



FREE AUTUMN 2024 SEMINAR SERIES

Entertainment



Crossroads Church
220 Church Street, Palmerston North
Wednesdays 2.15 – 4.00pm

This seminar series is organised by U3A Manawatu. It is open to the public. After the presentations, audio recordings and PowerPoint presentations will be made available on the Manawatu U3A website. See: <https://www.u3amanawatu.org.nz/seminars/>

The arts and culture scene in Palmerston North: What is on offer? How has it changed? What of the future? This series will give the behind-the-scenes story, the activities, the personalities, the challenges and the benefits for the people of Palmerston North and the region. Our four speakers are heavily involved in this field.

May 1st: Local government and community wellbeing. Should Council provide entertainment?

Rachel Bowen, Palmerston North City Councillor, Chair of Culture and Sport Committee

Is it important for our community to have thriving and diverse entertainment options? What does that look like, and who pays? Council is a major provider and funder of many of the entertainment venues and opportunities in our city, but in a 'cost of living crisis' that will come under pressure. This talk will explore the benefits of 'entertainment' to our community, and the value that it provides.

May 8th: Live music to touch your soul: Where to get what in Palmy?

Christine Archer-Lockwood, musician: pianist, conductor, music therapist

Playing, singing, dancing and listening to music are good for your well-being. There is a wealth of musical talent in the Manawatu and many opportunities to get involved. You may not be aware of all the activities and how to access them. This presentation will bring some of the more hidden happenings to the fore.

May 15th: Centrepoint Theatre - the backstage story

Kate Elliott, General manager, artistic director at Centrepoint Theatre

2024 marks 50 years of Centrepoint Theatre developing, creating and presenting theatre productions to the people of Manawātū. This makes the Theatre the second oldest in the Country and the only remaining professional production house in regional New Zealand.

So how do we do it? What goes into putting a programme together? What is the long-term vision for Centrepoint Theatre?

May 22nd: The Regent Theatre – a place of entertainment

Dr Tania Kopytko, Regent Theatre Trust Board

This year the beautiful Regent Theatre on Broadway Avenue will be 94 years old. Dr Tania Kopytko will talk about how the Regent Theatre has provided entertainment and much more, over these years and now. She will cover its changing roles and fortunes and lace it with the stories that have made this theatre dear to the public's hearts right from the very beginning.

Admission Free: Gold coin for tea/coffee and biscuits.

Crossroads Church is situated opposite the Railway Land close to the Church Street-Cook Street corner. There are car parks with entrances from Church Street and Cook Street.