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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (the Act) – reference: OIR 2122-286

I refer to your information request we received on 7 June 2022 for the following:

As a representative of the Otaki Titans Swim Club I request from the responsible representative from the Kapiti Coast District Council, the following information:

1. *Any policies about the usage of the KCDC Pools for Swim Clubs*

There is no policy. There has never been a requirement for that level of bureaucracy because local swim clubs have generally used their local pool.

2. *Is there any specific policy for the Coastlands Aquatic Centre with special reference to Swim Clubs*

Please refer to the response to question 1.

3. *Does KCDC hold information about the numbers of Club Members using the KCDC Aquatic Centre, specifically Coastlands Aquatic Centre, (please provide this information – numbers of people not specific names)*

There are five clubs using Coastlands Aquatic Centre (CAC), Paekākāriki Surf Club, Water Polo Club, Masters Swimming, Ōtaki Titans and The Raumati Raptors. Council does not hold all the information requested.

Raumati Raptors have provided us with a list of 76 swimmers registered to use the CAC.

On that basis I must decline part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found, section 17(e) of the LGOIMA refers.

4. *If there is any policy, has there been a change in policy since 2021?*

Please refer to the response to question 1.

5. Are there any Standard Procedures which do not allow two swim clubs to book swim lanes at the same time?

Please refer to the response to question 1. There are no policies or standard procedures around the number of swim clubs. Generally, swim clubs have used their local pool.

6. The reason why Raumati Swim Club has been allowed to book 4 lanes in the morning and the evening at Coastlands Aquatic Centre, and the Otaki Titans have always been able to book a single lane as required for our competitors, but in the last two weeks our requests have been denied.

Ōtaki Titans make infrequent, one-off bookings, for one lane, at the CAC. The requests we received recently are for ongoing lane hire. CAC does not have the lane availability to provide this service.

7. We have been informed that the public have made complaints about the Otaki Titans using the Coastlands Aquatic Centre, please provide the numbers of complaints, dates, and overview of what the complaints were about?

We do not release specifics around complaints. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

In the Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

However, I can advise that generally the complaints have been from members of the public who are aggrieved at the loss of access to lanes.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi