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<b>How does the Garage Sale Trail information update from Barbara Gill compare with the answer given for the May Council question seeking positives on this activity and why are there differences?</b>	
<b>RESPONSE:</b>	
<p>The response provided to the ordinary meeting of Council held on 20 June 2017, referred to historical data of Council's previous involvement in the Garage Sale Trail program. This program is promoted by Garage Sale Trail Foundation Ltd. They are a registered public company.</p> <p>As part of the Midwaste group, Council participated in both the 2013 and 2014 programs. Midwaste was able to negotiate the group participation fee down from \$25,000 to \$15,000. The fee was apportioned between councils based on Local Government Area (LGA) populations. The fee to Council was in the order of \$3,000 per year.</p> <p>The Garage Sale Trail information is conservative in the estimation of Council resources required. Even though a "ready-made program" is provided, implementing it is labour intensive and relies heavily on Council staff. From previous experience, staff costs in the order of \$10,000 per year were incurred and absorbed into existing budgets.</p> <p>In 2013, our LGA had 13 registered garage sale participants in the program and in 2014 we had 31. Many problems were experienced with the Garage Sale Trail process during both years and based on the minimal take up of the program for the costs incurred across all LGAs, Midwaste as a group, decided not to continue participation. Port Macquarie Hastings Council has participated in and continued in the program for many years.</p> <p>If Council was to participate in the program this year, we would need to commit to a participation fee of \$4,000 per year for two years or \$3,500 per year for three years. An overall budget in the order of \$15,000 per year would be required.</p> <p>As part of Council's transition to the new waste service, a continuing waste education campaign is being planned. The Garage Sale Trail could be considered and budgeted for as part of this campaign in future years.</p>	