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Kia Ora John

## **Nairn Street Preservation Society**

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 19 April 2021. You requested the following information:

- 1. An explanation of the legal status of the Nairn Street Preservation Society.
- 2. Explain the relationship if any between Wellington City Council and the Nairn Street Preservation Society.
- 3. A copy of the Nairn Street Preservation Society's rules or incorporating document.
- 4. Any information which governs how events held at Nairn Street Cottage are to be marketed to the public.

Wellington City Council with the Wellington Museums Trust Incorporated (Experience Wellington) has partly **granted** your request for information at no cost. Your questions have been addressed below:

- The Nairn Street Preservation Society is a marketing brand used to promote some of Experience Wellington's public programmes at the Nairn Street Cottage. These programmes generally focus on sustainable practices and run approximately every two months. The Nairn Street Preservation Society is not a legal entity, and therefore does not appear on the Charities Register or Incorporated Society register.
- 2. Experience Wellington is a Council Controlled Organisation. Council Controlled organisations independently manage Council facilities and deliver services and activities to Wellington residents and visitors to Wellington. Experience Wellington has six visitor experiences, including Nairn Street Cottage. Wellington City Council is Experience Wellington's principal funder.
- 3. As Nairn Street Preservation Society is not a legal entity there are no rules or incorporating document. Wellington Museums Trust (trading as Experience Wellington), which manages Nairn Street Cottage is a registered charity CC22571. This part of your request has been refused under section 17(e) that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.
- 4. Experience Wellington has an internal marketing and programme team that run and promote events at Nairn Street Cottage. Marketing techniques include website updates, advertisements, direct marketing, newsletters, and use of social media.

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## **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, <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u>.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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