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Application Details	
Ref. No.	CMTEDDFOI 2024-382
Date of Application	25 November 2024
Date of Decision	19 December 2024
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Decision on Access	Full Release
Information Requested (summary)	Seeking numbers of members in categories within RACT.
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Please find online enquiry details below. Please ensure this enquiry is responded to within fourteen working days.

Your details

All fields are optional, however an email address OR full postal address must be provided for us to process your request. An email address and telephone contact number will assist us to contact you quickly if we need to discuss your request.

Title: 
First Name: 
Last Name: 
Business/Organisation: 
Address: 
Suburb: 
Postcode: 
State/Territory: 
Phone/mobile: 
Email address: 

Request for information

(Please provide as much detail as possible, for example subject matter and relevant dates, and also provide details of documents that you are not interested in.)

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2016 I want to access the following document/s (*required field):

The last 2 grant applications made by Rowing ACT to ACT Sport and Recreation for SSO grants. In particular, I am seeking information on the numbers of members within each particular category of membership offered within RACT. In the Annual Report of RACT they report on the total number of members registered each year but provide no breakup of that membership. When a member applies for registration with RACT they must specify the category of membership as that will impact the fees that are payable. RACT has competitive and recreational categories as well as junior memberships amongst others.

I do not want to access the following documents in relation to my request::

I do not require a breakup of memberships at the club level.

Thank you.
Freedom of Information Coordinator



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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – NOTICE OF DECISION

I refer to your application under section 30 of the *Freedom of Information Act 2016* (the Act), received by the Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate (CMTEDD) on 25 November 2024.

Specifically, you have sought access to the following information:

- *The last 2 grant applications made by Rowing ACT to ACT Sport and Recreation for SSO grants. In particular, I am seeking information on the numbers of members within each particular category of membership offered within RACT. In the Annual Report of RACT they report on the total number of members registered each year but provide no breakup of that membership. When a member applies for registration with RACT they must specify the category of membership as that will impact the fees that are payable. RACT has competitive and recreational categories as well as junior memberships amongst others.*

Authority

I am an Information Officer appointed by the CMTEDD Director-General under section 18 of the Act to deal with access applications made under Part 5 of the Act.

Timeframes

In accordance with section 40 of the Act, CMTEDD is required to provide a decision on your access application within 30 days.

Therefore, a decision is due by **14 January 2025**.

Decision on access

Searches of CMTEDD records have identified information within the scope of your request.

I have decided to grant **full access** to this information.

Release of documents

The information being released to you is provided at **Attachment A**.

Statement of Reasons

In accordance with section 54(2) of the Act a statement of reasons outlining my decisions is below. In reaching my access decisions, I have taken the following into account:

- the Act
- the information that falls within the scope of your request

As a decision maker, I am required to determine whether the information within scope is in the public interest to release. To make this decision, I am required to:

- assess whether the information would be contrary to public interest to disclose as per **Schedule 1** of the Act.
- perform the public interest test as set out in section 17 of the Act by balancing the factors favouring disclosure and factors favouring non-disclosure in **Schedule 2** of the Act.

Exemptions claimed

Schedule 1: Information taken to be contrary to the public interest.

My reasons for deciding not to grant access to the identified documents and components of these documents are as follows:

- *No relevant sections identified.*

Public Interest Test

The Act has a presumption in favour of disclosure. As a decision maker I am required to decide where, on balance, public interest lies. As part of this process I must consider factors favouring disclosure and non-disclosure.

In *Hogan v Hinch* (2011) 243 CLR 506, [31] French CJ stated that when ‘used in a statute, the term [public interest] derives its content from “the subject matter and the scope and purpose” of the enactment in which it appears’. Section 17(1) of the Act sets out the test, to be applied to determine whether disclosure of information would be contrary to the public interest. These factors are found in subsection 17(2) and Schedule 2 of the Act.

Schedule 2: Factors to be considered when deciding the public interest.

Taking into consideration the information contained in the documents found to be within the scope of your request, I have identified that the following public interest factors are relevant to determine if release of the information contained within these documents is within the ‘public interest’.

Factors favouring disclosure (Section 2.1)

- *Section 2.1(a)(ii) - contribute to positive and informed debate on important issues or matters of public interest.*

I am satisfied that these factors favouring disclosure carry some weight. However, these factors are to be balanced against the factors favouring nondisclosure.

Factors favouring non disclosure (Section 2.2)

- *No relevant sections identified*

Charges

Processing charges are not applicable for this request because the number of pages released to you is below the charging threshold of 50 pages.

Online publishing – Disclosure Log

Under section 28 of the Act, CMTEDD maintains an online record of access applications called a [disclosure log](#).

Your original access application and my decision will be published on the CMTEDD disclosure log. Your personal contact details will not be published.

Ombudsman Review

My decision on your access request is a reviewable decision as identified in Schedule 3 of the Act. You have the right to seek Ombudsman review of this outcome under section 73 of the Act within 20 working days from the day that my decision is provided to you, or a longer period allowed by the Ombudsman.

We recommend using this form [Applying for an Ombudsman Review](#) to ensure you provide all of the required information. Alternatively, you may write to the Ombudsman at:

The ACT Ombudsman
GPO Box 442
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Via email: actfoi@ombudsman.gov.au

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal (ACAT) Review

Under section 84 of the Act, if a decision is made under section 82(1) on an Ombudsman review, you may apply to the ACAT for review of the Ombudsman decision. Further information may be obtained from the ACAT at:

ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal
GPO Box 370
Canberra City ACT 2601
Telephone: (02) 6207 1740
<http://www.acat.act.gov.au/>

Should you have any queries in relation to your request please contact the Information Access Team by telephone on 6207 7754 or email CMTEDDFOI@act.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Katharine Stuart
Information Officer
Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate

19 December 2024

Rowing ACT membership categorisation

- Rowing ACT has 1159 rowing members as of 29 June 2023, in Rowing Manager (Online Rowing Membership System).
- Rowing ACT has 66 registered officials of which 35 are not included in the registered rowers.
- Rowing ACT has 131 accredited coaches of which 50 are not included above.
- 50 participants in Indoor Rowing Programs, competing in Australian Indoor Rowing Championships
- 62 non-registered rowers (social rowers) who pay Affiliation fees
- 6 registered Para Athletes.
- Total 1363.
- This does not include volunteers (100+), non-accredited coaches, committee members or Club based rowing programs.