

10. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME – LUCY SPOORS

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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 16 year old girl who lives in the Cashmere area, towards costs associated with representing the New Zealand Junior Rowing Team at the World Junior Rowing Championships in China.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Board for funding support.

BACKGROUND ON LUCY SPOORS

4. Lucy Spoor is a 16 year old student from Christchurch Girls' High School who has been selected to represent New Zealand at the World Junior Rowing Championships in Beijing, China in August 2007. Lucy has been selected to represent New Zealand in the Women's Quadruple Sculls at the World Junior Rowing Championships.
5. Lucy attended Cashmere Primary School and went on to attend Christchurch Girls' High School where she is currently a Year 12 student. Lucy has been involved in netball, basketball and rowing and has represented Canterbury for all three sports. Her selection in the New Zealand Junior Rowing team means that netball and basketball have been put on hold while she dedicates all her time and energy into training for the World Junior Championships.
6. Lucy first started rowing at the end of Year 9. Over the past three years Lucy has achieved a number of good results, winning gold, silver and bronze medals at various rowing championships across the country. This year Lucy was a member of the Girls' High Under 18 Squad to win silver at the AON New Zealand Secondary School Championships at Lake Karapiro.
7. Lucy's rowing coach comments "her accomplishments are many, she is an elite high school basketball player and an elite junior rower, not only is she a strong athlete, she is a terrific team player and is very supportive of those around her (both family and friends)".
8. In the lead up to the World Junior Rowing Championships Lucy has relocated to Hamilton where she will live for up to three months. During this time Lucy will be private boarding with a family, an arrangement that has been organised by Rowing New Zealand. Living in Hamilton prior to departing for the Championships will allow Lucy to train with her crew mates, ensuring they have the best possible build up prior to departing for Beijing.
9. To date, Lucy has raised \$1,000 towards the cost of her trip. Lucy currently has three funding applications lodged with other organisations such as the Lions Foundation and Rotary. A fundraising dinner was held, in conjunction with other members of her team, but the amount raised from that event is yet to be announced.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

EXPENSES FOR LUCY SPOORS	Cost (\$)
Accommodation (private board arranged by NZ Rowing) 12 weeks at \$150 per week	1800
Flight Home during training in Hamilton (50% subsidised by NZ rowing)	169
Trip to Beijing (including all costs and expenses)	7000
Total Cost	\$8,969
Amount raised by applicant to date	1,000
Amount Requested from Board	\$500

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

13. No.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. 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?

15. Yes, as mentioned above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$500 from the 2007/08 Youth Achievement Scheme to Lucy Spoons to represent New Zealand in the Women's Quadruple Sculls at the World Junior Rowing Championships in China.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.