

13. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS 2010/11 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FUND - APPLICATIONS - AIMEE BLACKLER, OLIVA CHING, MICHAEL JENKINS, MARK PUGH-WILLIAMS**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to present for the Board's consideration four applications for funding assistance from the Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme Fund.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by four applicants, Aimee Blackler, 12 years old from Aranui, Olivia Ching, 15 years old from Dallington, Michael Jenkins, 14 years old from Parklands, and Mark Pugh-Williams, 16 years old from Burwood.
3. **Aimee Blackler** will be representing GKR Karate at the Auckland Regional Tournament on 14 August 2010 and the National Tournament also in Auckland on 16 October 2010.

Aimee has been participating in GKR Go Kan Ryu Karate for six years, five of those on the Christchurch Tournament team. She attends a minimum of three 1.5 hour public sessions per week as well as a two hour tournament training class every Sunday. She has won medals at both Christchurch, regional and national level and in 2010 she is attempting to attend all regional events throughout New Zealand. She has attended every national tournament since she began the sport and in 2009 represented New Zealand at the GKR Karate World Cup which was held in Melbourne, Australia where she achieved a credible fourth and sixth placing in her events.

Aside from karate, Aimee is also of a member of the Coastal Spirit 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls soccer team where she is a versatile team player. She fits in her weekly practices around her karate training. Aimee is in year seven at Shirley Intermediate School where she is a transition buddy, road patrol monitor, and librarian.

Because Aimee is under 16 years of age, she requires a guardian to travel to tournaments with her. Therefore, the financial costs to her parents can be very high, Aimee competed at the nationals in October 2009 with the majority being paid for by family. The World GKR Tournament is in Birmingham, England 2011 and Aimee has already been selected to be part of the New Zealand team comprising of 20 from Christchurch. This team is focusing its fundraising efforts towards these costs which will be approximately \$5,000 per person. Both parents are working full-time. Ongoing costs for Aimee to train are \$90 per month. Aimee also needs to purchase her own equipment to participate. Because Aimee is growing, the cost to purchase this equipment is approximately \$150 per year. Aimee's father was also in the New Zealand team in 2009 and travelled to Australia with Aimee. Aimee has an older sister who is at Avonside Girls High School and is a keen netballer.

4. **Olivia Ching** is participating in the Avonside Girls' High School 1<sup>st</sup> eleven football team travelling to Dunedin for the National Schools Football Tournament from 1 to 7 September 2010.

Olivia plays for the Western Soccer Club, St Albans in the 16<sup>th</sup> Grade, and started with the club when she was four years old. She is playing and training for soccer six to eight hours each week and has represented Canterbury in the 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven three times and made the New Zealand Futsal team to Sydney in January 2010. She plays Futsal in the summer months for Vikings based at Queen Elizabeth II Park.

She is currently studying her first year of NCEA Level 1 at Avonside Girls' High School. She joined Crichton Cobbers Gym to increase her fitness for soccer and avidly followed the recent FIFA World Cup.

Olivia is the youngest of three children, who are all living at home with their parents. Both parents work full-time, Olivia father coaches both the teams which Olivia plays in (voluntary time each week up to eight to 10 hours with training and games).

5. **Michael Jenkins** is attending the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow on 14 August 2010 as part of the St Andrew's College Pipe Band.

The cost for the two week trip away is \$5,000. The Pipe Band have been very busy with fundraising and this will contribute \$2,000 to each member of the band. The band members need to come up with a further \$3,000. Michael has been able to save a further \$600 from pocket money and other odd jobs for the trip.

Three years ago in 2007 the St Andrew's Pipe Band came third in the world in the Juvenile Grade which is for under 18 year olds. The School was delighted with this result and aim to do better this year. There are quite a number of new members to the band since 2007 including Michael.

Michael started to learn the side drum in October 2006 and was promoted to the schools A band in March 2009. The "A band" at St Andrew's College is the top school pipe band in the country. The band compete in Grade 2 (1 being the highest and 4 the lowest) which is a great achievement because they compete against highly experienced adult bands which do not lose their most experienced members every year when they leave school.

This winter, Michael has chosen to give up playing football for the school team so that he can honour his commitments to the Pipe Band. Michael enjoys the music and the achievements of the Pipe Band, he also enjoys the team work and the discipline and focus he has learnt from being a member of the Pipe Band.

Michael has achieved several awards for Side Drumming, and has received two scholarships to attend a Pipe Band Camp in the school holidays at no cost. Another scholarship has paid his fees for Pipe Band membership for the year.

As a whole the band has raised \$8,000 from a Monster Garage Sale, a Ceilidh (Scottish evening with dance and food), STAC Attack concert in the Town Hall and preparing packs for runners as part of the SBS Marathon.

There are two children in the family, Michael has a 12 year old brother who is excelling in soccer, Michael's father works full-time and his mother works part time. Michael's parents paid for the full costs for him to attend the Pipe Band Nationals in Masterton in 2009.

6. **Mark Pugh-Williams** is attending the Youth World Indoor Climbing Championships in Edinburgh from the 9 to 12 September 2010.

Mark has a great list of achievements from his sport including three national and international titles; 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Youth Male 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Open Male 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Oceanic Male Open Speed Climbing and the National Cup Youth A Male for 2010. Mark is the youngest climber in New Zealand to get his grade 31 difficulty climb outdoors achieved at the Barnett Park Caves in Redcliffs. Long term goals are that he wants to continue to progress with his climbing, he is aiming to attend the Open Worlds Indoor Climbing in 2011 in Arco, Italy.

Mark trains four days per week and coaches the 'Flying Geckos' (Youth Climbing Group) every Friday at the Roxx Climbing Centre. Mark has a part time job as a delivery boy for the local pharmacy. In March 2010 he volunteered at the Linwood Youth and Family Experience event LYFE to run and coach the blow-up climbing frame with two other climbers.

Sefton Priestly is the Head Coach of the 'Flying Geckos' Climbing Club and also Mark's coach. He is a referee for Mark and states that *"I have both observed and coached Mark for five years and have witnessed him progress to the current point where is in the top echelon of his age group in Australasia. Apart from winning his age grade in the two National Cup series held this*

*year so far he has obtained a first and third placing in the open grade. This means that Mark is one of the top competitive climbers of any age in New Zealand. To get to this point has required considerable time, effort and commitment. Further improvement, which I believe Mark is capable of, would be benefited by exposure to international events such as the World Junior Championships. The benefits not only accrue to the individual, but also to the club and sport in general by raising overall standards".*

Mark is the youngest of two children, the only one living with his parents. His father works fulltime and his mother works part time. Mark's parents paid between \$8,000 to \$10,000 last year for Mark to attend the four National Cup tournaments (three North Island), National tournament and Oceania tournament in Australia, Mark also competed at the Youth Worlds in France in 2009.

Climbing New Zealand is not a SPARC affiliated sport which means that individuals are not able to apply for pub charities funding.

Mark is at Shirley Boys' High School in year 12 studying sport leadership, outdoor leadership, extension maths and English.

## 7. Financial Implications

The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested by the applicants:

<b>Expenses for Aimee Blackler (2x events)</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares to Auckland	
August	236
October	116
Accommodation 3x nights	200
Event Entry Fee	150
Travel	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$772</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
<b>Movie and Quiz Night</b>	
<b>Chocolate Sales</b>	<b>\$150</b>

<b>Expenses for Olivia Ching</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Accommodation (Motel Cumberland)	283
Petrol and food	94
Event Entry Fee	52
Travel (Vans)	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$523</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$300</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
Sausage Sizzle	
Movie Night	
Garage Sale	
Marshalling at Mud Sweat and Tears	\$213 per person

<b>Expenses for Michael Jenkins</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares to Glasgow	3,000
Accommodation	600
Event Entry Fee	250
Uniform	150
Insurance	200
Supervisor and tutor costs	250
Food	200
Internal Travel	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>Monster Garage Sale</b>	
<b>Ceilidh (Scottish Evening with dance and food)</b>	
<b>STAC Attack concert at the Christchurch Town Hall</b>	
<b>SBS Marathon Fundraiser</b>	

<b>Expenses for Mark Pugh-Williams</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares to Edinburgh	3,000
Accommodation	1,250
Event Entry Fee	130
Food	400
Insurance	250
Uniform	285
Management Costs	915
Travel (internal)	700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,100</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Sport Canterbury - Pending</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$</b>
Family Bouldering Day at Castle Hill	400
Confectionary Sales	32
Clip and Climb fundraising	233
Raffle at school	Pending
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$663</b>

8. Aimee Blacker, Michael Jenkins and Mark Pugh-Williams are all first time applicants for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board's Youth Development Scheme Fund.
9. Olivia Ching received funding from this scheme in 2009/10 for her to represent New Zealand in the Under 14 Girls team at the Trans Tasman National Club Championships in Sydney from 11 to 18 January 2010.
10. There is currently a balance of \$5,860 available in the 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

11. Yes, page 176 of the LTCCP refers.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

14. Yes, the applications align with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

15. It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board allocate the following grants from its 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme fund:
- (a) \$250 to Aimee Blackler to represent GKR Karate at the Auckland Regional Tournament on 14 August 2010 and the National Tournament in Auckland on 16 October 2010.
  - (b) \$150 to Olivia Ching to participate in the Avonside Girls' High School 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven football team travelling to Dunedin for the National Schools Football Tournament from 1 to 7 September 2010.
  - (c) \$400 to Michael Jenkins to attend the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, Scotland on 14 August 2010 as part of the St Andrew's College Pipe Band.
  - (d) \$450 to Mark Pugh-Williams to attend the Youth World Climbing Championships in Edinburgh, Scotland from 9 to 12 September 2010.