

22 June 2026

Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy which is available on the Council's website [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was received on 25 May 2026 and requested information about consents previously applied for by the Shemozzle committee of their events. Council sought clarification on 2 June 2026 refining the timeframe and to narrow down information requested. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

I am seeking some information regarding consents previously applied for by the Shemozzle committee for their events. For the Shemozzle Event: 1st November 2025

- Were there any consents applied for relevant to the event including traffic management, resource consents, alcohol licensing.

Response:

The following Consents/Licences were applied for:

- Resource Consent
- Special licence – for alcohol sales
- Licence to Trade in a Public Place
- Alcohol Licensing Application for Waiver of Suspension of Alcohol

Others

- Hire of the Hunterville Domain
- Traffic Management Plan

Question 2:

- Were there any fee waivers applied for relevant to the event including Rangitikei District Council charges such as rubbish, mowing, field hire, cleaning etc

Response:

- For the 2025 event Council approved a waiver of [REDACTED] on the 30th October 2025 Council Meeting. The majority of this waiver went to the Resource Consent and the balance to the cost of hiring the Hunterville Domain for the day. That left a small amount owing of [REDACTED] which the Chief Executive agreed to waive under their delegation. For a total combined waiver of [REDACTED]. Links to the agenda and minutes of this Council meeting are below.
- [Agenda of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 30 October 2025](#)

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- [Minutes of Ordinary Council Meeting - Thursday, 30 October 2025](#)
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Context / Summary of 2025 event

- **Resource Consent:**
A resource consent application was submitted by Evergreen Consulting in 2025. There was no prior resource consent as the event has historically been classified as a 'Temporary Activity' under the Operative District Plan (which is a Permitted Activity in all zones), which placed an attendance limit of no more than 1,000 persons. However, the scale of the event had significantly exceeded this threshold, now attracting approximately 4,000-5,000 visitors and 600 participants. As a result of the growth of the event, the festival could no longer be classified as a Temporary Activity under the District Plan. The application sought approval to allow for the ongoing operation of the event as an 'Entertainment Activity' in the General Residential Zone, General Rural Zone, and the Rural Lifestyle Zone as a Discretionary Activity. The consent detailed key matters such as the event area, event timeline, the events taking place on the day, on site amenities, traffic and parking, and health and safety. The application sought an unlimited term
- **Traffic Management Plan:**
Council is required to publicly advertise the road closure at least 42 days before the event and again no later than one day prior to the closure taking effect. To ensure these statutory notification requirements can be met, future road closure applications for this event should be submitted well in advance of the event date.
- **Domain Hire:**
The applicable fee is based on Council's current Schedule of Fees and Charges for field hire and includes the mowing of the grounds. Event organisers are responsible for providing rubbish receptacles and arranging the removal of all event-related waste.
- **Fee waivers can be applied for through the Event Support Framework – application form is attached.**

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

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at [RDC Official Information - Proactive Release](#) with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Officer
Rangitikei District Council