

#### 4. APPLICATION TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – RUTH HASTINGS

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##### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for an application for funding from the 2006/2007 Youth Development Scheme.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Ruth Hastings, is a 16 year old Burnside High School student and resident of the Fendalton/Waimairi ward. Ruth has been selected to join "Teen Mission" which is a month long programme aimed at building teens spiritually, physically, mentally and socially.
3. Teen Mission is a world wide Christian based programme which emphasises team work, personal development and broadening life experiences of young people through assisting communities in need.
4. Ruth will be part of a group of young people from New Zealand and Australia working in selected Fijian villages to improve the quality of life through teaching basic hygiene principles and assisting with rebuilding a school destroyed by a hurricane.
5. This project will run from 23 December 2006 to 28 January 2007 and consists of a ten day preparation training camp in Queensland, three weeks based in Fiji, and a four day debrief after the field work.
6. Ruth is a member of the St Aidan's Youth group in Bryndwr and is active in netball and tennis. She is also an accomplished musician and is a member of the Burnside High School jazz quartet.

##### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.
8. The total cost associated with the project is \$3,000 (airfares, accommodation, meals). The applicant is requesting a contribution of \$500 from the Community Board towards this cost. The remaining costs will be met by the applicant's family.

##### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee approve the application and allocate Ruth Hastings \$500 from the Youth Development Scheme to attend Teen Mission.