

**9. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2009/10 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME APPLICATION –
CALLUM DUDSON**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for \$500 by 16 year old Callum Dudson of Beckenham, to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board from its 2009/10 Youth Achievement Fund.
2. The request is for \$500 towards the cost of Callum travelling to Taipei, Taiwan and competing in the International Geography Olympiad.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The request for funding is to recognise and support Callum Dudson represent New Zealand in a team of four competing in an international geography event. The International Geography Olympiad is an international competition held in different countries every two years that awards the best team of 16 to 19 year old geography students. The New Zealand team is selected through regional and national competitions. The Olympiad hosts teams from over 100 countries, subjecting them to a three part competition over five days that includes a written test, multimedia test, and a field work exercise. A geographical poster presentation and a cultural presentation are also required. The event is organised by an international task force and this year it is being held in Taipei, Taiwan from 29 July to 4 August 2010.
4. Callum Dudson is a Year 12 student of Shirley Boy's High School. He is 16 years old and resides in Beckenham. In 2009 Callum was a team member contributing to the Shirley Boy's High win at the New Zealand Geography Quiz championships in Wellington when he was studying this topic for the first year. In addition his performance ranked him second best in the country. Next, he performed so well at the final training and selection weekend at Canterbury University for the current, and immediate past, best four national competitors, that Callum was chosen to join the 2010 New Zealand team to represent New Zealand at the Taipei Olympiad.
5. Callum has been part of the Shirley Boys High gifted and talented programme since beginning in year 9 and also represented the school in history in 2009. Other areas of interest that Callum has achieved in are the Air Training Corps that builds youth leadership, where he has achieved the rank of Corporal; and the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme where he is completing the Bronze level award. He has contributed recent voluntary work to the Red Cross and the Air Force Museum. On the sports front Callum plays soccer for Cashmere Wanderers, and enjoys skiing. His future career ambition is to become a pilot.
6. Callum is supported with this application by the Head of Geography at Shirley Boys High who cites the "huge honour" this means for Callum and Christchurch. The Headmaster has written Callum a letter of support expressing congratulations and that "this is a fine a achievement and your school is very proud of you". Callum's world class selection was show cased to the community in the Christchurch Mail in early March 2010.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support. Callum is working part time and fund raising with school support to raise a total of at least \$2,800 to travel and take part in the event. This figure includes accommodation, registration, travel insurance, uniforms, and meals. It was set by the New Zealand Board of Geography Teachers.

FUNDRAISING	TARGETS
Part time job (paper round ongoing)	\$300
Raffles (to be completed, family)	\$300
Quiz event (to be completed, family)	\$500
SBHS Student Council (\$500 confirmed)	\$200
Shirley Rotary Club (decision May - confirmed)	\$500
Total:	\$1,300
Remaining shortfall:	\$1,500
Amount Requested from Community Board	\$500

8. There is a total of \$1,700 (as at 30/5/10) remaining in the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Fund.

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

9. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans by supporting the individual participating in community life and contributing to removing barriers to participation.

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

12. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. This application aligns with the following Council Strategies:
- Strengthening Communities Strategy
 - Youth Strategy
14. This application meets the criteria of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Youth Achievement Scheme, and also helps to meet the following Community Board objective:
- Improve social well-being in Spreydon Heathcote

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board makes a grant of \$450 from its 2009/10 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Callum Dudson to assist him to represent New Zealand at the 2010 International Geography Olympiad.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.