

**From:** [Allie Dunn](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response to Information request re Ridge Road Central - Road Maintenance  
**Date:** Thursday, 25 September 2025 1:51:00 pm  
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 2 September 2025 for information relating to maintenance for Ridge Road central.

The attached is the breakdown of costs and work done on Ridge Road. Our contractors were not able to supply the upgrade cost for the sealed area as this was prior to their time, but have included the maintenance costs for the whole road and then separated the sealed part of the road as requested.

On the point of future planning they advise that there are no specific future plans for Ridge Road with regards to sealing other than drainage works and road shape restoring at certain sections of the road. They will also be monitoring the road traffic growth at sporadic intervals as they come up or as requested.

Ngā mihi



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**From:** Allie Dunn  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 September 2025 3:51 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CM: Acknowledgement - Ridge Road Central - Road Maintenance - LGOIMA

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding road maintenance costs for Ridge Road Central over a five year period.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 September 2025, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you

of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 2 September 2025 3:31 pm

**To:** Allie Dunn <[Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz](mailto:Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** CM: Re: Ridge Road Central - Road Maintenance - LGOIMA

**EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT:** Caution advised. This message is from an external sender. Verify the sender's identity and use caution with attachments and links.

Hello Allie,

Thank you for your reply to my request regarding Ridge Road Central. I appreciate the time and consideration given, and I understand the concerns about the volume of records and staff time involved.

To help make things more manageable, I would like to refine my request as follows:

1. Timeframe – Please provide information for the past five years only (2019–2024).
2. Scope of Works – A summary of the annual maintenance costs with a brief note of the key works carried out each year (e.g. grading, resurfacing, drainage).
3. Upgrade Cost – The recorded cost (or closest available figure) for the tar-seal upgrade of the high point curvy section of Ridge Road as requested at the time by Phil Cotter.

4. Forward Planning – Any existing long-term maintenance plans or budgets that specifically mention Ridge Road Central.

I hope this refinement reduces the workload while still providing a clear picture of the road's maintenance history and outlook. Please let me know if this revised request is workable within your available resources, or if any further narrowing would be helpful?

Kind Regards,



On Tue, 2 Sep 2025 at 11:30 AM, Allie Dunn <[Allie.Dunn@tararua.govt.nz](mailto:Allie.Dunn@tararua.govt.nz)> wrote:

Kia ora

We refer to your official information request dated 23 August 2022 for a summary of maintenance and upkeep costs associated with Ridge Road Central over the past 10 years, including:

- Annual maintenance costs (year-by-year breakdown) 2014 - 2024
- Scope of works performed each year (e.g. grading, resurfacing, drainage)
- The historical cost of the upgrade to tar-seal the high point curvy section of Ridge Road, as requested by longtime resident Phil Cotter many years ago.
- Any relevant projected long-term maintenance plans or budgets.

Your request as currently framed will be difficult to meet without substantial collation or research.

- Large Volume of Records: The request covers a significant period of time, resulting in a high number of records to review.
- Time-Intensive Process: Extracting and assessing relevant data will take significant staff time due to the need for manual checks and data validation.
- Impact on Operations: Meeting the request may delay other work and reduce capacity for core services and responsibilities.

We invite you to refine your request, to reduce the amount of information involved. For example, refining the time period covered by your request can reduce the amount of information involved.

As currently framed, we estimate your request would require at least 8 hours of staff time to meet your request. The first hour of officer time for providing information is at no charge, however where a request involves a significant amount of officer time, a charge

of \$100 per hour for each hour of time that is needed after that first hour would need to be charged to partially recover the costs of providing the information.

Please let us know whether you are prepared to amend or clarify your request and, if so, how.

Please note, if you do amend or clarify your request, this will be considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response under 13(7) of the LGOIMA.

Ngā mihi



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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, 23 August 2025 11:50 am

**To:** Info - Tararua District Council <[Info-Tararua.DistrictCouncil@Tararua.govt.nz](mailto:Info-Tararua.DistrictCouncil@Tararua.govt.nz)>

**Subject:** Ridge Road Central - Road Maintenance - LGOIMA

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Dear Council Team,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am a homeowner on Ridge Road Central, Pahiatua, and am writing to formally request a report - LGOIMA summary of the maintenance and upkeep costs associated with this road over the past 10 years. This information will help me better understand the historical investment and ongoing financial commitment involved in maintaining the unsealed section of the road.

I would appreciate the following details:

- Annual maintenance costs (year-by-year breakdown) 2014 - 2024
- Scope of works performed each year (e.g. grading, resurfacing, drainage)
- The historical cost of the upgrade to tar-seal the high point curvy section of Ridge Road, as requested by longtime resident Phil Cotter many years ago.
- Any relevant projected long-term maintenance plans or budgets.

Current situation:

The demographic of the residents now living on this road is far different to what it was 10 and 20 years ago; There are now more families residing along the 5km section from the Fonterra turn in, with more farms & land having been divided up. This has led to more cars and farm vehicles traversing the road, resulting in the on-going deterioration of the road surface, especially following heavy rains and poor drainage.

The poor road surface leads to significant vehicle damage and wear and tear to suspension parts; resulting in the need for frequent wheel alignments & re-balancing, which is an additional cost to the car owners. Currently Potholes are many and some are very large.

How can a vehicle owner claim repairs for wheel alignment and damage caused by driving on unsatisfactory roads several times a day? There have also been several near misses where evasive action needs to be taken to avoid a head-on collision exacerbated by the condition of the road surface.

Please let me know if there are any forms to fill out to process this request. I am happy to discuss this further or clarify any aspects of the requests if needed.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response.

Kind Regards,



Ridge Road Central - whole road (RP 0-6980)									
Sum of Claim Total	Column Labels								
Row Labels	Drainage(Culverts)	Major Treatments	Pavement Sealed	Pavement Unsealed	Shoulders	Signs	Surface Water Channels	Vegetation	Grand Total
Aggreg Loss - AP20				\$36,743.06					\$36,743.06
Aggreg Loss - AP40				\$1,532.61					\$1,532.61
Culvert Blocked	\$8,190.39								\$8,190.39
Culvert Inlet/Outlet Repair	\$947.33								\$947.33
Depression - Stabilise (Two)			\$332.15						\$332.15
Edge Break					\$381.11				\$381.11
FatigCrack - Stabilise (Two)			\$766.50						\$766.50
High Shoulder					\$8,794.80				\$8,794.80
Overhanging Vegetation								\$2,085.85	\$2,085.85
PA Pothole - Fill Hole			\$840.13						\$840.13
Rack 3/5		\$10,836.99							\$10,836.99
Sign Clean						\$290.66			\$290.66
Sign Crash						\$249.18			\$249.18
Sign Leaning						\$103.85			\$103.85
Sign Missing						\$103.85			\$103.85
SWC Blocked							\$74.25		\$74.25
UN Corrugation - Grading				\$4,442.54					\$4,442.54
UN Pothole - Fill Hole				\$13,102.40					\$13,102.40
UN Shape - Grading				\$15,907.87					\$15,907.87
Verge Chemical Spray								\$41.83	\$41.83
Verge Grass Mow								\$242.54	\$242.54
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$9,137.72</b>	<b>\$10,836.99</b>	<b>\$1,938.78</b>	<b>\$71,728.47</b>	<b>\$9,175.91</b>	<b>\$747.54</b>	<b>\$74.25</b>	<b>\$2,370.22</b>	<b>\$106,009.89</b>

Sealed road section (RP 2441-3210)					
Sum of Claim Total	Column Labels				
Row Labels	Major Treatments	Shoulders	Signs	Vegetation	Grand Total
<b>Complete</b>	<b>\$3,974.19</b>	<b>\$33.50</b>	<b>\$353.03</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$4,375.73</b>
Edge Break		\$33.50			\$33.50
Overhanging Vegetation				\$15.00	\$15.00
Rack 3/5	\$3,974.19				\$3,974.19
Sign Crash			\$249.18		\$249.18
Sign Leaning			\$103.85		\$103.85
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,974.19</b>	<b>\$33.50</b>	<b>\$353.03</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$4,375.73</b>

