

OIR: 2223/416

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

Thank you for your email of 23 November 2022 requesting information about the value and display of our Council art collection.

We responded at this time last year to a similar request, and the information we provide here is very similar to what we provided at that time, as we have not acquired any artwork for the Council collection in the last 12 months.

We indicated last year that we would be working to achieve more appropriate valuation for our collection than what we have currently. This work has not been completed yet due to lack of available valuers. We hope to complete this in the next calendar year.

Please find below the answers to your questions:

1. *What is the total value of all artwork (including sculptures) currently owned by your council?*

I am declining providing the total value of artworks owned on the basis that the information does not exist or cannot be found (Section 17(e) of the Act refers).

Where the Register does record a value, these are based on devaluation from initial cost rather than valuation by an art expert. As noted, we will be working to resolve this in the next calendar year.

2. *What percentage of this total value comes from artworks currently displayed for the public to enjoy?*

See previous answer. The works with the highest value that we can ascertain or estimate are either on permanent public display or currently undergoing maintenance.

3. *How much has your council spent over the last 3 years on artwork?*

Council has contributed to several Council- and community-led projects. Some of these are on Council property or sites but are not necessarily owned by Council.

Totals for last three financial years (2019/2020 - 2022/23 up to end November)

Installation of major public artwork (Tohorā): \$84,847

Murals (Community-led projects): \$27,137

Design work for infrastructure projects: \$18,379.78

Total for new artwork: \$131,563.38

4. *What is the most expensive piece of artwork the council owns? How much is it worth? And is it being displayed? If it is being displayed, please indicate specifically where it is being displayed (e.g., the Mayor's office, in the council lobby etc).*

The piece of art is: Tohorā

Sculpture: concrete artwork

Artist: Kereama Taepa

Recorded value (cost): \$137,769.00

Location: Installed at Maclean Park, Paraparaumu Beach

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi