

9. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2010/11 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – CRAIG BENNETT

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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 Craig Bennett, 24 year old from Hillsborough, to represent New Zealand in Basketball at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece in June 2011.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for Craig Bennett:

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation and Food	\$570
Airfares	\$4,127
Clothing/ Footwear/ laundry	\$1,845
Insurance	\$245
Registration	\$165
Venue Hire	\$40
Luggage and storage	\$515
Total Cost	\$7,507
Other grants (Sport Canterbury)	\$500
Amount raised (as a team, per person)	\$2,479
Amount requested	\$500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Craig has never received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
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 Board allocate Craig Bennett \$500 from the 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme fund towards costs associated with Craig representing New Zealand at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens, Greece in June 2011.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

Craig Bennett

14. Craig has been a member of Special Olympics Canterbury for eight years where he plays basketball, aquatics and athletics. Craig started playing basketball at Linwood College and he now plays in an open grade social team as well as playing for Special Olympics.
15. At the Special Olympics National Games last summer Craig won gold for basketball in the Skills Division and a bronze in the Games Division. Six athletes from Special Olympics Canterbury, including Craig, have been selected to represent New Zealand in Athens at the World Summer Games. New Zealand has a team of 36 athletes, 12 coaches and five management staff attending the games. Craig's Canterbury coach is the coach of the Special Olympics New Zealand Basketball team.
16. The New Zealand team's itinerary starts with a five day training camp near Athens and a five day 'Host Town' programme on the island of Rhodes. Through a series of sporting, cultural and artistic events, the athletes will experience the Greek culture and learn to adapt to the environment, before the games. The Opening Ceremony will be on 25 June at the Olympic Stadium and this will be the biggest sporting event in the world in 2011. It will draw 7,500 athletes from 185 countries who will compete in 22 sports.
17. Special Olympics is an international organisation that changes lives by encouraging and empowering people with intellectual disabilities, promoting acceptance for all, and fostering communities of understanding and respect worldwide. More than 5,400 people throughout New Zealand participate in 14 Olympic-type sports offered by Special Olympics New Zealand.
18. Craig appreciates the huge difference the Special Olympics coaches have made in his basketball development and his life in general. Craig has had a full-time job at a bakery for the last four years. Craig also enjoys music, TV, DVD's, games and working out at the gym. In the future he aims to win a gold medal at the World Games.