

**Sent:** Thursday, 26 May 2016 11:35 a.m.

**Subject:** LGOIMA request - unmarked or unknown graves

I refer to your email of 24 May 2016 requesting information on the number of unmarked or unknown graves in any burial facilities within council boundaries.

Rotorua Lakes Council have five cemeteries under its control. They are Rotorua, Kauae, Ngakuru, Reporoa and Mamaku Cemeteries.

Rotorua Cemetery is the only cemetery that contains 9 graves where the deceased is 'unknown'.

Apart from these 9 graves, Council knows the names of all deceased buried at the five cemeteries. Some of the graves may not have a headstone, but the deceased buried in the plot is known and recorded.

Rotorua District also has a number of urupa within its boundaries, however these are privately managed and Council holds no records for these urupa.

Under legislation we are obliged to advise that if you have any concerns with the adequacy of our response you may contact the Ombudsman by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman  
P O Box 10 152  
WELLINGTON 6143

Or alternatively by email to [complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz](mailto:complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz)

Regards

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