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Tēnā koe East Skate Club

### **Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

#### **Re: Renewals of skateparks**

Thank you for your email dated 08 June 2024, in which you requested information about the renewals of skate parks. The specific details of your request and our response are below.

- ***Can you please provide me with the name, address, amount of funding allocated to any current or upcoming potential renewals of skateparks within the Auckland area in the 2024/2025/2026 year?***

*Please refer to Attachment A.*

- ***Can you advise how many skateparks had any type of upgrade/renewal/furnishment in the 2023 Financial Year within the Auckland area?***

*Please refer to Attachment B.*

*(Note: we have also included January-June 2023 in the attachment)*

- ***Can you please give me a breakdown of how many skateparks currently have lights and allow nighttime use during winter?***

*We are aware that a Skateboarding New Zealand survey highlights that lighting and weather are the two biggest barriers to skate.*

## **SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS**

### **Lighting and all-weather cover**

Lack of lighting at skateparks and the absence of indoor facilities in most cities are significant barriers to skateboarding in winter.

Historically, Council has not provided specific lighting for nighttime use of skate park assets, as we didn't think it was safe and didn't want to promote nighttime use during winter. This thinking has changed, we have seen the success of lights at skate parks like Western Reserve in Orewa. Lighting is now considered in any new skatepark or upgrade to existing facility where it is considered appropriate. Projects where lighting is being explored include Victoria Park, Tawaipaeira, Goodall Reserve and Huapai Domain (this list is not exhaustive).

We have run a report of our asset data which shows the below five skate parks have lighting in their immediate vicinity that may light up all, or part, of a skatepark. However, there may be other skateparks across the region that have lighting that passively lights part of a skate park i.e. on adjacent walkways, etc.

<b>Site</b>	<b>Site Description</b>	<b>Local Board</b>
<b>10211</b>	Lynfield Reserve	Puketapapa
<b>11287</b>	Western Reserve	Hibiscus and Bays
<b>10717</b>	Clendon Community Centre Reserve	Manurewa
<b>10879</b>	Hayman Park	Otara-Papatoetoe
<b>11275</b>	Stanmore Bay Park	Hibiscus and Bays

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Taryn Crewe, General Manager - Parks and Community Facilities.**

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If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140013932.

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