

7 September 2023

### 30 AUGUST 2023: OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST


In your email dated 30 August 2023 you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Did NZFC have a leaving event/party/'do' for the previous CEO? If so, what were the costs associated with the event?*
  - *Please break it down including but not limited to venue hire, food, flowers, photograph, music, travel, accommodation etc.*
  - *How many attended?*
  - *What was the start and end time for the event?*
  
2. *Was there a welcome event/party/'do' for new CEO Annie Murray's arrival as CEO?*
  - *If so, please provide all of the costs associated with the event.*
  - *Ensure that this includes but is not limited to gifts, travel, accommodation, alcohol, food, music, photographers etc*
  - *How many attended?*
  - *What was the start and end time for the event?*

The New Zealand Film Commission (NZFC) did not host a leaving event for former CEO David Strong.

The NZFC hosted two farewell events to celebrate the retirement of NZFC Chief Operating Officer Mladen Ivancic after more than three decades of service to the organisation. Mladen was Acting CEO from March 2022 to June 2023 and acted as CEO seven times during his time at the NZFC. The New Zealand screen industry requested an event to thank Mladen for his service and many leaders from the screen sector delivered speeches and gave thanks to Mladen at the two events.

All costs associated with these events are at **Appendix 1**.



Please note that Auckland based NZFC staff travelled to Wellington to attend three events on 20-21 July 2023: an All-Staff Professional Development Workshop, Mladen's farewell and a Leadership Strategy Session. The total cost of travel, flights and accommodation for attendance at the three events was \$5,522 – an average of \$502 per traveler. These costs have not been included in **Appendix 1** as they are not entirely attributable to Mladen's farewell event.

The NZFC hosted a pōwhiri for Annie Murray in Wellington and Auckland. Costs associated with these events can be found at **Appendix 1**.

Note that Annie Murray personally covered the costs for whānau flights and accommodation.

We will be publishing this letter (with your personal information removed) and **Appendix 1** on the NZFC website.

Please be aware that you have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA to seek an investigation and review of our response.

Yours sincerely



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## Appendix 1

<b>Farewell for Mladen Ivancic</b> Auckland   Tuesday 18 July 2023   5.30pm – 8.30pm Number of attendees: 60   Cost per attendee: \$73.98	
Catering	\$1,333
Alcohol	\$1,178
Venue hire	\$1,100
Venue staff charge (Chef/Wait/Security)	\$828
Travel for Mladen Ivancic	\$445
	<b>Total: \$4,884</b>

<b>Farewell for Mladen Ivancic</b> Wellington   Tuesday 20 July 2023   5.30pm - 9.30pm Number of attendees: 116   Cost per attendee: \$20.69	
Venue	-
Bar staff	\$200
Drinks/Glass Hire/Delivery and Pick up	\$1,379
Catering	\$820
Transport to and from venue (9 trips)	\$536
NZFC Chair travel	\$808
	<b>Total: \$3,743</b>

<b>Pōwhiri for Annie Murray – CEO of New Zealand Film Commission</b> Wellington   Monday 19 June 2023   10am – 12pm Number of attendees: 114   Cost per attendee: \$30.00	
Flights	\$1,520
Venue	-
Catering	\$1,900
NZFC staff flights and accommodation	\$851
Taxis (7 trips)	\$208
	<b>Total: \$4,479</b>

<b>Pōwhiri for Annie Murray – CEO of New Zealand Film Commission</b> Auckland   Friday 30 June 2023   2pm – 5pm Number of attendees: 113   Cost per attendee: \$28.36	
Catering	\$2,205
Venue hosting and support	\$1,000
Taxis (4 trips)	\$120
	<b>Total: \$3,325</b>