

9. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME - HARRIET SMITHIES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from the 2007/08 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, a 15 year old girl who lives in the Huntsbury area, towards costs associated with representing the New Zealand Under 17 Road Cycling Team in the Tour of Canberra.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support.

BACKGROUND ON HARRIET SMITHIES

4. Harriet Smithies is a 15 year old student from Cashmere High School who has been selected by Bike NZ as a member of the New Zealand Under 17 Road Cycling Team to compete in the 2007 Tour of Canberra. The Tour of Canberra is a five day road cycling event and New Zealand is sending two teams of Under 17 riders, one male team and one female team. Harriet is the only female rider selected from the South Island.
5. Harriet is a Year 11 student at Cashmere High School. Harriet is an active participant in co-curricular activities and has excelled in her chosen sport of road cycling where she has gained national honours. She is also a member of the school orchestra and is currently playing in the school musical production of 'The Wizard of Oz'.
6. Harriet has been road cycling for just over a year and recently competed in the Tour of Canterbury (a five stage race) where she achieved great results. Although a relative newcomer to this sport, Harriet is displaying a natural ability and her talent has come to the attention of the national selectors hence her selection in the national team.
7. Harriet's cycling passion started approximately four years ago. Her parents were participating in mountain biking events and, sick of watching from the sidelines, she decided to save up for her own bike so that she, too, could have a go – she was soon 'hooked'.
8. A year ago Harriet made the change to road cycling and pursued this interest as her winter sport. Enjoyment of this sport and determination to do better has meant training four days a week. Harriet joined the Pegasus Cycle Club and began racing on the weekends, training up to six days a week, with support and guidance from her coach.
9. Harriet's coach states that "in the short time he has been coaching her she has made huge progress.... and feels that they are only just beginning to scratch the surface of Harriet's natural ability". Harriet's coach feels that she has a big future in cycling.
10. Harriet has only recently been notified of her selection in the New Zealand Team to participate in the Tour of Canberra. A new bike purchase and the short notification of selection mean that this family has to source the cost of this trip in a short timeframe. To date, Harriet has raised \$950 towards the cost of this trip and has one funding application currently under consideration with Pegasus Cycling.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

EXPENSES FOR HARRIET SMITHIES	Cost (\$)
Flights	775
Accommodation	200
Food	250
Insurance	113
Uniform	142
Contribution for support staff	502
Other Items – entry fees, petrol, vehicle hire	308
Additional food and spending \$	200
Total Cost	\$2,292
Amount raised by applicant to date	950
Amount Requested from Board	\$500

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

12. Yes, Democracy and Governance section page 113, 115.

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, Democracy and Governance section, page 113, 115, Community Board Objectives 5 and 9.

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. 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 Board allocate \$350 from the 2007/08 Youth Achievement Scheme to Harriet Smithies to represent New Zealand in the Under 17 Road Cycling Team competing in the 2007 Tour of Canberra.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.