

16. BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME - APPLICATIONS - AARON CLUTTERBUCK, AVERY ADDEI, BRYCE MCMILLEN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present for the Board's consideration, three applications for funding assistance from the 2009/10 Youth Development Funding Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by three applicants, Aaron Clutterbuck a 16 year old from Parklands, Avery Addei a 13 year old from Parklands and Bryce McMillen a 13 year old from Burwood.
 - (a) Aaron has been selected to the New Zealand team to compete at the Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne Australia from 26 April to 3 May 2010.
 - (b) Avery and Bryce have been invited to play for the 82 Academy at the Mediterranean International Cup in Barcelona, Spain from 28 March to 10 April 2010.
3. Aaron is the current national level eight champion, and competed for New Zealand at the Trans Tasman meet in September 2009. Aaron is one of three gymnasts selected to the New Zealand Junior 2010 team to compete at the Pacific Rim Championships in Melbourne from 27 April to 2 May 2010.
 - (a) Aaron Clutterbuck, 16 year old from Parklands. He started gymnastics when he was six years old and loves all types of sport. Aaron has had numerous titles over his 10 years in the sport, competing last year at the nationals which was held in Hamilton. Aaron achieved a great deal, bringing back seven gold medals, two silver and also received the trophy for male gymnast of the competition. He was nominated gymnast of the year from Sport Canterbury. He currently trains approx 20 to 25 hours per week which includes two mornings each week from 6am to 8am. He is currently on the list for the Commonwealth Games and will trial for this in Auckland in March and then again in April. This has been Aaron's dream since he started gymnastics and one he hopes to achieve, his ultimate goal will be competing at the Olympics for New Zealand.
 - (b) Aaron's referee Avril Enslow has supported his application, stating his commitment to his sport, an excellent work ethic and as a role model for the other junior gymnasts in his club and in Canterbury. Avril has also stated that *"the financial demands on a family with gymnasts in the high performance programme are high". "The travel necessary to attend national clinics and competitions mount up and in 2010 there are two overseas tours planned". These are necessary to ensure that Aaron develops as a true senior international gymnast and is matched regularly against gymnasts of his age and ability. "There is no funding from the National body for these tours. The Clutterbuck family is very supportive of the club and our programmes and we believe that Aaron is a very worthy gymnast to received additional support"*.
4. The 82 Football Academy is all about excellence and is the brainchild of New Zealand coach and former 1982 All White Ricki Herbert. Football globally is in a growth phase and many New Zealand families are becoming more involved in the code. The aim of the Academy is to develop the skill base of both boys and girls. The target age range is nine to 12 year olds. The critical path is to find talented children, work with them on technical ability, mental approach and physical wellbeing.

5. The youth football tournament celebrates its 10th edition in the Costa Brava, Spain. The event counts on the best clubs and national teams in the world competing in four different classes during the tournament. The main purpose is that any young football player can compete against the most famous clubs in the world. The competition features some of the best teams such as Manchester United, Real Madrid etc and also allows the participation of small modest clubs which is what makes this event a unique and impressive tournament. There will be a total of 160 teams participating in the tournament on natural and artificial pitches throughout the region.
- (a) Avery Addei, 13 year old from Parklands who currently attends Christchurch Boys' High School. Avery retired from gymnastics in 2007, he had reached fourth overall in New Zealand but his dream of becoming a footballer became a stronger passion. He has played for two clubs and was selected in the Canterbury Development Squad when he was 10 years old. He has consistently performed to a level to achieve selection into the Canterbury team in 2007 and 2008. Avery trains with his current team "Nomads" twice weekly, he also trains himself at ball skills and sprinting when not at formal training. He plays futsal on Sunday afternoon to increase his touch and speed with the ball and has been learning about how diet plays an important role in making him perform to his best ability.
 - (b) Avery is thrilled to have been selected to the 82 Academy team and has loved the training sessions in Christchurch, Nelson and Queenstown immensely. His football skills, leadership and confidence have all greatly improved over this time. Avery has a good academic ability and enjoys achieving high grades, he is strong in many subjects including Japanese. He shows good leadership and participation levels in the classroom. The experience Avery will gain from this trip to Spain will drive him to achieve his long term dream, to ultimately play for New Zealand.
 - (c) There are three youths that have made this team in Canterbury therefore the families have decided to jointly fundraise, however as the time between the naming of the team and the trip is so very short they are also applying for grants. As a sole parent, Avery's mother has managed to make the first two payments using savings and will be heavily reliant on the fundraising, financial assistance from successful grants applications or she will be seeking a loan to complete the balance of the funds required for this trip.
 - (d) Bryce McMillen, 13 years old from Burwood who currently attends Christchurch Boys' High School. Bryce started playing football at age three and has been involved at club level competition every year since. Beginning as a member of Burwood AFC and only last year joining Burnside AFC because Burwood AFC was not involved in the 1st division of the 13th Grade. He is expecting to play for Nomads United AFC this season.
 - (e) Bryce participated in Ricki Herbert's 82 Football Academy held at Parklands in September 2009, which was the first of Herbert's academies in New Zealand. Based on his skill level and attitude he was selected to attend the 82 Academy in Queenstown in January 2010. As a result of his performance there he was selected to join the squad to compete in the Mediterranean International Cup competition to be held in Barcelona Spain at the end of March/beginning of April 2010.
 - (f) Bryce attended Windsor Primary School, Heaton Intermediate and is now at Christchurch Boys' High School. Throughout primary and intermediate school years Bryce has been involved with athletics, this led to being selected for Canterbury Championships and being part of the Canterbury Selection for inter-provincial competitions (in Christchurch and Dunedin), and he went on to podium finishes at the South Island Colgate Games. At primary school, Bryce was involved in Kapa Haka, a cultural group that performed shows not only at schools but also at the Christchurch Town Hall and local retirement homes and community centres. Bryce also works hard in the classroom and demonstrates his strong team ethic of supporting and assisting his classmates.
 - (g) This will be Bryce's first experience of international football and how other academies operate, and further inspire his long term ambition of becoming a professional football player. This experience will in turn help him to inform and inspire other local players as to the extent of the game overseas.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for the applicants:

(a)

EXPENSES FOR AARON CLUTTERBUCK	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation and food (6 nights), including transport for 6 days	1,585
Flights	650
Entry fees	100
Training costs	300
Uniform	620
Travel insurance	48
Total Costs per applicant	\$3,353
Amount raised by applicant:	
Sausage Sizzle	200
Fundraising at Gym	300
Amount requested	\$500

(b)

EXPENSES FOR AVERY ADDEI AND BRYCE MCMILLEN	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation, food, tournament fees	1,900
Flights	2,399
Taxes	450
Travel insurance	70
Total Costs per applicant	\$4,819
Amount raised by applicant:	
Application for funding from Riccarton Rotary Club (pending)	1,000
Fundraising – Raffles etc	5,000
Amount requested (each)	\$500

7. This is the first time the applicants have applied for funding from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board's Youth Development Scheme.

8. There is currently a balance of **\$1,100** available in the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

9. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. This fund aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. The applications align with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate \$350 each from the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Development Funding Scheme to:

- (a) Aaron Clutterbuck to compete at the Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne Australia from 26 April to 3 May 2010
- (b) Avery Addei and Bryce McMillen to play for the 82 Academy at the Mediterranean International Cup in Barcelona, Spain from 28 March to 10 April 2010.