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Nathaniel Manning

By email: [fyi-request-13851-ae394e14@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-13851-ae394e14@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Nathaniel

**Official information request – Status of Memorial Plaque**

I refer to your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) dated **22 September 2020**:

*I would like to request information regarding the memorial plaque that once stood in the Cotton Carpark, inscribed with the following:*

*"In Memorial*

*This plaque commemorates an oak tree that graced this site for forty years. It was felled by the bureaucracy in December 1990 to make space for one more car."*

*I was hoping to find out what has happened to the plaque; was it destroyed in the development of the new Maru building, or was it removed for safekeeping (and if so, what is its new home)?*

The "In Memorial" plaque was removed for safe keeping and is being held in the JC Beaglehole Room on the Kelburn Campus.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me at [oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:oiarequests@vuw.ac.nz).

Yours sincerely

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