

# Centrestage Play Reading Group

**Centrestage Theatre Company** have developed a play reading opportunity for those who would like to join a group that will bring some of the best plays ever written, off the page and to life.

For the 2026 Season play in September next year, Centrestage Theatre will be producing

**The Importance of Being Earnest** by Oscar Wilde.

This will be the first play for our play reading group to study.

We will be looking at **character traits, text analysis** and **sight reading skills**.

The group will meet as per the schedule below and it will be an informal and fun affair with no expectation that you have to attend every session, although that would be ideal to get the most out of the course.

The programme would suit people wanting to upskill in the areas of acting and spoken voice, those with a passion for plays and/or for those wishing to audition for **The Importance of Being Earnest** at Centrestage Theatre.

The course is available to those **15 Years and over** and we really encourage our older patrons and members to attend.

The course will be taken by **Ross McKellar** who is one of our Theatre Managers.

Ross has been acting professionally in theatre, film and television since 1986 and was a spoken voice and acting teacher for the **NASDA Bachelor of Performing Arts Degree (Music Theatre)** for 15 years.

Ross also holds a Master of Arts Practice (Distinction) in Stage Performance.

**There is no cost for this course.**

To book a place on the play reading programme email:

**[manager@centrestagetheatre.co.nz](mailto:manager@centrestagetheatre.co.nz)**

## **Play Reading/Text Analysis Sessions 2026**

Wednesday February 25, 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday March 11, 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday March 25, 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday April 1, 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday May 6, 6.30-8.30pm

Wednesday May 20 - Play Reading to an Audience - Cost \$5 per head for audience to attend.