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To-day Feilding will be en fete for the opening celebrations of the Manchester Block Jubilee, and the sincere good wishes of citizens and settlers of Palmerston North and surrounding districts will be extended to the fair and prosperous neighbour who has attained such a really remarkable growth in so short a period. The history of the Manchester Block has been recounted in these columns and in many other papers during the past few months, and should be familiar to all. It presents a fine record of triumph over many hardships and discouragements by a band of settlers, many of whom still live to enjoy the fruits of their labours. Few districts in New Zealand can compare for wealth and beauty with the Manchester block, and its settlers may well be proud of their smiling homesteads and flocks and herds. The block is not yet at the limit of its development by any means, and should continue to produce an increasing stream of wealth for many years to come. The celebrations this week are sure to attract attention from all parts of New Zealand, and apart from doing honour to the founders of the district's prosperity they should act as a splendid advertisement for Feilding and district.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHM. IN FEBRUARY

Remember the "Carry On" series of movies? Just to start this year's movie sessions 'Carry On Doctor' will be screening on **14th February in The Hunter Room 2PM \$5** includes movie, coffee, tea, biscuit. *Have a giggle, a snigger, or lots of laughs!*

28th February Graham Christensen's Rural life Art Display ends.

Items for sale.

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Welcome back with the hope you have all enjoyed the Festive Season and are ready for a year of good health and enjoyment in 2024.

It is a special year for Feilding with the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the Manchester Block. Although the date of Feilding being officially established was 22nd January, 1874 celebrations are being held 1-3 March, 2024.

INVITATION

FRIDAY 1st MARCH;

Dawn Service with Local Iwi

**Special Farmer's Market
Freedom of Feilding & District Military Parade**

Sheep sales from 100 years ago re enacted.

6pm Celebration Dinner at Civic Centre \$70p.p.

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH

**10am-3pm Heritage Family Fun Day
So much happening for all.**

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH

10am Community Church Service at Civic Centre

1 1.30 Commemoration tree planting

2.00-3.30pm Through the decades street parade

**7.00pm St John's Anglican Church. Songs and
Prayers for the Future**

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The land is of the best quality, and in many cases has very valuable Timber upon it.

The Manchester Block is the centre of the Manawatu Timber Industry, three-fourths of the Saw Mills in that District being situated on the Block.

The land is opened up by roads, in many cases metalled, and the railway from Foxton to New Plymouth runs through the settlement.

The land on the Manchester Block is by far the cheapest now offering to the would-be settler, taking into consideration the quality of the soil, its accessibility and proximity to Railway Communication.

The population of the Block is at present about 3,500.

Price, 60s per acre. 45s per acre of the purchase money can remain on mortgage up to five years if desired, at seven per cent., or arrangements can be made with the agents by which improvements to be effected within one year can stand in the place of the 25 per cent. deposit (timber sections excepted). The purchaser can also have the privilege of paying off at any time the whole or part of the purchase money, such part to be not less than £50, with a proportionate reduction in interest.

Full information supplied to intending purchasers on application to the Company's Office, Feilding.

Plans of Block and any information required sent free to any address on application by letter to the Agent, Emigrant and Colonists' Aid Corporation, Limited, Feilding.

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Kiwitea & Oroua Counties Gazette.

16 August 1923 prior to the Jubilee. The Manchester Block was initially settled by 28 people but by 1879 there were 1800 residing in the area. Three tribal groups Rangitane, Ngāti Raukawa and Ngāti Kauwhata were already living on the banks of the Manawatu River and tributaries such as the Oroua. 'It has to be remembered that the area of the block of land secured by the Emigrant's and Colonist's Aid Corporation of which the Duke of Manchester was president was no less than 206,000 acres of which Feilding occupies only 2,300 acres'. A number of local bodies from the Manawatu were therefore included in the Manchester

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Beautiful weather prevailed in Feilding on Saturday for the installation of the queen of the jubilee in connection with the Manchester Block. The ceremony was conducted in Kowhai Park, the queen being Mrs Mason Durie, the country candidate, who was accompanied by two maids of honour, Misses Bowler and Bartrop.



Map thanks to Archives Central, Bowen Street, Feilding



FEILDING 1879

On 29th December last year a couple from Dalyellup, Western Australia visited the museum for a very special reason. To quote a comment made by Jude & Steve Reilly in the visitor's book at reception; "Loved seeing Steve's great, great grandparent's cottage". How special is that? Proving surely the importance of preserving the past so that history is tangible and not just a picture or a figment of the imagination. Comments, verbal and written, prove the value of The Coach House Museum. For this we thank those with the foresight and vision to create such a valuable asset for future generations.