

8. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM 2010/11 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 Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Mereana Rademakers, is an 18 year old Avonhead resident, who is seeking Community Board support to travel to Italy to compete in the International Gymnastic Federation Rhythmic Gymnastic World Cup and to Bulgaria to compete in the Queen Margarita International Rhythmic Gymnastic Clubs Tournament. This trip will take place 27 August to 5 September 2010.
3. Mereana has been involved in rhythmic gymnastics for six years and has represented New Zealand since 2005. Her progress in the sport has been impressive and her latest achievement is qualifying for the 2010 Commonwealth Games. A requirement of Mereana's selection into the games team is to attend international competitions to prepare her for the Commonwealth Games in October 2010.
4. Mereana trains up to 25 hours a week at Olympia Gymnastic Sports in Wigram, which will increase in July/August in preparation for the games. She is also currently studying Mass Communications at the University of Canterbury and works a part time job.
5. All of Mereana's expenses will be met by her family, including the cost of her coach who will be based in Russia. Mereana will also contribute her wages from her part time job, seek sponsorship and fundraise 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 and insurance	3,303
Entry fee to two events	106
Accommodation	1,228
Train Fares	170
Food and Misc	450
Coach Expenses	1,000
Total Cost	\$6,257
Amount requested from the Youth Development Scheme	\$500

7. The applicant received \$500 in 2006/07, \$500 in 2008/09 and \$500 in 2009/10 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board for various overseas tournaments she has competed in. Accountability was received for all funding received.
8. Currently there is \$4,000 unallocated balance in the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

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 Committee support the application and allocate \$500 to Mereana Cowley Rademakers as a contribution towards her trip to Italy and Bulgaria from the 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme to attend the Queen Margarita International Rhythmic Gymnastics Club's Tournament.