

9. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2012/13 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – SHELDON OGILVIE AND SAMUEL LEES.

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Funding is being sought by the following applicants:
 - Sheldon Ogilvie, 14 years old from Spreydon, to represent Fencing New Zealand at the Asian Junior and Cadet Fencing championships in Bali from 30 September to 8 October 2012. Sheldon did not receive notification of his selection until 29 August, only four weeks prior to his event.
 - Samuel Lees, 14 years old from Huntsbury, to represent Canterbury Under 15 years Basketball at the national tournament in Wellington from 8 to 12 October 2012.
- The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested by each applicant:

- Sheldon Ogilvie

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Federation Internationale D'Escrime - Licence	\$ 70
Airfares	\$ 2,088
Share of coaches expenses	\$ 1,000
Travel Insurance	\$ 150
Accommodation	\$ 600
Total cost	\$ 3,908
Total raised	\$ 0
Total Requested	\$ 500

- Samuel Lees

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares, accommodation, transport, uniform hire and tournament fees	\$ 795
Total cost	\$ 795
Total raised	\$ 150
Total Requested	\$ 500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- None of the 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.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 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 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

(a) It is recommended that the Board allocate Sheldon Ogilvie \$350 from the 2012/13 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to represent Fencing New Zealand at the Asian Junior and Cadet Fencing championships in Bali from 30 September to 8 October 2012.

(b) It is recommended that the Board allocate Samuel Lees \$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.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

Sheldon Ogilvie

14. Sheldon attends Cashmere High School and has been fencing for the last three and a half years. He currently trains six times per week and in recent years he has been involved in two high performance training camps during the summer holidays. In 2012 Sheldon has placed second in Epee at the Christchurch Secondary School Championships; second in Epee at the U15 New Zealand Championships; third in Epee at the U20 New Zealand Championships; and second at the U15 Australian Championships in Sydney.
15. Sheldon will be competing in Epee at the Asian Junior and Cadet Fencing championships in Bali with his coach and two other fencing athletes from Christchurch. Each country can enter four competitors to each individual event and one team of four competitors to each team event, therefore a maximum of 48 competitors. Sheldon's coach believes the Asian championships will be an important event to gain exposure and competition experience that is not available in New Zealand. It will also help him progress towards gaining a world ranking and eventually qualify to go to the Junior Olympics in 2014.
16. Sheldon has not been able to fundraise due to the short time frame he has had since being selected. In the future he plans to gain more experience overseas and get selected for Oceania to go to the 2014 Junior Olympics 2014.

Samuel Lees

17. Samuel attends Middleton Grange School and has been playing basketball for seven years for his school and the Pioneer Basketball Club. He made the Canterbury representative team for the first time when he was ten years old and has made age group representative teams ever since. This year he is in the Canterbury Under 15 team that won the South Island competition in order to qualify for the national tournament in October.
18. Samuel coaches a Year 7 and 8 (10-12 year olds) team at school and also referees for this age group. He enjoys this perspective of the game and seeing the younger players improve. Outside of basketball, Samuel has represented his school in cross country and athletics. He has played football in the past but is now focusing on basketball.
19. Samuel has put money aside from his part-time job and has raised money through selling second hand goods. In the future he hopes to get a scholarship to play college basketball in the United States of America.