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

Thank you for your email of **5 August 2025** requesting the following information in relation to the Waikanae Popup:

Could you please provide an update regarding the current situation with the operating of the above facility. Specifically, can you please confirm the date the facility was officially opened, how many tenants have occupied it to date and what revenue has been received.

As outlined in my email dated 27 August 2025, the Waikanae pop-up project progressed following the strategic acquisition of the property on Main Road, Waikanae. At the time of the purchase, our assessment identified issues with the building on the site, with safety concerns a key issue, and it was determined the building should be demolished.

To make the most of the site in the short-term, agreement was reached that the site would be utilised as a 'pop-up' zone that offered additional capacity for business, community groups, and other interested parties for short-term use and events. It was also designed to enable multiple use of the pop-up concept, we anticipated (and discussed with you) that over time it would create some contingency space for emergency management and recovery purposes as needed and we have also recently been in discussion with Te Whatu Ora around their interest in the use of the pop-up set up to enable additional health space for needed service.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

The pop-up site officially opened on Saturday 29 March 2025 and Table 1 provides a list of tenants that have occupied the site since it opened, revenue received during the three-month period of operation since opening was \$3,305.

Table 1: list of tenants in three-month period since opening

Business Name	Purpose	Tenancy Term
Kāpiti Collab	Cooperative of local artists and small creative businesses that were collectively occupying a container.	3 months
Caravan Clothing	Retail clothing and accessories looking to test market as part of an expansion of their Otaki shop.	1 month (2 containers)
Waikanae Flowers	Florist – testing opportunity to establish a florist in Waikanae.	1 month
Shed Project	Selling a variety of products made by the Shed Project to support the delivery of their community activities.	2 months – also part of the Kapiti Collab
Karen King	Retail	1 month
Two Worlds Food Limited	The operation of two food trucks	2.5 months. Note this lease was terminated by Council, as the tenants were not meeting their contractual requirements.

Whilst good progress in establishment occurred, there have also been some challenges. For example, with tenancy management and concerns raised by some of the local building owners about the competition the site posed for their businesses. Staff have worked through these challenges, and addressed issues raised. But, as you will be aware, these challenges created some community debate about the best use of that site and the pop-up. It was decided not to take any further bookings until this had been resolved.

Future interest in the space had been positive with a number of forward bookings from October onwards including the Kapiti Collab and interest from the Waikanae Business Association, who offered to take over management of the site to make the most of the area for business.

With the recent approval to progress the Te Ara Whetu build, Council operations have confirmed preference to utilise the pop-up space for our project team over the course of the Te Ara Whetu project which was also based on feedback from the business community about minimising disruption. SLT has agreed that due to operational need, and the Te Ara Whetu project being a priority for Council, this is the best use of the 'pop-up' space in the short-term.

We will revisit the need and use for the pop-up following the project's completion. This decision has affordability and cost front of mind, and I can confirm that this step will support savings for the project (approx. \$70K) which ensures we make the best use of funding for the community.

Ngā mihi,



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