

# Community Funding Sub-Committee

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WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Notice of Meeting

A meeting of the Community Funding Sub-Committee will be held  
in the Council Chamber, Forum North, Whangarei on:

**Wednesday  
10 March 2010  
11.00 am**

Sub-committee of  
Finance and Support Committee

### Vision Statement

To be a vibrant, attractive and thriving District  
by developing sustainable lifestyles based around  
our unique environment; the envy of New Zealand  
and recognised world wide.

### Committee

Cr W L Syers (Chairperson)  
Cr S J Deeming  
Cr G M Martin  
Cr M R Williams

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# 1. School Scholarship Grants - 2009/2010

**Reporting Officer:** Jenny Teeuwen (Community Services & Funding Officer)  
**Date:** 15 December 2009

## ***Vision, Mission and Values***

*Supporting local youth by offering assistance to further their education.*

## ***Local Government Act 2002 – The Four Well-Beings***

***Cultural:*** *Supporting a culture of continuing education for local youth.*

***Economic:*** *Easing financial pressure on local youth who wish to continue with post secondary education.*

***Environmental:*** *No direct link.*

***Social:*** *Creating further opportunities for local youth to undertake study at tertiary institutions across New Zealand.*

## **Introduction**

School scholarships for the 2009/2010 financial year have now been awarded in accordance with council's Community Funding Policy.

## **Background**

Grants of \$1,000 each are awarded to a student from eight participating secondary schools within the Whangarei District. Each of the schools chooses their own scholarship recipient. Whangarei District Council School Scholarship certificates are presented to the recipients at their end of year school prize giving.

The recipients receive payment for the scholarship once they have provided to the Whangarei District Council proof of payment for their chosen course of study.

Recipients undertake to provide feedback to Council at the end of their first year of study outlining their progress with their chosen course.

## **2009/2010 School Scholarship Recipients**

The scholarship recipients for 2009/2010 are:

- |                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| • Bream Bay College           | Meghan Tothill |
| • Kamo High School            | Saskia Webber  |
| • Mangakahia Area School      | Rochelle Lomas |
| • Pompallier Catholic College | Babes Rubio    |
| • Tauraroa Area School        | Tracey Morgan  |
| • Tikipunga High School       | Tilly Stewart  |
| • Whangarei Boys High School  | Simon Davies   |
| • Whangarei Girls High School | Emma Smith     |

## 2008/2009 Recipient Feedback Reports

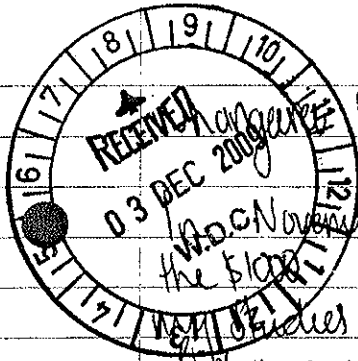
Feedback reports have been received from the seven of the eight students who uplifted their scholarship grants in 2008/2009. These are attached (see attachment). All efforts to locate and contact the 8th student (from Mangakahia Area School) were unsuccessful.

### Recommendation

That the information be received.

### Attachment:

[2008/2009 Recipient Feedback Reports](#)



## District Council Scholarship 2009

During the year 2008 I was lucky enough to be awarded the \$1000 District Council Scholarship from the Invercargill District Council - for the year 2009. As 2009 commenced I began my first year course at the University of Otago. My major at the beginning of the year was Biochemistry; this included taking papers mostly in human sciences and chemistry areas. Unfortunately in semester 1 I discovered that chemistry was not my forte as I had hoped, thus, not gaining a high enough mark to continue with the Biochemistry major. But as one door closed several more opened for me, and I discovered in the biology area my strengths so decided to change my major to Zoology. This played much to my strengths and enjoyment and my new goal is to major in Zoology with Honours and then all going well carry on to do my Masters in Zoology.

During this year I have also had the privilege of staying at the oldest, first established hall in Dunedin, Selwyn College. Selwyn has provided for me many opportunities and blessed me with some unforgettable memories which it not for the help of the Scholarship would not have been possible. A highlight at the year for me was the Selwyn College Annual High Tea, a very formal and traditional occasion - with guest speaker Dunedin mayor Mr. Peter Chin who is an ex-resident of Selwyn and an excellent singer!

My Results for 2009 are as follows:

✓ Semester 1

HUBS 191 (Human Body Systems I): B-

CELS 191 (Cellular Processes): C+

CHEM 191 (Foundations of Chemistry): E

✓ Semester 2

HUBS 192 (Human Body Systems II): C, BIOL 112 (Animal Biology): B+

PSYC 112 (Human Thought & Language): B-

STAT 115 (Bio Statistics): C-

My Intended Courses and papers for 2010  
 Major in Zoology and Anatomy

Papers include:

3 Zoology Papers

2 Anatomy papers

1 Ecology paper

1 Language (Interest) paper in Chinese (foundations of Chinese  
 - reading, writing and speaking)

Thank-you very much for the scholarship it has  
 helped a tremendous amount this year.

Yours Sincerely

Letisha Nicholas - 2008 Wanganui District Council  
 Scholarship recipient at Brown Bay College.

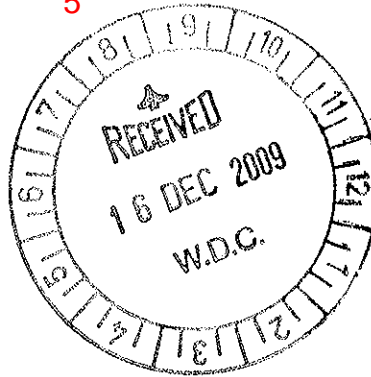
Jenny Teuwen

Kamo High

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3 December 2009

Jenny Teeuwen  
Property & Community Services  
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Dear Jenny and whoever else this may concern

This letter is in regard to the **2009 Whangarei District Council School Scholarship** that I so gratefully received.

This year I was in Palmerston North studying a Bachelor of Nursing at Massey University. So far the course is amazing and to my relief exactly what I am called to do! It is so exciting knowing that after one fast year, I am now one third of a nurse!

The course is a mixture of theory and practical-the practical involving 10 weeks of placement in various rest homes. Next year placement will involve some hospital, community and mental health work! My grades from my first semester were A, A-, B+ and B+ and am still waiting on second semester results.

The nursing course has turned out to be quite expensive in terms of extra costs such as uniform, books (more so than other courses), transport, insurance and nursing utilities (stethoscope, thermometer etc). So I would like to take the opportunity to thank Whangarei District Council very much for the scholarship I received as it relieved the financial load considerably. It gave me peace of mind as I did not have to worry as much about whether or not I could afford the next unexpected fee that often comes with this particular course.

Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the given address or on 0278403615.

Again, thanks very much for the help and support!

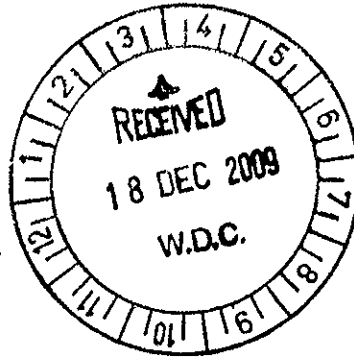
Regards

*DM. Amosa*

Donna-Maria Amosa  
STUDENT NURSE: MASSEY UNIVERSTIY

14 December 2009

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Dear Jenny,

I am writing this letter, in appreciation of the School Scholarship, I received from the Whangarei District Council this year.

In 2009 I attended Waikato University where I studied a conjoint degree in primary teaching and sport and leisure studies. I have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from the course I am studying and I am excited about continuing these degrees next year.

The highlights of the year for me have been the practical experiences of teaching every Monday morning throughout the university year. I was placed in a classroom at a local school and was able to watch and learn from different teaching styles. This also helped to build my confidence as a teacher. At the end of the year I completed my four-week practicum at Hurupaki Primary School. I really felt that this experience helped me to understand the larger picture of the teaching role and the difference that teachers can make in the life of a child. I intend to come back to teach in Whangarei once I am fully qualified.

Overall I am very pleased with my grades, especially since it was my first year at university and away from home. Although I am still waiting for my final marks, I know that they have been of above average level throughout the year and I have excelled in a few particular areas such as mathematics, science and physical education.

I would like to thank you once again for the scholarship as it has contributed significantly to making this year a success for me.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and I hope that you have an enjoyable summer.

Regards,

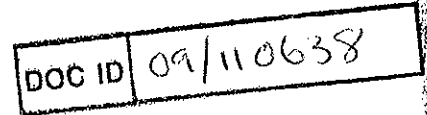
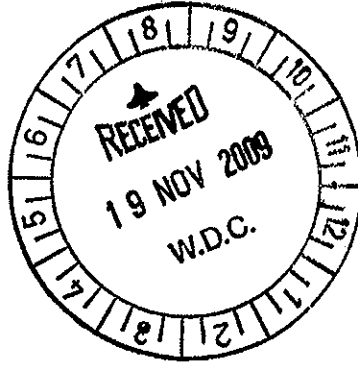
Maaike McKernan



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10 November 2009

Jenny Teeuwen  
Property & Community Services  
Whangarei District Council  
Private Bag 9023  
Whangarei



Dear Jenny,

I write to you at the end of a busy and productive first year at Otago university studying music. In this letter, I wish to thank the Whangarei District Council for the financial support that was kindly granted to me this time last year. The thousand dollars went a long way to alleviate my financial stresses and it paid for a portion of my living costs at Arana college.

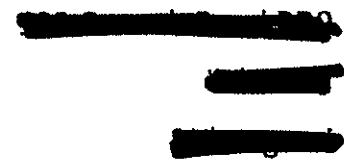
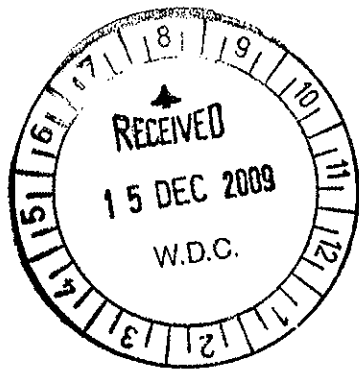
Over the past ten months I have grown in many ways, not only just by gaining the infamous "Fresher Five", but also in confidence, organisational skills and life skills. The performance element of my music course has allowed me to come out of my shell as a performer, and through study of music theory I have gained a much deeper understanding of the anatomy and art of musical works. I have also been exposed to other musicians and like-minded people which for me is a great opportunity and has been thoroughly enjoyable.

Once again I would like to thank you for your support. I am looking forward to returning to Otago University in 2010 to further my studies.

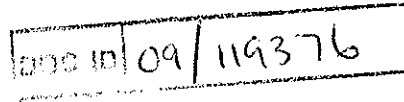
Kind regards,

Nathan Hamer

Tikipunga High

11<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Dear Jenny,



First of all I would like to thank you again for choosing me as a recipient of your Scholarship for 2009. My first year of my chosen course, Bachelor of Visual Arts went extremely well, and am so glad that I have pursued it. When we first began the course we were informed of the structure and what would be happening, and we were told that we would have 4 week sections in each of ; Painting, Sculpture, Photography, and Printmaking. Within these 4 week sections we had a brief to follow. These sections really gave an insight as to what would be on offer (when we chose our major!) After trying all of these I decided to continue on with Painting for the next 2 ½ years. I chose this because painting is definitely my passion, and thoroughly enjoy it! Along with this we also had 2 essays to complete throughout the year based on the lectures we had every Friday. For both of these essays I achieved a B+ and a B grade. We also received tutorials every Friday after our lectures with a tutor which were a big help, considering writing wasn't really my strongpoint, and the theory behind art is a lot more complex than meets the eye, which I learnt very quickly! My overall grade for the year was a B+ (achievement with merit).

The amount of knowledge and skills that I have gained over this year is incredible, and I am definitely looking forward to getting back into it next year. The best thing by far that happened throughout the year was our final Exhibition where we had selected works up for display, having members of the public come through and ask questions about the work and ideas we had behind it. It really felt like we were all artists having our own Exhibition. Also the anticipation of finding out what the results were after each section, seeing all the hard work that was put in. I've also met a lot of new people and have made many new friends!

I'm back in Whangarei again, currently working fulltime to start getting ready for next year, (fees, painting tools, and rent!) I'm still painting even though I'm back

home, I just can't seem to get enough of it, and also have started some photography as well, which is definitely keeping me busy.

Once again I can't thank you enough for choosing me as a recipient, it really made a difference to my first year and am so happy that I got chosen! Thanks for all that you have done, and I hope that more young people in Whangarei get the opportunity that I have had, and get the chance to pursue their dreams.

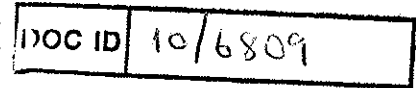
Many Thanks,

Sheridan Mellor

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Jenny Teeuwen  
 Property & Community Services  
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 Whangarei



Dear Jenny,

Throughout my 2009 academic year I studied at Otago University with the goal of getting into physiotherapy for 2010. I left early to go down to Dunedin to complete a bridging chemistry course as my marks were not satisfactory after year 13. This course was good as it got me used to university life without the masses of people who would arrive a few weeks later.

Orientation week came and went and a lot of new names were learnt from the people in my hall. Semester one started and the big time started; 16 hours of lectures and 6 hours of labs each week kept me very busy. I passed all the term's tests for: Human Body Systems, Cell Biology, Biological Physics and Organic Chemistry, this I thought kept me in good stead for the end of semester exams. With increased study I went into exams confident. Unfortunately my marks showed otherwise. While I passed Human Body Systems, Cell Biology and Biological Physics the marks were lower than I expected to achieve and I had failed Chemistry, my Achilles heel from high school continued to ruin my life plans. With this I was out of the running to become a physiotherapist in Otago in 2010.

Second semester started, but with a feeling of a lot less pressure now I was out of the running. I was now studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in Anatomy. At this time I also applied to Auckland University of Technology to study physiotherapy up there as there is no chemistry paper to sit and my goal is to still be a physiotherapist. To get into second year Bachelor of Science majoring in Anatomy I still had to pass a chemistry paper and the second Human Body Systems paper with 2 papers of my choice which were an Epidemiology paper and a Māori paper. But yet again, at the end of semester exams I could not pass the chemistry paper.

This has now left me waiting to hear back from the Auckland University of Technology to see if I am in yet or not, if not I will take a gap year and reassess my options and probably apply again in 2011.

Throughout 2009 I gained many new friends, life skills learning how to live with other people, and got a similar name for myself in the Otago road cycling club as I have in Whangarei. I have learnt a lot more about the real world, and although my marks do not show it, 2009 was anything but a waste.

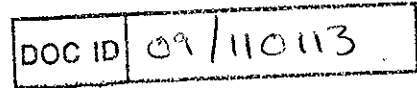
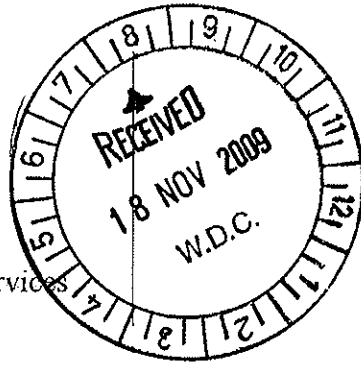
Yours sincerely,

*R. GRIERSON*  
 Roger Grierson

09/102207

11 November 2009

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### Whangarei District Council School Scholarship 2009

Gaining the Whangarei District Council Scholarship has enabled me to study a Bachelor of Arts course this year at Waikato University. I have taken papers in English, Geography, History, Humanities, Sociology and Education Studies. I have thoroughly enjoyed all my papers and learnt so much. Through the Bachelor of Arts course I have been exposed to an exciting world of new ideas and people, which has helped me open my mind and think critically about many things. In my first semester I got an A plus in English, an A in Geography, an A minus in Sociology and a B in History. Based on these marks I received an award for Academic Excellence at the Halls of Residence Prizегiving. I have just received my results for my second semester papers and got an A plus in Geography and Education Studies, an A in Humanities and an A minus in History. These overall marks gave me a grade average of an A for the year.

Next year I plan to do a double major in Geography and English as these are the subjects that I would like to teach after I have done my Teaching Degree. I have also been selected to be a Student Ambassador next year, representing Waikato University at Open Days, Careers Expo's and Secondary School Visits.

I have enjoyed immensely my first year at Waikato and I would like to thank you once again for making this possible through awarding me the WDC School Scholarship. It has made a huge contribution to my studies this year.

Regards,  
 Holly Pratt.

## 2. Resident and Ratepayer Administration Grants 2009/2010

**Reporting Officer:** Jenny Teeuwen (Community Services & Funding Officer)

**Date:** 12 February 2010

### *Vision, Mission and Values*

*Building strong communities where people feel safe and able to participate*

### *Local Government Act 2002 – The Four Well-Beings*

**Cultural:** *Participation and involvement by residents strengthens community culture*

**Economic:** *The work of Resident and Ratepayer groups contributes to be good environment for economic growth*

**Environmental:** *No direct link.*

**Social:** *Strong community groups improve social engagement and collaboration among residents*

## Introduction

In November 2009, twenty Resident and Ratepayer groups within the District were invited to apply for Whangarei District Council's \$500 administration grant. Groups applying for the grant are required to provide the following information:

- a) A copy of their Certificate of Incorporation (or that of an 'umbrella' organisation)
- b) A list of current office holders and the number of members
- c) Written detail of their activities over the past six months
- d) Proposed activities for the next six months
- e) A copy of their most recent set of accounts

Applications for the administration grant closed on Friday 12 February 2010.

The budget allocated for the 2009/2010 year is \$10,000.

## 2009/2010 Applications

Applications have been received from all twenty groups. The following eighteen groups meet the criteria for the administration grant:

- Hikurangi Friendship House Inc
- Kamo Community Inc
- Lang Cove Residents Association
- Onerahi Community Association Inc
- Parua Bay Community Focus Group (under the 'umbrella' of the Parua Bay & Districts Community Centre Society Inc)
- Pataua Area Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Portland Residents and Ratepayers Association

- Ruakaka Parish Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc
- Ruatangata Public Hall Society Inc
- Teal Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association
- Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc
- Urquharts Bay Association Inc
- Waipu Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc
- Whananaki Beach Association Inc
- Whangarei Heads Citizens Association Inc
- Whangaruru Coastal Community Group
- Whangaruru North Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc
- Whangaruru South Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc

The following two groups do not meet the criteria for the following reasons:

- *Smeaton Drive Community Committee*  
The Committee has yet to achieve legal status.
- *Toe Toe Road Residents & Ratepayers Association*  
The group was struck off the register of Incorporated Societies in October 2009 and does not currently have legal status.

The total amount requested is \$10,000.

## Recommendation

1. That the information be received.
2. That grants of \$500 be made to the following eighteen groups from the Resident and Ratepayer Administration Grant Fund:
  - a) Hikurangi Friendship House Charitable Trust
  - b) Kamo Community Inc
  - c) Lang Cove Residents Assoc Inc
  - d) Onerahi Community Assoc Inc
  - e) Parua Bay Community Focus Group (Parua Bay & Districts Community Centre Society Inc)
  - f) Pataua Area Ratepayers & Residents Assoc Inc
  - g) Portland Residents & Ratepayers Assoc Inc
  - h) Ruakaka Parish Residents & Ratepayers Assoc Inc
  - i) Ruatangata Public Hall Society Inc
  - j) Teal Bay Ratepayers & Residents Assoc Inc
  - k) Tutukaka Coast Ratepayers & Residents Assoc Inc
  - l) Urquhart Bay Assoc Inc
  - m) Waipu Residents & Ratepayers Assoc Inc
  - n) Whananaki Beach Assoc Inc
  - o) Whangarei Heads Citizens Assoc Inc
  - p) Whangaruru North Residents & Ratepayers Assoc Inc

- q) Whangaruru South Resident & Ratepayers Assoc Inc
  - r) Whangaruru Coastal Community Group
3. That grants of \$500 be made to the following two groups from the Resident and Ratepayer Administration Grant Fund upon provision of a current Certificate of Incorporation to Council prior to the 30 June 2010:
- a) Smeaton Drive Community House
  - b) Toe Toe Road Residents & Ratepayers Association