

9. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2010/11 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – HAMISH SCHREURS

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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 Hamish Schreurs, 17 year old from Cashmere, to represent New Zealand in the Under 19 Road Cycling development squad at the Australian U19 Road Champs, Tour of Toowoomba and the Canadian Nations Cup 'Tour de l'Abitibi' in July 2011.
3. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for Hamish Schreurs:

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Australian Accommodation, Flights, Entry fee	\$4,500
Canadian Accommodation, Flights, Entry fee	\$7,000
Total Cost	\$11,500
Amount raised (as a team, per person)	\$2,000
Amount requested	\$500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Hamish has never received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
5. There is currently a balance of \$2,950 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 S/H residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate Hamish Schreurs \$500 from the 2010/11 Youth Achievement Scheme fund towards costs associated with representing New Zealand in the Under 19 Road Cycling development squad at the Australian U19 Road Champs, Tour of Toowoomba and the Canadian Nations Cup 'Tour de l'Abitibi' in July 2011.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

Hamish Schreurs

14. Hamish has been cycling for three years, and has recently left school, committing himself totally to the sport and working part-time to fund it. This year, he set a goal to make the squad that travels to Canada, and achieved it. Next year he wants to make the squad that will go to the Junior World Championships. He aims to have a career as a professional cyclist.
15. Hamish was not able to work at his part-time job for five weeks after the February earthquake and is seeking assistance from the Board.
16. He cycles for Benchmark Homes Cycling which is a semi-professional cycling team under the umbrella and major sponsor of Benchmark Homes and formed by the Youth Cycling Development Trust. Hamish cycles on both track and road and is described as dedicated, determined and well-rounded by his two (application) referees. Hamish's coach identifies him as a good team player and acknowledges his ability to support the number one rider while sacrificing his own chances. The coach has placed him as a category 1 rider for the up and coming programme because of his 'exceptional ability and his power profile'.
17. BikeNZ selected a large number of riders for the road and track development squads, and says that it is a reflection of the quality and depth of riders competing in the sport. The development squads will take part in a range of international events but, they will come together in the first instance for the major NZ camp in Taranaki over Queens Birthday weekend.
18. Hamish's team is fundraising by running a cycling race over nine weeks.