

## 7. 2003/04 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration of two applications for funding from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund.

### Application # 1

The applicant is a 15-year old boy living in the Cashmere area, who is seeking funding to assist with travel and accommodation costs associated with his selection to play croquet at a national competition being held in Nelson in November 2003.

The applicant has affiliations with both United and Cashmere Croquet Clubs, being a member of both Clubs.

A letter of support as, indeed, the application itself, has been received from the applicant's support group (consisting of three people). In June the support group and clubs held a concert to raise funds and a balance sheet has been provided showing the amount raised and what funding was able to be put towards the trip to Nelson.

Staff have sighted documentation confirming costs as follows:

<b>Travel:</b>	
Return Inter City bus fare	\$110
<b>Accommodation:</b>	
Backpackers (\$25 per night for 8 nights)	\$200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$310</b>

Two to three years ago when the applicant was 13 years of age, he played in the New Zealand School Age tournament and won the competition in the first year of competing. The club obtained grants and sent the applicant and his mother up to the north island, where he won the tournament a second time. In the three years he has been playing croquet, he has done extremely well and has great potential. The applicant has had to overcome considerable personal challenges to reach this level of achievement. His mother will be traveling to Nelson to support her son. It should be noted that the amount requested is solely in relation to the applicant.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Board approve \$310 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to assist with travel and accommodation costs associated with the applicant's selection to play croquet at a national competition being held in Nelson in November 2003.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** I support the application.

### Application # 2

The applicant is a 14-year old girl residing in the Cashmere 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.

Board members will recall considering and approving a similar application in August 2003 when they approved the same amount requested by this applicant (being \$693). It was intended that the current application be submitted with the one received in August, but due to the late arrival of a letter of support, this has not been possible.

The current applicant is the synchronised swimming partner of the previously approved applicant, and is aware that the Board would be considering approval of this request retrospectively (the competition already having taken place by the time the Board considers this application).

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:***

Coaching	\$69.23
Pool costs	\$32.00
Food (estimate)	\$110.00
Sub total	\$211.23

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

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, and it has been suggested that both girls provide a presentation together.

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

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That (in line with the previous applicant's application) the Board approve \$500 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.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** I support this application.