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Tēnā koe Iain

Request for information 2021-308

I refer to your request for information dated 27 November 2021, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 29 November 2021. You have requested the following:

“What public good activities in the 2020 financial year did GWRC undertake in support of the various rail heritage groups with the Wellington Region??

Furthermore, what is GWRC / Metlink policy in relation to both supporting and engaging with these rail heritage groups?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Part one - What public good activities in the 2020 financial year did GWRC undertake in support of the various rail heritage groups with the Wellington Region

Metlink provided the following support to rail heritage groups in the Wellington Region:

- Enabled usage of station poster holders to advertise heritage trip
- Enabled heritage rail trip to stop and use stations (The heritage trip was organised by Steam Incorporated who run steam train trips periodically. The groups who attend these are varied as they sell tickets to the general public for these trips. On this occasion it was for a short steam locomotion excursion between Paraparaumu and Paekakariki on Sunday 30 May 2021 – Kapiti Family Express.)
- Refurbished the Muri Station
- Helped provide guidance on who / how the Ganz Mavag in Wellington yard could be removed with Graffiti

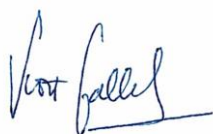
- Support of tram museum in Queen Elizabeth Park (for further information, please refer to Agenda item 7 of the Transport Committee 19 August 2021 order paper. This can be found on our website with the following link: https://archive.gw.govt.nz/assets/council-reports/Meeting_Documents/7710_Agenda_Council%2019%20August%202021,%20Order%20paper.pdf).

Part two - *Furthermore, what is GWRC / Metlink policy in relation to both supporting and engaging with these rail heritage groups?*

There are no specific policies on support and engagement with rail heritage groups. However, please refer to the strategic event support policy for the principles set out to assess whether Metlink should provide strategic event support: <https://www.metlink.org.nz/assets/Policies-and-reports/Metlink-Strategic-Event-Support-Policy-2021.pdf>.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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