

LGOIMA Response to Jess Hudson – Grassroots NZ

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Dear Jess,

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on Monday 10 September 2024. You asked for the following:

What proportion of the Splashpad at Tulloch Park in Mataura is receiving funding?

Can you supply the funding amounts and any expenses passed on to ratepayers?

What provisions have been made for long-term resource allocation to maintain and operate the splashpad?

Could you provide a comprehensive operating cost breakdown if rate payers are to assume maintenance and operational expenses?

Our GM Corporate Support and Parks and Resericed Manager Keith McRobie have provided the following responses to your questions.

Question: *What proportion of the Splashpad at Tulloch Park in Mataura is receiving funding?*

Answer: The Council has received between 90 – 95% of funding for this project from external grants.

Question: *Can you supply the funding amounts and any expenses passed on to ratepayers?*

Answer: Better off funding (central government)	\$500k
Tourism Infrastructure Fund	\$200k
Lotto Community Facilities Fund	\$300k
The Trusts Community Foundation & local clubs	\$18k

At this point in time ratepayers have not contributed towards any expenses, however \$70k has previously been approved in the Council's long term plan.

Question: *What provisions have been made for long-term resource allocation to maintain and operate the splashpad?*

Answer: The Council is currently working through the developing budgets for the 2025 – 2034 long term plan. These will include operating and maintenance costs for the new splashpad facility in Mataura.

Question: *Could you provide a comprehensive operating cost breakdown if rate payers are to assume maintenance and operational expenses?*

Answer: As indicated in the previous question, operating budgets are still being developed. It is anticipated that the additional annual operating costs (including maintenance) will be in the range of \$12k - \$15k. With this being a new facility for the district, it will take some time to fully understand the operating costs as there are many factors that can impact on the costs.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 209-0330.

Kind regards



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General Manager Corporate Support

Debt Analysis by Cost Centre



Cost Centre	Activity	Debt balance 30/6/21	Debt Repaid 21/22	Debt Raised 21/22	Debt balance 30/6/22	Debt Repaid 22/23	Debt Raised 22/23	Debt balance 30/6/23	Debt Repaid 23/24*	Debt Raised 23/24*	Debt balance 30/6/24*
100	Democracy	19,200			19,200		255,751	274,951			274,951
105	Grants	54,000	(53)		53,947	(48)		53,899			53,899
110	IT & GIS	327,500	(14,506)		312,994		158,000	470,994			470,994
115	Building Control	323,455	(26,404)		297,051			297,051			297,051
200	Corporate Administration	72,489	(566)		71,923	(3,540)	479,029	547,412	(37,617)		509,795
210	Arts & Heritage	1,792,891		286,004	2,078,895	(3,396)	622,939	2,698,438			2,698,438
220	Visitor Centre				0			0			0
230	Libraries	16,820	(16,820)		0		287,127	287,127		2,681,177	2,968,304
240	Regulatory Administration	337,721	(39,136)		298,585	(24,888)		273,697			273,697
241	District Plan	378,185	(14,569)	968,021	1,331,637		1,100,000	2,431,637		1,115,030	3,546,667
242	Animal & Amenities Enforcement				0		15,000	15,000		251,638	266,638
243	Parking	2,100	(2,100)		0			0			0
290	Gore Aquatic Centre	1,900,997	(17,842)		1,883,155	(17,256)	177,024	2,042,923			2,042,923
292	MLT Stadium	462,425	(7,761)		454,664	(7,500)	250,000	697,164			697,164
420	Cemeteries	12,346	(4,652)		7,694	(6,132)		1,562			1,562
431	Urban Roading Subsidised	0			0		376,935	376,935	(359,828)		17,107
432	Rural Roading Subsidised	675,772	(19,567)		656,205	(25,500)		630,705		359,828	990,533
433	Urban Roading Unsubsidised	1,256,356	(50,258)		1,206,098	(24,444)	28,149	1,209,803		67,944	1,277,747
451	Water	7,414,181	(220,269)	197,374	7,391,286		2,847,991	10,239,277		1,107,732	11,347,009
456	Wastewater	5,583,164	(43)	382,512	5,965,633	(48)	2,821,722	8,787,307	(319,582)	1,842,741	10,310,466
457	Stormwater	8,867	(42,752)	784,795	750,910		2,116,268	2,867,178		681,308	3,548,486
458	Solid Waste	2,459,531	(74,751)		2,384,780			2,384,780			2,384,780
460	Parks & Reserves Administration	165,533	(1,193)		164,340	(2,676)	70,000	231,664			231,664
461	Parks & Reserves Gore	15,643	(2,867)		12,776	(4,356)	125,000	133,420		127,531	260,951
462	Parks & Reserves Matura	23,242	(1,742)		21,500	(2,544)		18,956			18,956
463	Parks & Reserves Rural						81,000	81,000			81,000
464	Dolamore Park	50,565	(116)		50,449	(1,296)		49,153			49,153
471	Civic Property	920,389	(116,585)		803,804	(119,832)		683,972			683,972
472	Matai Ridge Subdivision	376,712	(1,127)		375,585	(1,128)	272,794	647,251			647,251
473	Civic Buildings	7,347,315	(426,520)	1,485,504	8,406,299	(83,592)	2,750,000	11,072,707	(2,681,177)		8,391,530
474	Public Conveniences	502,600	(2,011)		500,589	(6,552)		494,037		163,275	657,312
Grand Total		32,500,000	(1,104,210)	4,104,210	35,500,000	(334,728)	14,834,729	50,000,001	(3,398,204)	8,398,204	55,000,001

* subject to audit clearance