

**12. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – RUBY SIDDALL AND ALEXANDER IRVINE**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by Ruby Siddall, a 14 year old from Cashmere, to attend the Royal Academy of Dance New Zealand International Summer School in Wellington from 9 to 21 January 2012, and Alexander Irvine, a 15 year old from Hoon Hay, to represent the South Island at the Under 17 Basketball Tournament in Australia from 11 to 22 January 2012.
3. Alexander was advised of his selection in late September 2011, allowing him only five weeks to raise the total tour cost by the deadline in November.
4. The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested for each applicant:

- (a) Ruby Siddall

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares	80
Accommodation	650
Course Fees	910
Food	350
<b>Total Cost</b>	1,990
<b>Amount raised</b>	1,150
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>

- (b) Alexander Irvine

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares, Accommodation, entry fees	3,250
<b>Total Cost</b>	3,250
<b>Amount raised</b>	0
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. Neither applicant has 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 (page 176), Strengthening Communities (page 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (page 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 Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/programmes.'

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Allocate \$100 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Ruby Siddall towards costs associated with attending the Royal Academy of Dance New Zealand International Summer School in Wellington from 9 to 21 January 2012.
- (b) Allocate \$350 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Alexander Irvine towards costs associated with representing the South Island in the under 17 Basketball Tournament in Australia from 11 to 22 January 2012.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For Discussion.

## **BACKGROUND**

### **Ruby Siddall**

15. Ruby attends Cashmere High School and dances for Evolution School of Dance in St Albans with Nicky Falloon. She has been learning dance since she was eight years old and is currently learning Grade 6 in Ballet, Grade 2 in Contemporary, and Grade 5 in Jazz.
16. Evolution Dance school does not compete in competitions but they hold an annual performance every year in which Ruby always performs. For the last performance Ruby played in one of the lead roles. Ruby participates in three classes per week, training for a total of five hours each week. Ruby's whole dance class has registered to attend the International summer school where admittance is determined on a first-in first-served basis.
17. The International Summer School is held every four years and organised by the Royal Academy of Dance. The programme is a two week Performance Course for Vocational students who are 12 years and older and are at Intermediate Foundation level to participate in stimulating, enjoyable and worthwhile classes including Classical, Contemporary, Repertoire and Jazz. Students will get the opportunity to experience two public performances and work with professional international dancers and teachers to create original pieces of choreography in a range of dance disciplines.
18. Ruby has been involved in various fundraising efforts including a disco, selling goods and baby sitting. Ruby is also involved in Air Training Corps, plays badminton for Cashmere High and sails with the Christchurch Yacht Club.

### **Alexander Irvine**

19. Alex has played Basketball since he was seven years old and has been representing Canterbury for the past four years. He currently plays for his age group and represents Cashmere High School in the under 17 and under 20 teams. Alex practices four times a week and plays two games per week on top of his Canterbury commitments to the sport.
20. Alex's under 20 team recently came fourth in the South Island tournament and won the Canterbury tournament. Based on his recent playing form and team results, Alex was selected to represent the South Island in the under 17 tournament in Sydney and at the 'Pacific Coast Slam' in Port Macquarie (New South Wales). Teams represented at the tournaments are Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Alex's selection and the tour is organised by Basketball Pacific Incorporated which is made up of (regional) Basketball Associations that are registered with Basketball New Zealand.
21. Alex sees this opportunity as a way to gain experience and develop his game, and bring this back to his local teams. In the future Alex plans to represent Canterbury in the National Basketball League and eventually play in the United States.