

## 11. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – CONNOR CLEMENT

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme. There is currently \$2,350 remaining in this fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Connor Clement, a 16 year old Riccarton High School student living in Avonhead.
3. Connor has been selected by the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers as the sole South Island student to compete in the New Zealand team in the ninth International Geography Olympiad (iGeo) to be held in Cologne, Germany during August 2012. At the local National iGeo - Maatangi Whenua Geography Competition Connor placed second in the individual and his Riccarton High School team placed first.
4. iGeo is an international geography competition held biannually in various locations around the world. Thousands of students compete in local national competitions and the very brightest are selected for the four person team that represent their respective countries. It is a unique experience for promising New Zealanders to interact with and compete against some of the worlds up and coming geographers.
5. The aims of the Olympiad are to:
  - stimulate active interest in geographical and environmental studies among young people;
  - contribute positively to debate about the importance of geography as a senior secondary school subject by drawing attention to the quality of geographical knowledge, skills and interests among young people;
  - facilitate social contacts between young people from different countries and in doing so, contribute to the understanding between nations
6. Connor Clement is very active in school sports and activities. He has represented Canterbury in football and also plays volleyball, being selected for various zone and regional teams. Conner is a part of the Gifted and Talented Program at Riccarton High School. In 2011 Conner competed and won the South Island Brain Bee Competition going on to place third in Australasia out of 5,600 students.
7. This application fits with the Board's Youth Development Criteria of 'Personal Development and Growth'.
8. Connor works part time as a cleaner. The money earned goes towards his trip to Germany. He has also submitted an application to Riccarton Rotary Youth Trust for \$750. This application is pending.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The total cost of participating in this event is \$4,500. This includes selection camp, insurance, airfares, uniforms, gifts, accommodation, Olympiad registration and food.
10. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

11. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Funding.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

12. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

13. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

14. As above.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

15. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

##### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

16. As above.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

17. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board makes a grant of \$400 to Connor Clement towards the cost of attending the International Geography Olympiad, in Cologne, Germany.