

## 7. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8534
<b>Officer responsible:</b>	Recreation & Sports Unit Manager
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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 the 2006/2007 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 17 year old boy who lives in the Heathcote area towards costs associated with attending the 2007 Team Insulin Dependence Expedition in Montana, USA in May 2007.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

### Background on Tom Radford

4. Tom Radford is a 17 year old student from St Andrews College who has been selected to attend the 2007 Team Insulin Dependence Expedition. Ten diabetic people from around the world will come together to learn from one another, amidst new and exciting physical challenges.
5. Insulin Dependence is a Minnesota non-profit corporation focused on changing diabetic lives through adventure travel and educational outreach. The Insulin Dependence Expedition provides an avenue whereby individuals are given the opportunity to learn about how to live an active lifestyle whilst managing their diabetes. Over the course of the trip individuals will be challenged to achieve a higher level of diabetic maturity through new forms of exercise, with special focus on improved methods of teamwork and communication.
6. Tom was first diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2005. From the time he was diagnosed Tom had to adjust to this life changing condition. Tom's referees comment that he accepted the news of his illness in a mature and positive manner.
7. Tom attends local diabetes youth camps for young people with Type 1 diabetes, and is a respected member of this group of teens. Tom is also a peer leader for the 9-12 year old diabetes camps. The local diabetes youth fieldworker has commented that Tom is a wonderful role model for young people with diabetes, ensuring that new members feel welcome and are included.
8. Tom has indicated that upon return from his trip overseas he intends to write an article for the Diabetes Youth Magazine. He will also share his knowledge on the management of diabetes and physical activity with young people when he is next involved with a youth camp, as well as sharing information with his peers.
9. To date Tom has secured \$600 funding from Diabetes Youth towards the cost of his trip and has applied to two drug companies for funding support. He is currently waiting to hear back from both companies. The money Tom earns from his part-time job at a local nursery, as well as the work he intends to carry out over the upcoming school holidays will all go towards the cost of his trip.
10. Tom's application for funding fits within two of the five categories for consideration; educational studies and capacity building i.e. leadership training. The skills Tom will gain from participating in the expedition will be valuable and transferable in his interactions with other young diabetics.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. The following table details trip expenses and funding requested by the applicant:

<b>Expenses for Tom Radford</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Travel - Flights	\$2,400
Accommodation	\$ 400
Kayak Trip	\$ 845
Additional kayak trip expenses	\$ 100
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$3,745</b>
Amount raised by applicant to date	\$ 600
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

12. Yes, 2006-2007 Community Board Funding Allocations, page 173.

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

14. No.

## ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Yes, relates to 2006-2207 Community Board Funding Allocations, page 173.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?**

16. Yes, as mentioned above.

## ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. Recreation and Sport Policy.  
Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

18. Yes.

## CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocates \$500 from the 2006/2007 Youth Achievement Scheme to Tom Radford to attend the 2007 Team Insulin Dependence Expedition.

## CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.