

**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 July 2016 4:17 p.m.

**Subject:** TRIM: Enquiry about grandstands [#183BCJ]

I refer to your email of 14 June 2016 requesting information on grandstands in the Rotorua Lakes Council area, and respond to your questions below:

Community name: Rotorua District Council

Community type/size (eg rural, small town, metropolitan): City

Owned by (eg Council, private): Council

Age/date of construction: 1970 original – updated 2000

Construction materials: Reinforced concrete

Construction style: Concrete seating with roof, corporate rooms on the top floor (second floor), takeaway food facilities in the middle (first floor), changing rooms and associated facilities underneath on the ground floor

**Built by:**

Bay of Plenty Rugby Union (Commissioned)

City of Rotorua Engineers Department (1966 Concept Sketches)

Murray North (Architects/Engineers 1970)

Bay of Plenty Referees Union (Social and Meeting Room Upgrade – 1977)

Martin McCaulay Morton (Architects/Engineers 1993 Grandstand Addition)

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EJ Connolly and Associates (Architects 2000 Improvements)

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How many does it seat?: 5200

Current use (eg shows, sporting fixtures, function centre etc): Sporting, concerts, tenants

Heritage listed?: No

Any interesting history?:

Hosted rugby Lions tours (1977, 2005, 2017), Rugby World Cups (1984, 2011)

Nick name is "The Hangi Pit"

Under legislation we are obliged to advise that if you have any concerns with the adequacy of our response you may contact the Ombudsman by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman

P O Box 10 152

WELLINGTON 6143

Or alternatively by email to [complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz](mailto:complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz)

Regards

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