

15. **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2012/13 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – SAMANTHA BROWN, TESSA STEEL, NICK SMITH, LAURA STEFFENS, FELICITY LOWEN, NATHAN CHAI, JIBRAAN SAFI AND HEJRATULLAH KHAN.**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports
Author:	Sarah Benton, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- The purpose of this report is to present to the Board eight applications for funding assistance from the Spreydon/ Heathcote 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Funding is being sought by the following applicants:
 - Samantha Brown, 14 years old from Cracroft, to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Basketball at the national tournament in Wellington from 8 to 12 October 2012.
 - Tessa Steel, 13 years old from Cashmere, to compete at level five rhythmic gymnastics at the Gymsports New Zealand national championships in Dunedin from 9 to 13 October 2012.
 - Nick Smith, 14 years old from St Martins, to represent New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Tasmania from 20 to 30 September 2012.
 - Laura Steffens, 16 years old from Hillsborough, to compete in the Under 19 years age group at the Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final in Auckland on 21 October 2012.
 - Felicity Lowen, 14 years old from Murray Aynsley, to compete at the New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships in Wellington from 30 September to 4 October 2012.
 - Nathan Chai 12 years, Jibraan Safi 13 years and Hejratullah Khan 14 years all from Hoon Hay, to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.
- The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested by each applicant:

a) Samantha Brown

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares, accommodation, transport, uniform hire and tournament fees	\$ 795
Total cost	\$ 795
Total raised	\$ 35
Total Requested	\$ 500

b) Tessa Steel

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Level 5 Entry Fee	\$ 120
Accommodation	\$ 360
Transport (petrol plus van hire in Dunedin)	\$ 100
Uniform (for competition and non-playing)	\$ 343.40
Officials expenses	\$ 90
Total cost	\$ 1, 013.40
Total raised	\$ 0
Total Requested	\$ 500

c) Nick Smith

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Flights	\$ 933.73
Accommodation and ground transport	\$ 1,130
Insurance	\$ 60
Event Entry	\$ 147
Total cost	\$ 2,270.73
Total raised	\$ 0
Total Requested	\$ 500

d) Laura Steffens

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
International Race Licence	\$ 195
Race Entry Fee	\$ 495
Airfares	\$ 312
Accommodation	\$ 595
Total cost	\$ 1,597
Total raised	\$ 300
Total Requested	\$ 500

e) Felicity Lowen

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Flights	\$ 158
Accommodation	\$ 220
Meals	\$ 330
Ground transport	\$ 100
Coach and Team Manager Expenses	\$ 175
Total cost	\$ 983
Total raised	\$ 100
Total Requested	\$ 500

f) Nathan Chai, Jibraan Safi and Hejratullah Khan

EXPENSES (EACH)	Cost (\$)
Accommodation	\$ 140
Food	\$ 40
Travel to Nelson	\$ 80
Uniform	\$ 150
Total cost	\$ 410
Total raised	\$ 75
Total Requested	\$ 335

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- Nick Smith received \$250 from the 2011/12 Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme to compete at the National Get2Go Challenge. None of the other applicants have received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
- There is currently a balance of \$6,300 available in the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

- Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

15 Cont'd

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

15 Cont'd

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 178), Strengthening Communities (pg 174), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.110).

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 Samantha Brown \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Basketball at the national tournament in Wellington from 8 to 12 October 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Tessa Steel \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete at level five rhythmic gymnastics at the Gymsports New Zealand national championships in Dunedin from 9 to 13 October 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Nick Smith \$350 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering at the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Tasmania from 20 to 30 September 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Laura Steffens \$350 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete in the Under 19 years age group at the Barfoot and Thompson World Triathlon Grand Final in Auckland on 21 October 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Felicity Lowen \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to compete at the New Zealand Short Course Swimming Championships in Wellington from 30 September to 4 October 2012.

15 Cont'd

It is recommended that the Board allocate Nathan Chai \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Jibraan Safi \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.

It is recommended that the Board allocate Hejratullah Khan \$250 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Canterbury Metro Under 65 kilograms Rugby at the South Island tournament in Nelson from 21 to 23 September 2012.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

15 Cont'd

BACKGROUND

Samantha Brown

14. Samantha was selected for Canterbury Under 15 years Basketball team in May. The team won the South Island U15 Premiership in Nelson which qualified them for the Nationals. The team trains every Sunday and whenever they can get indoor court space, which is in short supply since the earthquakes. Samantha is fundraising by doing odd jobs for her family.

Tessa Steel

15. Tessa attends Cashmere High School and does rhythmic gymnastics at Olympia Gymnastic Sports. She has been doing rhythmic gymnastics for three years and is currently in level five, training nine hours a week. Last year Tessa came second in the New Zealand national championships and is hoping to get another placing this year. This year she has placed first in Christchurch and Canterbury, and third in the South Island. Tessa is also interested in physical education, health and nutrition at school. Last year she also won the school Cross Country event for the seventh time in a row.

Nick Smith

16. Nick attends Cashmere High School and has been involved in orienteering for several years. He has been to the last two New Zealand Secondary School championships representing Cashmere High School. This year his team came first in the 'small schools' category and as a result of his performance he was selected for the New Zealand schools team. Nick is also involved in the Cashmere High School Get2Go team that won the regional competition for the last two years. Recently he also took part in the Mount Isobel Challenge (duathlon) where he and his partner won the junior section. Nick was informed of his selection only two months prior to the trip and is fundraising through sausage sizzles and doing odd jobs for his family.

Laura Steffens

17. Laura attends St Andrews College on a music scholarship where she is also a high achiever in Cross Country, Track events, Duathlon and Triathlon. Laura has a long list of achievements at the Canterbury secondary school level over the past two years including placing first in various Duathlon and Triathlon events, and placing second in 3000m Track, Road Race and Cross Country. This year she placed first in the South Island and fourth in New Zealand in the secondary school senior girls Triathlon. Her coach believes Laura has a great running ability and that she has been working on her swimming and cycling to become a well rounded athlete. Laura has also been selected for the New Zealand Triathlon Subway Youth Academy. She is involved in her community by volunteering at multisport events and fundraising functions for Jolt mixed ability dance group. Despite the World Triathlon Grand Final being in Auckland the cost is higher than domestic events due to the international race licence and entry fee. Laura is saving toward the trip by working part-time.

Felicity Lowen

18. Felicity attends Cashmere High School and has been a member of the Aquagym Swim Cub since 2008 where she trains seven times per week. Last year Felicity became the 12 year old female record holder in 50 metre Freestyle, 200 metre Freestyle Relay and 200 metre Medley Relay for Canterbury West Coast. Last year she also achieved first place in Primary Sports Canterbury for 50 metre Freestyle and 50 metre Butterfly. At the South Island Secondary School championships this year she placed first in 50 metre Freestyle and 100 metre Freestyle and third in two Butterfly events. Felicity placed second overall at the South Island championships. She has qualified for the New Zealand Opens for 50 metre Freestyle. Felicity has also achieved placings in various events at the National Surf Life Saving championships. She has been saving for the trip by doing babysitting and odd jobs.

15 Cont'd

Nathan Chai, Jibraan Safi and Hejratullah Khan

19. Nathan, Jibraan and Hejratullah all attend Manning Intermediate School and have been selected to play for Canterbury Metro Rugby Under 65 kilograms. The team aims to win the South Island Tournament which involves four pool games in Nelson concluding with a tournament in Lincoln. The team will be training on Sundays and Tuesdays at Hagley Park as some of the players are still involved in club rugby. Each player is given a uniform but this will cost \$150 each. The team coordinators are organising a raffle for each player to sell tickets with 50 per cent of the money going back towards the uniform costs. Selling raffle tickets is not always easy for children living in lower socio-economic areas and, even though the trip costs are kept low, families on a fixed budget can struggle to find extra funds.

Nathan plays rugby for both Manning Intermediate and the Suburbs Rugby Club. He was surprised to be selected but he and his parents are proud of his achievement. Jibraan is from Afghanistan and has been in New Zealand for five years. His favourite sport is rugby and he has been playing for two years. He was nervous about trialling for the Canterbury team and his family are proud of him. Hejratullah has been in New Zealand for two years and this is his first year playing rugby. He wants to play for a bigger team in the future.