

## Laura Bowman

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**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 December 2022 12:04 pm  
**To:** 7(2)(a) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Official Information  
**Subject:** Final Response - LGOIMA 295370 - 7(2)(a) [REDACTED] -OIA Request: Council Artwork

**Attachments:** Final Response: LGOIMA 21316 - 7(2)(a) [REDACTED] - Council Art Collections

Kia Ora,

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

Hamilton City Council has previously provided this information to the Taxpayers' Union. This response can be found on our website, but we have attached here for ease.

Hamilton City Council has reviewed the previous response, where there is updated information we have provided response below.

**Your Request 1:**

What is the total value of all artwork (including sculptures) currently owned by your council?

**Our Response 1:**

The total value of all Artwork owned by Hamilton City Council is: \$31,996,275.00 (for insurance only)

**Your Request 2:**

What percentage of this total value comes from artworks currently displayed for the public to enjoy?

**Our Response 2:**

This response has not changed. Please refer to part 3 of the attached response to LGOIMA 21316

**Your Request 3:**

How much has your council spent over the last 3 years on artwork?

**Our Response 3:**

Total purchases for Waikato Museum Art Collection from 1 January 2020 until 28 November 2022 is: \$67,465.00

Hamilton City Council receive \$50,000 per annum in funding for collection development, which accumulates year on year if the full quantum is not spent in any one year. This is for acquisitions across the collection (art, taonga, history, science).

**Your Request 4:**

- a. What is the most expensive piece of artwork the council owns?
- b. How much is it worth? And is it being displayed?
- c. If it is being displayed, please indicate specifically where it is being displayed (e.g., the Mayor's office, in the council lobby etc).

**Our Response 4:**

- a. 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
- b. Value for insurance \$3 million.

c. This piece of artwork is not currently being displayed. There are no confirmed plans for its display at present.

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.

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Monday, 6 December 2021 2:12 pm  
**To:** 7(2)(a)  
**Cc:** Official Information  
**Subject:** Final Response: LGOIMA 21316 - 7(2)(a) 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.

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Kind Regards,

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