

## TSB Showplace Theatre Upgrade

New Plymouth



Taking pride of place within the hub of New Plymouth's cultural precinct, the city's iconic TSB Showplace is considered by many to be amongst the world's finest theatre venues.

In an effort to further enhance this reputation, the main theatre within the building underwent a 'make-over' of sorts – with the client's brief expressing a desire to give the theatre a more modern, smarter and cleaner ambience.

In referencing both the grandeur of theatre in its golden age and the sumptuousness of the Victorian era – a new paint scheme, curtaining and lighting system has enabled this theatre to confidently enter the 21st century, while still maintaining an air of refined charm.

The first element of the project was to update the areas of the theatre in need of TLC – with basic repair and maintenance work carried out in strict accordance to the theatre's unique characteristics and modernising of systems while ensuring the historical integrity of the building.

In conjunction to the new construction, the key element of the work was to refresh the theatre's overall appearance. This has seen a drab dated colour palette replaced with a mix of shades, which includes a strong base foundation of golden hues contrasted with accent colours, such as purple – along with red velvet curtains, simple but elegant chandeliers – and LED lighting within the celebrated soaring dome above, offering a lustre befitting only the grandest of opera houses.

The final result has seen the venue transformed from a place where you go to watch entertainment, to one which is now an integral part of the entertainment experience itself. And as the venue's manager, Nelita Byrne states, the new look gives the theatre a "regal opulence and special characteristics".



**Architectural Specifier:** Murali Bhaskar, Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar Brebner Team Architects [www.bgb-ta.co.nz](http://www.bgb-ta.co.nz)  
**Building Contractor:** ICL Construction  
**Painting Contractor:** Greg Brown  
**Photographer:** Chris Hill Photographer

**Colours Used:** Resene Black, Resene Bullion, Resene Eighth Pearl Lusta, Resene Gold Dust, Resene Jon

 Resene Moulin Rouge

Black

Bullion

Eighth Pearl Lusta

Gold Dust

Jon

