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Suzanne and Nicole

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Tēnā koe Suzanne and Nicole,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 10 December 2025, seeking information on changing and showering facilities at swimming pool and fitness centre sites owned and/or operated by Council. Specifically, you requested:

1. *Do you provide communal single-sex changing and showering facilities?*
2. *Do you provide single occupancy changing and showering facilities? If so, how many at each site?*
3. *Please provide any policies or procedures that apply to trans-identified people who wish to use the changing and showering facilities in your sites.*
4. *How are your different changing and showering facilities labelled and described?*
5. *At your sites, which changing room and showering facilities is a trans-identified male permitted to use?*
6. *If applicable, do your facilities allow trans-identifying males to attend Women Only swim sessions.*

Answer:

Council operates a number of aquatic facilities that are used by a wide range of people within the community. These facilities are shared public spaces and are intended to meet the needs of everyone in our community.

All Council-operated aquatic facilities provide communal single-sex (male and female) changing rooms/shower areas. In addition to these spaces, most sites also provide alternative options such as family/whānau and accessible changing rooms, for people who do not wish to use the communal single-sex spaces. These facilities are available for anyone to utilise, including those who require or prefer additional privacy, or those that have accessibility or other needs.

Council does not have any specific policies or procedures that prescribes which changing or showering facilities must be used by particular groups, including trans-identifying people. Council provides a range of changing and showering facilities across its sites, which are available for community use.

Changing and showering facilities at Council sites are labelled to indicate the type of space available, such as male, female, family/whānau, or accessible changing rooms.

In relation to women-only swim sessions, Council does not hold a Council-wide policy governing attendance by trans-identifying people. Where sessions for women are offered, these are established and managed at an operational level based on the needs of the local community. Council does not hold information identifying session participants by gender identity.

For completeness, the types of changing facilities available at Council-operated pool sites are outlined below:

- **Stokes Valley Pool** – 1 male changing room (2 toilets, 2 showers, 1 changing cubicle), 1 female changing room (2 toilets, 2 showers, 3 changing cubicles), and 3 family or accessible changing rooms. All three have a toilet and a shower, and one room also includes an accessible changing table and a baby changing table.
- **Te Ngāengae Pool** – 1 male changing room (4 toilets, 4 showers, 4 changing cubicles, 3 urinals), 1 female changing room (4 toilets, 4 showers, 4 changing cubicles), 9 family changing rooms (4 have showers and 5 are changing-only), and 7 accessible changing rooms located in the gym and poolside areas. All accessible changing rooms have a toilet and a shower.

- **Huia Pool** – 1 male changing room (0 toilets, 2 showers, 4 changing cubicles), 1 female changing room (0 toilets, 4 showers, 4 changing cubicles), 1 male toilet area (2 toilets, 1 urinal, 3 showers), 1 female toilet area (3 toilets, 3 showers), 4 family changing cubicles (no toilets or showers), 4 accessible changing rooms (each with a toilet and shower), 12 individual changing cubicles in the hydro or learn-to-swim area, and 3 individual toilets.
- **Wainuiomata Pool** – 2 male changing rooms (2 toilets and 2 showers in each), 2 female changing rooms (2 toilets and 2 showers in each), and 1 family or accessible changing room with a toilet and shower.
- **Eastbourne Pool** – 1 male changing room (1 toilet plus a urinal, 4 showers), 1 female changing room (2 toilets, 4 showers), and 1 family or accessible changing room with a toilet and shower.
- **McKenzie Baths** – 1 male changing room (3 toilets, 3 urinals, 3 showers), and 1 female changing room (5 toilets, 3 showers).

Council manages its facilities as shared public amenities. General expectations relating to respectful conduct apply to all users of Council facilities. Matters relating to safety and/or conduct are addressed in accordance with Council's standard operational practices.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman - Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

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