

8. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ALEXANDER MICHAEL DONALDSON

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941 8607
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant Alexander Donaldson, a 17 year old resident of the Central City, has been selected to represent New Zealand as a member of the New Zealand Secondary Students Choir (NZSSC) to compete in the Kathaumixw International Choral Competition in Powell River, Canada in July 2010. This will be followed by Kathaumixw Outreach Concert Tours in Vancouver, Victoria and Butchart Gardens.
3. The International Choral Kathaumixw is a five day choral festival filled with concerts, common song singing, choral and vocal solo competitions, conductor's seminars and social events. The festival is a place where all can learn from each other and from world renowned choral personalities. Up to 40 choirs from around the world take part together with soloists, guest conductors and the orchestra in residence. "Kathaumixw" (pronounced Ka-thou-mew) is from the Coast Salish language meaning "A gathering together of different peoples."
4. Alexander is in his final year at Christ's College where he is the Deputy Head Boy. One of his main interests is singing both in choirs and as a soloist. He is in both choirs at school and the leader of one. Alexander has competed in solo competitions and last year achieved Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music Grade eight singing with distinction. Alexander is also currently completing a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award. Last year Alexander organised a head shaving fundraiser for the Cancer Society New Zealand which raised over \$14,000.
5. Alexander is regarded as an outstanding young man in all aspects. He is a highly perceptive singer, very dedicated and sets incredibly high standards. To be selected for this choir is an exceptional achievement as it is very competitive and require rigorous training and commitment with a number of holiday courses taking place throughout the country to bring members of the choir together in preparation for the international competition. This tour will provide experience for a future career in singing which is what Alexander aspires to in addition to studying law at Auckland University. It will also give him the opportunity to represent New Zealand.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of the tour is approximately \$5,100 as listed below, per choir member with the NZSSC contributing \$1,300. This leaves a balance of \$3,800 per choir member to cover.

EXPENSES	\$
Airfares	2,149
Insurance	108
Rehearsal and Tour Staff Costs	700
Competition Entry Fees	255
Vancouver Island Concert Tour	375
Local travel, activities, food, accommodation(YMCA and billets)	1,513
Total	\$5,100

Alexander has been granted \$1,000 from Christ's College and has also been fundraising through busking at the Palms Shopping Centre, performing at a concert for a church renovation and will be singing at a ticketed concert on Queen's Birthday weekend.

7. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for financial support.

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

8. Yes. This 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. There is a balance of \$4,500 in the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with Council Activities and Services, Community Support, Community Grants and Grants, pages 176 and 184, in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

11. Yes. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve the application and allocate \$500 funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme for Alexander Donaldson to compete in the Kathaumixw International Secondary School's Choral Competition in Canada in July 2010.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.