

## 8. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

<b>Officer responsible</b> Community Advocate, Beckenham	<b>Author</b> Elaine Greaves, DDI 941-5105
---	---

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to an application for funding from its 2004/05 Youth Development Fund.

Funding is being sought by a 13 year old youth living in the Somerfield area towards costs associated with traveling to Australia as part of the under 15 South Island Basketball team to play in the Pacific Slam Tournament in January 2005.

The tournament is being held in Port MacQuarrie, and is a development tournament for top level players in Australia. The South Island team's objective is to provide an opportunity for development and work towards qualification for future tournaments. South Island teams competing are the under 17 (girls/boys) and under 15 (girls/boys) from the South Island who have been selected through a trial process to ensure the best players participate in the tournament.

The applicant is registered with Canterbury Basketball and therefore affiliated to Basketball New Zealand, the governing body. Basketball Pacific South is part of the New Zealand Basketball Structure for development of junior players.

The individual player contribution for the trip is \$2,050 which covers return airfares, accommodation, transport, food, uniforms and tournament fees. The applicant has taken some responsibility for the significant costs incurred with her sporting pursuits and has been actively involved in fundraising this year; raising \$300 by selling chocolates and lamingtons, raffles, making jewellery, refereeing basketball games, manning sausage sizzles and collecting sponsorship for a sport-a-thon. A car parking fundraiser was also held over Show Weekend.

Since commencing this report, the writer has been advised that another funding application has been declined.

The applicant attends year 9 at Cashmere High School and has been selected for the under 15 girls Basketball Pacific South team. This year she has played basketball for Cashmere High, in both the senior and year 9 teams. In the secondary school competition her senior team won their division and the year 9 team came in second. This year she has again represented Canterbury. Playing in the girls under 14 team at local, regional and national levels (which the team won). She was chosen as the "Most Valuable Player" at the National under 14 Tournament and selected for the New Zealand Koru under 16 Basketball Tour to Albury in Australia. She has decided to remain within her correct age group and opted instead to go to Port MacQuarrie in 2005. She attended the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and a tournament in Albury for the New Zealand Koru Tour in January this year and as an under 14 player. She has received a Cashmere High School Sports Blue Award at a recent Achievers Evening, and was nominated by Cashmere High School for the Canterbury Zonta Awards for Basketball.

This year alone, the applicant has travelled outside of Christchurch for basketball and volleyball tournaments in Timaru, Ashburton, Blenheim, Auckland and Australia. She brings the skills learned back to each environment she competes in. She also coaches a year 8 team and one of her 9 practices leads and referees at the year 5/6 level.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board consider allocating \$500 from its 2004/05 Youth Development Fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant traveling to Australia to compete in the under 15 Pacific Slam Tournament being held in Australia in January 2005.

### **Chairman's**

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