

HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.2.5 ORDINARY MEETING:

SUBJECT: DONATION – E Mc Green

CLASSIFICATION: ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Provide a donation of \$2500 in accordance with the Donation and Sponsorship policy to E McGreen on behalf of Makenzie Bowen to support a Basketball team trip to the USA

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

\$2500 – Budget is available this financial year.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Ms E McGreen has submitted an application for financial assistance to support Makenzie Bowen to travel to the USA to compete in the Adidas Finals in Los Angeles and the Native American Basketball invitational Championships in Phoenix.

Makenzie will be playing as part of the USA Pathways Bne Royals (First Nations Warriors) team

The total cost for each participant is \$6000 +GST

The tour is in July 2026. No evidence of other fundraising has been submitted but it is indicated that family has been the main supporters

LINK TO OPERATIONAL PLAN

2.2 – Youth and Families - Increase support for youth leadership, recreation, mentoring and cultural engagement

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

N/a

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal implications

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Donation and Sponsorship policy applies.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Low

ATTACHMENTS:

Supporting Documentation

REFERENCE DOCUMENT:

Report Prepared by: Lew Rojahn CEO Date: 11/6/26	Report Authorised by: Lew Rojahn CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
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DONATION AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY

Application Form

***Applications must comply with Council's Donation and Sponsorship Policy**

(Copies are available on request.)

***Applicants must be a resident or organisation based in Hopevale Shire.**

Name of Applicant:

Emily M'Green

Contact details:

Address:

2 Charlotte Street
Cooktown QLD 4895

Phone no.

0457422758

Reason for Request:

USA Pathways Tour - Basketball
see attached

Type of support requested:

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Donation

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Sponsorship

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In - Kind (Use of Machinery etc.)

Amount Requested

\$ 2,500 (International)

Or:

Total expenses incurred or expected

\$ _____

I declare the above is true and correct:

Signature:

Emily M'Green

11/06/2026

Dear Ceo, Mayor & Councillors,

Subject: Help Makenzie Represent Our Community in the USA – Sponsorship Opportunity

I am reaching out to share an exciting and life-changing opportunity for a young athlete from our community.

My son, Makenzie, has been selected to travel to the United States in July 2026 to compete in two prestigious international basketball tournaments, the Adidas Finals in Los Angeles and the Native American Basketball Invitational (NABI) Championships in Phoenix.

These tournaments attract elite teams from across the world and are attended by college coaches and scouts, providing young athletes with an incredible platform to showcase their talent and potentially open doors to future opportunities in sport and education.

Makenzie has worked incredibly hard for this moment. His dedication, discipline and love for the game have led to him being selected as part of the USA Pathways/BNE Royals team (First Nations Warriors), which supports elite Indigenous athletes in competing internationally and pursuing pathways into college basketball.

For a young athlete, opportunities like this don't come around often. It is a chance to experience the world, compete at the highest level, and represent not only himself but his family, culture, and community on an international stage.

However, travelling overseas to compete comes with significant costs and our family is doing everything we can to support Makenzie's dream.

Your support, whether big or small, would make a meaningful difference in helping Makenzie take this next step in his journey.

In appreciation of your support, we would proudly promote your business by:

- Acknowledging your support across fundraising and social media posts
- Recognising your contribution within community updates and events
- Promoting your business as a supporter of a young athlete pursuing international opportunities

We would be incredibly grateful for any support you may be able to provide.

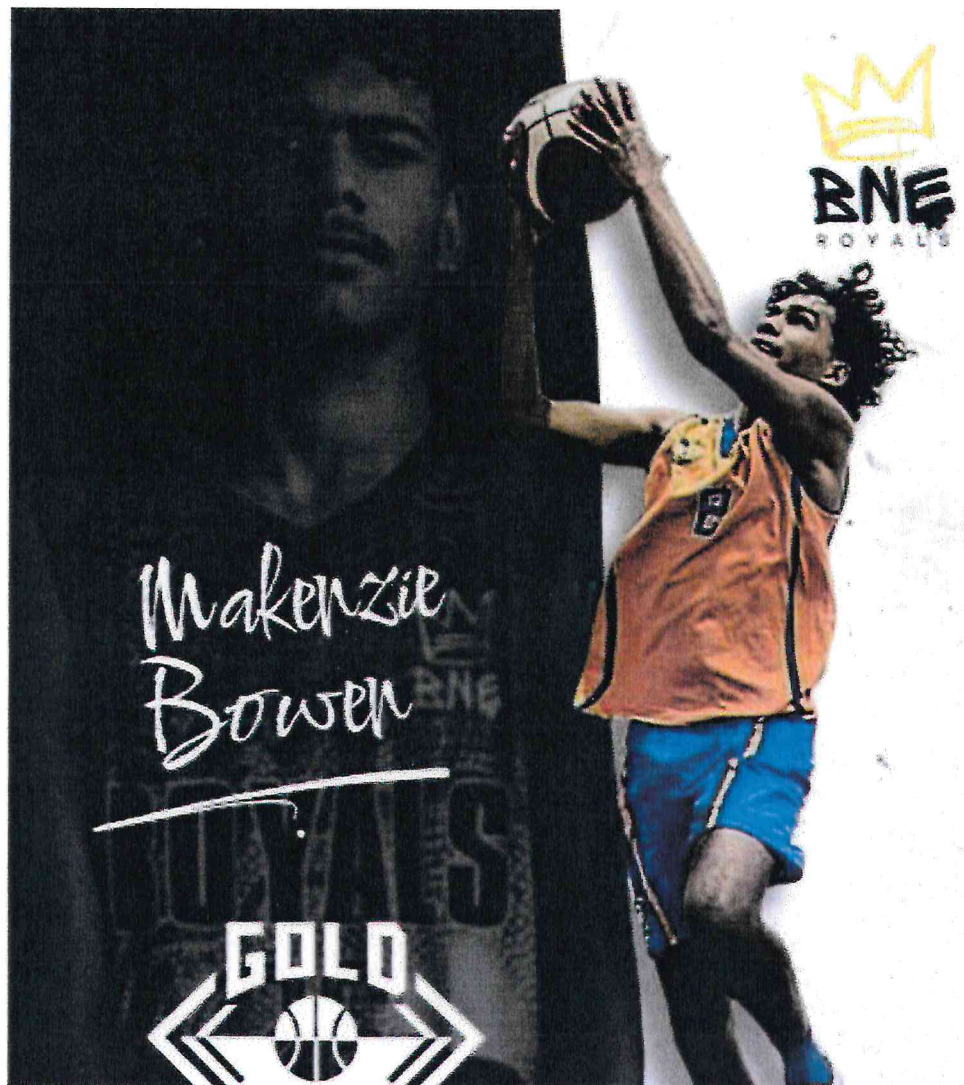
Thank you for taking the time to consider being part of Makenzie's journey.

Kind Regards,

Emily McGreen

MAKENZIE BOWEN
SPONSORSHIP PACK

“Supporting a young Hope Vale athlete to the world stage”



 **USA PATHWAYS TOUR – JULY 2026**

ABOUT ME

My name is Makenzie Bowen, and I am a proud young person from Hope Vale.

Growing up, rugby league was my passion. It wasn't until I left home to attend boarding school that I discovered basketball and from that moment, it became my purpose.

Since then, I have dedicated myself to the sport and worked hard to create opportunities for my future.

Key Achievements

- First V Basketballer – Marist College Ashgrove
- Represented Metropolitan North at the 2025 School Sport State Championships in Mackay
 - Represented BNE Royals at the First Nations Championships for two consecutive years over the Christmas Holidays
 - Selected for USA Pathways Tour 2026

Basketball has given me discipline, focus, and belief in what I can achieve.

THE OPPORTUNITY

In July 2026, I will travel to the United States to compete in two major international tournaments and attend the following:

 **Training camp in Los Angeles at Veritas Academy EYBL Scholastic program.**

 **Warm up games against Veritas Academy EYBL and Russell Westbrook's EYBL program.**

 **Tournament 1 – Adidas Finals - Los Angeles**

 **Tournament 2 - NABI Championships - Phoenix (Native American Basketball Invitational)**

These events attract:

- Top athletes from around the world
- College scouts and recruiters
- Elite competition pathways

👉 This is a **rare opportunity for exposure to US college scouts**, creating potential pathways to scholarships, education, and future careers.

For a young person from Hope Vale, opportunities like this don't come often.

WHY THIS MATTERS

This journey is about more than basketball.

I carry my:

- Family
- Community
- Culture

with me every time I step onto the court.

I want to:

- Inspire younger kids in Hope Vale
 - Show that there are pathways beyond our community
 - Represent my people with pride on a global stage
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FAMILY SUPPORT

My family has supported me every step of the way, through travel, training, and opportunities.

They have sacrificed a lot to help me chase this dream, and I am proud to represent them and my community.

WHAT YOU RECEIVE

Your support will be recognised through:

- Acknowledgement on social media
- Recognition in community updates
- Representation on an international stage
- Supporting a young Indigenous athlete from Hope Vale

CLOSING MESSAGE

This opportunity means everything to me.

It is a chance to step outside of Hope Vale, compete at the highest level, and open doors for my future.

With your support, I can take this next step, not just for myself, but for my family and my community.

CONTACT DETAILS

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Congratulations on being accepted to represent an Australian Select Indigenous'First Nation Warriors' team for our USA Basketball tour of Phoenix and California in July 2026!

We are thrilled to extend this official invitation to McKenzie Bowen and confirm your spot on this exciting and transformative trip. As a selected player for First Nation Warriors, you will have the incredible opportunity to compete at the biggest indigenous tournament in the world — the NAIB Nation Championships (Native American Basketball Invitational). This prestigious event will take place at the home of the Phoenix Suns NBA team, the Mortgage Matchup Center (formerly known as Footprint Center and PHX Arena), where championship games and key matches are hosted in this iconic professional arena.

The tour will also feature meaningful cultural exchanges with Native American communities, allowing our boys to connect deeply with indigenous heritage, traditions, and people in Arizona. In addition, the group will enjoy sightseeing adventures around Phoenix and Los Angeles, immersing in the vibrant landscapes, history, and energy of these dynamic cities.

Our second major competition will be at the Adidas Gold Finals tournament in Los Angeles. Adidas is recognised as one of the largest and most competitive basketball tournament groups in the USA, hosting high-level events that attract top talent from across the country and beyond.

Games at both tournaments will be played in front of hundreds of college and prep school coaches, providing unparalleled exposure for our players to showcase their skills on a national stage. Through our valued partnership with USA Pathways, we will actively promote each boy to colleges and prep schools across the United States, helping open doors to future opportunities in basketball and education.

The cost for the trip is all-inclusive, covering flights, accommodation, tournament fees, and insurance. The only items the boys will need to provide for themselves are their food and drinks during the tour.

The total cost of the trip is \$6,000 plus GST per participant.

To secure your place, please email us with your acceptance of this offer before April 20th, 2026. We kindly ask for your prompt response, as spots are limited and we look forward to finalising the team soon. A \$3,000 deposit is also required by the 20th April.

We are incredibly excited about this journey and the memories, growth, and achievements it will bring. We look forward to hearing from you ASAP!

Warm regards,

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First Nation Warriors

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<https://firstnationwarriors.com/about-us>

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