

12. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – HANNAH LAWSON AND LUCY BURRIDGE

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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 Hannah Lawson, 12 year old from Beckenham and Lucy Burrige, 14 year old from Somerfield, to represent Canterbury Alpine Ice Speed Skating Club at the Australian National Short Track Competition in Melbourne from 5 to 9 October 2011.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for each applicant (same amount for each applicant):

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Racing Suit (uniform)	\$300
Entry Fee	\$145
Airfares	\$560
Ground transport	\$80
Travel Insurance	\$40
Accommodation	\$380
Extra Ice time training (22 weeks)	\$220
Total Cost	\$1,725
Amount requested per person	\$500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Both applicants have never received funding from the Spreydon/ Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
5. There is currently a balance of \$7,500 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

6. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

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

10. 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?

11. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
12. 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

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate Hannah Lawson and Lucy Burrige \$300 each from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund towards costs associated with representing Canterbury Alpine Ice Speed Skating Club at the Australian National Short Track Competition in Melbourne from 5 to 9 October 2011.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

14. The Canterbury Alpine Ice Speed Skating Club is based at the Alpine Ice Sports facility on Brougham Street and is affiliated to Ice Speed Skating New Zealand Incorporated. Ten short track skaters have been selected to represent the club at the Australian National Short Track Championships. Athletes were selected based on their previous results at the 2010 Australian Championships and more recently from their record breaking results at the Canterbury Championships. These athletes have also shown continued commitment to their club with them taking on extra training both on and off the ice.
15. Hannah has been speed skating for two years and she trains three times per week. At her first race at the South Island Championships she came second in the novice grade. Hannah aims to compete for New Zealand in the future and is looking forward to the opportunity to experience travelling to a different country. Hannah is an all-round sports person who competes well in Hockey, Cross Country running and Triathlon.
16. Lucy has been skating for one year and has shown great improvement over that time. She also trains three times per week and maintains her own gear and skates. Lucy is a keen cyclist which she believes compliments her skating well. She is also a Smoke Free Youth Ambassador and attends fortnightly meetings. Lucy believes this trip will be a 'life-learning' experience.
17. The total cost per person to compete at the Championships is \$1,725 and all skaters are committed to fundraising leading up to the trip with a garage sale, cookie sales, sausage sizzles and raffles.