

**5. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – RORY SWEENEY AND ROSANNA HEWSON**

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| <b>General Manager responsible:</b> | General Manager Community Services, DDI 941-8607 |
| <b>Officer responsible:</b>         | Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports              |
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicants are:
  - (a) Rory Sweeney, a 18 year old Burnside High School student living in Fendalton.
  - (b) Rosanna Hewson, a 18 year old Burnside High School living in Avonhead.
3. There is currently \$850 in the 2009/10 Fendalton/Waimairi Youth Development Scheme fund.
4. Rory and Rosanna are requesting funding assistance towards the cost of representing New Zealand at the International Choral Kathaumixu (pronounced Ka-thow-mew) in Canada in July 2010 as part of the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir.
5. Both applicants were selected through nationwide auditions carried out in 2009. Membership in the choir is for a two year period and involves training courses during school holidays, vocal training and public performances throughout the country.
6. The International Choral Kathaumixu Festival is held every two years in Powell River, British Columbia and runs for three weeks. The festival was initially established as a childrens and youth choir event but extended to adults in 1986. The event includes conducting courses, performances, tours and competitions with classes for choirs, chamber ensembles, and soloists in all age categories. The youth choral section attracts up to 40 choirs from around the world. The last time a New Zealand choir competed at this event was in 2004 where they won three of the four competition categories, more than any choir had won in the history of the event.
7. Rory is a member of the Specialist Music Programme at Burnside High School and has been involved in singing and choirs since an early age. Next year he plans to study music at Canterbury University and his career ambition is to be a professional classical singer. Rory has performed in Christmas in the Park and numerous Carols by Candle Light events.
8. Rosanna is passionate about singing, dance and theatre. Next year she is hoping to be accepted in the National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts. Rosanna has performed at Starry Nights on six occasions, was a soloist in Christmas in the Park on two occasions and has performed on children's television. In addition to this Rosanna has excelled in ballet, ballroom and hip hop dancing and has had lead roles in numerous theatre productions. The most recent role was "Anne" in the Repertory Theatre production of "The Diary of Anne Frank".
9. In preparation for the festival the choir will spend three days in Auckland rehearsing and will also give a public performance. From there they travel to the festival and will be there for two weeks billeted with local families.
10. This application meets the criteria for the Youth Development Scheme Fund under 'Personal Development and Growth and Representing at a Local, National or International Event'.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. Each choir member is required to make a financial contribution of \$3,800 towards airfares, transfers, meals and uniforms. Both Rory and Rosanna have been fundraising through busking at the Arts Centre, singing at various concerts, plus they both have part time jobs and are making a financial contribution themselves.
12. This is the first time the applicants have applied to the Board for financial support.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?**

13. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established from the Board's 2009/010 Discretionary Response Fund.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

14. There are no legal implications regarding this application.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

15. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

16. As above.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

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

18. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

18. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend that the Board make a grant of \$425 each from its 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund to Rory Sweeney and Rosanna Hewson towards attending the International Choral Kathaumixu Festival in Canada in July 2010.