

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee  
**FROM:** Mike Tasman-Jones  
**DATE:** 20 January 2010  
**SUBJECT:** SPARC Rural Travel Fund Application – RCS10-02-02

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## REASON FOR REPORT

To present for consideration the resubmitted application from Collingwood Area School for SPARC Rural Travel Fund assistance for the travel for three netball teams to regular competition.

## BACKGROUND

The SPARC Rural Travel Fund was developed in response to concerns about lack of participation in sport by young people living in rural areas. Travel was identified as one of the barriers to participation, the rural travel fund is designed to help subsidise travel for junior sports teams who are geographically isolated

## DISCUSSION

The original application from Collingwood Area School considered at 24 November Grants and Community Facilities Rate Subcommittee meeting was declined as the travel from Collingwood to Takaka was not considered sufficient distance to warrant a subsidy. The total travel involved for the team member clarified is in the updated letter and application. Its is noted that while they are seeking support for the Collingwood to Takaka section of the journey for many of the team members this is only part of the total travel cost and time involved.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Grants and Community Facilities Subcommittee reconsider the application from Collingwood Area School for \$2,400.

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