

## 11. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	Group Manager Community Services, DDI: 941-8534
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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by two applicants, 15 year old twin boys, John and Bill Thew, who live in the Cashmere area, towards costs associated with representing New Zealand as part of the NZ Junior team selected by Bike NZ to compete in the tour of Canberra from 7-9 July 2006.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2006 per person:

<b>Activity/Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Uniform	July 2006	\$ 250
Air fare (incl taxes)	July 2006	\$ 769
Accommodation	July 2006	\$ 375
Transport	July 2006	\$ 150
Insurance	July 2006	\$ 113
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$1,657 inc gst</b>

4. The squad have been fundraising since February 2006, putting together events such as a Trivial Pursuit evening. They were able to raise \$1,000 from this event, however this needs to be distributed amongst four Christchurch based squad members.

### BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUN – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

5. Bill has set himself some very challenging goals, carried out a very tough training programme and meticulously planned each major event to the smallest details. Bill's recent achievements have been first placing in the following events; Canterbury Tour, Summer Series, and Craig Adair Cup – Leeston Classic. He had a stage win in the TeA tour in Te Awamutu and placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall, this achievement resulted in his selection into the New Zealand team. Bill also completed Le Race in March this year in under three hours and placed 45<sup>th</sup> in a field of 1,800 people.
6. John's recent achievements include several first placings in the following events; Liddoff Cup, Kaiapoi Cup and in the track team pursuit. John also had a stage win in the TeA tour in Te Awamutu and placed in the top ten overall, and this achievement resulted in his selection into the New Zealand team. John also completed Le Race in March this year with a time of 3.05 hours, and placed 45<sup>th</sup> in the Armstrong Prestige event with a field of 700 riders.
7. The applicants are also busy with outstanding academic achievements, and other passions such as music; playing several instruments and singing. They are both hoping to further their music skills by attending the CPIT Jazz school.
8. The applicants are both members of the Pegasus Cycling Club and are trained by Cycling Coach Hamish Ferguson. Both applicants support school racing in Christchurch (through Cashmere High School) and mentor younger members in racing and cycle safety.
9. The applicant's short term goals are to represent New Zealand at the Junior World Championships, and long term goals include representing New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games and the Olympics.
10. This is the first time the applicants have approached the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board under the Youth Achievement Fund for funding assistance.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$600 from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund to assist with costs associated for John and Bill Thew's trip to the Tour of Canberra from 5-9 July 2006.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.