

9. HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - APPLICATION CHARLOTTE KATE AITKEN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present an application for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme for Charlotte Kate Aitken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Charlotte Kate Aitken is a 16 year old resident of Sumner. Her application seeking support from the Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme is to enable her to participate in Walking Adventures in the Everest region organised by Everest Treks. This trip is independent of her school and she has chosen to undertake it personally.
3. Charlotte will participate in this trek through Everest Treks which is a specialist adventure trekking company that has operated in the Everest Region of Nepal for over 20 years. The Trek, with about 15 other young people, includes travel to Kathmandu, Lukla, Muse, Jorsale, Namche, Khumjung, Kanjuma and Deboche. During the trek, the group will spend one day planting trees and will also visit and work at Khumjung School on another day. A visit will also be made to Khunde Hospital.
4. Charlotte is a year 12 student at Rangī Ruru School. She has performed well academically and in sport at the school. Charlotte is a member of the Rangī Ruru 1st XI football team and rows as part of Rangī Ruru's rowing squad during summer. She has won some medals for rowing and has played for Canterbury Football teams from 2008 to 2010.
5. When she leaves school, Charlotte would like to have a career that involves medicine, nutrition and sports where she can work directly with people. The trip will expose her to a different way of life and culture.
6. Charlotte has been involved in fundraising for the trip. She has been selling chocolates and has to date raised about \$600. She will also receive a grant from the Ferrymead Lions Club of between \$300 and \$400, amount yet to be confirmed. Charlotte is requesting \$2,000 from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The total cost of the trek is \$7,580 which includes international return flight to Auckland, airport fees and visas, accommodation, meals, a sightseeing tour in Kathmandu, internal return flight to Lukla, entry fee to Sagarmatha (Everest) National Park, Trekker Information Management System card, comprehensive travel insurance, high quality kit-bag, contribution to conservation projects and VAT and service charges in Nepal. No breakdown is provided by the company for each of the expenditure items.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board decline making a grant to Charlotte Kate Aitken to take part in the Walking Adventures in the Everest region as this is a personal trip.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.