

10. APPLICATION TO THE LYTTTELTON/MOUNT HERBERT 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – RUARAI DH MCLEOD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$500 from Ruaraidh McLeod to the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board from its 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.
2. The request is for \$500 towards the cost of competing with the New Zealand cycling team at the International Thurigen Rundfahrt (an Under 23 tour for national teams held in Germany).
3. There is currently a balance of \$1,500 remaining in the Board's Youth Development Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The applicant, Ruaraidh McLeod, is an 18 year old who lives in Governors Bay. He has been cycling competitively for five years, riding six days and racing up to three times per week. He races in both individual and team events and has represented New Zealand since 2007. Last year he gained two firsts in the team pursuits and a second in the Under 19 Individual Pursuit at the National Track Championships. He was selected for the 2009 NZ Junior World Track Team and was selected for a scholarship to train for two months in Switzerland prior to the Junior World Champs in Moscow where he was placed well in various events and was 4th in the Individual Pursuit. This year he continued to be well placed and finished 3rd overall in the Elite Tour of Dunedin behind national champion and Commonwealth Games medallist Gordon McCauley. This is the first time Ruaraidh has approached the Board for funding.
5. Ruaraidh is seeking Community Board support to contribute towards costs of competing in the 'International Thurigen Rundfahrt' which is held 7-12 June 2010. This is a top race on the international Under 23 calendar and will give Ruaraidh a chance to race against the best in the world in his age group. Ruaraidh will be living in Belgium for six months racing with an amateur cycling team during this time, but will be competing in races such as this one representing New Zealand with the NZ Under 23 Team throughout his European stay.
6. Ruaraidh has itemised very specific goals for the next three years which include winning both individual and team races at home and representing NZ abroad culminating in a Team Pursuit Gold Medal at the Olympics in 2012 and World Champion status.
7. This trip to Europe and more specifically competing in this race with the top Under 23 riders from around the world will be hugely beneficial to Ruaraidh in preparing him to compete successfully in the races he has earmarked as goals.
8. Ruaraidh's strong focus, commitment to his goal and the rewards gained may stand as an example to encourage other young local sports people in the community. He considers that over time his experience could be used to assist and/or coach others.
9. In preparation for this event to help cover costs, Ruaraidh has been cleaning an office twice monthly, selling bags of coffee donated by Underground Coffee, and made proposals to a local mountain biking group and to the Pegasus Cycling Club.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested, and funds in hand:

RUARAI DH MCLEOD	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Personal and bike insurance (to cover the month of the tour)	\$ 180.00
Flights to Belgium-Germany-Belgium	\$1500.00
Accommodation and Miscellaneous	\$ 560.00
Total Cost	\$2240.00

Less fund raising \$450	
Balance of funds to raise	\$1790.00
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$ 500.00

11. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board.
12. Ruaraidh is committed to this project whether or not Community Board funding is forthcoming.

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

13. Yes, under Grants on Page 184 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with Strengthening Communities and Community Grants on Pages 172 and 176 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

16. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. This application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy, the Strengthening Communities Strategy and the Council Community Grants Funding Outcome:
 - Reduce or overcome barriers to participation

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. Yes, as above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mount Herbert Community Board agree to grant \$500 from its 09/10 Youth Development Scheme to Ruaraidh Mor McLeod as a contribution towards the cost of competing with the New Zealand cycling team at the International Thurigen Rundfahrt.