

## 6. 2003/04 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund.

The applicant is a 13-year-old girl residing in the Hoon Hay area, who is seeking funding to support her attendance at the Junior New Zealand Development Squad Camp (Synchronised Swimming), from 21 to 24 September 2003, then on to the New Zealand Synchronised Swimming National Championships from 25 to 28 September 2003. Both events are being held in Wellington. The applicant must attend the Development Camp to be able to remain in the New Zealand Squad. The Squad is aiming at competing overseas next year, and the applicant is planning to represent New Zealand in the Junior World Championships in 2006. Part of her commitment to this Squad is to attend training camps in various parts of the country during the year, and being committed to her own training programme.

When the applicant is not training she is volunteering her time to help the synchronised swimming beginners at Pioneer Leisure Centre. She also assists with the KidsFest synchronised swimming programme. Her experiences in volunteering have enabled her to develop her leadership and communication skills, as well as cementing her dedication for her chosen sport.

The applicant has affiliations with Synchronised Swimming New Zealand and the Pioneer Synchronised Swimming Club, the latter having provided a letter of support.

Staff have sighted documentation confirming costs as follows:

### **New Zealand Development Squad Camp**

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| Coaching        | 69.23  |
| Pool costs      | 32.00  |
| Food (estimate) | 110.00 |

Sub total \$211.23

### **New Zealand Synchronised Swimming National Championships:**

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| Airfares                            | 200.00 |
| Accommodation (City YHA)            | 54.00  |
| Local bus travel between YHA & pool | 7.80   |
| Shuttles to and from airport        | 25.00  |
| Food (estimate)                     | 100.00 |
| Swimming togs, 3 pairs              | 95.00  |

Sub total \$481.80

**Grand total \$693.03**

In accordance with the criteria for applications, the applicant's family is happy to speak to the Board after the Championships have been held in Wellington. Attending both the Camp and National Championships will greatly increase her skills and experience.

Some funding has been provided to Synchronised Swimming New Zealand by Southern Trust, which has assisted in reducing individual attendance costs.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve \$693 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with participating in the New Zealand Synchronised Swimming Championships and attendance at the Development Camp being held in Wellington during September 2003.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be supported.