



# City at the Centre

## *A history of Palmerston North*

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### A RICHLY ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF AN AMBITIOUS CITY

*City at the Centre* tells the story of a small town carved out of the bush that once cloaked the Manawatū plains. Its growth was driven by the railway that ran through it, by farming, by defence and by Massey University. From Māori history and early settlement to business and sport, the arts and the environment, this engaging history, written by leading historians, is supported by over 150 outstanding photographs. The thematic approach draws on multiple views of Palmerston North's past and present to provide a fresh look at an ambitious city at the centre of its region.

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### SALES POINTS

- Written by leading historians Professor Margaret Tennant and Dr Geoff Watson and a team of other local experts
- The thematic approach and wide range of photographs encapsulate the story of Palmerston North up to the present day
- Superb production at an accessible price
- Ideal for schools, libraries and all those who live in and love the city

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