

13 June 2016

Official Information Request No. 9000142609
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Mr William Foster

Sent via email: fyi-request-4000-5ea9b32e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Foster

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: North Rodney data

I refer to your email, which we received on 13 May 2016, requesting information about the North Rodney Area within Auckland Council (i.e. the Warkworth and Wellsford sub divisions of the Rodney Ward). Our responses to each of your questions are as follow:

1. Number of ratepayers

14,519 rates assessments were issued in the 2015/16 rating year for the North Rodney area.

2. Number of regional parks and their areas

There are 8 regional parks that in the North Rodney area. Their names and area is as follows:

- Te Arai 50 hectares
- Pakiri 179 hectares
- Atiu Creek 843 hectares
- Tawharanui 588 hectares
- Scandretts 48 hectares
- Mahurangi 245 hectares
- Te Muri 381 hectares
- Wenderholm 149 hectares

3. Number of other parks and reserves and their areas.

There are 202 reserves or parks that we have identified in the North Rodney area. Their total area is 8,824,494m².

4. Number of libraries

There are three council libraries in the North Rodney area located at Warkworth, Wellsford and Mahurangi East.

There are three rural libraries run by volunteers whom we work with at Tapora, Point Wells and Leigh.

5. Number of council offices.

The council has one council office in the North Rodney area located at Warkworth.

6. Number of town or community halls (council or locally owned).

There are 16 council owned town or community halls in the North Rodney area and a further seven owned by the community.

7. Kilometres of local roading (sealed and unsealed).

The length of the total roading network in North Rodney is 855 kilometres. This is made up of 384 kilometres of sealed surface and 471 kilometres of unsealed roads.

8. Number of waste water treatment plants.

There are 4 waste water treatment plants in the North Rodney area.

9. Number of landfills.

Auckland Council does not operate any municipal waste landfills in the North Rodney area.

There are 12 closed landfills (i.e. no longer accepting waste) within the Closed Landfills and Contaminated Land Response (Auckland Council) portfolio.

10. Number of waste collection or transfer stations.

There are no council owned waste collection or transfer stations in the North Rodney area.

11. Number of contracts for maintenance or construction services in the area let during or applying in an average financial year.

We are unable to specify the number of maintenance and construction contracts let during or applying in an average financial year to North Rodney only. This is because our maintenance contracts cover large geographical areas rather than being specific to a local area. Letting contracts in this way enables council to gain savings through economies of scale.

Therefore, in accordance with section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, information of the kind you have requested cannot be provided to you.

12. Percentage of that number let to contractors from within the North Rodney area.

For the same reason that we are unable to provide the number of maintenance and construction contracts let in North Rodney only, we are unable to specify the percentage of any such contracts let to contractors from within the North Rodney area.

Therefore, in accordance with section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, information of the kind you have requested cannot be provided to you.

13. Number of Council recognized community or resident and ratepayer organisations.

There are 19 resident and ratepayers organisations in North Rodney.

14. Number of Council officers/employees allocated to service the area (excluding contractors).

We are unable to provide a figure which would accurately reflect the number of Council officers/employees allocated to service the North Rodney area. Some Auckland Council staff are employed to deliver services specifically within the Rodney Local Board area. Other staff provide services to the whole Council area, including North Rodney. Examples include, but are not limited to, staff:

- providing advice to the governing body and local boards;
- preparing strategic plans such as the Long Term Plan; Unitary Plan and Local Board plans;
- maintaining and servicing key services such as network and community infrastructure; IT; customer contact centres; civil defence and emergency management;
- Managing rates setting and collection;
- Ensuring that the local government election is well managed and supporting the governing body and local boards in their democratic roles during the term;
- Undertaking key planning requirements such as public transport; town centre development;
- Undertaking community consultation and engagement
- Managing parks and other community infrastructure.

Therefore, in accordance with section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, information of the kind you have requested cannot be provided to you.

15. Number of consents requested (and number approved) in the last financial year.

	2014/15		10 months 2015/16	
	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
Resource consents	660	628	534	455
Building consents	835	774	795	686

16. Number of projects/activities authorized in the last financial year where local volunteers were involved.

To the best of our knowledge local volunteers were involved in three environmental projects, two projects in local parks and volunteer work undertaken at the libraries. Volunteers also service traplines and numerous planting days held by schools and charitable organisations which attract volunteers from both the North Rodney area and across the Auckland region, in the case of regional parks.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting Official Information Request No. 9000142609.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Rowsell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rebecca Rowsell
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