

## 12. YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Community Board approval for an application for funding from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by the applicant, April MacNeill, a 14 year old girl who lives in the Spreydon area, towards costs associated with representing Canterbury at the 2006 Friendship Games hosted by NSW Soccer to be held in Sydney from the 3-8 July 2006.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following outlines budgetary requirements for 2005:

<b>Activity/Competition</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Air fare (incl taxes)	July 2006	\$ 750
Accommodation	July 2006	\$1,200
Other	July 2006	\$ 200
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$2,150 inc gst</b>

4. The squad have been fundraising since February 2006, putting together events such as a movie night, a hypnotist night and a silent auction. Currently April has accumulated \$600 towards her trip cost through this fundraising and the squad are hoping to raise another \$500 per player prior to the Games.

### BACKGROUND ON THE YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUND – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

5. April is a keen soccer player, starting this passion at a young age. She currently plays in mixed teams for the Cashmere Wanderers Junior Affiliated Football Club including the 11<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> division team. She trialed for the Mainland Soccer Girls Under 13 years team in 2004 and was selected. Additionally she has been part of the Mainland Soccer International Player Development Programme for the past three years and has represented Canterbury throughout this time also.
6. April was selected in December 2005 by Mainland Soccer to train with the Girls High Performance Centre. This squad has been preparing by playing in the Under 14 section 1, boys grade in Christchurch, as well as training two evenings a week with coach Steven Henshaw.
7. The 18-strong squad will play six games during the annual Friendship Games. The Mainland team that went to the 2005 Games really benefited from the trip and this was reflected in their performance at the national tournament in Napier last December when they came second. Rather than a traditional tournament the Friendship Games focus is on player development. The ethos is to foster a pressure-free atmosphere for the players which enables them to perform at their best in a tournament situation.
8. This is the first time the applicant has approached the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board under the Youth Achievement Fund for funding assistance.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board agree to allocate \$300 from its 2006/07 Youth Achievement Fund to assist with costs associated for April MacNeill's trip to the Friendship Games in Sydney, Australia from 3-8 July 2006.

### CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.