

12 November 2024

Email: [REDACTED]

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.

Your request for information was received on 17 October 2024 and related to Public Tree Removals and Public Tree Plantings between 2022 and 2024. Our response is below:

1. Records of public tree removals between January 1st 2022 and October 16th 2024 including –
 - The locations of trees removed
 - The species of trees (if available)
 - The reasons for removal (e.g., disease, development, safety concerns)

Response:

BULLS

Bulls Domain

- 2 x Poplar – Safety concerns
- 4 x Lemon woods – Safety concerns

Bulls Cenotaph

- 1 x Cabbage tree – Safety concern
- 2 x Titoki – Safety concerns
- 1 x Cherry sp. – Wrong location (Self-sown)

Funnell's Reserve

- 1 x Cherry sp. – Safety concern

Walker Park

- 2 x Cabbage - Safety concerns
- 2 x Ake Ake – Poor shape

145 High St

- 1 x Golden elm – Growing through power wires & lifting footpath/damaging K&C

MARTON

Wilson Park

- 3 x Gum – Safety concerns/Poor structure

- 3 x Silver Birch – Crowding higher value amenity trees
- Broadleaf Hedge – Enable construction of boundary fence

Marton Park

- 1 x Plane – Safety concern
- 4 x Chamaecyparis awsoniana – Safety concerns & roots lifting private driveway
- 1 x Willow – Crowding higher value amenity trees

Centennial Park

- 1 x Silver Birch – Safety concerns

Frae Ona Park

- 1 x Willow – Storm damage
- 2 x Sycamore – Pest tree
- 4 x Crataegus sp. – Poor location

TURAKINA

Turakina Domain

- 3 x Gum – Safety concerns

HUNTERVILLE

Queens Park

- 2 x Liquidambar – Storm damage
- 1 x Camellia - Crowding higher value amenity tree

Buffalo Park

- 2 x Cherry sp. – Safety concerns

MANGAWEKA

Mangaweka Cemetery

- 2 x Chamaecyparis awsoniana – Safety concerns
- 2 x Wattle sp. – safety concerns

TAIHAPE

Taihape Cemetery

- 3 x Silver Birch – Safety concerns

Memorial Park

- 3 x Kowhai – Safety concerns
- 2 x Cabbage tree – safety concerns

State Highway 1 (Road corridor within Taihape township)

- 1 x Taxodium sp. – Safety concerns
- 1 x Willow – Storm damage

2. Records of **public tree plantings** for the same time period, including:
 - The locations of trees planted.
 - The species planted.
 - Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings.

Response:

BULLS

Bulls Cemetery

- 6 x Cupressus sempervirens

MARTON

Marton Park

- 1 x *Fagus sylvatica* f. *purpurea*
- 1 x *Vitex lucens*

Tutaenui Reservoir

- Approx. 10,000+ mixed native trees & shrubs

HUNTERVILLE

Hunterville Domain

- 5 x Kowhai

MANGAWEKA

Mangaweka Campground

- 11 x Kowhai

TAIHAPE

Memorial Park

- 1 x Totara

Bellis Park

- 3 x *Acer rubrum* 'Brandywine'
- 4 x *Nyssa sylvatica*
- 2 x *Betula jacquemontii*

State Highway 1 (Road corridor within Taihape township)

- 1 x *Quercus coccinea*
- 1 x *Betula jacquemontii*
- 1 x *Fagus sylvatica* *Riversii*
- 1 x *Ulmus* Louise Van Houtte
- 2 x *Liquidambar styraciflua*

Papakai wilderness area

- Approx. 3200 mixed native trees & shrubs

3. Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017.

Response:

There are no reports or assessments relating to urban tree management or public tree planting / removal in our district.

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 <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Karen Cowper 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Gordon

Deputy Chief Executive / Group Manager Strategy, Community & Democracy