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Tēnā koe

### **Request under the Official Information Act 1982 - The Wall Walk**

Thank you for your email of 10 September 2024, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga) – we have numbered your queries for ease of reference:

*This is a request for clarification of official information under the under the [sic] Official Information Act 1982 in relation to Wall Walks (<https://thewallwalk.co.nz/>).*

*We request the following information:*

- 1. The total number of staff sent to courses run by wall walks in each of the last three years.*
- 2. Please break down number of staff sent by year.*
- 3. Please indicate what course/workshop/training each staff member was involved in is called.*
- 4. The total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses over the last three years.*
- 5. Please break the total amount spent on sending staff to Wall Walks courses down by year.*
- 6. The value of any other funding provided to wall walks, broken down by date, funding purpose, office location and amount.*
- 7. Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for the reasoning of staff being sent on these courses and specify whether participation in these courses was compulsory or not.*
- 8. Please provide a copy of documentation including but not limited to emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence that explains the content included in the course or description of activities undertaken through wall walks, or any associated courses/training.*
- 9. Please provide emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence for any measurable outcomes from your agency attending Wall Walk courses.*

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

## Scope of your request

Having looked at the link you provided we can see that one of our 25 business divisions, Eastern Institute of Technology | Te Pūkenga (EIT), has been named as a client. Despite this we reached out to all 25 of our business divisions to ask if they had had any engagement with *The Wall Walk*, through kaimahi (staff) attendance or funding.

We can advise that *The Wall Walk* is scheduled to be delivered at one other business division, Open Polytechnic | Te Pūkenga, in November 2024. While this delivery has not yet occurred and therefore does not fall within scope of your request, we note it here for completeness.

No other Te Pūkenga business division has located any record of engagement with *The Wall Walk*.

## The decision

At the time EIT took part in *The Wall Walk* it had not yet been amalgamated with Te Pūkenga, meaning it still had its own Chief Executive and Council. EIT officially became part of Te Pūkenga on 1 November 2022. The information you have requested in relation to EIT is provided below.

### Questions One, Two and Three

In 2022, 40 EIT kaimahi attended *The Wall Walk*.

### Questions Four, Five and Six

The total amount spent on sending EIT kaimahi to *The Wall Walk* course in 2022 was \$6707.34. This figure includes course fees, flights, accommodation, venue and catering.

No other funding has been provided to *The Wall Walk*.

### Questions Seven and Eight

The four documents listed below fall within scope of your request.

- Document 1 – Fwd: Looking ahead for some staff PD  
(Initial information requested and received from *The Wall Walk* by email)
- Document 2 – Programme Team Day  
(Calendar invitation to *The Wall Walk*)
- Document 3 – Wall Walk PD on 4 October  
(Email sent to kaimahi participating in the course)
- Document 4 – Pre-workshop assignments  
(Attachment to Document 3 email, preparation document from *The Wall Walk*)

Copies of documents 1, 2 and 3 are attached. Some information has been withheld from these documents under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to: “*protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons*”.

We have decided to withhold a copy of document 4 in full under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA as above, and section 9(2)(b)(ii) to: “*protect information where the making available of the information would*

*be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information”.*

We do not believe the need to withhold the information above under section 9 of the OIA is outweighed by the public interest in its release at this time.

Participation was expected but not compulsory from School of Education and Social Sciences and Centre of Veterinary Nursing kaimahi, as part of our pattern of school-wide professional development. Others from School of Nursing and School of Health and Sport Science were invited to attend if they wished.

#### Question Nine

We hold no *emails, reports, messages or any other correspondence* within scope of this question. Therefore, we must refuse this part of your request under section 18(e) of the OIA as *“the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”.*

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

We may publish our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore  
**Tumuaki** | Chief Executive

## Document 1

**From:** s 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Looking ahead for some staff PD  
**Date:** Wednesday, 18 September 2024 6:06:24 am

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:20:35 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Looking ahead for some staff PD

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of EIT. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Wise to avoid COVID complications!

Thanks for getting in touch. June 27 and October 4 are both dates that I am available. Sounds like an interesting mix of people! 30 is the minimum audience size; 60 is the sweet spot. So, if there are others that you want to invite along, I'm AOK with that. Doing so might also mean you can split the costs. From now to the end of June 2022, the price for a one-off session is \$4,000+GST + flights/accomm per session (regardless of audience size). The price will go up to \$4,500 +GST from July 2022 so if you wanted it in October it would be a bit more expensive.

To give you an idea of timing:

0815 [REDACTED] arrives and gets set up

0845 Participants start gathering at venue – you ensure the venue has tea, coffee, water available on arrival

0900 Open workshop – ideally a senior staff member from your organisation offers up a karakia and welcomes everyone (including [REDACTED] and sets the strategic context, explaining why everyone is doing The Wall Walk

0910 The Wall Walk begins

1045 break for morning tea... your organisation arranges this and someone to bless the food beforehand

1100-1255 workshop continues

1300 Workshop closed by a senior staff member from your organisation (possibly offering people the opportunity to debrief in 1-2 weeks and start talking about how to translate new ideas into action), and someone else does a closing karakia

If you're still keen and one of those dates suits, then let me know so we can lock it in.

Hei konā, [REDACTED]

On 16 February 2022 at 12:03 [REDACTED]

wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

We have a team of tertiary educators based in Hawkes Bay and Tairāwhiti who are, like many in this land, on a journey of integrating te ao Māori content in their teaching. There is about 30 of us, a mix of early Childhood and Primary teaching, social work and vet nursing.

We have had your sessions highly recommended by local Oranga tamariki staff, and are interested in setting something up.

We usually all meet up on our Napier campus at the start of holiday breaks, so that would be June 27/28 and October 3 / 4 (we think we will skip April to avoid potential omicron complications!).

Can you let me know if there's a possibility we could tee something up within those dates, and we can progress from there.

Ngā mihi nui,

[REDACTED]  
EIT

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s 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** PROGRAMME TEAM DAY  
**Location:** Kennedy Park Conference Centre, Storkey Street, Napier

**Start:** Tue 4/10/2022 9:00 am  
**End:** Tue 4/10/2022 1:00 pm

**Recurrence:** (none)

**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded

**Organizer:** [REDACTED]

Kia ora koutou katoa

We have organised for our team to have some highly recommended PD for our October School Day. We will hold this at Kennedy Park Conference Centre, Storkey St, Napier. Please get there between 8.45 and 9.00 so we can start on time.

We will be doing The Wall Walk, with [REDACTED] This is a half day workshop about our country's history and the impacts of past events on Māori and the entire country. You can read more about it [here](#)

We will be joined by colleagues from the School of Nursing, as the workshop is designed for a greater number of participants than we can muster from our Schools. There will be a bit of prework that you need to commit to as a participant, and I will send that out as soon as it arrives.

**Please accept this invitation so we can ascertain numbers so we can be sure morning tea suits everyone.**

Please let [REDACTED] know if you have special dietary requirements. You will be free to go at 1.00pm.

Your Programme Coordinator will let you know if there are any afternoon huis for your team on the Tuesday.

Any questions, please ask [REDACTED]

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**From:** s 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Wall Walk PD on 4 October  
**Date:** Friday, 16 September 2022 8:43:00 am  
**Attachments:** [WW Prep Work.docx](#)

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Kia ora koutou

Here is the promised “pre-work” for our Wall Walk PD on 4 October at Kennedy Park. We have a mix of folks from EDSS, CVN, Nursing and Health Sciences, and from 2 campuses, so this will give us all a chance to work with some new people.

Yes, it does involve a bit of work - some reading and a group presentation. I have put you into groups of 4 or 5, and each group has an assigned topic. Please read the instructions, and get yourselves together as a group to prepare. (No s 9(2)(a), you can't swap!) For many groups you will need to introduce yourselves to each other.

Looking forward to seeing/hearing/ participating in what you come up with.

Ngā mihi,  
s 9(2)(a)

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