

19. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARDS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – KRYSTAL TETTINGAROTO JOY WERAHIKO AND MIKAYLA FRANCES MAY WERAHIKO

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicants Krystal Werahiko (15 years old) and Mikayla Werahiko (13 years old) of Bromley are seeking support from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to attend Softball competitions as Canterbury representatives for their respective age categories in January 2010. For Krystal this includes tournaments in Under 19 Girls in Wellington from 3 to 6 January 2010 and Hamilton for Under 17 girls from 21 to 24 January 2010. For Mikayla this includes tournaments in Oamaru for Under 15 girls on 14 to 17 January 2010 and Hamilton for Under 17 girls on 21 to 24 January 2010. Additional time is required for getting to and from each tournament amounting to 5 days in total per tournament.
3. Krystal is 15 years old and has just completed Year 11 at Aranui High School passing NCEA with 90 credits. She loves sport and plays netball, basketball and softball for the school including being placed first in the South Island Secondary School tournament in August. Krystal was awarded player of the year for netball and softball, and most improved for basketball. She also received overall sportswoman of the year. Krystal captains the netball and softball teams and has played age group Canterbury representative since she was 13 years old. This year she has been named in the Under 19 team which is a major highlight in addition to being selected for the Under 15 team. She also plays competition softball for Sydenham/Kereru Club in Under 19 grade and Premier Women's. Krystal is looking forward to playing at top competition level with the upcoming tournaments to gain more experience and to achieve good results.
4. Mikayla is 13 years old and in Year 9 at Aranui High School. She plays softball, volleyball, basketball and netball for the school. This year Mikayla was basketball player of the year for year 9 team and Best Defender for the senior team. She also represents the school successfully in volleyball for regional and South Island competitions. In netball Mikayla plays in a year 10 and senior team and also made the Under 14 Canterbury netball team. For softball Mikayla plays in the school senior team and Sydenham/Kereru Under 16's, Under 19's and Premier Women's Saturday competitions. She has made the Canterbury Under 15's and Under 17's representative teams. Mikayla plays in a lot of teams with her two sisters – Krystal, in school teams and older sister Carly who is studying at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT). Carly is a wonderful role model as she plays in the New Zealand White Sox Softball training squad and Mikayla aspires to also make the White Sox Softball team. Being selected to play at representative level in the Under 15's and Under 17's tournaments will give Mikayla the experience she needs to reach this goal.
5. Mikayla and Krystal's mother, Gail Werahiko is considered to be the most outstanding volunteer to softball beyond the teams her daughters are involved with. This includes, but is not limited to, managing two teams – the Red Hawks and the Canterbury Under 17 girls team plus she has organised the junior representative ham raffle. Her daughters are a reflection of her passion for sport, commitment and achievement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. With the decline in funding in Canterbury Softball Canterbury have had to impose, for the first time, a standard travel and accommodation subsidy of \$200 per player per tournament which is a contribution of 20 per cent of the overall costs for sending all representative teams to tournaments all over New Zealand. This has been a particularly difficult decision given their appreciation that the majority of players involved in softball are on limited incomes. Softball Canterbury has specific details for this costing and advises that this does not include meals, water and ice which will be at the expense of individuals. Any further costs incurred, such as tournament memorabilia, would be voluntary.
7. This is the first time that either applicants have applied to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board for financial support. Krystal has an after school job one day a week and has been involved in the sale of raffles whereas Mikayla does not have the time or additional energy to have a job given her age, school and sport commitments. The girls have the unequivocal support of their mother but as a one parent family on a limited income, financial resources are extremely stretched.

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

8. Yes. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Funding. There is a balance of \$7,300 in the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with Council Activities and Services, Community Support, Community Grants and Grants, pages 176 and 184, in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

11. Yes. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sports Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. Yes. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approve the applications and allocate \$250 each to Krystal Werahiko and Mikayla Werahiko funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to attend to attend softball competitions as Canterbury representatives for their respective age categories in January 2010.