



Somebody's Darling

Stories from Napier Hill Cemetery
15 November 2008 – 21 June 2009
Exhibition Opening: Friday 14th November at 5.30pm



Public Programmes

Saturday 15th November, 11am
Gallery Floor Talk with Gail Pope and Peter Wells
Join the curators on a guided tour of the exhibition. Free entry.

Sunday 30th November, 2pm
Cemetery Walk with Gail Pope and Peter Wells
Join the curators on a guided tour of the Napier Hill Cemetery and hear about the interesting stories they have uncovered. Free event.
Please RSVP on 835 7781 x 741.

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Poignant stories of the lives and deaths of those buried at the Napier Hill Cemetery will be uncovered in this exhibition being jointly curated by Gail Pope, the archivist at the Hawke's Bay Museum and Art Gallery, and the well known filmmaker and writer Peter Wells.

Somebody's Darling is a social history exhibition that focuses not only on some of the well known local identities buried in this historic landmark, which opened in 1855 adjacent to the Botanical Gardens, but also the 'everyday' men, women and children who also have extraordinary stories associated with their lives, and their deaths.

Somebody's Darling will fundamentally be a celebration of the lives of some of those living in Napier from the Victorian era up until the 1931 Hawke's Bay earthquake.

This fascinating exhibition will contain a range of contemporary and historic photographic images as well as objects from the HBMAG collection, including treasures such as the recently conserved illuminated scroll presented to a local man, Robert Lynam, in 1888.

As part of the project a small book will be published, as well as a brochure that will enable the public to take self guided walks of the Cemetery and learn more about some of the key people and stories resident there.

This exhibition has been supported by the Napier City Council Parks and Reserves Department, Dunstalls Funeral Services, Television Hawkes Bay, Design Cuisine, Farmgate Wines, Hawke's Bay Independent Brewery, Tametea Greenworld Garden Centre, Mitre Ten Mega Napier and Red Stag Gates & Fences.



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