

# Lawrence Cemetery Research

The University of Otago is planning an archaeological and bio-archaeological research programme at the Lawrence Cemetery, concentrating on the southern end where Chinese and possible paupers' graves are located. This project will involve excavation and analysis of a number of unmarked and unknown graves, with a particular focus on areas where there are no records of who might be buried.

The project will also examine the old Lawrence Cemetery (now in private ownership) to determine whether any burials remain there. The research is intended to examine the life, health and wellbeing of an early goldfields community. After the analysis is complete, the burials will be reinterred in their original locations, and the information gained will be made available to the community.

The directors of the project, Prof. Hallie Buckley & Dr. Peter Petchey, will be present to answer any questions from 2.30pm on 15 November, before the public forum at the Lawrence Community Board meeting (3pm start) at the Service Centre in Peel Street.

Anyone who wishes to comment but can't make the meeting can contact any of the following:

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