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Local History Week 2022

Kia whakatōmuri te haere whakamua



**Sunday 30 October to
Monday 7 November 2022**



Manawatū Heritage

INFORMATION & BOOKING DETAILS

LUNCHTIME TALKS

All welcome | Bring your lunch | Hot drinks provided

TOURS and SOME SPECIAL EVENTS

Limited places | Bookings essential

FOR ENQUIRIES & BOOKINGS CONTACT:

Heritage Team, Palmerston North City Library

Phone: 351 4100

Email: heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Visit: Second Floor, Central Library



DISPLAYS

Queen Elizabeth II in Palmerston North

This display showcases images from the Ian Matheson City Archives and Manawātū Heritage of Queen Elizabeth II's visits to Palmerston North.

**Second Floor, Central Library and
Ground Floor Computer Suite**



Remember the Past

A display of clothing and accessories from the past.
(Display items from various sources)

First Floor, Central Library / During Local History Week

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

Special Event: **Afternoon Tea Concert**

Dame Vera Lynn Remembered

Taking you back in time, Vicki Lee sings hits from Dame Vera Lynn. Performance will be followed by afternoon tea. Join us in the former C M Ross tearooms, now part of the City Library.

Copies of *The Career That Chose Me: Dame Vera Lynn Remembered* by Vicki Lee will be available for sale

Dress: Vintage dress optional.

Tickets available from the Central Library (limited no's)

Contact: genny.vella@pncc.govt.nz or 027 292 9965

Second Floor, Central Library / 3 - 5pm



MONDAY 31 OCTOBER

Local History Week Opening Ceremony

All welcome. *Refreshments sponsored by the Palmerston North Heritage Trust.*

Speaker: Anton Carter, Group Manager Community Services, Palmerston North City Council.

Best Local History Article Award for 2020 - 2022 awarded by the Palmerston North Heritage Trust.

Second Floor, Central Library

11am Refreshments / 11:30am Opening



Lunchtime Talk: Queen Elizabeth II in Palmerston North

A talk on the Queen's visits to Palmerston North during her reign.

Speaker: Lesley Courtney

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

Lunchtime Talk: The pox, the flu and the 'rona

A century of infectious diseases and the response of pharmacies in Palmerston North. Pharmacies have been touted as the 'health professional you see most often' and are often the first stop for remedies, advice and care. During a health crisis this role is magnified. This talk will consider the role of pharmacies in the health care response to smallpox in 1900, the influenza pandemic in 1918 and the Covid-19 pandemic of today. As part of this talk Leanne will share a mix of her past history research and reflect on her recent experience as a hospital pharmacy technician, tasked with delivering Covid-19 vaccines in the Midcentral region.

Speaker: Leanne Hickman

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon

Tour: Palmerston North City Council Archives

Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the PNCC Archives to learn how the city's heritage is being preserved. To secure your spot, please contact us at heritage@pncc.govt.nz or 351 4100

Guide: Ralph Body

Bookings essential / 10:30am



WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER

Preschool session: **Jumping Jellybeans Jump into the Past**

Let's celebrate local history with some fun 'old school' preschool activities.

First Floor, Central Library / 10 - 11am



Lunchtime talk: **Palmerston North's post-Second World War transit camps, 1945-1959: An experiment in social housing.**

At the end of the Second World War massive numbers of service people returned to Aotearoa with hopes of starting a family, getting a job, and finding a house. The hardest part of this dream was finding the house. Very few houses had been built during the war, resulting in a nation-wide shortage. To provide a temporary fix to the problem, cities started setting up transit camps, using Army huts. Pāmutana was just the third city in New Zealand to set up a camp and the first to develop a completely new site for this purpose. The transit camp at Hokowhitu, on land now occupied by the Centennial Park development (and previously by the Palmerston North Teachers' College), lasted from 1945 to 1959. Although in many ways the camp was rough and ready, (and politically controversial in its later years) it lived up to its kaupapa by providing hundreds of families with the new start they needed.

Speaker: Russell Poole

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon



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THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Tour: **Massey University Archives**

Join a tour of the facilities of the University Archives and learn more about this rich part of our local history and how it is preserved and made accessible to everyone.

Tours starting at 10am and 11am. Bookings phone: 06 951-6800 or email: libarch@massey.ac.nz

Massey University Archives, Practical Teaching Complex, Albany Drive, Palmerston North

Lunchtime talk: **Earning a Crust: Faces of Work in Palmerston North's Past**

The 2023 Heritage Trust calendar presents images of working lives from Palmerston North's past. Members of the Trust will use historical illustrations to discuss the varied ways in which Palmerstonians have supported themselves and others, from shearing to shop-work, voluntary work to railway activities.

Speaker: Various

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon



Special Event: **Poets on Palmy**

Join us for an evening to celebrate Palmerston North Poems. Starring Manawatū poets Tim Upperton, Tim Saunders and Jo Aitchison, with special guest James Brown (ex-Palmerston North).

Books will be available for sale and signing.

Second Floor, Central Library / 6pm / Refreshments



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**Massey University Archives,
Practical Teaching Complex,
Albany Drive, Palmerston North**



Lunchtime Talk: **Archives Central**

Archives Central holds physical and digital archival mater for 9 regional, district and city councils within the Manawatū-Whanganui Region. Join us to hear about the interlinked historical resources held, exciting projects undertaken and the future of our regions valuable archives.

Speaker: Evan Greensides,

Senior Archivist Archives Central

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon



SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Special Event: **The Forgotten Coast**

Richard Shaw, Massey University, explores a personal story from our bicultural history. In his book *The Forgotten Coast* (2021) the author tells an old family story he was never told when growing up: that his ancestors once farmed land in Taranaki confiscated from Māori and sold to his great-grandfather, who was with the Armed Constabulary when it invaded Parihaka on 5 November 1881. This book's focus is urgent: how, in a decolonising world, Pākehā New Zealanders wrestle with, and own, the privilege of their colonial past.

Copies of *The Forgotten Coast* will be available for sale and signing.

Speaker: Richard Shaw

Wesley Broadway Church Event

Second Floor, Central Library / 2 - 4pm



MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER

Lunchtime talk: **The Process and Self-Publishing of a Memoir**

Lynn Kirkland is in the process of writing a memoir about the Herb Farm to celebrate their 30th Anniversary in February 2023. Lynn will share how she is doing this as well as how she wrote her personal memoirs *My Italian Destiny* and the sequel *Our Italian Legacy*.

Books will be available for sale and signing.

Speaker: Lynn Kirkland

Second Floor, Central Library / 12noon



Mina McKenzie Memorial Lecture: **Stories of change and innovation in the regions: Women in New Zealand museums since the 1950s**

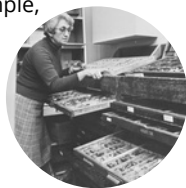
Women now run most of the significant regional museums in New Zealand, including Te Manawa, and yet the figure of the museum director at a metropolitan level remains overwhelmingly male. This illustrated lecture focuses on the role of women in New Zealand museums and shows how they moved from honorary and voluntary roles to running museums over the 20th century. What did women bring to these roles? As I will show they introduced new perspectives on social history and encouraged new areas of collecting, and yet their endeavours have not been well recognized. Mina McKenzie is just one, albeit exemplary example, and I will place her distinguished contribution in the context of these developments.

Speaker: Dr Bronwyn Labrum, Director of Whanganui Regional Museum

Te Manawa Museum Society Event

Te Rangahau Curiosity Centre, Te Manawa

Doors open 6.45pm, Lecture at 7pm. Tea/coffee to follow.



THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER

Awapuni talk: **Music, Tea and Tales**

Join us for an afternoon of conversation and memories. Margaret Tennant will speak about the history of the Awapuni Hospital, followed by a special afternoon tea to celebrate the 6th birthday of Boho Cafe. Presented by Riverstop Awapuni.

Speaker: Margaret Tennant

Boho Cafe, Awapuni / 3pm



Heritage Open Day 2022

OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER

HOFFMAN KILN, 615 FEATHERSTON STREET

12 - 4pm

Visitors will be able to explore the kiln (built 1904) and its surrounds, and learn some of the kiln's finer points. Admission is free, but donations towards preserving and developing this important category one industrial heritage site are gratefully received.



PALMERSTON NORTH ELECTRIC POWER STATION 162 KEITH STREET

12:30 - 4pm

The power station will be open from 12.30pm with engine starts on the hour from 1pm. Due to the building's earthquake-prone status entry is at your own risk. A donation towards the earthquake strengthening of this category one industrial heritage building would be appreciated.



CACCIA BIRCH HOUSE, 130 TE AWE AWE STREET

12:30 - 4pm

Category 1 Historic Place Trust listed Caccia Birch House was built in 1895 overlooking Hokowhitu Lagoon, with a huge lawn nestled amongst large protected trees and NZ style gardens, and is owned by PNCC. The Coach House now houses an archive explaining the history of the area and homestead from pre-European settlement to today. www.caccia-birch.co.nz



Family History Research

Volunteers from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists can help you with your family history. They are available 10:30 - 1:30pm every Wednesday on the 2nd floor of the library.

Digitise your photos

For high quality results use the digitisation station for free on the 2nd floor of the Central Library. Preserve your documents, photographs, negatives and slides by scanning them and saving to a USB. Staff can assist with scanning.

For more information: Telephone : (06) 351 4100 or Email : Heritage@pncc.govt.nz

Armistice Day Programme

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Armistice Day Service

A traditional service to commemorate the signing of The Armistice. Returned and serving personnel are requested to form up at the iSite at 10.45am. Public are welcome to attend the ceremony. Wet weather venue is the Conference and Function Centre.

The Cenotaph / 11am

Poppy Places: Streets of Significance

Join the Mayor, NZ Poppy Places Trust and Linton Military Camp to launch the next six streets of significance at Linton Camp, in the PN Conference & Function Centre, following the commemorative service

Conference & Function Centre / 11:50am

A Tale of Two Myths, 1914-1915

An examination of two of New Zealand military history's myths - General Bernard Freyberg, VC's pre-war Mexican connection in 1914, and Colonel Malone's refusal of an order on Chunuk Bair in August 1915

Speaker: Dr Ian McGibbon, ONZM, Military Historian and General Editor (War History), Ministry of Culture and Heritage

Globe 2 Theatre / 5:45pm