

Project Profile

Regent Theatre Refurbishment | Palmerston North, New Zealand

Client	Palmerston North City Council
Client Sector	Theatre
Project Cost	\$9.5 million
Services Provided	Full Service Quantity Surveying Commission
Project Size	4,650m ²
Architect	Judd Fenwick Natusch Architects Ltd
Head Contractors	McMillan & Lockwood PN Ltd



Overview

The restoration of a 1930's Regent Theatre Building by the Palmerston North City Council's Regent Trust Board. The project included the demolition of the original fly-tower. Its reconstruction saw the building expand onto a neighbouring site behind the former Trustbank building. The original dressing rooms have been replaced by modern comfortable spaces with the addition of fully serviced "star" suites. Under the exterior white paint was found the original sandstone plaster. Inside, the heritage spaces have been restored to their original colours, even the new Grand Lobby carpet copies the linoleum pattern, while the original linoleum remains underneath. Original patterned carpet was discovered three layers down in the Auditorium. This was replicated exactly and reinstated in both old and new spaces.

Our role

Rider Levett Bucknall provided full quantity surveying and cost management services.

Services comprised:

- full cost planning to three scheme options including the ultimate solution
- assisting with the special conditions of the contract
- preparation of schedule of quantities for all trade packages
- reporting on the financial implications of tenders received to select a preferred contractor

- contract administration including variation and monetary allowance adjustments, payment recommendations
- financial statements
- agreement of final account

Client benefits

Restoring of Historic Places Trust Building to its “former glory”. The theatre has been at the heart of Palmerston North’s entertainment scene for over 70 years.

The refurbishment sees the Regent again take pride of place as the city’s performing arts, entertainment and cultural centrepiece.

Testimonials

New Zealand Master Builders Award for the Contractor’s Construction Management.