

From: Lynne Adamson
To: "John"
Subject: RE: Local Government Official Information request - 546206
Date: Tuesday, 7 June 2016 05:00:00 p.m.
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Dear John

I refer to your email dated 24 May 2016 requesting information on the number of unmarked graves in cemeteries and other burial facilities within the Dunedin City Council boundaries.

Your request has been considered under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I wish to advise as follows:

The DCC does not keep a record of unmarked graves as the family is responsible for the headstone installation. In addition there are pauper's graves which are also unmarked.

The Dunedin Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists – <http://www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz/> has headstone transcripts which can be reviewed to provide an estimate of the number of unmarked graves however this excludes the Dunedin cemetery. To obtain the information you require would take in excess of the three hours which is provided for free under the LGOIMA Charging Policy as staff have estimated that it would take up to 65 hours to review the transcripts. This would result in a charge of \$38.00 per half hour following the free first three hours therefore we are unable to answer your request because the information does not exist. (See section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act regarding information that does not exist).

If you would like to proceed with this query or would like to change your requirements, please let me know. You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

For your information there is an extensive genealogical library of the Dunedin Branch shelved in the "Genealogy Room" on the third floor at the Dunedin Public Library. Access to this material is available during the open hours of the Library and Library staff are familiar with the shelved material. Please note there is a non-borrow policy in place.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards
Lynne

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From: John [mailto:john.weekes@fairfaxmedia.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 May 2016 1:47 p.m.
To: officialinformation@dcc.govt.nz
Subject: Local Government Official Information request - 546206

John has submitted a LGOIMA request - 546206.

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

Good morning With respect, I request the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act: * How many unmarked graves are in cemeteries and other burial facilities within your council boundaries? * How many graves are marked "unknown"? * Please provide the number of unmarked and unknown graves by cemetery/graveyard. If this email has gone to a generic email address, please direct it to the right person as this is a specific LGOIMA request. The information sought in this request is to be used as part of a report. As the data will ensure a greater public understanding of this issue, I ask that any fee is waived. I anticipate receiving the information under the terms of the act, which stipulates a maximum period of 20 business days. Written confirmation of receipt of this request would be appreciated. If I can be of any help, please call me on (04) 474 0205. My postal address is Fairfax Media, PO Box 3740, Wellington, 6140. Best wishes John

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