



14 August 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received 27 July 2023 and related to what year the cemeteries managed by Rangitikei District Council were opened. Our response is below:

1. I have some questions about the cemeteries managed by the Rangitikei Council, initially just what year they opened. Would it be possible to get this information for the Clifton (Bulls), Mt View (Marton), Ratana, Turakina, Rangatira (Huntermville), Ohingaiti, Mangaweka and Taihape cemeteries?

Response:

After extensive searching we were unable to locate any of our old cemetery records. The best we could do with the information we do hold, was to cross check the land title date with the earliest recorded death to be buried at each cemetery and have found the below:

Location	Title Date	Earliest Recorded Death to be buried
Clifton	1925	1855
Mt View	From original deeds index 1876	1860
Ratana	Land purchased for new area in 1984 and opened in 1985. No record of the old area.	No record
Rangatira – Huntermville	Crown land dated 1897	1886
Ohingaiti	1923 / RDC took over 2018	1904
Mangaweka	Crown Reserve Land 1899	1880
Taihape	Crown Reserve Land 1899	1900
Turakina	Original deed dated 1864	1860

Making this place home.

Please note: There are many records on file for each of these cemeteries where no date has been recorded so there could be earlier deaths.

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Gordon

Group Manager Democracy & Planning