

8. SPREYDON/ HEATHCOTE 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME APPLICATIONS – CAMERON JAMES, ELLIOT NOBLE, ANDREW MCCRACKEN AND MARCIA HO

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board, four applications for funding assistance from the Spreydon/ Heathcote 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the following applicants:
 - (a) Cameron James, 15 year old of St Martins, to compete at the 2010 New Zealand Open Championships (Swimming) in Auckland from 5-9 April 2010.
 - (b) Elliot Noble, 16 year old of Huntsbury, to represent the Emerging Junior Tall Blacks (basketball) on their Albert Schweitzer tour of Europe from 24 March to 11 April 2010.
 - (c) Andrew McCracken, 16 year old of Spreydon, to participate in a cricket and school exchange with Giggleswick School, Settle, England from 20 April to 13 July 2010.
 - (d) Marcia Ho, 15 year old of Somerfield, to represent Mainland Badminton at the 2010 June Bevan Badminton tournament in Perth, Australia from 4 to 10 April 2010.
3. All applications were received prior to the events taking place as required in the criteria. Elliot Noble's application was received only three weeks prior to the tour, due to the fact that he was selected late to replace a player that had pulled out.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested for each applicant:

(a) **Cameron James**

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Travel, accommodation, food	\$960
Tracksuit top uniform (required by AquaGym team)	\$90
Jammers (competitive swim shorts)	\$300
Total Cost	\$1,350
Amount raised	\$300
Amount requested	\$250

(b) **Elliot Noble**

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares	\$5,522
Entry Fees	\$414
Meals	\$253
Insurance	\$204
Physio/Medical	\$408
Ground Transport	\$75
Administration	\$259
Total Cost	\$7,135
Amount raised	\$200
Amount requested	\$500

(c) **Andrew McCracken**

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares	\$2,800
Travel Insurance	\$400
Cricket gear (Bat, pads, gloves, shoes)	\$1,360
Living Expenses	\$2,000
Total Cost	\$6,560
Amount raised	\$300
Amount requested	\$500

(d) **Marcia Ho**

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares, accommodation and tournament fee	\$3,000
Total Cost	\$3,000
Amount Raised	\$300
Amount requested	\$500

5. None of the applicants have applied for funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme within the past 12 months or have received funding more than once, as specified in the criteria.

Prior funding received by the applicants from the scheme is as follows:

- (a) This is the first time Cameron James has applied.
- (b) Elliot Noble received \$500 in July 2008 for a trip to Perth for the New Zealand under 16 Basketball team.
- (c) Andrew McCracken received \$300 in April 2009 for a cricket and school exchange in England.
- (d) This is the first time Marcia Ho has applied.

6. There is currently a balance of \$3,600 available in the 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

7. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. Yes, Community Grants (pg 176), Strengthening Communities (pg 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.108).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Application aligns with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- (a) It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$250 from the 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme to Cameron James to compete at the 2010 New Zealand Open Championships (Swimming) in Auckland from 5-9 April 2010.
- (b) It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$500 from the 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme to Elliot Noble to represent the Emerging Junior Tall Blacks (basketball) on their Albert Schweitzer tour of Europe from 24 March to 11 April 2010.
- (c) It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$350 from the 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme to Andrew McCracken, to participate in a cricket and school exchange with Giggleswick School, Settle, England from 20 April to 13 July 2010.
- (d) It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate \$350 from the 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme to Marcia Ho to represent Mainland Badminton at the 2010 June Bevan Badminton tournament in Perth, Australia from 4 to 10 April 2010.

CHAIRPERSONS' RECOMMENDATION

Report not seen by Chairperson.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANTS

Cameron James

14. Cameron attends Shirley Boys' High School and trains nine times a week with the AquaGym Swim Club and the Canterbury Development Squad. At the Canterbury Championships in January 2010, he broke two Canterbury records including one that has been held for 29 years (100m backstroke). Cameron also came first in the South Island for 15 year old 50 metres, 100 metres and 200 metres backstroke and third in 200 metres individual medley.
15. Cameron has qualified to attend the New Zealand Open Championships/Commonwealth Games Trials in Auckland and he will be competing as a member of the AquaGym swim team. The qualifying period was from 3 March 2009 to 21 March 2010 and must be ratified by Swimming Canterbury West Coast. AquaGym has organised accommodation, flights and meal coordination for the team. This is estimated to cost \$960 per team member. Each team member is also expected to pay for their own team polo shirt, tracksuit, poolside snacks and drinks.
16. The New Zealand Open Championships is held annually and is one of the key events on the national swimming competition calendar that includes age group events and short course events. Swimming New Zealand states on its website "*Competition — where every second matters, where drills and effort and focus are mandatory, where today's swim meet is a crucial stepping-stone to the next.*"
17. 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 or Olympics. When Cameron is not swimming he also helps out at the Spreydon Baptist Church's 'Kids Alive' program.
18. Cameron used part of his record breaking prize money (\$360) to pay for his competitive swim shorts. Cameron has helped fundraise for the summer training camp leading up to this event by assisting his team with a sausage sizzle outside Mitre10. He also worked over the summer to help pay for the training camp.

Elliot Noble

19. Elliot attends Cashmere High School where he plays for the Senior Boys' Basketball team and has gone on to represent Canterbury at Under 15, 16 and 17 year age level. He has represented New Zealand at Under 16 year age level and was selected as Captain of the team that travelled to Australia last year.
20. Elliot is the only person from the South Island to be selected for the Emerging Junior Tall Blacks team on the Albert Schweitzer tour. There is a team of 12 travelling athletes, two coaches, a manager and a physiotherapist attending the tour of Europe. As part of the build up, team members must attend training camps in Auckland and Wellington at their own cost. This places an extra cost on Elliot's family who live in Christchurch.
21. The Albert Schweitzer tour starts in Greece where the team plays three games versus the Greece Under 19 team. They then travel to Strasbourg, Germany to play two games versus the France Under 19 team. They then bus with the French team to Mannheim to begin Schweitzer Tournament section play against Germany, Italia and Canada.
22. Elliot's coach at Cashmere High School, Jamie Hall, states "*He was selected as Captain of [the New Zealand Under 16 team] confirming my opinion of him as leader within his peer group.*"
23. Elliot did a flyer drop in the local area and has been doing gardening work and wood stacking in order to raise \$200 so far. He has also applied to his school to run a sausage sizzle and his previous school has offered to help by running a mufti day in his honour. Elliot's family also organised a quiz night on 19 March 2010. They hope to raise a further \$800 from these activities. Fundraising has proven difficult for Elliot due to the late call up and because he is the only South Island person in the team. Some team members who live close to each other were able to do fundraising activities together.

Andrew McCracken

24. Andrew attends Cashmere High School where he is the Deputy Head Boy this year and a valued member of the Student Council. Andrew has been captain of the Cashmere High School First IX Cricket team since 2007. He has also played cricket for Sydenham since he was eight years old and currently plays for the Senior Men's Premier grade team as their opening batsman. Andrew has represented Canterbury age group teams at various tournaments in the last two years including being captain of the Under 17 Christchurch Metro Black Team last year.
25. The cricket exchange was set up through Mike Shrimpton, former New Zealand Women's Cricket Coach and Giggleswick School coach in England. Only one individual is selected to participate in the exchange per year. Andrew was selected and attended the exchange at Giggleswick School in 2009. He has since been invited back by the school for the 2010 season. Due to unforeseen circumstances Mike Shrimpton will not be attending the exchange this year. Mike fully supports Andrew participating in the exchange this year.
26. Andrew believes that going on the exchange last year was of a huge benefit to his game, helping him get selected for the Sydenham Senior Men's Premier team for the first time. Andrew hopes that this year he will improve enough to be selected for the New Zealand Under 19 team. Andrew will play for Giggleswick School First IV, the Senior Men's Village team and coach Junior School Physical Education classes.
27. Robin Bowden, President of the Rotary Club of Christchurch South states "*Andrew is a young man who has obvious leadership skills, he shows sound judgement and commitment in whatever he undertakes. He is well respected by all he comes in contact with and relates easily with all age groups.*" Andrew will continue with his Year 13 study while he is away and he will receive tutoring on Cashmere High School's curriculum.
28. Andrew has put money aside for the trip from money he has raised coaching junior cricketers for the Sydenham Club. A cricket scholarship from Giggleswick School covers all schooling expenses including accommodation at the school. However, when Andrew plays 'away games' for the Village team he must cover expenses for accommodation and food.

Marcia Ho

29. Marcia attends Middleton Grange School and has been playing badminton for just over two years. During this time Marcia has represented Canterbury in her age level and has competed at the South Island and National tournaments. Last year she won the Women's Doubles and came in the top eight at the Under 17 South Island tournament. Last year Marcia also represented Mainland Badminton (Combined South Island Associations) at the Under 17 June Bevan Tournament in Australia when the team came in sixth place.
30. Marcia has been selected to represent Mainland Badminton with nine other players at the 2010 June Bevan Tournament in Perth, Australia. This is the largest Australian national tournament on the junior calendar. The coveted June Bevan Trophy is the team's component of the competition. The format is a team's competition followed by an individual championship. Under 17 teams from Oceania are invited to this National Championships and in 2005, apart from the regular participation by three New Zealand regional teams, a combined Oceania team entered for the first time with players from Samoa and Fiji.
31. Lyndsay Dick, General Manager for Badminton Canterbury says "*Marcia is a dedicated Badminton player and is passionate about her sport.*" This year Marcia aims to be number one in the South Island and make the top eight at the National tournament in October.
32. Marcia has fundraised \$300 by running a sausage sizzle. Mainland Badminton and Badminton New Zealand have applied to other funding agencies to help reduce the cost of travel and playing shirts.