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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **15 September 2024** requesting the following information:

Please send me a list of any gifts received by councillors, board and community members in the last two years. I'd like a list of persons name, description of gifts received (i.e. 2 x tickets to an event - be specific what event), who donated or gave the gift (i.e. company name, individual etc) and if the gift was accepted or used by person.

There are two different pieces of legislation under which staff are required to keep a record of gifts received by elected members.

Under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) members are asked to provide annual returns of certain pecuniary interests. Specifically, under section 54F(1)(b) of the LGA members are asked to declare if they have received any gift (other than a gift from a family member) that has an estimated market value in New Zealand of over \$500; or when combined with all other gifts from the same donor, has a total estimated market value in New Zealand of over \$500. Members (including gifts over \$500). The registers of declared pecuniary interests for both 2023, and 2024 are available on our website here: [Declarations of interest - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/declarations-of-interest)

In addition to this, the Kāpiti Coast District Council has adopted a Code of Conduct under Clause 15, Schedule 7, of the LGA. The Code of Conduct (F.10 Ethical Behaviour) requires that members:

'Not solicit, demand, or request any gift, reward or benefit by virtue of their position and notify the chief executive if any gifts are accepted. Where a gift to the value of \$50 or more is accepted by a member, that member must immediately disclose this to the chief executive for inclusion in the publicly available register of interests.'

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

Staff have not received notice of any gifts received by councillors or community board members for adding to this register over the past two years. We did, however, receive an inquiry from Deputy Mayor Lawrence Kirby in March 2024 regarding a prize that he had won at a Chamber of Commerce event. The prize value was approximately \$25 (prize was a six-pack of Tuatara beer) and did not need to be entered into the register.

Gifts to Mayor Janet Holborow generally consist of invitations and complimentary tickets to events. A separate register of these gifts is attached to this letter.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark de Haast', written in a cursive style.

Mark de Haast
Group Manager Corporate Services
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Tōpū

Event \Gift date	Event/Gift	From	Elected Member	\$ Value	Notes	
2023						
2-Feb	2 x corporate box tickets to Ed Sheeran	Wellington Regional Stadium Trust	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
8-Feb	Invitation to 25 Anniversary Te Papa	Board of Te Papa	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
13-Feb	Invitation to Book Launch: Changing Gears Dr Angela Robertson	Angela Robertson	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
24-Feb	Samaj Wellington and Manawatu Charitable trust	High Commission of India	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
7-Mar	Invitation to attend the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan	The Ambassador of Japan	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
19-Mar	2 x tickets Maoriland film Festival		Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
26-Mar	2 x tickets All Whites v China	Wellington Regional Stadium Trust	Mayor	Unknown		
1-Jun	Invitation to NZ Art Show	Midge Murray NZ Art Show Event Management	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
2-Jul	Invitation to Vivek Kinra & The Mudra Dance Company	Helen Keivom	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
7-Jul	Invitation to visit Kapiti Island	Minister of Conservation	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
3-Aug	Invitation to National Day of Peru	H.E Mr Jose Bustinza Soto and Mrs Sompetch Businza	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
12-Aug	Invitation to Pirate Girls	Kāpiti Chorale	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
15-Aug	Invitation to attend retiring MP Paul Eagle	NZ Parliament	Mayor	Unknown		
22-Aug	Invitation to attend the FIFA Women's World Cup	Australian High Commissioner	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
29-Sep	Invitation to attend: Walking the Turquoise Road	Toi Matarau Gallery	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	
15-Oct	2 x tickets A-League Womens Football	Wellington Phoenix	Mayor	Unknown		
25-Nov	2 x tickets Wings over Wairarapa	Wings over Wairarapa: Carla Steed	Councillor Rob Kofoed	Unknown	Mayor invited/ Rob went	
2024						

26-Jan	Invitation to Ineffable Art Exhibition	The Shed Project Kāpiti	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
10-Feb	Invitation to attend Texturites Reel Women Fishing comp	Texturite	Mayor	Unknown		Julie Judge
26-Mar	Cocktail event Government House	Rt Honourable Dame Cindy Kiro: to thanks Artists 2024 Aotearoa NZ Festival of the Arts	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
3-May	Invitation to Women of Ōtaki: photographs 1860 - 1970	Mahara Gallery	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
10-May	Invitation to attend PRIMA FACIE	The Australian High Commissioner	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
6-Jun	Invitation to attend Te Ara Korowai Exhibition	Te Ara Korowai	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
9-Jun	1 x ticket Kāpiti Choral Concert	Kāpiti Choral	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
25-Jun	Invitation to attend Night of Movie Magic	The Ambassador of the United States of America	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
4-Jul	Invitation to attend book launch - Power to Win - Lyndy McIntyre	Otago University Press	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
6-Jul	2 x tickets to Guru of Chai	Indian Ink Theatre Company	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
25-Jul	Invitation to attend National Day of Peru	H.E Mr Jose Bustinza Soto and Mrs Sompetch Bustinza	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
16-Aug	Invitation to attend Ira Wahine Portraits by Hariata Ropata- Tangahoe	Toi Mahara	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
9-Sep	Invitation to attend lunch with High Commissioner of India	High Commissioner H.E Ms. Netta Bhushan	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
10-Sep	Invitation to attend A Taste of Horowhenua and Kāpiti	Tim Costley MP for Ōtaki	Mayor	Unknown		Julie Judge
13-Sep	Small gift from Copperfield Collective	Kamni Raju-Russell (small soap & shampoo)	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted	Julie Judge
18-Sep	Invitation for attend 67th National Day, Malaysia Day and armed Forces Day and Flowers Patricia France & Dinah	High Commissioner of Malaysia to NZ	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attended	Julie Judge
20-Sep	Hawken	Toi Mahara	Mayor	Unknown		Julie Judge
27-Sep	2 x tickets to WOW	WellintgonNZ	Mayor	Unknown	Accepted and attending	Julie Judge
Did not attend						