

2. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHER RICHARDSON

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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 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Asher Richardson, a 16 year Burnside High School student living in Avonhead.
3. Asher has been selected in the New Zealand Under 19 Badminton Team to compete in the World Junior Championships in Malaysia in November this year. The team consists of five males and five females. Asher is the only South Island representative.
4. Asher has been described as a rising star in badminton and is the current New Zealand and Australian Under 17 Singles Champion and is ranked second in the senior division. His coach advises that Asher has the potential to make his mark in the international arena. The World Junior Championships will an opportunity for Asher to compete against world ranked players.
5. Asher plays for the University Club and his goal is to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table provides a breakdown of costs.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Air fares	1,235
Accommodation	1,022
Support Staff	600
Equipment	500
Total Cost	\$3,357

7. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

8. This application is seeking funding from the Community Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. 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 2009-19 LTCCP?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend the Board approve the application and allocate \$500 to Asher Richardson towards costs of competing in the World Junior Badminton Championships.