

Reference Number: 2024/1082

6 May 2024

Tēnā koe

Thank you for email of 9 April 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to LGBTQI+ functions. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

I request all dates and functions hosted by the Local Council Owned Buildings (Including Libraries) to Rainbow Storytime,

As per our previous response in which this information was provided, on 25 August 2020, Te Takeretanga o Kura-hau-pō hosted Rainbow Storytime.

Any other drag queen related events including Hugo Grrrl, Queen Olivia III or any other known drag queens or LGBTQI+ entertainers,

- Rainbow Storytime
- Uenuku Youth Ball – 2021 & 2022
- Drag Bingo – 2023
- Kai with the Uenuku Group - 2023

Any Rainbow / LGBTQI+ events promoted for anyone under the age of 20,

Of the events and activities listed above, all but the Drag Bingo event were promoted as events for young people. The general age range that this would apply to is 12-24.

Covering 1,2,3: what costs or sponsorship were paid by The Local Council to them for events since January 2015.

Event/Activity	Item	Cost (exc GST)
Rainbow Storytime	Entertainment	\$250.00
Uenuku Youth Ball 2021	Event Refreshments	\$150.00
	Limited information is available on this event. While we are of the view that more expenses would be associated with this event, the information that is kept on file, is limited and we have provided the breakdown of the costs we are aware of.	
Uenuku Youth Ball 2022	Entertainment	\$3,300.00
	Red Carpet	\$165.22
	Photo Booth	\$743.48
	Food	\$3,000.00
	Security	\$400.00

	Tshirts	\$1,491.82
	Event Equipment	Section17(e)
	Party Equipment	\$1,326.00
Drag Bingo 2023	Entertainment	\$1150.00
	Security	\$187.64
	Party Hire	\$477.50
	Special License	\$63.25
	Catering	\$600.00
Kai with the Uenuku Group 2023	Catering	\$1150.00

Please note that the Council received external funding form the Eastern and Central Community Trust to assist with the costs associated with the Uenuku Ball 2022. The total amount of funding received was \$3,000.00.

Additionally, the Drag Bingo 2023 was a ticketed event and as a result, \$2,340.00 was raised through ticket sales that assisted in offsetting most of the event expense costs.

Information relating to event equipment is refused under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager, Community Experience and Services) by emailing brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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