

OIR: 2526/377

12 May 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **22 April 2026** requesting the following information:

At a recent community board hui a member of the public spoke about the Paekākāriki library establishment and the gifting of a Māori name. This name is not in common use.

- 1. Are you able to provide any information on the naming of the library, any names it was gifted, and any stipulations around this?***

Around the period of Paekākāriki opening afresh in its shared location with the Tennis Club (2011), conversations were had between iwi and Council officers about a suggested name for the Paekākāriki Library, including the process of adopting a gifted name. The suggested name was Matekitewhawhai, in memory of a person passed. In 2021 a different name was proposed to the Paekākāriki Community Board: 'The Jean Andrews Memorial Library'.

- 2. Further, if it has been gifted a Māori name, why is this not in use or noted on the KCDC website as it is for the other libraries.***

Neither of these names were formally consulted on and adopted by Council.

Ngā mihi,



Brendan Owens

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