

Reference Number: 2024/1115

15 July 2024

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to the Jubilee park signs. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

I passed Jubilee Park the other day and noticed a new sign (see first photo) had been installed. I would appreciate it if you could advise:

- 1. The cost of each sign***
- 2. The number installed and***
- 3. The purpose of the sign/s.***

The Horowhenua NZ sign was one of two that were installed, one at Jubilee Park and one at the Levin Adventure Playground. These signs replaced very outdated signage that was at the end of its useful life. The total cost of the two signs for printing and installation across both sites was \$2,422.03.

The sign has several purposes:

- to create a sense of pride amongst locals in the district;
- to promote our beautiful district and encourage people to visit our destination website Horowhenuanz.co.nz;
- The website Horowhenuanz.co.nz has a range of local places to stay, eat, play, and things to do. As people navigate the website they can explore Horowhenua with a new light, and hopefully visit one of the many local businesses that are promoted via the site, encouraging local economic growth.

Regarding the other signage displayed at Jubilee Park, Council is currently working in a constrained financial environment and as such, is reviewing each asset that might need renewal, and deferring replacement for as long as possible to limit spending. While the signs that you have identified in your initial email are in a poor condition, they also appear to need a clean which may assist in them looking slightly more presentable.

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) on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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