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

We refer to your official information request dated 4 June 2025, seeking information about the re-opening of Huia pool. Specifically, you have asked:

Under the LGOIMA please provide me with all documents discussing the reopening timeframe of Huia pool following this refurbishment. This applies from 1 May 2025 to present.

This includes documents about communication plans for advising stakeholders including rate payers of the reopening timeframe.

Answer:

Last year, Huia Pool was closed for extensive refurbishment. Based on early planning, the refurbishment was expected to be completed within six months. Unfortunately, we have encountered issues with the delivery of key components for the floor, walls, and gutters – which are manufactured in Europe. This has caused delays to the project timeline.

For projects of this scale, Council generally avoid confirming a completion date early on, as unexpected delays can occur. This helps to manage public expectations.

As progress has continued, we have begun to indicate that we are hopeful for reopening towards the end of the year. But it is important to note that this remains dependent on the timely arrival of the remaining components.

We have shared updates about the reopening of the pool with patrons who have enquired directly. Below, I have provided links to a recent Council report and several Facebook updates that provide further detail on the project:

- Council paper:
 - [Agenda of Long Term Plan/Annual Plan Subcommittee - Friday, 16 May 2025](#)
- Hutt City Pools Facebook Page and updates:
 - [Hutt City Pools + Fitness | Facebook](#)
 - [CLOSURE - Huia Main and... - Hutt City Pools + Fitness | Facebook](#)
 - [Huia Pool Refurbishment... - Hutt City Pools + Fitness | Facebook](#)

Once we have greater certainty around the arrival of these components, we will be able to provide a broader update on the expected reopening date.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Ngā mihi nui,

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