

8. HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD 2011/12 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - APPLICATION CONNIE ROSE ROWLANDS

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme for Connie Rose Rowlands.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Connie Rose Rowlands is a 16 year old resident of Sumner. Her application seeks support from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme to enable her to represent Linwood College at Twynham Comprehensive School in Christchurch, Dorset, England. Connie has been selected by her school as an ambassador.
3. Connie will leave for Christchurch, Dorset, England in January 2012 (date to be confirmed) and will reside there for six months. This is part of a reciprocal exchange in which the schools provide a host ambassador who provides accommodation, meals and other daily requirements for the visiting ambassador. In England, Connie will participate in the school life as a member of staff and will help out in classes by assisting the teaching staff with whatever needs to be done. Connie will also speak about Christchurch, New Zealand to students at the school and community groups.
4. Connie is a year 13 student at Linwood College. She has been involved in community work and has been awarded the bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards at Linwood College. Linwood College awards the Duke of Edinburgh Award to students who do an outdoor activity (usually a long tramp organised by Joshua Foundation) and community service. The awards are at bronze, silver and gold level and Connie has already been awarded the bronze and silver. She has already done the tramp and community service (volunteering 24 hours over two months at Pet World in Ferrymead) towards her gold award. Connie was also part of a group of students that travelled to Europe on the Orchestra Tour in April 2011. She worked alongside staff and two other students in filming the rehearsals and the actual tour events. Outside school, Connie plays lawn bowls at Christchurch Richmond once weekly.
5. Being selected as an ambassador of her school has lifted Connie's self-confidence and esteem. She hopes to further boost these through the work she will be doing in raising awareness on Christchurch NZ, especially with regard to life since the earthquakes, to communities in Christchurch, England.
6. Connie has been involved in fundraising for the trip doing baby sitting, waitressing and pamphlet distribution and through this work, she has raised \$500 to date. She has also received a grant from the Ferrymead Rotary Club of \$500 and is waiting to hear from six other organisations that she has applied for funding to.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The following table provides a breakdown of the (indicative) costs for this trip:

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Return airfares	2,900
Fuel and airline surcharges	400
Local Travel – London – Christchurch - London	214
Travel Insurance	740

EXPENSES CONT'D	Cost (\$)
Entry Visa to United Kingdom	490
Total Expenses	4,744
Amount requested from Community Board	750

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 support the application and allocate \$600 from the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme to Connie Rose Rowlands to be an ambassador for Linwood College at Twynham Comprehensive School in Christchurch, Dorset, England from January to July 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.