

12. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON/WIGRAM COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – LUCY TOTHILL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Lucy Tohill, is a 16 year old Riccarton resident and St Margaret's College Student, seeking Community Board support to participate in the Young Blake Expedition to the Kermadecs. This trip will take place 8 – 19 August 2012.
3. Lucy Tohill has been accepted as one of thirty secondary school students from around New Zealand to travel on board HMNZ Canterbury on this expedition. The expedition has been planned by a collaboration between the Sir Peter Blake Trust, the Ministry for the Environment, the Royal New Zealand Navy, the Department for Conservation, Pew Environment Group, Experiencing Marine Reserves and LEARNZ.
4. This expedition is considered to be a once-in-a-lifetime adventure where delegates will have the opportunity to gain an understanding of the marine biodiversity of the Kermadecs, to experience life on Raoul Island with the Department of Conservation, and to develop leadership skills.
5. Lucy attended the 9th annual Sir Peter Blake Youth Enviroleaders' Forum in Auckland in April which gave staff the opportunity to select the students. Fifty were chosen to attend that forum. There she impressed the forum staff and delegates with her passion for the environment, her leadership style and the way she conducted herself through the week.
6. Lucy is passionate about drawing and writing and sees these mediums as an excellent way of communicating her experiences on the trip with her school and the wider community. She also sees this experience as an opportunity for discovery about herself and others.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The following outlines budgetary requirements for Lucy's trip.

Lucy Tohill	
Total Cost	\$500
Funds raised to date	\$0
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$500

8. It was Sir Peter Blake's vision that the best way for team members to show their commitment to a campaign was to contribute to its success. As such the Trust are asking a \$500 contribution for participants and that they work to raise the required money. This fundraising they feel will also raise awareness of the work the Trust does within her school and community.
9. Because of this, the staff recommendation is that the Community Board only partially fund the required amount and that Lucy initiates some fundraising initiatives within her school in order to fulfil the vision of Sir Peter Blake and the Trust as stated in her acceptance letter. Lucy has done no other fundraising to date, but has said that she will undertake selling baking, chocolate and drinks if necessary.
10. This is the first time the applicant has applied for funding from the Community Board.

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

11. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

13. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. Yes.

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

15. Yes, see page 172, regarding the Board funding

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

16. Yes, in alignment with the Strengthening Communities Strategy

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

17. Yes, application aligns with Council Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

18. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$100 to Lucy Tohill as a contribution towards her expenses for her expedition to the Kermadecs from the 2012/13 Youth Development Fund.