

**10. APPLICATION TO THE RICcarton/WIGRAM YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – WHARENUI SWIM CLUB**

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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 Wharenui Swim Club have four athletes that reside in the ward who are travelling to Brisbane to compete in the Queensland Swimming Championships. This trip takes place from 9 – 19 December 2010.
3. Representatives from Riccarton/Wigram ward :  
Callum Scully aged 16  
Jonty Kay aged 13 (still to qualify)  
Chelsea Easter aged 14  
Mitchell Easter aged 16
4. The four applicants, except for Jonty Kay, have already met stringent qualifying times to qualify for the swimming meet. Jonty, who is yet to meet this criteria, has opportunities to do so at the next three swim meets. Given the fact there is no possibility of considering Youth Development Applications during the election period, staff are recommending to allocate some funds towards his trip, with the proviso that funding will be returned should he not meet the qualifying marks.
5. The four swimmers have been dedicated members of the Wharenui Swim club since primary school and have all previously qualified to compete at either New Zealand National Age Groups, New Zealand Division Two Championships or New Zealand Junior Nationals. Wharenui Swim Club are strong competitors at these meets and most of their athletes either gain medals or make finals in their races.
6. The championships give the athletes opportunity to compete against the best of their Australian Age Group counterparts. They are currently training seven to ten times a week, competing locally once a month and also attend away meets three to four times a year. All four swimmers have future goals of further representing their club and country and hope to encourage other younger swimmers to either become further involved in swimming or strive to attain goals similar to them.
7. Wharenui Swim Club have been actively fundraising through sausage sizzles, quiz night, swimwear sales, pasta sales, housie night and a garage sale and have currently fundraised approximately \$6,000 for the entire team of 25 swimmers travelling to the championships.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs per person for this trip.

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Return airfares and accommodation	\$ 1,200
Registration fee	\$ 100
Uniforms	\$ 100
Incidentals	\$ 200
<b>Total cost per person</b>	<b>\$ 1,600</b>
<b>Total cost for four athletes</b>	<b>\$ 6,400</b>
<b>Total Requested from Youth Development Scheme</b>	<b>\$ 800</b>

9. This group received \$750 for three swimmers who attended the Victorian Age Groups Championships in Melbourne in 2008/09 from the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Development Scheme. All accountability was received following the tournament.

10. 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?**

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

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

13. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009 LTCCP.

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

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

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

16. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

17. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended:

- (a) that the Committee approve the application and allocate \$200 each to Callum Scully, Chelsea Easter and Mitchell Easter totalling \$600 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme as a contribution towards their expenses to attend the Queensland Swimming Champions in December 2010.
- (b) that the Committee approve the application and allocate \$200 for Jonty Kay subject to him meeting the qualifying times before the championships, with the proviso that funding be returned should he not meet the qualifying times.