



17 February 2026

Emily Holden

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Tēnā koe Emily,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

Thank you for your official information requests dated 28 January 2026. As both of your requests relate to historical building and resource consents, we are responding to them together. Specifically, you requested:

- 1. Information relating to building and resource consents associated with the construction of Naenae Pool in the 1980s.*
- 2. Information relating to resource consents for the construction company involved in developing a new part of the Lower Hutt Hospital, including whether more than one company was involved.*

On 2 February 2026, Council contacted you to clarify your request. We asked which building or addition at Hutt Hospital you were referring to, or if you could provide an approximate timeframe for when the work occurred. On 3 February 2026, you responded and advised:

“The request for information on the builders of the New part of the Lower Hutt hospital in the 1980’s on the High Street side. I have attached a picture of that for you.”

Answer:

In response to your request for information about Naenae Pool, Council has searched its historical records but has not been able to locate any building or resource consent information relating to the original construction of the pool in the 1980s. While there are records for later alterations, no information is held

about the initial build. As such, we are refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the information is not held.

Regarding the development you referred to at Lower Hutt Hospital, the material that could be identified appears to relate to the construction of the Heretaunga Block, which opened in the early 1980s.

Two historic building permit files contain limited information from the early stages of the project. BP31953, dated around August to September 1972, relates to foundation and basement works for what was then described as the Clinical Services and Ward Block. BP36131, dated around August 1975, relates to a later stage of the same development. The surviving documents were microfilmed several decades ago, resulting in poor legibility and incomplete records, and they do not allow us to determine which company undertook the construction.

Council has not been able to locate any information indicating which company built the Heretaunga Block or whether more than one company was involved. Publicly available historical material notes that Downer Construction built Stage 1 of the block, but this information is external to Council and is not held in our records.

Given the involvement of the former Ministry of Works at the time, additional material may be held by Archives New Zealand. You can contact Archives New Zealand at: [Contact us – Archives New Zealand](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman – Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases – Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui



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