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# The Wairarapa Archive

Recently a wooden grave marker was stolen from the Archer Street cemetery, then abandoned in the Queen Elizabeth Park carpark. The missing marker was that of Lily Hambrook, who died on 19 August 1886, aged 18 years. The grave next to it was that of Alice Hambrook, who died on 11 August 1886, aged 18 days.

Lily was the daughter of George Hambrook and his wife Harriett Ann Gough. Originally from Nelson, by the mid-1880s the family was at Tutaekara, near Eketahuna. Lily became pregnant and had an illegitimate daughter in late July 1886. The baby died on 11 August, and Lily died eight days later.

Lily's parents placed an advertisement in the newspaper announcing her death, and inviting their friends to join them in the service. Later they erected a wooden marker on Lily's grave, although Alice's remained unmarked and no notice of the death of their granddaughter was placed. The Hambrooks were to undergo a trying time in the years ahead. In 1890 one of their neighbours, Anthony Klaiser, did not come out of the forest for three weeks, so George Hambrook went searching for him and found him dead. A tree he was felling had fallen on him, severing his head.

In 1893 the Hambrooks were back in the news in a most sensational manner. Two years previously, George had employed a man called William Joseph Aldridge, alias Smith, and his mate, Jacob Jacobsen, to do forest clearance work on his section. After two days Aldridge had said he could not stand the place, and asked if he could leave. Hambrook agreed, and asked after Jacobsen. Aldridge said he had left the day before.

It became evident that something had happened to Jacobsen. Some badly scorched bones were found in the burning stump of a rata tree, and suspicion fell on Aldridge. He could not be located either, He was eventually found in Melbourne, and returned to face a murder trial New Zealand. After days, including evidence from George Hambrook and his son William, the case was dismissed. Four years later the family were back in the headlines, again for all the wrong reasons. George and Harriett's son, William, who had returned to the Nelson, had a quarrel with Henry McKenna, a young man. A fight ensued and McKenna suffered a fatal injury. The matter went to a Supreme Court hearing but the grand jury decided there was no case to answer and William Hambrook was set free. He later shifted to Otaki, where he was joined by George and Harriett, who died there in 1903 and 1914 respectively. They are buried in Otaki, away from their daughter and granddaughter in Masterton. The stolen headstone has been restored. When Roger and Peter Hoar from Wairarapa Headstones heard about the discovery they offered to repair and re-erect the marker board, and to erect a new plaque with Lily's name on it. They have joined the broken pieces of the marker together again, and set it back up on a concrete plinth. A granite plaque records Lily and Alice's names.

District archivist Gareth Winter had a surprise when researching the history of this grave. "The Hambrook family came from England, and were living in the Nelson area before shifting to Wairarapa in the late 1870s. I discovered that Lily had relatives who continued to live in the Nelson area, and that one of her cousins married my grandfather's cousin. So she is sort of family!"





## Stories for Generations

All ages

10:30-11:30am

Join us as we welcome children, parents, caregivers and seniors to a story time where we blend past and present favourites. Share stories, songs, crafts and come together for fun. Tuesday's during school term. **Dates: 3 Dec, 10 Dec**



## Story Go Round Programme

Pre-School

10:30-11:30am

Explore the world of books and enjoy the magic of stories and activities in our preschool story time. Feel free to bring a morning snack. Tea and coffee provided. Every Wednesday during school term. **Dates: 4 Dec**



## Puanga Kōhanga Te Reo Programme

Pre-School

10:30-11:30am

Delivered in Te Reo but is open to all. Introduce your child to te reo Māori with stories, music and crafts. Every Thursday during school term. **Dates: 5 Dec**



## LEGO® Play

All ages

3:30-5:30pm

Drop in any time between 4 pm and 6pm and have fun building and creating with LEGO®. Every Thursday during school term.

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# THE GREAT READING CARNIVAL

TE TAIOPENGA PĀNUI HIRA



## SRP Quiz Night

All ages

13 December, 5:30-7pm

The first event of the Summer Reading Programme, The Great Reading Carnival Quiz Night. Register for the Summer Reading Programme and then study up on your book knowledge and join us as we test your knowledge of all things book related. *No registration required.*

## Circus Craft-O-Rama

All ages

16 December, 10:30-11:30am

Express your creativity and create your own circus themed crafts. *No registration required.*



## iREAD Upcycled Books- Circus Tents

Years 7/8, registered for the iREAD Summer Reading Programme

16 December, 2-3pm

Learn how to make a circus tent from an old book. All supplies provided. *Registration required.*

## Hour of Code- THE GRINCH

Ages 5-8

17 December, 11am-noon or 2-3pm

Learn basic coding with The GRINCH. No experience needed. First time coders welcome. *Registration required.*

## Holiday Ornaments

All ages

18 December, 10:30-11:30am

Dig through our craft supplies and make you own holiday ornament. *No registration required.*



## Device Advice

All Ages  
11am-noon

Drop in with your technology questions during one of these weekly sessions. Staff can help you with eBooks, tablets, Microsoft office, online library resources, internet searching and more! Every Monday.



## Digital Seniors Masterton Hub

All Ages  
11am-noon

Drop-in, free coaching for seniors on how to use mobile phones, tablets, iPad or laptops. Every Wednesday.



## Sit, Knit & Yarn

All ages  
10am-noon

Sit, Knit & Yarn is an opportunity for crafty people to share their ideas and skills and assist each other with their knitty problems. Members knit for donation, most notably for newborns at Masterton Maternity, as well as working on their own projects for family and friends. This is a free activity and everyone is welcome! Morning tea is provided. Every Friday.



## Justice of the Peace

All Ages  
10am-noon

JP available to witness signatures, verify documents and more. Every Saturday. No registration required.



# STEPPING UP

ICT FOR A BETTER FUTURE

## Photo Editing Basics

Tuesday 3 December, 10am-noon

Learn how to crop, edit and colour your digital photos. In this class we will be using PIXLR Editor (free online picture editing software) to edit and fix digital photos. Most of the skills learnt in this class can be used with other photo editing software such as Paint or Photoshop.

## Intro to Tablets

Tuesday 10 December, 10am-noon

This course provides an introduction to Tablets.

## Spark Jump Workshops

Thursday 12 December, 6-8pm

Spark Jump is for families with children who do not have an internet connection in their homes. \$10 for 30GB, pre-pay service with no fixed contract. Free wifi modem.

## Google Drive

Thursday 19 December, 6-8pm

Google Drive is a file storage service created by Google. It allows users to store files in the cloud, share files, and edit documents, spreadsheets, and presentations with others.

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