

10. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – MEREANA COWLEY RADEMAKERS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Mereana is a year 18 student at Riccarton High School who resides in Avonhead and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Seattle, Los Angeles, Montreal to compete in three rhythmic gymnastic events. These events have been nominated as Commonwealth Games trials for the NZ Gymnasts and the trip will take place 29 to 31 January 2010.
3. Mereana has been involved in rhythmic gymnastics for six years and has represented NZ since 2005. Her progress in the sport has been impressive and her latest achievement was winning the 2009 National Gymsports Championships, being placed first in all four of her apparatus finals. This year Mereana was also named the 2009 Gymnastics Outstanding Sportsperson of the year and was nominated for the Outstanding Sportsperson award at the Canterbury Sports Awards.
4. Mereana has just finished Year 13 at Riccarton High School, where she achieved highly academically, in sport and also in dance. She trains at the Olympia Gymnastic Sports in Wigram up to 20 hours a week and also has a part time job that assists to support her expenses related to her sports.
5. All of Mereana's expenses, with the exception of her entry fee to the Montreal event, will be met by her family and Mereana will also increase her part time work hours to help support her travel to these events. Mereana would appreciate any assistance from the Community Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

MEREANA COWLEY RADEMAKERS	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfare costs	3,563
Entry fee to two events	422
Accommodation for three locations	1,876
Total Cost	\$5,861
Amount raised to date by applicant	900
Amount requested from the Community Board	\$500

7. The applicant received \$500 in 2006-07 and \$500 in 2008-09 from the Riccarton Wigram Community Board for various European tournaments she competed in. Accountability was received for all funding received.
8. At time of writing this report there was an unallocated balance of \$1,300 in the Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

9. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

12. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board support the application and allocate \$500 to Mereana Cowley Rademakers as a contribution towards costs for her trip to Seattle, Los Angeles, Montreal from the 2009/10 Riccarton/Wigram Youth Development Scheme.