

9. 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 2004/05 Youth Development Fund.

Funding is being sought by a 13 year old youth living in the Spreydon/Heathcote community 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 the under 19 World Tournament in 2008/09.

The applicant is a registered player with Basketball New Zealand and a member of the Cashmere New Life Church.

For his age, the applicant is a top sports person and is currently the Primary Schools Triathlon Champion and Canterbury Athletic Champion, having potential to represent New Zealand in those sports also.

The total cost of the trip, including return airfares, accommodation, transport, food and tournament fees is \$2,050.

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.

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Recommendation: That the staff recommendation be supported.