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## **WDC Costs for Forrester Heights**

*Has any money been spent on maintenance / plants on Forrester Heights in the past year?*

*Has the WDC approved (for contractors) / or undertaken any plantings or work on paths on Forrester Heights in the past year.*

*How was the figure of \$40000 per hectare calculated;*

*How was the figure of \$5000 pa calculated.*

In the current financial year (1 July 2021 to 30 April 2022) Council has spent approximately \$1028.46 (incl. GST) on spraying and the renewal of a gateway for the portion of the Lane St walkway that cuts through the North-western corner of Forrester Heights.

Council has not approved or undertaken plantings or work on paths (excepting that mentioned above) on Forrester Heights in the current financial year.

The figure of \$40,000 per hectare for the establishment of a Reserve quoted in the Forrester Heights consultation summary is the rounded down GST inclusive cost of planting 6666 native plants per hectare (at a spacing of 1.5m). It does not include transport costs or the cost of labour for undertaking planting work.

The figure of \$5,000 for initial annual maintenance of a Reserve quoted in the Forrester Heights consultation summary is an estimate for the cost of spraying weeds and minor maintenance based on previous experience in the costs of maintaining a newly established Reserve.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Liaison Officer**