



20 April 2026

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Email: ██████████

Dear ██████

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 27 March 2026 and requested information about Rangitikei District Council's art portfolio and expenditure. We also note your request for information of 26 January 2026 regarding a similar topic, which we responded to on 17 February 2026. Your questions and our response can be found below. For ease, we have provided one response to your questions 1 – 6.

Definitions and format:

"For the purpose of this request, I am defining "artworks" or "art" as a product of the fine arts created for aesthetic purposes, including – but not limited to – paintings, sculptures, murals, printmaking, woven-work, drawings etc. Any important or valuable Taonga should be included.

Where possible, we ask that cost figures be broken down and inclusive of GST and responses in PDF formats."

Question 1:

The total number of artworks in your council's art collection.

Question 2:

The percentage of your art collection on public display.

Question 3:

The total number of artworks on public display.

(Note - "public display" does not include council buildings unless located on the exterior and/or unless that building is explicitly a gallery or museum).

Question 4:

The total valuation of your art collection, including GST.

- And/or an insurance evaluation figure.
- And/or purchase and commission costs.

Question 5:

Your most valuable artwork, including:

- It's valuation
- Title
- Artist

Response (questions 1 – 6):

We have carefully considered your request and have looked into the information we hold. Unfortunately, the information you have requested does not currently exist. Therefore, your request is refused under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA 'the information requested does not exist'. We do note that while some underlying information is held, it is not collated in the manner requested and it would take substantial time and resourcing to produce the information you are requesting.

However, we do agree that this information would be useful to hold and could be of wider public interest. In this light, Council has commenced a project to develop a register of it's public art, which is likely to cover the topics identified in your questions above. This project is likely to be progressed over the next 12 months or so. Once complete, we are happy to share the register with you, if it is something you remain interested in.

Please let us know by return email to lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz if you would like to receive the Public Art Register once it is completed.

Question 6:

Your last known acquisition budget, relevant to your art collection.

Response:

There is no specified budget allocated to the acquisition of art. As per our LGOIMA response to you dated 17 February 2026, there is a budget of \$10,000 per year allocated to maintenance and renewal of public art.

Question 7:

Your last known renewal budget, relevant to your art collection.

Response:

As per our LGOIMA response to you dated 17 February 2026, there is a budget of \$10,000 per year allocated to maintenance and renewal of public art, noting that this is generally intended for artistic structures such as statues.

Question 8:

Your last known new artwork budget, relevant to your art collection.

Response:

There is no specified budget allocated to new artwork. As per our LGOIMA response to you dated 17 February 2026, there is a budget of \$10,000 per year allocated to maintenance and renewal of public art.

Question 9:

Your last known upkeep budget, relevant to your art collection.

Response:

As per our LGOIMA response to you dated 17 February 2026, there is a budget of \$10,000 per year allocated to maintenance and renewal of public art, noting that this is generally intended for artistic structures such as statues.

Question 10:

The total FTE art-related jobs employed by/through your council. Including,

- Their total salaries and/or their salary ranges.

Response:

As per our LGOIMA response to you dated 17 February 2026, there is one role within Council that dedicates a small amount of time to overseeing the maintenance and renewal of public artistic structures such as statues. We estimate the FTE component to be less than 0.025.

In relation to the total salary or salary range for the role, Council is withholding its response under Section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA (to protect the privacy of natural persons. Specifically, we consider remuneration details to be private information, and due to the limited number of people holding the role, it would be too easy to identify that individual.

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