

18. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – JOSHUA WILLIAM GILLESPIE SMITH

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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 Joshua Smith, a 13 year old resident of Redcliffs, has been selected as a piper in the St Andrews College A band to compete in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow in August 2010. He will be in Scotland for two weeks leading up to the World Championships playing in a number of competitions, festivals and performances including a week to compete in the Glen Isla highland games as a soloist.
3. Joshua is currently a Year 9 student at St Andrews College. Prior to this he attended Redcliffs School until Year 6. Joshua has represented St Andrews in cricket, soccer and snow skiing. His main interests outside of school are snow skiing in winter and water skiing in summer. He is also a keen tramper and has completed the Kepler track.
4. Joshua has been playing the bagpipes since he started at St Andrews in Year 7 and this year was successful in winning a piping scholarship from the school. He is now a member of the A Band. In March, this year Joshua competed at the National Championships in Masterton with the band where the band successfully retained the National Juvenile (Under 18) Championship. The band has held this title for the last five years and is the premier Juvenile grade band in New Zealand. Joshua practices the bagpipes most days and typically plays with the band two to three times a week. It is tremendous achievement to be competing at such a high level at such a young age and the international experience will be a highly rewarding experience for Joshua.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There will be an estimated 40 students attending this trip (pipers and drummers). Each band member has been advised to budget \$5,000 for the trip by the school. The band is aiming to raise \$2,000 per band member through fundraising activities such as performance fees where they play at events such as the Council's Summertime event in Victoria Square and the World Ploughing Championships. Joshua also performs in and sells tickets for the band's "Stac Attack" concert at the town hall and the College Ceiligh Dance. Individually, Joshua has done some busking in Golden Bay and he is in the process of applying for a busking license from the Council.

EXPENSES PER STUDENT	Cost (\$)
Airfare	2,900
Accommodation	820
Meals	440
Edinburgh Tattoo	120
Buses/travel	250
Travel Insurance	60
General including staff support	400
Total	4,990

6. 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?

7. 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 \$5,000 in the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. 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?

10. Yes. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. 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?

12. Yes. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve the application and allocate \$500 funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme for Joshua Smith to compete in the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow in August 2010.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.