

**14. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME**

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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 21 year old girl who lives in the Cashmere area towards costs associated with representing New Zealand at the World Aerobics Championships in Belgrade, Serbia in October 2007.
3. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

**BACKGROUND ON REBECCA THOMAS**

4. Rebecca Thomas is a 21 year old Cashmere resident who has been selected as a member of a seven strong Canterbury aerobic fitness team who have qualified to compete in Belgrade, Serbia at the FISAF (Federation of International Sport Aerobic and Fitness), World Aerobic Championships.
5. Rebecca has been competing in aerobics for the past eight years and the World Championships have always been her ultimate goal. The Canterbury team have been working towards the World Championships for the past nine months and are aiming to win a medal. At the New Zealand qualifying competition the team not only won their event but impressed the head judge so much that she made a special mention on the quality of the Canterbury team's performance.
6. Rebecca is currently training six times a week. Prior to competing at the World Championships the team will compete at the Australian Nationals in September. Aside from aerobics Rebecca is a full time third year student at Canterbury University studying Speech and Language Therapy.
7. To date Rebecca has raised approximately \$700 towards the cost of this trip. The team have held three fundraising activities to date with a further three planned prior to their departure. The team currently have funding applications lodged with Southern Trust and Mainland Trust both for the value of \$5,000 (awaiting the outcome of these applications).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

<b>EXPENSES FOR REBECCA THOMAS</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfares = Taxes	2790
Accommodation (including meals and transport)	1000
Costume	270
Shoes	240
Training leading up to the event \$50 per week x 20 weeks	1000
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$5300</b>
Amount raised by applicant to date	700
Amount Requested from Community Board	<b>\$500</b>

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

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

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

11. No.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

12. 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?**

13. Yes, as mentioned above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

14. Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

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

15. Yes.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$500 from the 2007/08 Youth Achievement Scheme to Rebecca Thomas to represent New Zealand at the World Aerobics Championships.

**CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

That the staff recommendation be supported.