

13. APPLICATION TO THE RICCARTON WIGRAM 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – SARAH LOUISE MCSWEENEY

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Community Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Sarah Louise McSweeney is a 20 year old university student who has lived in Ilam for three years and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Cairns to represent New Zealand at the Oceania Athletics Championships. This trip will take place from 23 to 25 September 2010.
3. Sarah is a member of the Canterbury University Athletics Club and has competed in athletics at New Zealand level since 2003. Sarah balances her daily training commitments along with her university study and part time work and attends weekly camps and or competitions as well.
4. Sarah's most recent achievements include a second place in both the 5,000 metres and 3,000 metres steeplechase in NZ in 2010. Sarah has also won and placed in numerous steeplechase races in both NZ and Australia at the under 20 level and is the current NZ record holder of the Women's 16 and Women's 18 steeplechase. Sarah's future goals include winning at the Oceania Championships, qualifying for the 2011 World University Games, the 2014 Commonwealth Games and to also complete her studies.
5. Although Sarah must commit daily to her sport, she will also continue to study and work part time to help finance her trips. Unfortunately Sarah will receive no financial support from Athletics NZ or the Academy of Sport, as this event is not considered as high a priority this year compared with the Commonwealth Games. She would appreciate any financial assistance from the community board.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

SARAH LOUISE MCSWEENEY	
EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	844
Entry Fee	195
Accommodation	211
Total Cost	\$1,250
Amount Requested from the Community Board	500

7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board's Youth Development fund.
8. As at 22 September 2010 there was an unallocated balance of \$4,200 in the Riccarton/Wigram 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

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

9. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

12. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Board support the application and allocate \$350 to Sarah Louise McSweeney, as a contribution towards her expenses for her trip to Cairns from the 2010/11 Youth Development Fund.