

3. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME - APPLICATION – COURTNEY VON HAGEN**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present for consideration an application for funding assistance from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Funding Scheme.
2. There is currently a balance of **\$2,100** available in the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

3. Funding is being sought by Courtney Von Hagen, 16 year old of North New Brighton to attend Venture Wellington (scout venture) from 1 to 10 January 2010.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for the applicant:

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (NZ \$)</b>
Transport to and from the event (inc flights, shuttles etc)	107
Camp Activities/ expedition fee (self selected)	572
Venture Wellington fee	585
<b>Total costs</b>	<b>1264</b>
<b>Amount raised</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Other non CCC grant applications pending</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>

5. This is the first time the applicant has applied for Youth Development scheme funding. Courtney's sister received \$100 in November 2009 to attend the New Zealand Diving Championships.

**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

6. Yes, pages 176 and 177, regarding community grants schemes including Board funding, refers.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

8. Yes.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

9. Yes, the application aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans.

**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

10. Yes, paragraph 6 above refers.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

##### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

11. Yes, the application aligns with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

12. Not applicable.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$100 from its 2009/10 Youth Development Funding Scheme to Courtney Von Hagen to attend Venture Wellington (scout venture) from 1 to 10 January 2010.

## BACKGROUND OF APPLICANT

### Courtney Von Hagen

13. Courtney attends Burnside High School where she has recently become a prefect leader. She is a Venturer Scout and an assistant Kea leader at the Malvern Scout den where she volunteers twice a week. She has been involved in scouts for a year and intends to commit to it for as long as she can. Tony Dale the Chairman of the Scout Venture Organising Committee states *"The Venture is a key aspect of the Venturer Scout programme, which in itself is designed to provide life skills to teenagers thereby helping to develop them into responsible, contributing citizens"*.
14. Courtenay was encouraged to enrol for Venture Wellington by the Assistant Zone Leader, Adrian Price, for the Scouts Pegasus Bay Zone. Adrian says *"She is a vivacious and gregarious young woman who is full of energy and a willingness to muck in, take part and get things done. She is enthusiastic and a fine motivator of the youngsters"*.
15. The Scout Association of New Zealand organises and runs a Scout Venture every three years. A Venture is a ten day activity-based event for members of the Venturer section (Venturers being male and female youth members aged between 14-19 years of age). The activities are designed to provide adventure, challenge, skills development and social activities that reflect the interest of this age group as well as the values of Scouts New Zealand as reflected in our Law and Promise. Venture Wellington is the name of the next Venture planned for January next year. It is open to all invested Venturers in New Zealand.
16. Around 500 youth are expected to attend the Venture. Participants can choose from 13 different five day expeditions in the greater Wellington region. Each expedition caters to different interests and physical abilities. The expeditions are followed by four days of on-site activities and one day off-site activity. Accommodation is generally in scout halls or camping. Meals are included but groups are responsible for organising it themselves.
17. This programme offers participants the opportunity to try challenging activities that they would not normally have the chance to experience. Activities are designed to stretch and challenge participants both physically and mentally helping to develop skills and self confidence. The activities also help encourage fellowship amongst peers from varying backgrounds and interests.
18. Courtney is passionate about working with children and aims to do paediatric occupational therapy in the future. She says that she works and volunteers for Keas to help keep 'in tune' with children's needs and abilities. She believes that the camp will make her a better leader. She has fundraised \$150 so far by selling cookies, baby sitting and being involved in Blue Skies cookout. She has also applied to the Mainland Foundation for \$400.