

8. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – THOMAS WILLIAM SCOTT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Thomas William Scott is a 17 year old (year 11) who lives in Halswell and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Australia in November 2009 as part of the St Thomas of Canterbury Edmund Rice Group. At the time of writing this report there is an unallocated balance of \$3,850 remaining in the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.
3. The Edmund Rice Network is an association of Edmund Rice groups. The vision of the association is as follows "We are people who, inspired by Edmund Rice, are redirecting our energies and resources towards the empowerment of those at the margins of society, in particular youth". There are five schools associated with Edmund Rice in New Zealand, one of these being St Thomas of Canterbury.
4. Thomas Scott, as part of the Edmund Rice group is seeking funding of \$500 towards a trip to Brisbane, where he will be working with boys from one of the brother schools, St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. On this trip Thomas will be travelling to St Josephs, a fellow Edmund Rice school. From this school he will be travelling out each day to help in aboriginal communities and other poor communities. This will involve activities such as helping in community kitchens, and assisting in schools for the disabled. The boys will also be hearing a number of guest speakers such as Cairan O'Reilly, a peace activist, Wayne Bennett, coach of St George Illawara Dragons and Nick Hanley, an old boy of the college who beat all odds by walking again after being paralysed from the waist down in a rugby match.
5. Thomas' interests revolve mainly around sport, and he plays rugby, basketball, touch, volleyball and cricket. He also enjoys volunteering and giving back time to his school and his community. During the holidays he spent four days on the West Coast, helping out at a Christian Brothers house by painting, redecorating and gardening. He also attended a conference in Oamaru aimed at developing leadership, combating inequalities within society and realising your 'x' factor. Thomas is also a high achiever academically and was the Dux of Year 11 in 2008. Thomas believes that this trip will help him to develop leadership skills so that on his return he can give something back to his own community.
6. The trip leaves Christchurch in the last weekend in November and returns at the end of the first week in December. The Australian schools will visit next year and this exchange will occur every year. Fundraising events will be held to assist the Edmund Rice senior students to go on this trip. They include, collecting scrap metal, a fundraising night at Time Out, quiz night and fundraising as individuals and as a group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

THOMAS SCOTT	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	\$500
Accommodation	\$350
Transport	\$200
Clothing	\$50
Miscellaneous	\$100
TOTAL	\$1,200

Amount Requested from Community Board
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\$500

8. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Community Board's Youth Development Scheme.

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

9. The application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Funding.

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 176 LTCCP, regarding Community Grants.

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve the application and allocate \$400 to Thomas Scott as a contribution towards his trip to Brisbane in November 2009, under the Edmund Rice Project, from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.