

11 April 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2024-17

Thank you for your email of 8 April 2024 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"...all dates and functions hosted by the Local Council Owned Buildings (Including Libraries) to
1) Rainbow Storytime,
2) Any other drag queen related events including Hugo Grrrl, Queen Olivia III or any other known drag queens or LGBTQI+ entertainers,
3) Any Rainbow / LGBTQI+ events promoted for anyone under the age of 20,
4) Covering 1,2,3: what costs or sponsorship were paid by The Local Council to them for events since January 2015.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

In response to your request, I have decided to grant your request in part as far back to 2020 because this part of the information does not require substantial collation or research. However, additional resources would be needed to research the information as far back as 2015 to 2019 that you have requested.

On 10 April 2024, we provided you with two options, these options were:

- To refuse the information as far back as 2015 to 2019, or
- Proceed with your request subject to CDC charging you for the information.

You confirmed, *"Just back to January 2020 inclusively will be ok at this stage."*

I am refusing your request under section 17(f) of the Act, because the information as far back as 2015 to 2019 cannot be made available without substantial research.

The table below provides all dates and functions hosted by Carterton Events Centre from January 2020.

| Date | Performance Name | Venue | Council funding paid to producer | Structure |
|------------|--|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1/03/2024 | Les Femmes: Sirens of the Silver Screen | Carterton Events Centre | \$0.00 | Straight Hire |
| 9/12/2023 | Lola & Friends present Mixed Nuts: A Christmas Cabaret | Carterton Events Centre | \$0.00 | Joint Venture/Profit share |
| 11/08/2023 | Queens & Trucks | Carterton Events Centre | \$0.00 | Straight Hire |
| 11/12/2021 | Caburlesque in Carterton | Carterton Events Centre | \$0.00 | Joint Venture/Profit share |

In 2017, the Big Book Bash had a rainbow storytime session, held in the Courthouse. The festival was supported by the Wairarapa Library Service (WLS). The link takes you to a press release about it which provides you with a date range: [Big Book Bash coming to Carterton | Scoop News](#)

Please note, the Council proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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