

14 December 2023

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Chameleon Events

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 16 November 2023. You requested the following information:

- The total costs to WCC for work/contracts undertaken by Chameleon Events over the last 3 years, including 2023, and a breakdown of what each was for, i.e., Christmas event management, NY events, Queen's Jubilee etc.

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information.

The below information has been provided by the Council's events team confirming event costs for work undertaken by Chameleon Events for the Council for financial years 21/22 to 23/24.

FY 2021/22	
Queens Jubilee	\$55,000
Christmas	\$289,477
New Years Eve	\$25,000
St James opening producing fee	\$13,147
FY 2022/23	
Christmas	\$375,069
New Years Eve	\$250,000
FY 2023/24 (forecast)	
Christmas	\$420,000
New Years Eve	\$290,000

Please note:

- Whilst the 2023/24 costings are not yet confirmed, I am able to provide you with the forecasted costings.
- Costs relating to Christmas and New Years Eve events for the 2021/22 financial year are lower as these were impacted by Covid-19 and the events were reduced in scale.
- With the exception of the St James opening in financial year 2021/22, the event costs listed above include expenses for the following:

- Performers
- Crew
- Waste Management
- Traffic Management
- Site logistics
- Equipment hire
- Technical equipment
- Theming
- Pyrotechnics (where used)
- Parades
- Christmas event includes funding towards suburban parades etc.

The event costs for the St James opening include expenses covered the following:

- Production fee
- Blessing costs

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council’s response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council’s decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request,

Kind regards

Ollie Marchant
Official Information