

13. **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – MATTHEW MCNEIL, NICK SMITH, SERENA PEARCE AND CRAIG MURRAY**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board four applications for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the following applicants to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youhtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011; Matthew McNeill, 14 year old from Hoon Hay; Nick Smith, 14 year old from St Martins; Serena Pearce, 14 year old from Cashmere and Craig Murray, 13 year old from Cashmere.
3. The team became aware of their selection after winning the Regional Challenge on 12 September 2011. Their applications to the Youth Achievement Scheme fund were received in late October.
4. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for each applicant (same amounts for each applicant):

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Airfares	163
Accommodation	63
Fees (including Ferry, Meals, Island Accommodation, Instructors etc)	400
Total Cost	626
Other funding, Lions Club	62.50
Amount requested	500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. None of the applicants have ever received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
6. There is currently a balance of \$6,900 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

7. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. Yes, Community Grants (pg 176), Strengthening Communities (pg 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.108).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
13. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives: 'Increased participation of S/H residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board

- (a) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Matthew McNeil to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (b) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Nick Smith to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (c) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Serena Pearce to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (d) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Craig Murray to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For Discussion.

BACKGROUND

15. The Youthtown Get2Go Challenge is in its sixth year and is coordinated by the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC). It is intended to be an introduction to outdoor sports and further OPC challenges through the age ranges. Get2Go Challenges involve many outdoor pursuits including rock climbing, kayaking, rafting, mountain biking, orienteering and other mental or physical team challenges.
16. The applicants belong to the Cashmere High School Get2Go team that won the Regional Challenge out of over 20 teams from the Canterbury/West Coast area. The team is made up of four girls and four boys. The winning team in each of the 12 Regions have been invited to compete at the grand final on Great Barrier Island in December.
17. The team have organised their own fundraising activities together to help build on their teamwork skills. This includes car washes, sausage sizzles and an orienteering event.

Matthew McNeil

18. Matthew is involved in a range of sports however, he needed to learn new pursuits for the Get2Go Challenge including, rock climbing, rogaine and orienteering. He currently plays basketball for Cashmere High and belongs to the school cycling team. He also plays hockey for the Sydenham/Selwyn (junior merged) Hockey Club.
19. Matthew is always keen to learn more about leadership and has undertaken an extension programme through school and is also a class representative for student council. Matthew has enjoyed the challenges of learning new sports and developing new skills, especially teamwork skills, for Get2Go. He says " I have a greater appreciation of the importance of working together, supporting and encouraging my friends to believe in themselves and keep going, even when they are tired."

Nick Smith

20. Nick plays many sports including Football (soccer) for Woolston-Tech and school Orienteering and Mountain Biking. He has been involved in other aspects of each sport including captaining his football team and helping build mountain bike tracks at Halswell Quarry with the Huxster Club. This winter he also coached and refereed a year five to six football team at St Martins Primary while his school was site sharing with Linwood College.
21. Nick organised the Cashmere High Get2Go team to compete in the Canterbury Rogaine Series as a training experience leading up to the Challenge. The team came first in their grade. Nick aims to use the Get2Go Grand Final as a opportunity to improve his leadership and teamwork skills. He believes this event will help raise the profile of Cashmere High School and encourage his peers to get into outdoor activities.

Serena Pearce

22. Serena has been involved in outdoor pursuits for many years including multi-day tramps, mountain biking, orienteering and skiing. She has also started rock climbing once a week with her school climbing club. In the last two years Serena has got a place in the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Championships. Recently she has completed the North West circuit of Stewart Island which is a challenging eight day tramp.
23. Serena enjoys the healthy fun that outdoor pursuits provide and she likes to involve her peers in these activities as often as she can. She hopes that by competing in the Grand Final, this will raise the profile of outdoor activities amongst her peers. Serena is looking forward to this opportunity to develop self reliance, confidence, perseverance and individual responsibility along with teamwork skills.

Craig Murray

24. Craig has been involved in outdoor pursuits from a young age starting with skiing and tramping with the family at four years old. He skis at the Mt Olympus ski club where, after the earthquake, he helped rebuild part of the building with his brother. Craig is a keen mountain biker and last year he won the 'Overall Trophy' at the New Zealand Secondary School Mountain Bike Championships in Levin. He also volunteers his time to build mountain bike tracks in the Port Hills.
25. Craig recognises that everyone who has helped the Get2Go team also loves the outdoors and he sees this as a positive thing 'when life in the city becomes stressful'.