

3. APPLICATION TO THE FENDALTON WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – KIMBERLEY ROBSON

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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 Kimberley Robson, a 19 year old Canterbury University student living in Burnside.
3. Kimberley is a New Zealand Senior International Rhythmic Gymnast. She is seeking support to help in her endeavour to qualify and compete for New Zealand at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.
4. In May and June 2009, Kimberley travelled to Europe to compete in 3 competitions - The Chodov Cup in Prague, the Mol Cup in Belgium, and the Baltic Cup in Poland. She placed ninth in Prague, fifth in Belgium, where she made two finals and placed fourth in the hoop final, and twenty-first in Poland.
5. Kimberley is currently midway through a two month period of intensive training in Russia.
6. The funding requested is towards the cost of competing in two international competitions. The first is in Los Angeles from 22 - 24 January 2010, and from there she will travel to Montreal to represent New Zealand in a World Cup competition on 29 - 31 January 2010. Kimberley will be travelling direct from Russia to compete in these tournaments.
7. In order to be considered for selection for the Commonwealth Games, Kimberley is required to compete in both of these competitions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The total cost for Kimberley to travel from Russia to compete in the two tournaments is \$9,000 which includes air fares, accommodation, food, uniforms and tournament entrance fee.
9. Kimberley works part time and has organised an auction which raised \$2,000.
10. This is the second time the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support. Kimberley was successful in receiving \$400 from the Board in March 2007 towards competing in a gymnastics competition in Portugal. She achieved... in this competition..??

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

11. Yes, see pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

13. Yes.

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

14. Yes, see paragraph 11.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application and allocate \$400 from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme to Kimberley Robson towards the costs involved in competing in gymnastics competitions in Los Angeles and Montreal.