wallace: A Very Active Woman

Not only Palmerston North's first female city councillor, Julia Wallace OBE was the first female president of the New Zealand Post Primary Teachers' Association Te Wehengarua (PPTA). Join former city archivist **Lesley Courtney** to discover what made long-serving Palmerston North Girls High School principal, Julia Wallace, 'one of the region's most distinguished citizens'.

Sunday 9 March, 2 - 3pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Monday 10 March

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**Monday 10 March, 10.30 - 12pm
(three 30 minute sessions)**

Central Library, Second Floor

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One of the City's Finest:

Merv Hancock, a Man of Many Parts

Merv Hancock (1926-2016) was a son of Palmerston North, a child welfare officer, city councillor, educator, historian and champion of the underdog. Professor Emerita **Margaret Tennant** talks about the significance of his life to Palmerston North, and why she considers him one of our most worthy 'movers and shakers'.

Monday 10 March, 1.30 - 2.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Awards Ceremony

The Palmerston North Heritage Trust will award the biennial Best Local History article award.

Followed by light refreshments.

Monday 10 March, 3 - 4pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Yvonne Marshall: A Life Dedicated to the Progression of People

Yvonne Marshall (Rangitāne, Ngāti Apa, Ngāti Kuia) dedicated her life to the progression of rangatahi, her iwi and the wider Māori communities of Palmerston North. She was a founding kuia of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Manawatū and the Highbury Weavers. Service to her iwi and the community was life-long and she was an active member of many societies, the Rangitāne Māori Women's League, was Massey University's first Māori Liaison Officer, a Justice of the Peace and a city councillor.

Join **Debi Marshall-Lobb** (Rangitāne, Ngāti Rangī, Ngāti Tūwharetoa) and others as they share stories about a woman dedicated to her community.

Monday 10 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

"Julia Wallace speaking at the opening of Palmerston North Museum", by unknown, 1971, Palmerston North City Library via Manawatū Heritage.

Image courtesy of Debi Marshall-Lobb and the Marshall Whānau.

"Mervyn Hancock", by Tony Kim, 2012, Ian Matheson City Archives via Manawatū Heritage.

Poroporoaki

As Local History Week draws to a close, we reflect on the week's history experiences coordinated by the Palmerston North City Library.

Monday 10 March, 6.30 - 7pm

Central Library, Second Floor



Exhibitions and displays

Displays and exhibitions listed below are on at the Central Library, and grouped by floor location

Unless stated, all displays run from 1-30 March

Ground Floor

Bygone Days:

Telling the Story of the Past

Architecture, especially old, abandoned buildings, tell a story. These buildings are not just broken-down, but have a history - who lived there, how many generations, and why did they leave? This exhibition showcases a small collection of such buildings, captured through the lens of Rowan Bell as he travels the country.

24 March - 20 April

Mezzanine Floor

Pioneer of the Airwaves:

J. V. Kyle and Radio 2ZO

In 1931 radio was transforming from the hobby of a few dedicated enthusiasts into New Zealand's most popular form of entertainment and information - but Palmerston North still struggled to pick up a good signal from the main stations. All that changed when J.V. Kyle gave Palmerston North a local voice. This exhibition showcases the radios, documents and stories behind the much-loved station's life - and its controversial demise which led to protest across Manawatū.

See page 31 for a talk on
Press Photography Highlights



"Behind the Scenes at Radio Broadcast",
by Manawatū Evening Standard, Fairfax
Media, 1960, via Manawatū Heritage.

First Floor

The Journey to a New Life:

The Hellenic Prince 1950

This exhibition looks at the voyage through the eyes of a passenger Lucija Ozolins. 2025 is the 75th anniversary of the arrival in NZ of the second ship with Displaced Persons, the IRO ship TSS Hellenic Prince. It left Bremmer Haven on Sept 5th and arrived in Wellington on Oct 18th, 1950 with 980 Displaced Persons from Europe. Amongst them was Lucija Ozolins from Latvia, who settled in Palmerston North. She had a life-long interest in sewing and craft - activities which were her lifeline.

See page 21 for a talk on other Hellenic Prince passenger stories.

MASH Trust

Take a journey through the 35 year history of the MASH Trust of providing care and support for people with mental health, substance addictions, and disabilities. Follow the story through a timeline of key moments and their part in supporting people who came from a lifetime of institutions to living great lives in the community.

See page 20 for a talk on the MASH Trust.

Women's Rugby

A selection of items from the New Zealand Rugby Museum, celebrating women's rugby in the Manawatū.

See page 11 for a talk on women's rugby.

Second Floor

Ian Matheson City Archives:

The Manawatū Guardian collection

A selection of items from the Manawatū Guardian collection, highlighting unique stories from the Manawatū.

See page 21 for the talk on the Manawatū Guardian.

Leaders of Thought:

Massey University Pioneers in Research and Innovation

Showcasing influential professors, researchers, and alumni from Massey University who have contributed to significant advancements in their fields, particularly those who have impacted on local, regional or global thought. Curated by Massey University Archivist, Louis Changuin.

See page 11 for a talk about two thought leaders, and page 34 for a tour of the Massey campus.



"Lucija Ozolins of Latvia receives her naturalisation certificate from Palmerston North Mayoress Rennie in 1965". Supplied by Tania Kopytko.

Back Issues

Following Tina White's Memory Lane, which ran for 18 years, the *Manawatū Standard* started a new series, *Back Issues*, in October 2021. Features in the series reflect on a news moment or issue from Manawatū's past, recounting key events, decisions and voices.

With more than thirty writers, knowledge holders, researchers and academics contributing to the weekly series, you can expect to read about a different aspect of life each week.

Back Issues is coordinated by the Palmerston North City Library and features images from Manawatū Heritage. The series is sponsored by Property Brokers and published by the *Manawatū Standard* on Saturday every weekend.

Features for Heritage Month

1 March The Legacy of Mina McKenzie
Karis Evans

8 March Eileen Savell
Lesley Courtney

15 March Victor Emmanuel Smith
Marilyn Whiteman

22 March Samoan Leaders
of the 1950-1960's
Vernon Tile Vamaua

29 March The Funeral Train of
Michael Joseph Savage, 1940
Margaret Tennant





Heritage Month

March 2025

Nga mihi nui to the following organisations for participating in Heritage Month:



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“Painting by Harold Anderson showing a picnic party below the towering cliffs of Te Motu o Poutoa”, 1917. Reproduced by New Zealand Historic Places Trust and Ian Matheson Community Archives.

“The Travelling Tinker”, by Charles E. Wildbore, c. 1900, Palmerston North City Library via Manawatū Heritage.

Image attributions (page 19)

“Weaving”, by Palmerston North City Library, 2017.

Nau mai, haere mai

Welcome to Heritage Month

It is a real pleasure for me to introduce Heritage Month 2025.

Heritage Month allows us to deepen our understanding of the many stories of this place and its people. You can explore the cultural, historical and social narratives that have shaped our city and continue to influence our lives today.

He tātai muka, he tātai tangata – weave together the strands, weave together the people.

Events are scheduled throughout March and range across a diverse programme of talks, korero, workshops, exhibitions, open days, activities and guided experiences. Embrace the events available, some of which are being offered for the first time this year.

There really is something for everyone – of all ages and interests.

Please join me in participating in Heritage Month – bring along your family and friends, learn something new, weave together the strands of your own unique story and deepen your understanding of the history of our rohe.



Ngā mihi nui,

Lesley Courtney
Former City Archivist

Talks and Documentaries

The Ashhurst Cemetery

Well-known for her tours of Terrace End Cemetery, local historian **Leanne Croon Hickman** turns her focus to Ashhurst. Hear about the lives lived well and of those cut short.

See page 34 for Terrace End Cemetery tours.

Tuesday 11 March, 1 - 2pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Lost Lagoons of the City

Hokowhitu Lagoon is the last remaining oxbow lagoon within our city boundaries. U3A's New Zealand History group coordinator, **Graham Slater**, will share how four other lagoons in our area, originally created by a shifting river bed, have since disappeared.

Tuesday 11 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

MASH Trust: Celebrating 35 years of Supporting People

Originally established to support people who were unwell, disabled, or facing hardship by providing low-cost accommodation, the trust has become a leading provider of disability, mental health, and addiction recovery services. Join MASH Trust CEO, Dr **Karleen Edwards**, as she reflects on 35 years of MASH Trust in the community.

See page 15 for the MASH Trust exhibition at the Central Library.

Wednesday 12 March, 2 - 3pm

Central Library, Second Floor

"Te Ahaturanga, Upper Manawatū Block" by A. E. Williams, 1961 [reproduction], Palmerston North City Council via Manawatū Heritage.



The Hellenic Prince: A Voyage to a New Life

In 1950, nearly one thousand WWII Displaced Persons arrived in Wellington on an international refugee ship to begin their new life in New Zealand, initially at Pahiatua Camp. Seventy five years on, Hellenic Prince descendants Dr **Tania Kopytko** and **Bruno Petrenus** will share passenger stories, as part of the Untold Stories research project.

Descendants of the Hellenic Prince can share their family stories by emailing: untolds626@gmail.com.

See page 15 for the Hellenic Prince: Journey to a new life exhibition at the Central Library.

Wednesday 12 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

110th Anniversary of the Defeat of the Allied Fleet in the Dardanelles

After the Ottoman Empire entered the Great War, Russia sought assistance from Britain and France. The decision was made to force the Dardanelles to open the sea route to Russia. CDR (Rtd) **Richard Jackson**, RNZN, will give insight on the unique and costly naval battle, that led directly to the Gallipoli campaign.

See page 50 for other talks in the Military History series.

Thursday 13 March, 12 - 1pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Industrial Relations and Pacifism in the Manawatū Flax Trade

PhD student **Josh Reid** examines the influence of Christian pacifism and the Māori peace movement on the flax industry's trade union and its commitment to pacifist ideals. Topics explored include the union's impact on the labour movement and the formation of the first Labour government in 1935; the influence of flax trade unionists on pacifist activities during WW2 and how the government reacted to this rebellion.

See page 35 for guided tours of the Foxton Flax Stripper Museum.

Thursday 13 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

The Manawatū Guardian Collection: A Taonga for the City

Gifted to the City Library in late 2024, the Manawatū Guardian collection consists of every edition of the newspaper since the first edition in July 21, 1972. Containing a huge wealth of knowledge for locals, it is an incredibly valuable resource for the wider community as there are stories in its pages that cannot be found elsewhere. Join the City Library Heritage team and others in sharing some of those unique stories.

See page 15 for the Manawatū Guardian display at the Central Library.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Friday 14 March, 2 - 3.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Children Without Schools:

Palmerston North's 1942 Emergency Education Scheme

When the military took over local schools in 1942, children took to the streets, making the town their classroom, and forming connections with the community and to local sites. Dr **Frances Kelly**, Associate Professor **Kirsten Locke**, and Dr **Molly Mullen**, of Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland will outline how the forces of war combined with educational change, provoked an experiment that had lasting effects on our education system. Supported by the University of Auckland Research Development Fund.

See page 36 for the activity at Square Edge.

Friday 14 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Fred Hollows: One Man's Vision

Paul Holmes' 1992 documentary features the story of ophthalmologist Fred Hollows. His charity work around the world restored sight to many and The Fred Hollows Foundation continues his work today. One time Australian of the Year, Fred is a Palmerston North Boy's High School old boy.

See page 7 for the screening during Local History Week.

Sunday 16 March, 3 - 4pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Children in the Archive

Fiona McKergow focuses on finding histories of children and childhood in the archive. The archival record has been created by adults, with child-authored material said to be virtually non-existent. But, when we look closely there are rich seams of children's creativity in the archive. What can we learn from these traces?

Monday 17 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Te Motu o Poutoa

Plans to build Te Motu o Poutoa – Civic Marae and Cultural Centre are underway. Once a significant and strategic pa site for Rangitāne, **Ruma Karaitiana** (Rangitāne o Manawatū) will give a historical perspective on why Te Motu o Poutoa is still so important to iwi.

Monday 17 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Waka Tiwai

What do we know about the use of waka on the Manawatū Awa in the 19th century? Join **Warren Warbrick** (Rangitāne ki Manawatū) for an illustrated talk. He will include an outline of the 1842 journey of Wellington surveyor Charles Kettle and share why his diaries can tell us unexpected details about life in the Manawatū Awa.

Tuesday 18 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Extending Your Family Research

How can you be sure your research is correct? How do you document your sources in order to find them again or convince others your information is correct? New Zealand Society of Genealogists local members, **Linda Leach** and **Ros Young**, will focus on practical steps you can take to verify your sources, verify the information of others, and keep good research records.

Wednesday 19 March, 6 - 7.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Horses, Soldiers, Families and Far-flung Places

Odonym researcher **Virginia Warbrick** of THEN - Histories of Pāmutana has scoured the archives and crowdsourced local intel to reveal the meanings behind the street names of Awapuni and West End. Her illustrated talk is supported by River Stop Awapuni, refreshments provided.

Thursday 20 March, 3 - 4pm

Boho Café, 2 Pitama Street, Awapuni

Act Three Productions:

Creating Family Across Generations

Community theatre fosters family bonds by creating shared experiences through storytelling, collaboration, and community engagement. Families connect while attending performances, volunteering, or performing together. This strengthens relationships, builds memories, and inspires creativity, making theatre a unifying force for all generations. Join **Merryn Osborne** as she walks you through the generations that 125 years of Palmerston North theatre were built on.

Thursday 20 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Bright Sparks:

Hobby Inventing in Manawatū

City Archivist **Heather Glasgow** explores the world of inventing in the Manawatū region from the 1890s-1930s using newspaper and patent records that showcase the ingenuity of local people as they raced to patent their creations to solve problems big and small. From an attempt at perpetual motion and early solar power to indestructible stockings and theatre hats, come along for not so serious look at some serious resourcefulness.

Friday 21 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Golden Enterprise

Cantonese merchants facilitated early Chinese immigration to New Zealand and played a major role in the making of Chinese New Zealanders, against the background of New Zealand's shifting relationships with China, Britain and beyond. From the first Chinese arrivals to the South Island, Dr **Phoebe Li** will elaborate on Chinese business and enterprise in the lower North Island from the 1870s, and the impact of Palmerston North being a major railway junction.

Golden Enterprise: New Zealand Chinese Merchants 1860s-1970s (Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust) has been longlisted in the BookHub Award for Illustrated Non-Fiction category of the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards.

Copies of the book will be available for sale through the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust.

Friday 21 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Pūrerehua:

True Stories Told Live in Palmy

True stories told honestly from the heart, bringing community together. This show will feature a variety of local storytellers telling tales with the theme of Heritage. You will be surprised, entertained, moved and leave with a renewed understanding of the human condition. Sharing in their stories will enrich you and your story.

Saturday 22 March, 7 - 9pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Wall Walk - Short Talks:

Wāhine Kaihautū

Anonymous Māori “dress reformers” seen in photographs taken in the early 1900s exemplify the wilful forgetting of indigenous women. To counter that forgetting and, in the spirit of Maramataka, for every month of the year, Dr **Simone Bull** identifies women whose feats tell a story about the impact wāhine Māori have had on our country and the world over the past 180 years. She will wear “rational clothing” while doing so – helping to etch the memory of these women into our collective consciousness.

Monday 24 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Ground Floor



"Wellington's Royal Reception Celebrations, June, 1901", Auckland Weekly News, 1901, via Auckland Libraries Heritage Collections AWNS-19010628-13-02.

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3.00pm	Fred Hollows: One Man's Vision, Central Library	22
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Monday 17 March

10.00am	Guided Tour: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	33 ☺
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5.30pm	Te Motu o Poutoa, Central Library	22
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Tuesday 18 March

11.00am	Massey University: Concrete Heart of Campus Tour, Massey University	34 ☺
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12.00pm	Back of House Tour: Heritage Collections, Te Manawa Museum	33 ☺
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5.30pm	Waka Tiwai, Central Library	22
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Wednesday 19 March

10.00am	Guided Tour: Biggin Hill Historic Aircraft Centre, Ohakea	34 ☺
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2.30pm	Bookable Help Sessions – three half hour sessions, Central Library	36 ☺
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6.00pm	Extending Your Family Research, Central Library	23
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Thursday 20 March

Monday 24 March

10.30am	Bookable Help Sessions – three half hour sessions, Central Library	36 ☺
2.00pm	Guided tour: Regent Theatre, Broadway Avenue	34 ☺

5.30pm	Wall Walk - Short Talks: Wāhine Kāhinautū, Central Library	24
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Tuesday 25 March

12.00pm	Back of House Tour: Heritage Collections, Te Manawa Museum	33 ☺
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5.30pm	He Aho Tangata, Central Library	29
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Wednesday 26 March

10.00am	Cuba Street: Walkshop, Corner of Rangitikei and Cuba Streets	35 ☺
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12.30pm	Your stories: Preserving Local Community Newspapers, Central Library	29
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2.00pm	Happy Anniversary! Boho Café	32 ☺
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Plan your Heritage Month

2025

Pull this calendar out to plan your month

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2.30pm	Influential Leadership in Rangitāne, Te Rangimarie Marae, Rangiotu	6
Sunday 2 March		
11.00am	Camellia Loop Walk, Victoria Esplanade	6 ☑
1.00pm	Exploring the Esplanade, Victoria Esplanade	6
3.00pm	The Double Shift: Working Women's Lives in the Twentieth Century, Te Manawa Museum	7
Monday 3 March		
10.00am	Fred Hollows: One Man's Vision, Central Library	7
12.00pm	Listening to Letters, Central Library	7
5.30pm	From Back Then To Now, Central Library	7
Tuesday 4 March		
12.00pm	Back of House Tour: Heritage Collections, Te Manawa Museum	8 ☑
2.30pm	Bookable Help Sessions – three half hour sessions, Central Library	8 ☑
5.30pm	Teira (Taylor) Samuel Mihaere, Central Library	8
Wednesday 5 March		
10.00am	Guided Tour: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	33 ☑
Thursday 6 March		
10.00am	Bookable Help Sessions – three half hour sessions, Central Library	12 ☑
1.30pm	One of the City's Finest: Merv Hancock, A Man of Many Parts, Central Library	12
3.00pm	Awards Ceremony, Central Library	13
5.30pm	Yvonne Marshall: A Life Dedicated to the Progression of People, Central Library	13
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Friday 7 March		
Tuesday 11 March		
12.00pm	Back of House Tour: Art Collections, Te Manawa Museum	33 ☑
1.00pm	The Ashhurst Cemetery, Central Library	20
5.30pm	The Lost Lagoons of the City, Central Library	20
Wednesday 12 March		
10.00am	Guided Tour: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	33 ☑

3.30pm	Teira (taoira) Samberiniwariere, Central Library	8
Wednesday 5 March		
10.30am	Food, Fashion and Business: A Social History of George Street, George Street	8
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5.30pm	Three Sisters, One Journey: Ngāti Porou to Rangitāne, St Michael's Anglican Church and Marae	9
6.00pm	Seeds of Innovation: The Manawatū Food Story, Te Manawa Museum	9
Thursday 6 March		
12.30pm	Mrs Emmarah Freeman: Founder of Northcote Hospital, Central Library	10
3.30pm	The Impact and Legacy of Robert Matthews, Central Library	10
Friday 7 March		
10.30am	Bookable Help Sessions – three half hour sessions, Central Library	10 ☺
2.00pm	The Grasslands Revolution at Massey and Manawatū, Central Library	11
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12.00pm	Local Women's Rugby Herstory, Central Library	11
2.00pm	The Undersigned Women: Exploring Local Suffragist Stories, Central Library	11

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2.00pm	MASH Trust: Celebrating 35years of Supporting People, Central Library	20
5.30pm	The Hellenic Prince: A Voyage to a New Life, Central Library	21
Thursday 13 March		
12.00pm	110th Anniversary of the Defeat of the Allied Fleet in the Dardanelles, Central Library	21
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2.00pm	The Manawatū Guardian Collection: A Taonga for the City, Central Library	21
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Saturday 15 March		
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10.00am	Open Day: Thomson's Motorcycle Museum, Rongotea	39
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1.00pm	Open Day: Electric Power Station, Keith Street	39

12.00pm	Dating Your Family Photographs, Te Manawa Museum	37
3.00pm	Horses, Soldiers, Families and Far-flung Places, Boho Café	23
5.30pm	Act Three Productions: Creating Family Across Generations, Central Library	23
Friday 21 March		
12.30pm	Bright Sparks: Hobby Inventing in Manawatu, Central Library	23
5.30pm	Golden Enterprise, Central Library	24
Saturday 22 March		
10.00am	Heritage Games and Taonga Takaro, Te Marae o Hine – The Square	37
12.00pm	Dating Your Family Photographs, Te Manawa Museum	37
1.00pm	Open Day: Hoffman Kiln, Featherston Street	40
7.00pm	Pūrerehua: True Stories Told Live in Palmy, Central Library	24
Sunday 23 March		
11.00am	Open Day: Cachia Birch House – Bring a Picnic! Te Awe Awe Street	40
2.00pm	Guided tour: Terrace End Cemetery, Napier Road	34 ☺

Friday 28 March		
12.30pm	Behind The Front Page – Press Photography Highlights, Central Library	31
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Saturday 29 March		
9.30am	Guided Tour: Foxton Flax Stripper Museum, Foxton	35 ☺
10.00am	The Lost Monument, Te Marae o Hine – The Square	38 ☺
10.30am	Writers' Workshop: Whose Story is it? Central Library	30 ☺
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1.00pm	The Lost Monument, Te Marae o Hine – The Square	38 ☺
1.00pm	Open Day: MAVTech Museum of Audio Visual Technology, Foxton	40
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Sunday 30 March		
11.00am	Hello, Operator! Te Manawa Museum	38
1.00pm	Farewell Guangdong Documentary Series, Central Library	31

He Aho Tangata

An illustrated talk on a kaupapa developed by artist John Bevan Ford and continued by his collaborator, **Warren Warbrick** (Rangitāne ki Manawatū). As tohunga whakairo for Rangitāne, Warren will share insights on Ford and how the fibre of harakeke continues to inspire new projects in the city, including the new Te Ahu a Turanga Manawatū Tararua Highway.

Tuesday 25 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Your Stories: Preserving Local Community Newspapers

The Preserving Local History and Educational Trust, Te Pupuri I Nga Hitori o Te Rohe, preserves the stories found in community newspapers. Trustee, **Anne Jackman**, will explain how the multi-partner programme is enabling regional media to join National Library's Papers Past, supporting the varied research needs of historians, writers, genealogists and students.

Wednesday 26 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm

Central Library, Second Floor

Hato Hone St John:

140 Years of Serving Communities Across New Zealand

The New Zealand St John Ambulance movement started in 1885, progressing from humble beginnings teaching First Aid, to the provision of a basic ambulance service, and to a cadet programme in the early 1900s. The organisation offers so much more to our communities across the country 140 years on. Join **Jason McDowell**, Member of the Order and District Youth Manager, for a brief look into one of the world's oldest organisations and the journey to become one of New Zealand's most trusted brands.

Wednesday 26 March, 5.30 - 6.30pm

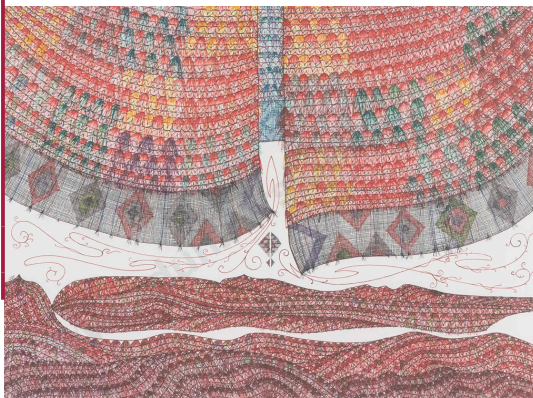
Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Glaxo: A Bunnythorpe Icon

The dairy factory established in 1904 by Joseph Nathan as Defiance, began with the goal of 'building bonnie babies'. Historian **Val Burr** puts her focus on the Bunnythorpe factory and its role in creating an international business first as Glaxo, and later pharmaceutical producer, GlaxoSmithKline.

Thursday 27 March, 1 - 2pm

Central Library, Second Floor



"Tararua", drawing by John Bevan Ford, via private collection.

Off the Page Series 2025

The Unsettled:

Making Sense of Settler
Family Histories

Professor **Richard Shaw** in conversation with Dr **Colin Bjork** will discuss his book *The Unsettled: Small Stories of Colonisation* (Massey University Press) which explores how some Pākehā are trying to come to grips with the acts of colonisation and confiscation that lie behind their families' pioneer stories.

Longlisted in the General Non-Fiction Award category of the Ockham New Zealand Book Awards. Copies of the book will be available for sale through Bruce McKenzie Booksellers. Light refreshments on arrival.

Friday 28 March, 5.30 - 7.30pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

Writing Workshop with Richard Shaw

Whose Story is it?

Researching, writing and telling family stories can pose tricky questions of those doing the narrating. Whose tales are ours to tell? What are our obligations to our dead? Can we reasonably, much less accurately, attribute motive or intent to those who came before us? This workshop will explore these and other ethical, historical and political issues associated with crafting family histories.

Saturday 29 March, 10.30 - 12.30pm

Central Library, Oroua Room

Limited numbers. Registrations to Genny Vella: genny.vella@pncc.govt.nz or **027 292 9965**

Image courtesy of Lily Lee and Tawera Productions

Page 31: Image courtesy of MAVtech Museum of Audio Visual Technology



Behind the Front Page: Press Photography Highlights

While newspapers are an invaluable text resource for local historians, press photography is often overlooked. From the personalities which put pictures onto pages to how different types of cameras changed the photos we see, MAVtech's photography specialist, **Jacob Brookie**, will share how photography has changed the way we see our communities and ourselves. A selection of vintage press cameras from the 1920s to the 1960s will also be on display.

See page 14 for the J V Kyle and Radio ZZO display at the Central Library.

Friday 28 March, 12.30 - 1.30pm
Central Library, Second Floor

Farewell Guangdong Documentary Series

Based on Lily Lee's publication *Farewell Guangdong*, dramatic re-enactments, interviews, and historical archive material bring to life first-hand accounts from the wives and children who fled Guangdong, China, during the second Sino-Japanese War from 1937 to 1945.

A seven part documentary series.
Each part is approximately 22mins long.
Credits: Lily Lee and Tawera Productions

Sunday 30 March, 1 - 4pm
Central Library, Mezzanine Floor



Dictionary of Palmerston North Biography

Recommend a Palmerstonian to be added to the new dictionary of biography. Be inspired by someone you hear about at a Heritage Month event or consider nominating a local you already know about. Fill in an old-fashioned card, submit your suggestion to the officiating bi-lexicographer on the day and watch the dictionary grow! You will be contributing to a new resource for our city's researchers and teachers. Or merely stop by and have a look at the work in progress ...

Presented by THEN – Histories of Pāmutana

Present at events and activities at various locations across the month



"Christmas Cake for Old Folk", by Manawātū Evening Standard, Fairfax Media, 1962, via Manawātū Heritage.

Socialise and celebrate

Happy Anniversary!

Is your organisation, school or business celebrating a 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th, 125th or even 150th during 2025? Join Palmerston North City Library and **THEN – Histories of Pāmutana** for high tea. Celebrate your milestone and discover what you can do with your historical records, alongside tips on how to include history in your own upcoming jubilee celebrations.

Wednesday 26 March, 2 - 3.30pm

Boho Café, 2 Pitama Road, Awapuni

Limited numbers,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Quiz Night!

Join us for an early evening, social event with heritage-themed questions and refreshments. Come along and join a team or bring your own team and book as a group. Proceeds from ticket sales, raffles and art auction items will support the maintenance and development of the hall. Nau mai, haere mai.

Supported by Palmerston North City Council, Rangitāne and the Te Rau o Te Aroha Māori Battalion Hall committee.

Thursday 27 March, 5.30 - 7pm

Te Rau Aroha Māori Battalion Hall,
138 Cuba Street

Tickets available from 21 February through <https://bit.ly/MaoriBattalionHallQuizNight>

Guided experiences

- Registrations are required for guided experiences – please register through the email provided
- Spaces are limited, and will be allocated on a “first come, first reserved” basis
- Cancellations – advise in advance for wait list benefit
- Adults must accompany children under the age of 14 years
- Please meet at the designated meeting point 10 minutes prior to the starting time
- Please follow the health and safety procedures of your guide and host organisation

Back of House Tour

Go behind the scenes at Te Manawa Museum of Arts, Science and Heritage to glimpse into the museum collection stores and view some of the precious objects not normally on display. If you have a particular area of interest, be sure to mention it when you register and the **Te Manawa collections team** will find something suitable to show. The 11 March roopu (group) will visit the art collection stores.

See page 8 for the Back of House Tour during Local History Week.

Tuesday 11 March
Tuesday 18 March
Tuesday 25 March
12 - 1pm

Te Manawa, 326 Main Street

Limited numbers. To register, email bookings@temanawa.co.nz

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

In 2025, the Cathedral Parish celebrates a century of worship in its current church. Originally designed by ecclesiastical architect Frederick de Jersey as St Patrick’s Church, the cathedral holds a variety of art, stained glass windows, carvings and sacred spaces. Join **Rick Field** on a guided tour of the cathedral to learn more.

Wednesday 12 March and
Monday 17 March, 10 - 11am

197 Broadway Avenue

Limited numbers. To register, email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Regent Theatre

The Regent Theatre is 95 this year! Built by J C Williamson Ltd, the theatre opened on the 4th of July 1930. Join Regent Theatre Manager, **David Walsh**, and board member, Dr **Tania Kopytko**, for special historic tours which will tell the stories of the fascinating people and events relating to the 1930 opening. The Heritage Month tours are just some of the celebratory Regent events planned for 2025.

**Thursday 13 March and
Monday 24 March, 2 - 3pm**

53 Broadway Avenue

To register, email
bookings@regent.co.nz

Terrace End Cemetery

Join **Leanne Croon Hickman** and local New Zealand Society of Genealogists member **Geraldine Reynolds**, on their popular tour to 'meet' some of the interesting residents of Palmerston North's oldest existing cemetery.

**Sunday 16 March and Sunday
23 March, 2 - 3.30pm**

Limited numbers. To register,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Massey University

Experience the concrete heart of the campus! Built between 1968 and 1977 during a period of rapid expansion, buildings such as the Student Centre, Library, Science Towers, Registry Building, and the Social Sciences Complex showcase the brutalist architectural style, known for its prominent use of concrete. Archivists **Louis Changuion** and **Michael Biggs** offer a look at the heart of the campus and the distinctive structures that define it.

See page 15 for the Massey University display at Central Library.

Tuesday 18 March, 11am - 12pm

Limited numbers. To register,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Biggin Hill Historic Aircraft Centre

Housing airworthy examples of iconic WWII combat aircraft and other military aircraft on display the trip to Biggin Hill is not to be missed! **Brendon Deere** will share insights on how the aircraft serve as a living memorial to all who have served their country in the air. The bus trip to Biggin Hill departs from Arena 5 carpark, Waldegrave Street. All participants require security clearance in advance of the trip and must have current NZ government issued photo ID for entry to Ohakea.

**Wednesday 19 March and
Monday 7 April, 10am - 12.45pm**

Limited numbers. To register,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Cuba Street

Join Senior Urban Designer, **Dave Charnley**, for a 'walkshop' along one of Palmerston North's oldest streets. Dave will highlight notable buildings, names, events, recent streetscape and Arena upgrades, public artworks, and future opportunities for the street, while revealing its past.

Wednesday 26 March, 10 - 11.30am

Limited numbers. To register, email heritage@pncc.govt.nz



Above: "Concourse, the heart of the Massey University campus, seen here in 1970." by Massey University Archives.

Right: Image courtesy of Foxton Flax Stripper Museum.

Foxton Flax Stripper Museum

Join **John Girling** for 'Foxton and Flax', an experience which includes seeing the flax stripping machinery in operation, and an overview of the flax industry. The museum's photographic display shows the production of carpets and woolpacks from flax. Pair your museum visit with a walk along the Piriharakeke Walkway. Enjoy views of the Manawatū River loop and farmland while learning about the history of the area from historic signs and photographs along the walk.

See page 41 for open days at Foxton on the same day – make a day of it!

Saturday 29 March

**Two tours; 9.30 - 10.30am
and 11am - 12pm**

Harbour Street, Foxton

Limited numbers. To register, email heritage@pncc.govt.nz



Activities

Heritage Help Sessions

Spend 30 minutes, one-on-one with a skilled heritage practitioner.

Select from one of three options:

1. A tutorial on digitising your prints, negatives or slides;
2. Answer my local history question;
3. Help me with my genealogical research.

A member of the City Library Heritage Team will guide you through the processes on how to access relevant and useful resources, or how to use on-site equipment.

Friday 14 March, 10.30 - 12pm
(three 30 minute sessions)

Wednesday 19 March, 2.30 - 4pm
(three 30 minute sessions)

Monday 24 March, 10.30am - 12pm
(three 30 minute sessions)

Central Library, Second Floor

Limited sessions as listed above.

To book a 30 minute session,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Trying It Out:

Lessons From a 1942 Education Experiment in Palmerston North

When the military took over local schools, the whole city became the children's classroom. Organising themselves in small teams, children walked or biked around Palmerston North, learning about the place they lived and taking an active role in the community. Local teachers and visiting experts together tried out ways of teaching which promoted hands-on making and doing, creative self-expression, and community service.

Join Dr **Frances Kelly**, Associate Professor **Kirsten Locke**, Dr **Molly Mullen**, **Carolina Pena Espitia** (Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland), and Dr **Viv Aitken** (Palmerston North), to try out some of the activities the children experienced in 1942, including hands-on arts and crafts using materials available at the time. Supported by the University of Auckland Research Development Fund.

See page 22 for the 1942 education experiment talk.

Saturday 15 March

**Two sessions of three hour duration:
9.30am - 12.30pm and 1 - 4pm**

Square Edge Community Arts,
47 The Square

Limited numbers. To register,
email heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Ride and Learn About the Esplanade Scenic Railway

The Esplanade Scenic Railway was opened in 1969 by the Manawatū Miniature Railway and Model Engineering Society. The original locomotive engines were petrol powered and the engines were taken from a Vauxhall Velox engine, later converted to diesel using a Kubota 3 cylinder engine. Travelling through native bush and secluded areas of the Victoria Esplanade, the main track is 2.2km long and the scenic trip lasts around 15 minutes. Activity sheets for children will be available at the stations.

Sunday 16 March 9am - 12pm

The Esplanade Scenic Railway,
Victoria Esplanade

Dating Your Family Photographs

Do you have a family photo that's a little mysterious? Collections manager **Cindy Lilburn** will help you uncover the mystery by dating your family photograph. Bring in an image that you need help dating, and Cindy will undertake a visual assessment to identify when your photograph may have been taken.

Thursday 20 March and Saturday 22 March, 12 - 1pm

Te Manawa Museum, 326 Main Street

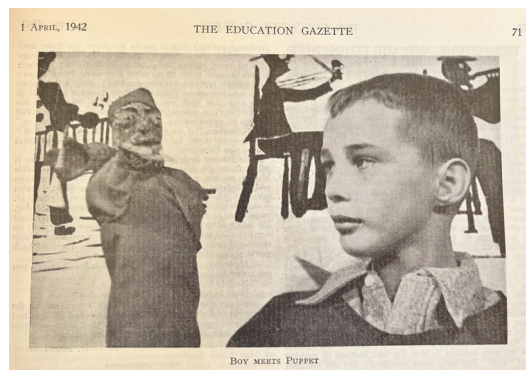
Heritage Games and Taonga Tākaro

Step back in time and experience the joy of heritage and traditional Māori games. Join **Manumea Durie**, **Chris Swannell** and a team of passionate **Play Champions** for a hands-on session featuring a selection of Ngā Taonga Tākaro and classic heritage games. Try your hand at a variety of activities and discover the history behind some well-loved favourites. Pick up your play pass upon arrival, collect stamps for each play station you visit and go in the draw to win some great prizes! FREE fun for all ages – from grandchildren to grandparents.

Can't make it on the day? A selection of heritage and Ngā Taonga Tākaro games will also be available to play on a drop-in basis throughout March at Te Manawa.

Saturday 22 March, 10am - 12pm

Te Marae o Hine - The Square
(Wet weather venue is Te Manawa Museum, 326 Main Street)



Boy meets puppet' clipping from The Education Gazette 1 April, 1942, supplied by presenter.

The Faithful Service of the St Andrew's Pipe Organ

Built in 1870, the heritage pipe organ was installed in St Andrew's in 1908. Join musician **Roy Tankersley** in exploring the soundscape of the pipe organ played by Robert Matthews during his tenure as organist and choir master and hear some of his favourite pieces and arrangements. The WOOFYT (Wooden Octave of Organ Pipes for Young Technologists) will enhance understanding of how a pipe organ works.

See page 10 for the talk about Robert Matthews.

Thursday 27 March, 3.30 - 4.30pm

Pathways Presbyterian Church,
388 Church Street



The Lost Monument

Play an in-person game which illuminates Palmerston North art and history, underpinned by an unresolved matter from 1900. You will visit a number of monuments in Te Marae o Hine - The Square. With your game booklet and extra clues along the way, you will attempt to solve the whodunit-style, real-life historical mystery. The game can be played individually or in small groups. Suitable for 10+ year olds. Developed and hosted by **THEN – Histories of Pāmutana** with support from the Earle Creativity Trust.

Saturday 29 March

Four games, duration 45mins
Sessions commence on the hour at:
10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm

Te Marae of Hine – The Square

Get your free ticket at:

<https://bit.ly/TheLostMonument>

Hello, Operator!

How long does it take you to dial your number on a rotary dial phone? Could you fit a brick phone in your pocket? How on earth do you send a text on our Y2K flip phone? Explore the collection of handling phones and test yourself with some communication challenges! Open to all ages with caregivers required for those under 14 years.

Sunday 9 and Sunday 30 March,
11am - 12pm

Te Manawa Museum, 326 Main Street

Image courtesy of THEN – Histories of Pāmutana.

Open days

- Open days at each location are for the hours specified below
- Car parking may be limited or in a designated area – please follow the instructions of your host
- Adults must accompany children under the age of 14 years
- Please follow the health and safety procedures of your guide and host organisation

Thomson's Motorcycle Museum

Visit the home of New Zealand's motorcycling heritage with over 100 motorcycles on display, dating from 1904 to the present day. See motorcycling memorabilia, brochures, motorcycle magazines, parts, workshop manuals and much more. The collection was created by **Peter and Jennifer Thomson**.

Saturday 15 March, 10 - 4pm

1154 Rongotea Road,
Palmerston North

Palmerston North Electric Power Station

When the station was officially opened in 1924, Palmerston North was the last borough in New Zealand to get a public electricity supply. Previously businesses and some homes had operated gas-powered generators, utilising the town's gasworks. For most of its operational life, the power station served as a substation for electricity generated from hydro power stations. Since last being in service in 1992, the station now only runs two British Polar diesel engines as a special treat on open days.

Engine starts are on the "hour". Entry by donation.

Saturday 15 March, 1 - 4pm

162 Keith Street, Palmerston North



"Thomson Motorcycle Museum" by Leith Haarhoff, 2019, Palmerston North City Library, via Manawatū Heritage.

Bring a Picnic to Caccia Birch House

Palmerston North's only Category 1 historic property was built in 1893 by local sawmiller Jacob Nannestad. It was acquired by the Palmerston North City Council in 1984 and after extensive refurbishment has been available for community use and hire since 1992. Bring your picnic, enjoy the gardens, explore the house and learn about the history of the area by viewing the Coach House displays.

Sunday 23 March, 11am - 4pm

130 Te Awe Awe Street,
Palmerston North

Hoffman Kiln

The Hoffman Kiln opened in early 1905, and although no official opening date has been identified, this year is the kiln's 120th anniversary. The 'continuous' kiln was built by brickmaker, Robert Price Edwards, and was able to produce 9,000 bricks per day, with the clay coming from the pit nearby. The Hoffman Kiln Trust was formed in 2015 to care for this unique structure and its surrounds. Please join the Trustees at this celebratory afternoon!

Saturday 22 March, 1 - 4pm

615 Featherston Street,
Palmerston North

MAVTech: National Museum of Audio Visual Technology

Aotearoa New Zealand's specialist museum of audio-visual technology is based in the Coronation Town Hall in Foxton. Marvel at the wide array of radios, recording equipment, cameras, cinema equipment, televisions, musical machines and camcorders. There will also be a screening of vintage newsreels and short clips in the cinema from 2pm-2:30pm.

Saturday 29 March, 1 - 4pm

Avenue Road, Foxton



"Caccia Birch", by Palmerston North City Council.

Foxton Printery

The main section of the Manawātū Herald office was constructed in 1879 and it is the oldest surviving commercial building on Main Street. George Warren Russell and his brother and John Ruffell Russell founded the Manawātū Herald which was produced at the printery until 1964. Now, 145 years later the print shop is still used for some letterpress printing and much of the early equipment is still on site, and in use!

Saturday 29 March, 1 - 4pm

6 Main Street, Foxton

Foxton Courthouse

Opened in 1929, the Foxton Courthouse heard both civil and criminal cases until 1948. The courthouse is a brick building with Marseilles roofing tiles, originally built for the sum of £1,860 and Palmerston North's Messrs LG West & Son were the supervising architects. It comprises of a portico, a witness room, public office and Magistrate's room on the south side of the courtroom and a public gallery on the northern side. The associated brick cell block, built around 1924, also survives (disused) behind the police station. Upon closing in 1971, the building became the Foxton Historical Society Museum.

Saturday 29 March, 1 - 4pm

1 Main Street, Foxton

Nye Cottage

The cottage, built by George Nye in 1868 is understood to be the oldest surviving cottage in Manawātū. Nye was at various times a ship builder, overseer of public works, Māori language translator and Mayor of Foxton. The cottage has been restored to its original state and the first layer of newspaper wall lining is revealed upstairs.

Saturday 29 March, 1 - 4pm

30 Harbour Street, Foxton



"Nye Cottage", by Val Burr, 2024.

"Foxton Courthouse", by Jim Harper, 2024.



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Rangitāne and Te Ao Māori

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to a curated page for quick reference, and an itinerary through the month, for events relating to Rangitāne and Te Ao Māori.

Powhiri at Te Rangimarie Marae

Saturday 1 March, 1pm

See page 6 for event and registration details

Influential Leadership in Rangitāne

Presented by Peter Te Rangi

Saturday 1 March, 2pm

See page 6 for event details

Back of House Tours at Te Manawa

Tuesday 4, 11, 18 and 24 March, 12pm

See pages 8 and 33 for event and registration details

Teira (Taylor) Samuel Mihaere

Presented by Peter Te Rangi

Tuesday 4 March, 5.30pm

See page 8 for event details

Three Sisters, One Journey: Ngāti Porou to Rangitāne

Presented by Phyllis Fitzgerald

Wednesday 5 March, 5.30pm

See page 9 for event details

Yvonne Marshall: A Life Dedicated to the Progression of People

Presented by Debi Marshall Lobb

Monday 3 March, 5.30pm

See page 13 for event details



Image courtesy of the Fitzgerald whānau.

Te Motu o Poutoa

Presented by Ruma Karaitiana

Monday 17 March, 5.30pm

See page 22 for event details

Waka Tiwai

Presented by Warren Warbrick

Tuesday 18 March, 5.30pm

See page 22 for event details

Wall Walk - Short Talks: Wāhine Kaihautū

Presented by Dr Simone Bull

Monday 24 March, 5.30pm

See page 24 for event and registration details

He Aho Tangata

Presented by Warren Warbrick

Tuesday 25 March, 5.30pm

See page 29 for event and registration details

Quiz Night!

Fundraiser for Te Rau o Te Aroha
Māori Battalion Hall

Thursday 27 March, 5.30pm

See page 32 for event and ticket details

The Lost Monument

Hosted by THEN - Histories of
Pāmūtana

Saturday 29 March

See page 38 for event and registration details



"This is a canoe with one of us." Selwyn, George Augustus (Bishop), 1809-1878 : Letter book of Bishop Selwyn. Ref: qMS-1774-145. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. /records/22870467

Families and Schools

Nau mai, haere mai! Welcome to a curated page for quick reference, and an itinerary through the month, for events of potential interest to families and schools.

Trying It Out:

Lessons from a 1942 Education Experiment in Palmerston North

Saturday 15 March, 9am

See page 36 for event details

Heritage Games and Taonga Tākaro in Te Marae o Hine

Saturday 22 March, 10am

See page 37 for event details

Dating Your Family Photographs at Te Manawa

Saturday 22 March, 12pm

See page 37 for event details

Ride and Learn about the Esplanade Scenic Railway

Sunday 16 March, 9am-12noon

See page 37 for event details

Bring a Picnic to Caccia Birch House

Sunday 23 March, 11am - 4pm

See page 40 for event details

The Faithful Service of the St Andrew's Pipe Organ

Presented by Roy Tankersley

Thursday 27 March, 3.30pm

See page 38 for event details

The Lost Monument

Hosted by THEN - Histories of Pāmutana

Saturday 29 March

See page 38 for event and registration details

Open Days, Activities and Guided Tours

See pages 33 to 41 for a full list of open days, activities and guided tours across the month. Consider making a day of it in Foxton!

Of particular interest to kaiako (teachers)

Yvonne Marshall: A Life Dedicated to the Progression of People

Presented by Debi Marshall Lobb

Monday 10 March, 5.30pm

See page 13 for event details

Wall Walk - Short Talks: Wāhine Kaihautū

Presented by Dr Simone Bull

Monday 24 March, 5.30pm

See page 24 for event details

Children Without Schools: Palmerston North's 1942 Emergency Education Scheme

Presented by Dr Frances Kelly,
Assoc. Prof. Kirsten Locke,
and Dr Molly Mullen

Friday 14 March, 5.30pm

See page 22 for event details

Activities for Children

Discovering history is fun for all ages! There are a number of activities for children through the month:

Colouring competition

Drawing key people and heritage buildings from photographs on Manawatū Heritage

Lego - build heritage frontages of buildings in the city

Traditional games and Taonga Takaro

Storytelling

History is filled with stories – of discovery, of adventure, of courage, of pain and of loss. Here is a curated page for quick reference, and an itinerary through the month, for events of potential interest to those who are researchers and/or tellers of stories.

The Manawatū Guardian Collection: A Taonga for the City

Hosted by the Heritage Team
at the City Library

Friday 14 March, 2pm

See page 21 for event details

Extending Your Family Research

Presented by Linda Leach
and Ros Young

Wednesday 19 March, 6pm

See page 23 for event details

Dating Your Family Photographs at Te Manawa

With Cindy Lilburn

**Thursday 20 and Saturday
22 March, 12pm**

See page 37 for event details

Golden Enterprise

Presented by Dr Phoebe Li

Friday 21 March, 5.30pm

See page 24 for event details

Your Stories: Preserving Local Community Newspapers

Presented by Anne Jackman

Wednesday 26 March, 12.30pm

See page 29 for event details

Behind the Front Page: Press Photography Highlights

Presented by Jacob Brookie

Friday 28 March, 12.30pm

See page 31 for event details

The Unsettled: Making Sense of Settler Family Histories

Presented by Professor Richard Shaw

Friday 28 March, 5.30pm

See page 30 for event details

Writing Workshop: Whose Story is it?

With Professor Richard Shaw

Saturday 29 March, 10.30am

See page 30 for event details

Facts and figures

History is not all about dates, or is it?! Please join us to find out!

Dictionary of Palmerston North Biography

Presented by THEN – Histories of Pāmutana

Across the month at events and activities

See page 31 for event details

Quiz Night! Fundraiser for Te Rau o Te Aroha Māori Battalion Hall

Thursday 27 March

See page 32 for event and ticket details

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Above: “Te Rau o Te Aroha Māori Battalion Hall”, Maurice Thompson, 1966, Palmerston North City Library via Manawatū Heritage.

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“Miniature Railway, Victoria Esplanade” by Bruce Watt, 1971, Palmerston North City Library, via Manawatū Heritage.

“Keith Street Power Station”, by Palmerston North City Library.

Industrial and Transport

Welcome to a curated page for quick reference, and an itinerary through the month, for events of potential interest to those who are keen on all things transport and industrial.

Thomson's Motorcycle Museum

Hosted by Peter and Jennifer Thomson

Saturday 15 March, 10am – 4pm

See page 39 for event details

Palmerston North Electric Power Station

Sunday 16 March, 1pm – 4pm

See page 39 for event details

Ride and Learn About the Esplanade Scenic Railway

Sunday 16 March, 9am -12pm

See page 37 for event details

Visit to Biggin Hill Historic Aircraft Centre

Wednesday 19 March and Monday 7 April

See page 34 for event details

Hoffman Kiln

Saturday 22 March, 1pm – 4pm

See page 40 for event details

Foxton Flax Stripper Museum

Guided tours with John Girling

Saturday 29 March

See page 35 for event details

Foxton Printery

Saturday 29 March, 1pm – 4pm

See page 41 for event details



Military History

Welcome to a curated page for quick reference, and an itinerary through the month, for events of potential interest to those who enjoy exploring and commemorating military history.

110th Anniversary of WW1 and the Conscription Appeals Process

Presented by Dr David Littlewood

Thursday 13 February, 12pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

80th Anniversary of the Creation of the United Nations

Presented by Professor Beth Greener

Thursday 13 February, 12pm

Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

110th Anniversary of the Defeat of the Allied Fleet in the Dardanelles

Presented by
CDR (Rtd) Richard Jackson, RNZN

Thursday 13 March, 12pm

See page 21 for event details

Children without schools: Palmerston North's 1942 Emergency Education Scheme

Presented by Dr Frances Kelly, Associate Professor Kirsten Locke and Dr Molly Mullen

Friday 14 March, 5.30pm

See page 22 for event details

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Wednesday 19 March and Monday 7 April

See page 34 for event and registration details

Quiz Night at Te Rau o Te Aroha Māori Battalion Hall

Thursday 27 March

See page 32 for event and ticket details

**70th Anniversary of RNZAF
No 14 Squadron Vampires
Deployed to Malaya**

Presented by
WGCDR (Rtd) Peter Hurly

Thursday 10 April, 12pm
Central Library, Mezzanine Floor

ANZAC Day Services

25 April

For full details of these and other services, please see the Palmerston North City Council website pncc.govt.nz/anzac

**110th Anniversary of the Gallipoli
Landings**

Presented by Dr Ian McGibbon

Tuesday 22 April, 6pm
Central Library, Mezzanine Floor



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