



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### Official Information Act request: [REDACTED] Citation for Wallace Lake OBE 1986

Thank you for your Official Information Act (the Act) request received on 29 January 2025. You requested:

*I would like to track down the records of citation NZ Royal Honours Awards for Louise Miles, awarded in 1969.  
I would like to know who provided references and who nominated Louise Miles for the award.  
I would also like to see the citation for WALLACE LAKE OBE 1986. I do have notes that were sent from DMPC described as a citation but it does not mention who made the nomination nor who supported it.*

### Response to your request

#### Louise Miles

You have requested the identity of those who nominated and provided references for Louise Miles. The Honours Units holds records from 1969. However these are incomplete and do not include the information you have requested. As such, I decline your request under section 18(e) of the Act on the basis the information no longer exists.

#### Wallace Lake

You have also asked for the citation for Wallace Lake noting the one you have previously received does not identify the nominator or supporters. The material previously provided is the citation for Wallace Lake. A citation is a summary of the recipient's accomplishments or service for which the honour is awarded. Details of the nominator and any supporters are not included in the citation. Given your query, I have taken your request to be for the identity of Wallace Lake's nominator and supporters.

The Honours Unit records from 1986 include this information. However, I have decided to withhold this information under the following sections of the Act for the reasons explained below:

1. section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals;
2. section 9(2)(ba)(ii), to prevent damage to the public interest by making available information which is subject to an obligation of confidence;

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Protecting the confidentiality of material about Honours nominations and appointments is essential to maintaining the integrity of the New Zealand Royal Honours system. In particular, the protection of such information ensures that those engaging with the Honours system can rely on the confidentiality of the process. The DPMC website provides guidelines on the nomination process for prospective nominators. The guidelines highlight the confidential treatment of nominations. Nominators therefore have an expectation that nominations will be kept confidential.

*All nominations for honours are treated in the strictest confidence. No information regarding the nominee or the details of the nomination is divulged (see <https://www.dPMC.govt.nz/our-programmes/new-zealand-royal-honours/make-nomination/new-zealand-royal-honours-nomination-guidelines>).*

In making my decision, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act I have considered whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the need to withhold the information, and I have concluded that it does not.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



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**Clerk of the Executive Council**