12 October 2026

Bryan Mulligan
Section 7(2)(a)

Tēnā koe Bryan,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 18 September 2026, seeking information relating to the portrait of Mrs Moira Mills formerly displayed at the Stokes Valley Library. Specifically, you requested any documents discussing the removal, whereabouts, or current location of the portrait, with the aim of obtaining a digital copy for a family archive.

Answer:

Council has undertaken extensive searches for information falling within the scope of your request. Despite these efforts, no records were located discussing the removal, whereabouts, current location, or fate of the portrait of Mrs Moira Mills.

As no information of this nature is held by Council, your request for documents discussing the fate or current position of the portrait is refused under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the information is not held by Council.

During our searches, Council located a historical article relating to the portrait and its original display in the Stokes Valley Library. While this article does not include information regarding the portrait's current whereabouts or what happened to it, we have enclosed a copy as it may be of interest and assistance to you. This information is provided as contextual material only and does not directly answer your request.

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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