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Subject: Response to Official Information request

12-Sep-2016

Aaron Cross
Email address
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Dear Mr Cross,

Official information request for RATES RELIEF FORBURY PARK RACEWAY

I refer to your official information request dated 30-August-2016 for "the nature and value of "rates relief" given by the council to the Forbury Park Trotting Club".

In response, the Forbury Park Trotting Club owns the Forbury Park Raceway land and pays full commercial rates of \$53,735.30 per year, plus \$906.44 on a small section under a different title. They also pay full price for the usual services like liquor licenses, health licenses and a building warrant of fitness.

The council's Events and Community Development Manager has provided me with the following information:

Forbury Park Trotting Club Incorporated applies for, and has received, a rates relief grant amounting to about 25% of their rates account.

For 2015/16 this was \$13,014.38.

For 2014/15 this was \$11,864.30.

Organisations that benefit Dunedin residents and make their facilities available for the wider community to use can receive a proportion of their rates back as a grant. This grant scheme is for not-for-profit groups that serve the social, educational, recreational, cultural and environmental wellbeing and development of the community.

Applications can be taken at any time during the year and, if approved, last for three years. Recipients of these grants will be automatically sent an application form to reapply near the end of the three year term.

For your information, a report is going to the next council meeting on September 19 so the

elected members can consider whether or not to give the Forbury Park Trotting Club a grant in this year's funding round. The public are welcome to attend this meeting and an agenda, with a copy of the report, will be available on our website at least two days before hand.

If you wish to discuss this further with us, please feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with the right staff member to answer your questions.

Yours sincerely
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