

11. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – CAMERON JAMES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Cameron James, 17 years old from St Martins, to compete in the New Zealand Open Swimming Championships in Auckland from 25 to 30 March 2012.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested by the applicant.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Return airfares	215
Accommodation and Food	500
Total cost	715
Total Requested	\$ 500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The applicant received \$250 from the 2009/10 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme to compete at the 2010 New Zealand Open Swimming Championships in Auckland. Cameron applied for \$500 from the 2010/11 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme to attend the Australian Championships but he withdrew his application as he was unable to attend.
5. There is currently a balance of \$5,500 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 Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate Cameron James \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete at the New Zealand Open Swimming Championships in Auckland from 25 to 30 March 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

14. Cameron attends Shirley Boys' High School where he was recently named Sportsman of the Year. He trains nine times a week with the AquaGym swim club and the Canterbury Development Squad. He has a long list of swimming achievements to show for all this hard work. In 2011 he placed first in 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres Backstroke at the Short Course National Champs. He also broke two Canterbury Records for Backstroke in the Open Age group at the South Island Champs in September.
15. Cameron is seeking funding this year to assist with ongoing costs for competing away from Christchurch, especially since there are no 50 metre pools due to the Earthquake. Every year he typically travels to at least three competitions for events such as the South Island and National Age group competitions as well as the New Zealand Open in Auckland.
16. Cameron is a keen sports person and is interested in waterskiing, wakeboarding and rugby. He has been swimming since he was three years old and would love to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games and Olympics. He has also set several goals for 2012 including to: win all Backstroke events for South Island Champs, place in the top 10 finals for New Zealand Opens and break the long standing Canterbury Record for Boys 17 years 200 metres Backstroke.
17. Cameron has a sausage sizzle planned for fundraising.