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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Sharon Davis – Westport News
<b>Information requested:</b>	Trees on public land
<b>Response by:</b>	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

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19 March 2025

Sharon Davis  
Westport News

Via Email: [sharondavis@westportnews.co.nz](mailto:sharondavis@westportnews.co.nz)

Dear Sharon

**Official information request for information regarding trees on public land**

I refer to your official information request dated 05 March 2025 for information regarding trees on public land.

You have asked for the following information:

**1. Does your council plant fruit trees in parks or other public land?**

Westland District Council does not plant fruit trees in parks or public land.

**2. What kind of fruit trees have been planted?**

**3. How did you select the type of tree?**

**4. When did you first plant fruit trees?**

**5. How many fruit trees are on council land in your district?**

**6. When were the last fruit trees planted?**

**7. Do you have plans to plant any more fruit trees?**

**8. Do you have any issues with theft or damage of trees or fruit?**

**9. Do the fruit trees require specialist care?**

**10. What other tree species have you planted on public land, are they indigenous or exotic?**

Items 2-10 are not applicable.

**11. Is there any reason why you don't plant fruit trees?**

Westland District Council does not plant fruit trees primarily due to the high maintenance requirements associated with them. Fruit trees often demand consistent care, including regular pruning, pest control, and careful management of irrigation, which can be time-consuming. Additionally, they may require specific soil conditions and climates to thrive, which can be challenging to maintain.

**12. What tree species have you planted, and why?**

Trees that have been planted in parks and/or public spaces are:

- Pohutukawa

- Banksia
- Coprosma
- Norfolk Pine
- Kowhai
- Kauri
- Rimu
- Oak
- Plane
- Pine
- Cabbage Tree
- Rata
- Magnolia
- Camelia

There will be no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Phillips', is positioned below the 'Sincerely,' text.

**Barbara Phillips** | Chief Executive

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