

## 8. 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 17-year old boy living in the Spreydon area, who is seeking assistance with costs associated with competing in the New Zealand In-line Hockey competition being held in New Plymouth on 14 April 2004. The applicant is one of only two Cantabrians selected for the New Zealand under-18 in-line team competing in the Oceania championships. He has represented his Club at both regional and national level on a number of occasions, and his recent selection to represent New Zealand is a well-earned success.

In-line hockey is played in a similar manner to ice hockey, but with four players and a goalie, instead of the five in ice hockey. The sport is more popular in Europe and has only been played in New Zealand for approximately fifteen years.

The applicant is affiliated with the Christchurch In-Line Hockey Club, which has also provided a letter in support of this application.

The applicant has been coaching children's hockey in Christchurch for three years and holds an umpire's certificate. He also provides assistance at the YMCA holiday programme and skating school.

The applicant is seeking support for his team group accommodation costs (\$265). An application to pub charities for these costs was declined, as, according to policy, they do not fund individuals.

### Application # 2

The applicant is a 12-year old boy living in the St Martins area, who is seeking assistance with costs associated with competing in the Sunshine Coast Youth Invitational Water Polo Tournament, as part of the Canterbury under 14 Water Polo Team in April 2004. The team will compete against teams from the whole of Queensland. The main objective of the invitation tour is to develop and strengthen junior water polo in Canterbury, and encourage more children into team sports.

The applicant is affiliated with the Canterbury Water Polo Inc., which has provided a letter in support of this application. He is committed to a strict training regime and has attended all of the training sessions, showing a great deal of dedication to the team and to the sport.

The applicant has been involved in work parties as a volunteer for fundraising at the New Zealand Surf Life Saving Championships, and further fundraising projects are currently being discussed (Council refuse site tidy up).

The sum of \$500 is being sought to assist with travel expenses associated with attending the Tournament.

### Application # 3

This application covers two children from one family. In fact, three children from this family have all been selected to travel to Canada to represent St John Youth in various activities. The application is seeking assistance for only two of the three children selected. The family reside in the Cashmere area.

One applicant is a 17-year old girl who holds the title of National Cadet of the Year for St John Youth. She has received an invitation to attend the International Youth Competitions in Canada in May this year to meet with Cadets of the Year from around the world.

The other applicant is a 15-year old boy who is a member of the Junior New Zealand Youth Team travelling to Canada in May 2004 to compete in the International Youth Competitions.

Assistance is being sought to enable both children to be ambassadors for New Zealand; network with other youth from different countries regarding St John work; extend their first aid experience and knowledge, and bring back ideas for New Zealand St John Youth to consider.

Both children are affiliated to The Order of St John at regional and national level, and this organisation has provided letters in support of this application.

The following has been raised to date in support of the trip to Canada:

Air fares have been paid for by St John, National	(amount unknown)
Personal fundraising	\$1,500
Contribution from North Region South Island St John	\$3,000

Total costs for both to attend the Youth Competitions in Canada is \$6,005. There is currently a shortfall of \$1,505.

Both children are involved in community service for St John at various events. They also teach at their local division (Spreydon/Cashmere) and provide first aid support for Cashmere High School sporting events. Both intend to be able to work as volunteers on ambulance services in the future.

The Board may wish to note there is a balance of \$2,215 in the Youth Development Fund for the current financial year (which ends 30 June 2004).

#### **Staff**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board grant \$265 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to Applicant # 1 to assist with costs associated with attending the New Zealand In-line Hockey competition in New Plymouth, during April 2004.
  2. That the Board grant \$500 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to Applicant # 2 to assist with travel expenses associated with attending the Sunshine Coast Youth Invitational Water Polo Tournament in Australia.
  3. That the Board grant a total of \$1,000 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to Applicant # 3 (being \$500 each for the two youths covered in the application) to assist with expenses associated with attending the International St John Youth Competitions being held in Canada in May 2004.

#### **Chairman's**

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