

*Tena koutou katoa
 Ko Puwheke te Maunga
 Ko Mamaru te Waka
 Ko Karikari me Tokerau nga Moana
 Ko Haititaimarangai te Tupuna Whare
 Ko Te Hunga Tapu Katoa te Whare Karakia
 Ko Takapu te Urupa
 Ko Parata te Tangata
 Ko Kahutianui te Whaea
 Ko Te Whanau moana te hapu
 Ko Ngatikahu te Iwi
 Ko Lesley Wallace toku ingoa
 No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa*

First of all, welcome to the new members of the Te Hiku Community Board as well as those returning for another term.

My name is Lesley Wallace and I am the Far North Community Connector for Sport Northland. I was born and raised in Kaitaia, whakapapa back to Whatuwhiwhi and have been living in Ahipara for the last 13 years. I have been employed at Sport Northland for 10 years and before that I worked for 9 years as the Sport Co-ordinator at the Kaitaia College.

My role with Sport Northland involves working with communities on projects and initiatives that have a sport, recreation, play, nutrition or health kaupapa. As I am heavily involved in many sports clubs and activities in a volunteer role, I always declare any conflict of interest with not only Sport Northland but with FNDC and Te Hiku Community Board.

I am charged with making the recommendations for the Rural Travel Funds for both the Summer and Winter funding rounds. These are then sent to my manager in Whangarei to review before they are presented today here at the Te Hiku Community Board for your approval.

The Rural Travel Fund is comprised of two streams of funding; Sport New Zealand (RTF) and Sport Northland (Kiwisport). Each stream has different objectives so if the application meets at least one of these from either stream then it will be considered.

| | Sport Northland (Kiwisport) | Sport New Zealand (Rural Travel) |
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| What are the Objectives? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the number of children participating in sport 2. Increase the availability and accessibility of sport for children 3. Support the development of skills to enable effective participation | Subsidise travel for junior teams participating in local sport competition. |

The Rural Travel Fund is a 50/50 contribution fund; clubs or organisation must show that they can contribute the same amount as what they are applying for.

Clubs and organisations are also encouraged to use the IRD Mileage Rate when calculating their travel budget. This does sometimes inflate the budget, but it is the only mileage standard that we can apply across the board.

As there is usually a variety of organisations applying it can sometimes be hard to compare apples to oranges. Therefore, I use a basic calculation template to assist in determining the amount to be approved. In order to maintain fairness across all codes, projects and funding rounds, a max limit of \$1800 per application is imposed. However, under exceptional circumstances this amount can be increased. There are generally more applications for winter sports than summer sports, so any funds unallocated today are moved to the 2020 Winter Funding round.

I try to contact all applicants to ensure that their applications are full, complete and meet the criteria. It also allows me an opportunity to ask questions and get background information.

Normally I am here in person to deliver these recommendations, but it so happens that Rarotonga called, and I had to answer. Therefore, I hope this introduction is enough and I look forward to meeting you all at the next meeting.

All the best.

Lesley Wallace

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