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23 July 2025



Tēnā koe ,

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

Thank you for your email of **26 June 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. Why are there still "Matariki" teardrop flags fastened to lamp posts around Waikanae , and presumably the rest of the Kapiti Coast? It is now almost a week since that "holiday".***

In order to ensure the most cost-effective replacement of the flags, we will often try to wait to replace the flags until we are ready to install the flags for the next campaign / event.

The Matariki flags are scheduled for replacement in August 2025.

- 2. How much did these cost to make?***

The Matariki flags were purchased in support of the 'strategic growth' of events relevant to the Economic Development Major Event fund, which aims to support events in the community that attract visitors to our local businesses, and 'return on investment' seen through increased returns. Several Matariki events are sponsored by the Major Events fund.

When purchasing flags, we ensure that flags are of a quality that they can be used for multiple years. The individual cost for each of the Matariki flags when originally purchased was \$89 plus GST, with 128 flags purchased at a total cost of \$11,468 plus GST.

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

3. How much does it cost to attach them to the posts, and how much to take them down again?

The cost to remove the flags from the previous campaign and install the Matariki flags across the district was \$2,286 plus GST.

It will cost a similar amount to remove the Matariki flags and install the flags for the next campaign.

Ngā mihi,

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