

4. APPLICATION TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – EMILY NICHOLAS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant, Emily Nicholas, is a 20 year old Canterbury University student living in the Burnside area.
3. Emily is a member of the Canterbury Aerobics Team who have been selected to compete in Federation of International Sports, Aerobics and Fitness (FISAF) World Championships being held in Belgrade, in October this year. To meet the qualifying standards the team was assessed by a top international judge whilst competing at the recent New Zealand Championships. The team convincingly won this event and clearly demonstrated they possessed the expertise to compete at an international level. The team travelling to Belgrade will consist of seven athletes plus one coach/manager.
4. Emily has a background in gymnastics, diving and performing arts. She currently teaches gymnastics part time and is choreographing the Breens Intermediate school production.
5. The team has been training for the World Championships since October 2006. They train together six days a week and in addition members are required to train individually in order to perfect the demanding routine. As a sport aerobics is very demanding, requiring a top fitness, flexibility, power, strength and co-ordination. Athletes are required to entertain and perform to an audience whilst executing their skills with absolute accuracy and perfection.
6. The team is actively fundraising and to date has held a successful trivia night at St Christopher's Church Hall, run a food stall at the Canterbury Schools Aerobics Championships and organised a movie night. In addition to these activities they plan to run a series of aerobics workshops at the College of Education, an under 18 formal ball, and over 18 formal, targeting parents and supporters, and culminating their fundraising with the "Absolute Aerobics Academy Concert". They have also secured \$5,000 in sponsorship.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The following table provides a breakdown of the costs involved with this trip.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Return airfares	2,800
Accommodation, internal transport	1,000
Costumes	700
Total Cost	\$4,500

8. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board for financial support.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2007/08 Project Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application and allocate \$300 to Emily Nicholas from the 2007/08 Youth Development Scheme.