

## Laura Bowman

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**From:** official information  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 December 2021 2:12 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** official information  
**Subject:** Final Response: LGOIMA 21316 - [REDACTED] Taxpayers Union - Council Art Collections

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

**1. The total number of artworks owned;**

**3632**

- Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato artworks in the Visual Arts Collection 3562
- Hamilton City Libraries Art Collection 38
- Public Art 32
- Hamilton City Council does not own artworks as defined under this request. A list of civic gifts acquired by Hamilton City Council can be found in LGOIMA 20172

**2. Value: \$31,687,575 (For insurance only)**

**3. The number of those artworks:**

**1. On public display (public does not include council buildings, unless that building is explicitly a gallery or museum)**

- 42% of Library Collection (on display in Library)
- 20% of Museum Collection (on display in the Museum, regularly changed at intervals)
- 91% of public art (on display through the city)

**2. Displayed in council buildings (excluding galleries and museums)**

See above

**3. In storage**

- 57% of Library Collection
- 80% Museum Collection
- 9% of Public art

Note: the above collections are stored in purpose built onsite storage

**4. A percentage breakdown of the origins of the collection, for example: 30% commissioned 20% purchased 50% gifted.**

Waikato Museum Te Whare Taonga o Waikato artworks

45% have been donated/gifted/bequeathed

41% have been purchased

14% have been commissioned

Hamilton City Libraries Art Collection

23% have been donated/gifted/bequeathed

57% have been purchased

18% have been commissioned

Public Art

59% have been donated/gifted/bequeathed

0% have been purchased

41% have been commissioned

**5. The value and description of the most valuable item.**

Founder Theatre Mural painted by Ralph Hotere. Mural was commissioned in 1973 and jointly funded by Hamilton City Council and the Queen Elizabeth II Arts Council, Value for insurance \$3 million.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

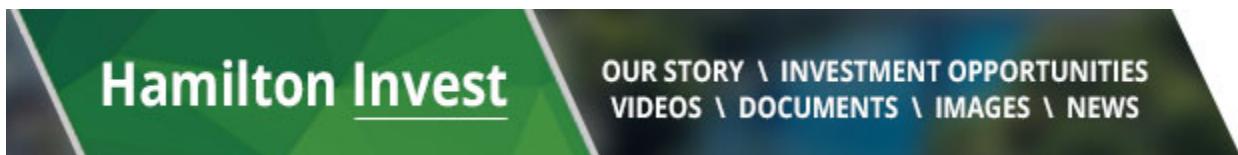
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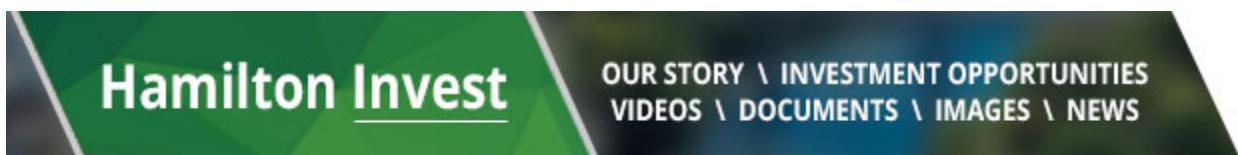
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-----Original Message-----

**From:**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 27 October 2021 1:52:47 pm

**To:**

**Subject:** Council Art Collections

Warning! This message was sent from outside your organization and we are unable to verify the sender.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 regarding art work owned by your council and subsidiaries. We request the following information:

1. the total number of artworks owned;
2. the total value of artworks owned
3. the number of those artworks:
  - a. on public display (public does not include council buildings, unless that building is explicitly a gallery or museum)
  - b. displayed in council buildings (excluding galleries and museums)
  - c. in storage
4. A percentage breakdown of the origins of the collection, for example: 30% commissioned 20% purchased 50% gifted.
5. the value and description of the most valuable item.

For the purposes of this request, I am defining 'artworks' as a product of the fine arts, including, but not limited to, painting or sculpture. Any important or valuable Taonga should be included. Where artworks are jointly owned (such as part of a regional gallery owned by more than one territorial authority) please give us the total values as well as the percentage attributable to your agency.

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden for your agency. Should clarification be required, please call or email. Similarly, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust that request to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please get in touch.

Please refer to "Art Collection" in the subject line of any response.

Best,

Researcher | New Zealand Taxpayers' Union | Auckland Ratepayers' Alliance

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