

8. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2010/11 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – CAMERON JAMES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board an application for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Cameron James, 16 year old from St Martins, to compete at the Australian Age (Swimming) Championships in Adelaide from 16 to 25 April 2011.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for Cameron James:

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation	\$650
Airfares	\$750
Ground Transport	\$100
Food	\$500
Insurance	\$50
Entries	\$100
Managers Cost (shared by 21)	\$154
Total Cost	\$2,304
Amount raised (as a team, per person)	\$154
Amount requested	\$500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Cameron received \$250 from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2009/10 Youth Achievement scheme to compete in the New Zealand Open Championships for Swimming in Auckland.
5. There is currently an unallocated balance of \$4,950 available in the 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

Do the recommendations of this report align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

6. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. Yes.

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

10. 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?

11. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
12. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives: 'Increased participation of Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board allocate Cameron James \$350 from its 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to assist Cameron to compete at the Australian Age (Swimming) Championships in Adelaide from 16 to 25 April 2011.

CHAIRPERSON RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

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. He has a long list of swimming achievements to show for all this hard work. Most recently he came first in 100 metres and 200 metres Backstroke at the New Zealand Age Championships and he broke two Canterbury age group records.
15. Following on from winning his national age group events, Cameron and his coach would like to see how he competes against the world's best, the Australians. There will be 14 swimmers, two coaches and a manager from his club going to the event. Cameron knows this is a fantastic opportunity that does not come easy but he says it will be a 'great honour'. He loves to compete and win, as he sees it as a reward for all his hard work. Cameron's swimming calendar will be very busy in 2011 with four domestic competitions throughout the year and a training camp in January.
16. 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 and Olympics. His short-term goals for 2011 are to win the Canterbury A's and break regional records for his age group in Backstroke. He also wants to obtain national age group records and compete internationally.
17. Cameron has many fundraising activities planned with the team including selling kindling, running sausage sizzles, a carwash, organising a school dance and a garage sale.