

Mahere taonga tuku iho

Heritage plan

We want to nurture and celebrate our city's history and cultural diversity. We want to protect and understand our heritage.

The heritage of the city contributes to our identity and sense of belonging. The values of Rangitāne and the strength of our partnership are evident in parts of our cityscape, such as Te Marae o Hine The Square.

Understanding and celebration of the city's heritage shapes our city's character. We want to collaborate with our community to showcase and make our diverse city heritage more visible and understood.

We want to see our heritage become a greater part of our cityscape. We want decisions about retaining and developing our built-heritage to be informed by community values.

Ka aha mātou?

What will we do?

Support Rangitāne o Manawatū in its role as kaitiaki of their historic heritage places

What will this mean?

Rangitāne o Manawatū identifies projects and initiatives of greatest priority. Council works with Rangitāne o Manawatū in support of shared and agreed outcomes to promote community wellbeing.

Specific actions

- Collaborate with Rangitāne o Manawatū to protect, expand, and enhance sites of cultural and natural significance
- Support Rangitāne to access and restore wāhi tapu held in private ownership and on inaccessible Council holdings

Promote, protect, celebrate, and share knowledge of local history

What will this mean?

City communities have opportunities to see and learn about the various threads of Palmerston North's history. This includes the history of Rangitāne o Manawatū, the development of the cityscape, military and railway heritage, and the stories of the many and diverse communities who live here.

Specific actions

- Promote the many threads of Palmerston North's history in Council activities
- Maintain Council-owned heritage buildings
- Provide quality visitor experience and access to Council-owned and/or operated heritage buildings
- Assist owners and investors of earthquake-prone buildings to meet required standards through:
 - Natural and Cultural Heritage Incentive Fund
 - Strategic Priority Grants (including support for sector-leadership)
- Provide information and education about local history and heritage
- Protect public memorials and heritage objects and maintain those in Council ownership

New or one-off actions

- Establish a volunteer city heritage advisory or reference group (year 1) to contribute to heritage planning
- Design and install heritage markers for Cuba Street (years 1 and 2)
- Support Heritage Month
- Include heritage storytelling in major Council services, projects and activities
- Support schools to deliver the history curriculum
- Investigate and trial innovative ways of showcasing our city heritage

[See **City Library plan** for archives and Manawatū Heritage]

