

Your Ref:

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Mr Adam Beames
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Dear Mr Beames

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your application dated 3 March 2018, in which you request access to Council documents under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982 (the FOI Act)*.

Specifically, you advised you are seeking access to:

"HOPPERS CROSSING PARKS

Kiah Reserve

- *Install four new seats on newly paved concrete pads -Various new trees to be planted*
- *Various new garden beds to be planted -Parkside Walk Recreational Reserve*
- *Additional planting throughout the reserve*

Strathmore Crescent Recreational Reserve

- *Install a newly paved concrete path -Install two new seats on a newly paved concrete pad*
- *Improvements to the existing garden beds*
- *Various new trees to be planted*

Whitsunday Drive Park

- *Install three new seats on a newly paved concrete pad -Additional planting throughout the reserve*
- *Paint the electrical box with artwork*

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My intention with this request is to obtain the most recent actual cost for the items included in each parks upgrade, or failing that, the most recent budgetary estimate of the same. I'm happy for this to be treated as an informal request if you're able to easily locate these documents."

Furthermore, you requested to have your application fee waived due to it being of a "public interest" status. The FOI Act. at section 17(2B) states that "an application fee may be waived or reduced whether or not the fee has been paid, if the payment of the fee would cause hardship to the applicant".

In this instance there is no "public interest" consideration applicable in regard to waiver of the application fee.

Please note that hardship arises when payment of the application fee would cause severe suffering or privation (lack of the necessities or comforts of life) to the applicant. Relevant evidence may include a copy of a social security concession card, evidence of unemployment, evidence of receipt of social security payments, and/or a statutory declaration as to how payment would cause hardship

If you are unable to pay the fee based on hardship, please state your reasons in writing and provide evidence that supports this claim.

Alternatively, Council is willing to treat your request as a Customer Service Request enquiry outside of the FOI process. We can then discuss high level figures for works in association with the Wyndham Parks 2021 Program. However, please note that itemised costs are not available.

Should you wish to proceed along these lines, Simon Finlay is the contact for Wyndham Parks 2021 Program and can be contacted on 8734 2021.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 8734 1464 if you wish to discuss further.

Yours sincerely



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