

# **Application Pack**

## **Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Outward Bound Scholarship**



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Sue Thomson was the Chief Executive of the Buller District Council from 29 September 2000 until she sadly passed away on 17 August 2003, aged 33 years, after a long fight with breast cancer.

As a young woman, small in physical stature, she excelled in her academic achievements gaining many skills and qualifications. A key strength of Sue was her leadership qualities, and this saw her become the youngest Local Authority Chief Executive in the country.

Sue had a fondness for youth leadership development, and in considering something to mark her contribution to Council activities, it was felt a youth leadership course would be the most fitting tribute. Council is pleased to recognise Sue via an annual Outward Bound scholarship.

Each year, Council calls for nominations from young people interested in undertaking leadership training via the Outward Bound programme and funded via this scholarship.

Applicants need to complete and submit the enclosed application forms to ensure they meet all the Outward Bound selection criteria. All confirmed eligible candidates will be given consideration through a selection process. Candidates are required to answer a series of questions, one of which will be focused on what the applicant wants to do with their life. Interviews will be in private. A candidate will be selected by a panel of representatives from the Council and Sue's family. The selection criteria is "the candidate who will benefit most from attending this scholarship". The selection panel's decision is final, and no discussions will be entered into. The successful candidate will be publicised in local news publications.

As Sue would say, this process is not about finding winners and losers, it is recognising that everyone who has a go is a winner, and one of those people will be selected.

Good luck

Gary Murphy  
Chief Executive

## **RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ENTRANTS**

1. Entrants must meet all Outward Bound requirements, which do change from time to time.
2. Applications are required to be honest and truthful in all information they provide in applying for the Sue Thomson Casey Memorial Scholarship.
3. Applicants are required to answer questions about themselves to the two person selection Committee. The interview will be given in private, and no aids or other assistance will be permitted.
4. Applicants should come prepared to answer the question: ***What would you like to achieve in your life?***
5. The selected applicant will be required to attend the next approved Outward Bound course. The fees cannot be carried to a later course.
6. Candidates may only enter once each year, but may do so each and every years they meet all other criteria.
7. A pre-course medical examination is required by Outward Bound and the cost of this will be met by Council.
8. The preferred course is "Mind, Body & Soul (see attached), but other courses may be undertaken in consultation with the panel.
9. The successful applicant will be required to meet any other incidental expenses associated with attending the course.
10. Persons with a disability are also welcomed to apply, as Outward Bound can cater for most personal circumstances.

## Mind, Body, Soul



Mind, Body, Soul is the Outward Bound experience for 16 to 18 year olds. Over the 21 day adventure you will develop friendships that will last a lifetime. Through learning outdoor skills like sailing, kayaking, bush and navigation, you will leave with a strong sense of personal responsibility and independence. The course will challenge your limits, enable you to discover what is important to you and the opportunity your future holds.

Some of the benefits you will get from a Mind, Body, Soul course are:

1. Life-long friendships with 13 other individuals you have never met before
2. Excitement and adventure where you will challenge your limits (and develop some abs!).
3. Discover what is important to you and a sense of your future potential
4. Learn about yourself from both success and failure to become more self aware and know that 'you can do it.'
5. Develop personal responsibility and decisiveness in your responses to challenging situations and in your life.

*"I understand that once you finish your time at Anakiwa, the true challenge has begun, and that is to keep these positive attitudes, and apply the knowledge we were taught at Outward Bound. I know everything I learnt will help me as I complete my seventh form year at school, and also in my adult life."*

Kate, MBS student

## Mind, Body, Soul Course Dates

MBS535	Sun 05 Jul 09	Sat 25 Jul 09	\$3500	<a href="#">Book MBS535</a>
MBS538	Sat 26 Sep 09	Fri 16 Oct 09	\$3500	<a href="#">Book MBS538</a>

## Course Terms and Conditions

Please read the following Terms and Conditions.

1. Course dates and prices are subject to change without notice.
2. Outward Bound makes no guarantee as to the availability of places on a course prior to booking.
3. Bookings on a course can only be confirmed upon receipt of an appropriate deposit. The deposit is transferable to one other course 21 days prior to the course start date but is not refundable. Business enrolments are not transferable or refundable.
4. Final acceptance onto a course relies upon completion of the appropriate enrolment form and medical form and is at the discretion of Outward Bound of NZ.
5. Full payment of the balance of the course fee is required eight weeks before the start date of the booked course (six weeks for business clients).
6. As with many other New Zealand educational institutions, international participants are charged a premium in addition to the fees listed above. This adjusts for subsidies paid by New Zealand funders for which international participants are that are not eligible. The additional charge for international participants is \$850NZD for 21 day courses and \$350NZD for 8 day courses. These fees do not apply to New Zealand, Australian and Pacific Island residents.
7. Participants who leave during a course are not entitled to a refund or another course.
8. Participants who do not adhere to the course conditions while on the programme may be asked to leave the course.
9. Participants who do not meet the fitness criteria (able to run 3km in under 25 minutes) may be asked to leave the course.
10. Participants who depart a course early are not entitled to a refund or another course.