

Local History Week

Palmerston North

Nau mai, haere mai



27 FEBRUARY - 5 MARCH | 2023



Kia ora, a warm welcome!

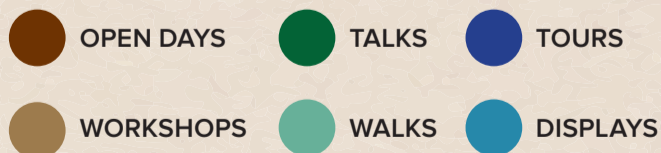
Local History Week is here again.

"Hmmm," we hear you say, "didn't we just have Local History Week in November last year?" True! We've had a change in our programming due to the introduction of a city wide Heritage Month (27 February to 5 March).

Heritage Month focuses on the heritage of Palmerston North, its surrounds and local connections to wider Aotearoa histories. It seemed a natural fit to begin the month with Local History Week at the Palmerston North City Library. As the weather is more settled in March we hope you'll enjoy the various walks and tours planned, which accompany a wide range of displays, talks, workshops and open days.

There are several themes weaving throughout the week and you'll notice these connections across the programme. We are embracing our awa (river), whenua (land), mana whenua (Rangitāne and Māori iwi and hapū who have ancestral rights over the land), the enduring partnership within which Palmerston North was established and taking a look at our built environment.

We hope you enjoy the experience!



FOR THE FULL PROGRAMME SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://citylibrary.pncc.govt.nz/whats-on/programme/local-history>

ALL ENQUIRIES

Heritage Team, Palmerston North City Library
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Visit: 2nd Floor, Central Library

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Local History Week opening ceremony

Presented by Debi Marshall-Lobb, Deputy Mayor of Palmerston North
Patron of Te Kokonga Pōuri Whatu Raranga Rōpū, Papaioea - Highbury Weavers.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 12:30pm-1:30pm
12:30pm Refreshments / 1:00pm Opening

Harakeke and raranga

Hosted by Te Kokonga Pōuri Whatu Raranga Rōpū, Papaioea - Highbury Weavers

View the beautiful korowai, harakeke works and art of Te Kokonga Pōuri Whatu Raranga Rōpū, Papaioea - Highbury Weavers.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 10:00am-2:00pm

Te Ara Whānui o te Ao

Guided by Warren Warbrick, Rangitāne ki Manawatū

Gain an understanding of the City Library building through its artistic expressions, from a Rangitāne point of view.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 1:30pm-3:00pm

Panel: History of the built environment in and around Palmerston North

Panelists: Warren Warbrick, Rangitāne ki Manawatū | Cindy Lilburn, Historic Places Manawatū-Horowhenua | Mike Roche, Professor Emeritus, Massey University
Chair: Geoff Watson, Associate Professor School of Humanities, Massey University

The built environment encompasses the physical human-made spaces around us. A panel of experts discuss the places in which we live, love and work. From iwi dwellings, structures and landscapes, early infrastructure and colonial architecture, to the urban design of Palmerston North and surrounds. The conversation is sure to be fascinating and entertaining.

Ground Floor, Central Library / 6:00pm-7:30pm

TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY

A walk through Memorial Park

Guided by Geoff Watson, Associate Professor School of Humanities, Massey University

Memorial Park has evolved from a formerly forested domain, to ballast pit, to recreational facility. Local historian Geoff Watson will take a tour of the park looking at how the facilities have changed over time and at the various memorials that have been established there.

Heroes Feature Wall (no. 3 on the map),
Memorial Park, Napier Road / 1:30pm-3:00pm
Limited numbers – registration is essential

Understanding our place through vegetation

Guided by Dave Charnley, Senior Urban Designer, Strategic Planning, PNCC

Vegetation connects us to nature. It also connects us to our sense of place and the narrative of our city and its people. Join Dave Charnley on a city centre walk around Te Marae o Hine and surrounds, to better understand the role vegetation plays in knowing our place and ourselves.

Outside i-Site building, Te Marae o Hine / 3:30pm-4:30pm
Limited numbers – registration is essential



The flax trade in the Manawatū

Presented by Josh Reid, School of Humanities, Massey University

The flax trade was pivotal in New Zealand's economic, industrial, labour, and environmental history, though its scale and significance has often been overlooked. From the 1890s, Manawatū was the epicentre of this industry. This talk will explore the history of the Manawatū flax trade, its influence and its role within the broader history of Aotearoa.

Ground Floor, Central Library / 6:00pm-7:00pm

Back Issues - How to contribute to the series

Hosted by: Matthew Dallas, Editor, Manawatū Standard and Palmerston North City Library

Seeking writers of local history topics! Back Issues is a popular weekly series in the Manawatū Standard, coordinated by the Palmerston North City Library. Join Editor Matthew Dallas for insights on how to contribute to the series, the reach of the newspaper and scope of your stories.

Oroua Room, Ground Floor, Central Library / 5:30pm-6:30pm
Limited numbers – registration is essential

WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

Jumping Jellybeans jump into the past

Hosted by the Helen Dailey, Lifelong Learning Team, Central Library

Let's celebrate raranga throughout Local History Week in paper weaving preschool activities.

1st Floor, Central Library / 10:00am-11:00am

Wire Happy: the Shannon objectors' camps 1942-1946

Written by Margaret Tate, Historian | Presented by Lesley Courtney, Archivist

The Shannon Objectors' Camps were an important part of the WWII system of detention for conscientious objectors. Situated in the Horowhenua, on former flax milling sites, they held over one third of all detainees during the war. Their story is a little known part of New Zealand's history.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 12:30pm-1:30pm



Visit Te Rau Aroha Māori Battalion Hall

Guided by the Māori Battalion Hall Committee on behalf of the Raukawa District Māori Council

Join a guided tour of Te Rau Aroha Māori Battalion Hall. Built in 1964, it's a national memorial to fallen soldiers of the 28th Māori Battalion who lost their lives in World War II.

Te Rau Aroha Māori Battalion Hall, Cuba Street
/ 2:00pm-3:00pm

Registration is essential

Central Energy Trust Arena: behind the scenes

Guided by Ashleigh Hughes and John Lynch, Palmy Venues

A large site to explore, wear your walking shoes!

Central Energy Trust Arena, Entrance Plaza
(cnr Cuba & Waldegrave Streets) / 3:00pm-4:00pm
Limited numbers – registration is essential

Tōtaranui Homestead Open Day

Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

We're hosting open homes over March! Pop in for a peek. Turning back time at Te Manawa. As we celebrate Local History Week, discover the historical taonga cared for by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage.

Tōtaranui Homestead, Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage, Main Street / 3:30pm-4:30pm

Getting started with genealogy

Hosted by Palmerston North Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

DNA Basics: unlock those family mysteries! With expertise from the Palmerston North Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 6:30pm-8:00pm
Limited numbers – registration is essential

THURSDAY 2 MARCH

Chief Post Office and its exciting future

Presented by Grant Smith, Mayor of Palmerston North

Palmerston North's Chief Post Office, opened in 1906 by Sir Joseph Ward, Prime Minister and Postmaster General, was one of the nation's grandest. Mayor Smith feels a connection to the building where he opened his first bank account and where his future wife Michelle, worked in the Telephone Services department. Listen to highlights of this city landmark's past glory and its future as a central city hotel.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 12:30pm-1:30pm

The architecture of place

Guided by Dave Charnley, Senior Urban Designer, Strategic Planning, PNCC

Our buildings are physical storybooks of our place and our people. Join Dave Charnley on a city centre walk around Te Marae o Hine and surrounds, where he will highlight a range of old and new buildings and the role they play in the narrative of our city.

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THURSDAY 2 MARCH

LibLab

Hosted by the Lifelong Learning Team, Central Library

After school LibLab will be mixing it up with some Local History activities this week. Best for ages 5+.

1st Floor, Central Library / 3:45pm-4:45pm

Awahou South Schoolhouse

Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

What was school like back in the good old days? Take a seat in the Awahou South Schoolhouse and try your hand at writing with ink. Turning back time at Te Manawa. As we celebrate Local History Week, discover the historical taonga cared for by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage.

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FRIDAY 3 MARCH

Manawatū River Leaders Accord: an update on progress from hapū and iwi perspective

Presented by: Dennis Emery | Hone Morris | Oriana Paewai

Ina ora te wai ka ora te whenua me te tangata – If and when the water is healthy, the land and the people will also be healthy. A thought-provoking discussion about looking after the river and how the wellbeing of the water, and the wellbeing of the land, lies in our hands.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 12:30pm-1:30pm

The obelisk tour

Guided by THEN – Histories of Pāmutana

Discover who our community has chosen to commemorate in Te Marae o Hine. Join THEN (Virginia and Warren Warbrick) to hear about the big picture and the finer details.

Ngā Huruheru Rangatira, Te Marae o Hine / 5:30pm-6:30pm
Limited numbers – [registration is essential](#)

SATURDAY 4 MARCH

Woolshed Café: heritage houses

Guided by Alan Parker, Woolshed Café

Experience a unique, audio-guided heritage walk of seven carefully restored New Zealand houses dating from 1860s to 1960s. Afterwards treat yourself to morning tea at the Woolshed Café.

Meet at Barber Hall carpark, Waldegrave Street.

Bus provided / 9:00am-1:00pm

Limited numbers – [registration is essential](#)

Paid activity, \$10.00 per person

The Fire Storm Summers of the 1880s

Presented by Margaret Tennant, Historian

Burning Manawatū: Ever since the start of human habitation in Aotearoa New Zealand fire had been used to modify landscapes. In the 1880s Manawatū residents were all too familiar with the acrid smell of smoke, the darkening of the sun in daytime and the nighttime glow and flicker of massive bush fires in the distance – and sometimes perilously close at hand.

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SUNDAY 5 MARCH

Manawatū: meander from source to sea

Guided by THEN – Histories of Pāmutana

In conjunction with Palmerston North City Library, THEN will be leading a day-long meander, stopping at multiple points along Te Awa o Manawatū. Hear pūrākau (historical and cultural stories) along the way. A picnic lunch and evening meal of fish and chips is provided. This is an experience not to be missed!

Whakawhanaungatanga: A meet and greet session including essential pūrākau, practical guidelines and a trip map will run on **Thursday 2 March**. It's also a good time to meet your fellow travellers, in advance.

Meet at Barber Hall carpark,
Waldegrave Street.

Mini vans provided /

7:30am-7:30pm

Limited numbers –

[registration is essential](#)

Paid activity,

\$80.00 per person



Embroidering historic photos: a taster

Hosted by Robyn Wilson, Manawatū Embroiderers' Guild

Learn how to embellish copies of historic photos and old postcards with embroidery. As you 'craft' you'll discover where and when stitching on photographs originated. Photographs, needles and thread supplied. You are welcome to bring your own images.

2nd Floor, Central Library / 10:00am-12:00pm

Limited numbers – [registration is essential](#)

Terrace End Cemetery

Guided by Leanne Croon Hickman, Historian

Join us on an afternoon tour to 'meet' some of the interesting residents of the Terrace End Cemetery.

Terrace End Cemetery, Napier Road / 2:00pm-3:30pm

Limited numbers – [registration is essential](#)

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FOR TEACHERS

[WORKSHOPS]

With the introduction of the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum, the City Library has created 'The Kaiako Series', especially for Year 1-10 teachers. **Running every Wednesday in March from 4-6pm**, teachers can register for FREE for one, a few or all five events in the series.

Topics at the City Library include: how to use newspapers with your class, creating new content for Manawatū Heritage, accessing history through the arts; along with a session on Mātauranga Māori at Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage. The popular 'Ka Mua, Ka Muri' heritage expo returns to the Palmy Conference and Function Centre on Wed 15 March.

The City Library is collaborating with the Regent on Broadway to offer FREE hands-on history trips for selected classes of six Palmerston North schools during March, including covering the transport costs between school and central city. Students will visit the City Library for a guided activity on archival materials about the Regent Theatre and then visit the theatre to uncover historical stories.

All events for teachers are free. Register [online](#).

DISPLAYS

DURING LOCAL HISTORY WEEK

Windows on the past

As Ko Manawatū te Awa weaves through our programme this week, its journey through our history also features in images displayed on the windows of the Central Library.

Central Library, George Street

Portrait of Ereni Te Awe Awe

Philip Holmes, artist

Palmerston North artist Philip Holmes was inspired to paint Rangitāne rangatira, Ereni Te Awe Awe. He gifted the magnificent portrait to the city in 2021. You can find out more about Ereni Te Awe Awe during the The Obelisk Tour on Friday 3 March.

2nd Floor, Central Library

New Acquisitions Exhibition

Hosted by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage is excited to share some of the recent additions to the treasures collection from February 27. From the quirky to the reflective and historically significant, the showcase will give you a taste of the diverse nature of our collection.

Journeys Gallery,

Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

Regent slide show presentation

Presented by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

The Regent on screen, a silent movie for your viewing pleasure. Showing the construction of the Regent Theatre in the 1930s, pictures from Val Page's Room of Memories and photos from Thelma Parsons' collection of 1930s film star images held at Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage.

Digital Displays, Central Library



Regent Theatre historical objects

Presented by Te Manawa Museum of Art, Science and Heritage

Delight in this selection of quirky objects that bring the history of the Regent Theatre to life – including Val Page's bowties and Nibble Nook memorabilia.

Display Cabinets, Central Library

Historic display at Ashhurst Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Ashhurst.

Historic display at Roslyn Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Roslyn.

Historic display at Awapuni Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Awapuni.

Historic display at Highbury Community Library

Enjoy browsing this display and discovering more about historic Highbury.



Manawatū Heritage



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