

9. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Board approval for an application for funding from its 2005/06 Discretionary fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Melissa Harrison, a 17 year old girl who lives in the Riccarton area, towards costs associated with representing the New Zealand Under 18 Women's team at the Australia National Basketball Championships. The Championships will be held in Adelaide, Australia, from 9 to 16 July 2006. This is the second time the applicant has approached the Board for funding.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. There are no legal issues to be considered. The following table provides a financial breakdown of the funding requested:

Australian Championship	
Air Travel	\$1210.00
Accommodation & Meals	\$879.00
Rentals (vehicles and court hire)	\$326.00
Miscellaneous – (includes clothing, insurance, equipment, sport science medicine integration)	\$255.00
Total Cost	\$2670.00

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board agrees to allocate \$500 to Melissa Harrison from its 2005/2006 Discretionary fund to assist with costs associated with the applicant attending the Australia National Basketball Championships in Adelaide, Australia, from 9 to 16 July 2006.

BACKGROUND ON MELISSA HARRISON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING REQUEST

4. Melissa has been playing basketball since she was 9 years of age. She first represented Canterbury at the age of 11 years. Melissa first represented New Zealand in the under 16 squad and competed in Australia. Melissa's main goal for attending the Australia National Championships is to further develop her skills in order to cement her place in the New Zealand Basketball team. Her mid term goal is to secure a basketball scholarship in America so she can combine her love of basketball and gain a tertiary qualification. Melissa's ultimate goal is to be selected for the Tall Ferns to compete in the 2012 Olympic team. Melissa currently helps out voluntarily at her school with the coaching of the year 9 team on Friday nights and the Canterbury under 13 team.
5. The total cost of Melissa's trip is \$2,670. Melissa has been raising funds by running basketball camps for primary school aged children during the school holidays, working for Sport Canterbury, helping out with their holiday programme, running sausage sizzles and doing extra jobs around the house.