

## 7. APPLICATION TO FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager Community Services
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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 the 2005/2006 Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicants:

Christopher Waite, a 13 year old Christchurch Boys High School student, has been selected in the Mainland Soccer, High Performance 14<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team to travel to Australia to compete in the 2006 Friendship Games from 30 June to 9 July 2006.

3. This is the first time this applicant has approached the Community Board for funding support.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

4. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a general overview of trip expenses and funding requested.

<b>Budget overview</b>	
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfare	845.00
Accommodation	972.00
Equipment	100.00
Entry Fee	48.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>1,965.00</b>
Amount Raised by Applicants	1,000.00
Amount yet to be raised	965.00
<b>Amount Requested from Community Board</b>	<b>\$500</b>

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board allocate Christopher Waite \$500 from the 2005/2006 Youth Development Scheme to assist with costs associated with the applicant's travel to Australia as part of the Mainland Soccer, High Performance 14<sup>th</sup> grade soccer team.

### BACKGROUND

5. The Friendship Games is an annual event that Soccer NSW hosts at Valentine Sports Park, Soccer NSW headquarters in Sydney. This event features elite age group players from across Australia and abroad. The ethos behind the Friendship Games is to foster a pressure free atmosphere for the players which enables them to perform at their peak. The focus of the tournament is on player development.
6. As a member of the High Performance Squad, Christopher receives elite coaching, with three training sessions per week. Christopher and his family have recently immigrated from England and this is his first year in the High Performance Squad.
7. The team is actively fundraising selling raffles, running garage sales, sausages sizzles, selling pine cones and holding a quiz night. They are also seeking sponsorship from local businesses and are well on the way to achieving their fundraising target of \$1000 per player.