

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

21 MARCH 2018

AGENDA ITEM B2

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING – WAIRARAPA WAKA-AMA CANOE CLUB

Purpose of Report

To present an application for funding from the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

1. *Receive the application for grant funding from the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team.*
2. ***Either*** approve grant funding of \$1500, ***or***
3. *Decline funding.*

1. Executive Summary

The Maori Standing Committee have elected to support the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team attend the IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships Tahiti 2018 from funding allocated to them in the 17/18 Annual Plan.

The Committee requested that a report for Council was prepared presenting the sponsorship request from the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club's and requesting Council to match the \$1,500 committed from the Māori Standing Committee.

2. Background

Council granted \$1,500 to the Maori Standing Committee in the 17/18 financial year to sponsor a high profile youth event to be held at one of the three South Wairarapa marae. Council also granted the Committee \$900 to support kaupapa Maori that promote Maori culture and language (e.g. Matariki, rangatahi, taonga puoro, taonga takaro, waka, toi Maori).

The grant from the Committee to the Waka-ama club fits loosely within the criteria provided to the Committee.

Details of the application are included in Appendix 1 and a letter of support is included in Appendix 2.

3. Discussion

Council did not set aside any contingency when allocating grant funding, therefore there is no specific budget available.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men’s Team
Funding Proposal

Appendix 2 – Letter of Support from Maori Standing Committee

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**Appendix 1 – Wairarapa
Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018
Premiere Men's Team
Funding Proposal**

PROPOSAL TO: SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Proposal for Sponsorship / Funding

IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships Tahiti 2018



Presented by the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team

2/5/2018

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PROPOSAL

1. That South Wairarapa District Council supports the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team by way of sponsorship or funding towards the IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships held in Tahiti from the 16th to the 26th of July 2018.

INTRODUCTION

2. The Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club ("WWACC") 2018 Premier Men's Team ("Prem's") placed 5th in the W6 500m final at the Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Sprint Nationals held at Lake Karapiro in January 2018 ("Sprint Nationals"). The Prem's have qualified to compete at the IVF Va'a World Sprint Club Championships 2018 held in Tahiti in July ("World Sprints").
3. The Prem's invite South Wairarapa District Council to consider this proposal for sponsorship or funding. The Prem's would greatly appreciate any type of support that South Wairarapa District Council can offer towards a successful World Sprints campaign.

BACKGROUND

4. WWACC was established in 2012 by Paddy Rimene. Since its establishment, WWACC has provided members of the Wairarapa community with opportunities to participate and compete in the sport of waka-ama.
5. Unlike most clubs who have access to large water ways, WWACC's training ground is located at Henley Lake, a small man-made lake with a circumference of only 1.3km that unfortunately has ongoing water quality issues. Despite the challenges that Henley Lake presents, WWACC continues to contribute positively to the Wairarapa community by providing paddling, leadership and development courses and opportunities. WWACC is a non-exclusive club and provides a friendly environment for all persons who wish to participate in the sport of waka-ama.
6. WWACC entered its very first Prem's to the Sprint Nationals in 2015. The Prem's have been comprised of Paddy Rimene, Paddy's two sons Shannon and PJ Rimene, and Api Hurihanganui. These men are all Masterton born and bred. Joe Nuku-Tamakehu, also from Masterton, returned to WWACC in 2016 after a period in Australia. Since 2015, additional paddlers from outside of Wairarapa have joined WWACC to enable the Prem's to fill a canoe of six paddlers and to compete at regional and national races.
7. WWACC is proud of the results that the Prem's have achieved at previous Sprint Nationals, including:
 - (a) making finals in the W6 500m in 2016 (7th place), 2017 (8th place) and 2018 (5th place);
 - (b) making finals in the W12 500m in 2016 (5th place); and

- (c) making finals in the W6 1500m in 2016 (7th place).
8. Considering that most other clubs have access to a greater number of paddlers, resources and better water ways, the Prem's regard themselves as the 'underdogs'. However, this has not hindered their ability to compete against the 'giants' of waka-ama.
 9. Having become a regular finalist at the Sprint Nationals, the potential for the Prem's to qualify for the World Sprints was very real, and required a top six placing at this year's National Sprints. Since September 2017, and with the addition of two exceptional paddlers from Napier (namely Jorian Tangaere and Jordan Stuart), the Prem's undertook a rigorous training program that eventually resulted in the team's qualification into the World Sprints.
 10. Biographies for each paddler are attached to this proposal as **Appendix 1**.



WORLD SPRINTS

11. The Prem's have qualified in the W6 500m event at the World Sprints which are to be held in Taaone Bay (Pirae, Tahiti) from the 16th to the 26th July 2018. The World Sprints will see teams from approximately 40 countries compete in W1, W6 and W12 events over various distances. It is anticipated that the World Sprints will host approximately 470 singles paddlers, 400 teams, and hundreds of spectators.
12. Aotearoa has performed well at previous World Sprints. However, the Tahitians are regarded as the best paddlers in the world and are likely to be the favourites given their home advantage. The Prem's are determined to take on the world's best.
13. The World Sprints will be the very first international race for the Prem's. The Prem's ultimate goal is to win a gold, silver or bronze medal. For more information on the World Sprints, please follow the link below:

<https://www.tahitivaa2018.org/en/sprint-2018-en/>

COSTS

14. A summary of the costs for the World Sprints is attached to this proposal as **Appendix 2**.
15. Most of WWACC's funding for regional and national races has come from voluntary fundraising including raffles, car washes, hāngi sales and wood sales. Individual paddlers are often required to meet the costs of racing, including registration fees, travel, canoe hire, food and accommodation. Given the higher costs associated with the Worlds Sprints in Tahiti, WWACC intends to approach organisations such as yours for sponsorship or funding.



WHY SPONSOR/FUND US?

Regional Representation

16. The Prens are comprised of paddlers who are all of Māori decent, who are from Wairarapa (Masterton) and Hawke's Bay (Napier), and who all affiliate to Ngāti Kahungunu among other iwi. The Prens are the only qualifiers in the W6 500m event that will represent the regions of Wairarapa and Hawke's Bay, the cities of Masterton and Napier, the wider region of Hoe Tonga Pacifica (which extends from Wellington to Whanganui and includes Napier), and the tribal lands of Ngāti Kahungunu on the world stage.

Youth Development

17. The Prens are experienced and committed to the continuous development of the local youth community. For example:
 - (a) Paddy and Joe have used waka-ama as a vehicle to run leadership and development programs for the local Wairarapa schools and kura;

- (b) Shannon, PJ and Api have coached junior teams since WWACC's establishment in 2012; and
- (c) Jorian and Jordan have coached junior teams in their home club Te Rau Oranga o Ngāti Kahungunu Inc based in Napier.

Values and culture

18. Waka-ama racing in New Zealand is a popular sport for paddlers and supporters who identify as Māori. Waka-ama is a platform for Māori and non-Māori of all ages, genders, shapes and sizes to enhance their hauora (health and well-being) and to participate in a competitive sport that promotes whakawhanaungatanga (relationships), manaakitanga (hospitality) and aroha (love) for each other, for the sport and for the environment. Waka-ama is an opportunity for the Prems to practise in a physical activity that has been handed down from their tūpuna (ancestors). The Prems believe that the kaupapa (ideas) and values that underpin the sport of waka-ama are something your organisation would be proud to support.
19. The team culture of the Prems is a fundamental ingredient that has contributed to their success and love for the sport. The team culture is enhanced by the following concepts:
 - (a) support and encouragement for one another on and off the water;
 - (b) the involvement and participation of whānau and supporters;
 - (c) respect for each other, the waka, and the environment;
 - (d) an expectation that each paddler is honest with training and nutrition;
 - (e) an expectation that each paddler will give his utmost in every race;
 - (f) attendance at trainings and other WWACC events, including fundraising; and
 - (g) enjoyment of the sport and each other's company.

Benefits

20. For the above reasons, the Prems consider that they represent something positive and that they demonstrate excellence; not only in their ability to compete in a sport that they love, but also in their ability to give back to the community.
21. In return for sponsorship or funding, the Prems would be proud to promote South Wairarapa District Council in any way that may be agreed between the parties. This would expose South Wairarapa District Council to approximately 80 waka-ama teams from Aotearoa and to a global audience also. Promotion could be done in a variety of ways, including:
 - (a) attaching the South Wairarapa District Council logo to apparel (both race and travel apparel);

- (b) attaching the South Wairarapa District Council logo to canoe and paddle stickers;
 - (c) erecting South Wairarapa District Council banners at the Prem's site in Tahiti;
 - (d) providing South Wairarapa District Council brochures to participants and supporters who might be interested in the organisation; and
 - (e) acknowledging South Wairarapa District Council as a sponsor/funder in any media statements whether oral or in writing.
22. Over the course of the World Sprints, this would mean that South Wairarapa District Council would be exposed to an excess of approximately 40 countries, 470 single paddlers, 400 teams, and hundreds of spectators.
23. The Prem's would be happy to hear and consider other ways in which your sponsorship or funding of the Prem's could be mutually beneficial. The Prem's would greatly appreciate any type of support that you can provide, whether it is to an individual paddler, to a particular item or items, or to the Prem's as a whole.



CONCLUSION

24. The Prem's would be more than happy to meet with South Wairarapa District Council to discuss this proposal and the World Sprints campaign.
25. The Prem's would appreciate if South Wairarapa District Council could provide a response to this proposal by Monday 26 February 2018. Please contact Aperahama Hurihanganui if you have any queries:

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Nā mātou i roto i ngā mihi, nā te tīma tāne o Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club.

APPENDIX 1: **PADDLER BIOGRAPHIES**

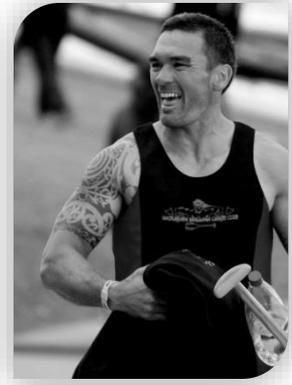
Patrick Rimene (Paddy)

Ngāti Kahungunu

43 years

Carters

Paddy is the founder and head-coach of WWACC. Paddy has played numerous games of rugby for Wairarapa Bush and represented the NZ Divisional, NZ Heartland, NZ Marist and NZ Marist 7s teams. Since Paddy's conversion to waka-ama, he has established himself as one of Aotearoa's top paddlers. Paddy has won multiple medals in both the premiere and master men's divisions at sprint and long-distance nationals. Recently, Paddy paddled for the NZ Elite Premiere Men's Team at the 2016 Australia World Sprints and the 2017 Tahiti World Long Distances. Paddy has won a gold and silver medal at the World Championship level. Paddy is passionate about waka-ama, the development of his club, coaching, and his family.



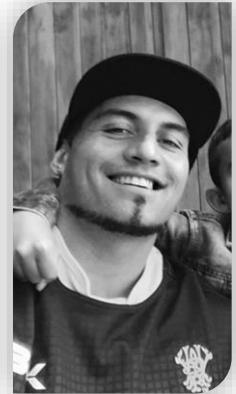
Joe Nuku - Tamakehu

Ngāti Kahungunu, Whanganui Awa, Ngāti Wai, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Toa

38 years

Lead educational advisor - Rangitāne o Wairarapa

Joe has played in national representative teams both in rugby and rugby league. Joe brings a wealth of experience to the Pregs, having coached and paddled for a number of teams in Aotearoa and Australia. Joe currently holds the Premiere Men's Regional W1 title, and has represented the Hoe Tonga Pacifica region in the W1 250m dash at the Sprint Nationals two years in a row. For Joe, waka-ama is a life-style that provides him with balance and order. Joe's interests are cultural activities, keeping active, hunting and diving, and working with the community.



Shannon Rimene

Ngāti Kahungunu

25 years

Builder

Shannon has represented the Wairarapa region in both softball and rugby, but waka-ama has become his passion and primary sport. Shannon captained WWACC to its very first medal in the mixed division at the 2015 Long Distance Nationals. Shannon sits in the 'powerhouse' seat and is responsible for controlling the calls;



his strength, power, technique and feel of the canoe was a major contributor to the Preams qualifying for the World Sprints. Shannon's short-term goal is to perform at the World Sprints. Shannon's long-term goal is to race competitively in long distance races.

PJ Rimene

Ngāti Kahungunu

24 years

Concrete layer

PJ has a heavy rugby background; he played College rugby and represented Wairarapa Bush in the junior grades. PJ currently plays rugby for Marist Club and specialises in sprint paddling over the summer. PJ is the only current Preams paddler to have paddled for the former 'Wairarapa Nui Tonu' club in the junior grades (medalling at the National Sprints) right through to the Preams. PJ joins his brother Shannon in the 'powerhouse' seats, which provide the Preams with a lethal combination for sprint racing. PJ is a father of two girls and one boy and enjoys hunting as a hobby.



Aperahama Hurihanganui (Api)

Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Arawa, Ngāti Porou

25 years

Lawyer

Api has been a member of WWACC since its inception. Api has taken out the under 23 W1 category at regionals multiple times and was a regular finalist at the National Sprints in the same category. Api won a gold medal at the 2015 Long Distance Nationals. Api has represented NZ at the White-Water Rafting World Championships in Aotearoa in 2013 (winning a bronze medal) and Brazil in 2015. Api's goal is to stroke the Preams to their very first medal at both World and National Sprints. Api enjoys a balanced lifestyle consisting of cultural activities, social activities, work, sports and training.



Jorian Tangaere (Thor)

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāti Porou,

24 years

Workforce Development Officer - Sport Hawke's Bay

Jorian first paddled at the age of 7 years for Te Rau Oranga o Ngāti Kahungunu Waka Ama Inc and has been paddling since. 2014 was the last year that Jorian paddled competitively; that year he helped his team qualify for the 2014 Brazil World Sprints but did not compete due to rugby commitments. Jorian was invited to join WWACC in 2017 to help the Preams qualify for World Sprints. This was after a career-ending eye injury which forced Jorian to step away from rugby. Jorian has played 20



first class rugby games at Mitre 10 Cup level for the Hawke's Bay Magpies (2015-2017) with a handful of successful Ranfurly Shield defences. Jorian has also qualified to race in the Adaptive Men's W1 category at the World Sprints having won a gold medal at the Sprint Nationals. Jorian is passionate about cultural activities, training and sports, and enjoys spending time with whānau and friends.

Jordan Stuart (Jords)

Ngāti Kahungunu

23 years

Carpet Layer



Jordan was approached to join the Prens in 2017 for his steering ability and his credentials in both singles and team racing. Jordan has been involved in the NZ Premiere Elite Trials process and competed at the 2014 Brazil World Sprints. Jordan is heavily involved with the coaching of junior teams in his home club Te Rau Oranga o Ngāti Kahungunu Inc. Jordan's goal is to stand on the medal podium with the Prens at the World Sprints. Outside of waka-ama, Jordan enjoys traveling, playing basketball, and wishes to own his own house, gym and clothing line in the near future.

APPENDIX 2:
SUMMARY OF COSTS¹

| ITEM | ESTIMATE COST PER PADDLER | COMMENT |
|---|--|--|
| Return Flights, Accommodation and Van Rental (Package) | \$3,870.00 <i>Deposit of \$200 per paddler has been paid</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged through Flight Centre Masterton (Agent: Carrie Waugh) • Flying with Air NZ and Air Tahiti Nui • 12 nights' accommodation at Hotel Tahiti Nui • 2x Hertz Vans for 12 days |
| Race fees | \$135.00 <i>Paid</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration cost |
| New Uniforms | \$300.00 | Not a necessity |
| New Paddles | \$400.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7x Tai Paddles (club set) • Not a necessity |
| Food/Drink | \$600.00 | Food and drink for 12 days |
| TOTAL COST | \$5,305.00 | |

¹ These costs are not final, are only estimates and are subject to change. The Prens will endeavour to keep costs to a minimum and to prioritise those costs which are necessary. The Prens will be happy to provide invoices and receipts for costs.

Appendix 2 – Letter of Support from Maori Standing Committee

8 November 2017

South Wairarapa District Council

Tena koutou

The Maori Standing Committee would like to formally support the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club 2018 Premiere Men's Team in their pursuit to travel and compete at the IVG Va'a World Sprint Club Championships Tahiti 2018.

It is an honour for a Wairarapa club to qualify and then be invited to compete at an international event and the Committee support their fundraising efforts in order to lower the overall cost of attendance.

As resolved at our last standing committee hui we recommend our \$1500 contribution to the Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club be met and equalled by the South Wairarapa District Council. We believe this support is a great show of good will and excellent opportunity to ensure good relations with our newly established waka club "Te Whanau Waka o Onoke".

The Wairarapa Waka-Ama Canoe Club has agreed to support our southern club in training our own trainers and steerers which we consider a fundamental element to our success as a new club. We believe that it is prudent for the Council to financially support in the long term as it will lead to many benefits in the long term.

Naku i roto i nga mihi,

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