

11. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME 2010/11 - APPLICATIONS – AMANDA NORRIS, LAUREN DENNY, SAMANTHA LAKIN, LOUIS HARRISON-AYDON, AND RUTH JOHNSON**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by five applicants, Amanda Norris 15 year old from Bexley, Lauren Denny a 16 year old from Queenspark, Samantha Lakin a 15 year old from North New Brighton, Louis Harrison-Aydon a 14 year old from North New Brighton, Samantha Lakin a 15 year old from North New Brighton, Ruth Johnson 16 year of from Aranui.
 - (a) Amanda Norris has been accepted as a New Zealand representative for New Zealand Sea Scouts to sail in the William Koch International Sea Scout Cup to be held in New London Connecticut, USA from 1 to 7 August 2010.
 - (b) Lauren Denny is going to Vietnam for two weeks from 3 to 17 July 2010 as part of history in year 12 at Christchurch Girls' High School to learn more about the Vietnam war.
 - (c) Samantha Lakin has been selected to represent GymSport New Zealand at the 2010 Rhythmic Australian Gymnastics Championships from 4 to 13 July 2010.
 - (d) Louis Harrison-Aydon is going with twelve other students from Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti (secondary school in the central city) to Samoa from 2 to 12 August 2010 on a student lead project named Project Iva, which aims to support a village school in Samoa.
 - (e) Ruth Johnson, is to attend the Southern Skies Touch tournament from 4 to 10 July 2010 in Brisbane, Australia.
3. **Amanda Norris**, 15 years old who attends Linwood College. Amanda has been accepted as a New Zealand representative for New Zealand Sea Scouts to sail in the William Koch International Sea Scout Cup to be held in New London Connecticut, USA from 1 to 7 August 2010. This is an international event with approximately 15 International and 25 American teams competing. New Zealand representatives have finished second in the past five of this regatta.

Amanda has been involved in sailing for the last five years sailing optimists, P Class, Starling Sunburst and 420's. Amanda has been a member of Scouts for approximately eight years and for the past three years a member of the Lyttelton Sea Scouts. Amanda is a member of the Naval Point Yacht Club, she does most of her sailing in the Lyttelton area and is coached by her father. Amanda attended the Queensland Youth Week in Brisbane in July 2009 in a double handed 420, she finished 12th overall from twenty five boats, this event was fully funded by her parents. Scouting New Zealand are not providing any funding assistance for individuals to get to this Regatta, however Amanda has received funds from her Club and the Mander Yachting Trust.

Amanda feels that this international event will provide a great opportunity for her to develop her sailing skills and mix with other elite sailors. The William Koch International Sea Scouts Cup is privately funded and owned event produced for the benefit of Sea Scouts and International Scouts and is not sponsored or endorsed by the US Coast Guard Academy. This regatta is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 to 21 years who are actively registered in the Sea Scout Programme. Prizes are awarded for camaraderie, sportsmanship, and sailing skills. Amanda is also a member of the of the Linwood College Orchestra who are travelling to Europe next year.

4. **Lauren Denny**, 16 year old from Queenspark, is going to Vietnam for two weeks from the 3 to 17 July 2010 to learn more about the Vietnam war as part of history in year 12 at Christchurch Girls' High School. In 2009, Lauren received Excellence for her NCEA level one and she also gained academic merit colours from school for achieving such high excellence levels. The subject that Lauren has enjoyed the most and excelled in has been history.

As well as academics, Lauren is also heavily involved in sports, especially water polo. She has been a member of the Christchurch Girls' High School A team since year 10 and the team won the South Islands Secondary Schools Tournament in March this year. Lauren also coaches the school's B team and in 2009 she received full sports colours for her service to this sport. Lauren does other voluntary work, working in the January 2010 school holidays as a volunteer on the YMCA holiday programmes. She thoroughly enjoyed this experience and hopes to continue gaining skills in this way.

Lauren feels that going to Vietnam is going to be of huge benefit for her, to gain knowledge and experiences which can't be learnt in the classroom. Lauren recently started work at Vbase as a casual food and beverage attendant. The trip will include Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum, Hoa Lu Prison, Ho Chi Minh Head Quarters, Military Museum, Mekong Delta and River.

5. **Samantha Lakin** has been selected into the New Zealand team to attend the 2010 Rhythmic Australian Gymnastics Championships from 4 to 13 July 2010. Samantha has been a member of the Canterbury team for 4 years and her best achievement was winning the Nationals in Level 6 and in Level 5 she came third overall. Last year she made it into the Canterbury team and was injured at the time of the nationals, however she came first in the trials (Level 8) which saw her qualify for this trip.

Samantha is in year 11 at Catholic Cathedral College. Her parents and two siblings all live together and attend the Linwood Union Church. Her 17 year old sister does trampolining with the Canterbury School of Gymnastics, and will be attending an Interclub Competition in Auckland in June 2010. Her parents are supporting her with the costs of this trip. Samantha's younger brother, 12 years of age, is also very sports orientated and involved in swimming and waterpolo for the Queen Elizabeth II Club.

Samantha's interests include drama, music, swimming and old movies. Samantha trains 12 hours per week, she also coaches Level 1 and 2 Rhythmic girls for four hours each week. Samantha started coaching in term 3 in 2009 when she injured herself and could not train for a period. She loves sharing her knowledge and passion for her sport with others. She has achieved one of her long term goals to wear the New Zealand tracksuit and represent her country.

6. **Louis Harrison-Aydon** is going with twelve other students from Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti to Samoa from 2 to 12 August 2010 on a student lead project named Project Iva, which aims to support a village school in Samoa. Project Iva will deliver a container of good quality school equipment to a school in the village of Alva in Samoa. This initiative is a significant community service/outreach activity being undertaken by Louis and fellow students. The aims of the project are learning empathy through service, and inspiring others to give service to others in need. The equipment to be donated has already been sourced and there is funding through sponsorship and fundraising to guarantee the transport of the container to Samoa by the middle of July this year. Now Louis is seeking further support to enable a personal handover of the container at the beginning of August. The Director of Unlimited Paenga Tawhiti, John Mather states that he has been impressed with the commitment of Louis and fellow students to this project and believe the cultural learning that will come from delivering the container will add significantly to the learning already acquired through this project. John Mather, personally supports Louis in his endeavours to raise funds for Project Iva, an initiative that has been developed within the school.

The school is in a village called Iva on the island of Savaii and was forced to relocate owing to coastal erosion. The village received a grant that covered the cost of building the new school, but they had no funding for any school supplies. Project Iva's aim was to send a shipping container full of new and used school supplies like desks, chairs, books, pencils and blackboards etc. The students have put an enormous amount of effort into this project, along with many challenging fundraising ventures, including source to sea, North Canterbury school tour (telling children about this project), Variety concert, selling t-shirts, a quiz night, busking, firewood sales, marshalling at the Masters Games, church fair plus many more.

Louis is one of three children, living with his mother and other siblings aged 10, 12, and 14 years. His mother works part-time at Unlimited but does at least 15 to 20 hours of voluntary work as part of this role. His father has recently started a new business and is building his client base.

7. **Ruth Johnson** is to attend the Southern Skies Touch Tournament from 4 to 10 July 2010 in Brisbane, Australia. This is an annual touch tournament with 1500 people attending from around the world. Ruth attends Middleton Grange School and has been playing touch for just over a year. The school is sending a seniors mixed touch team which Ruth has been selected for. Ruth is a member of the schools Girls Touch Team which came third in the Girls Open Division at the Canterbury Secondary Schools Competition. The Touch team plays once week in the summer season and has been practicing two to three times per week in the months leading up to the Southern Skies tournament.

Ruth also plays netball and participates in a after-school Drama School called Original Scripts. Ruth volunteers at the church she attends 'Grace Vineyard' working in the kids church and also volunteers at the Canterbury Museum for their holiday programme. Currently she works two afternoons each week at the SHARP after school programme on a volunteer basis, although she does receive a koha. Ruth enjoys all aspects of school and last year passed NCEA Level 1 endorsed with excellence and received hours English, French and Physical Education.

Ruth helped to raise money for World Vision at Easter camp this year. She also participated in a play for KidsFest last year. The production is put on for the community and all the actors are unpaid.

Ruth's parents have provided evidence of their earnings which indicates a level of financial support is required for Ruth to attend this tournament.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

EXPENSES FOR AMANDA NORRIS	Cost (NZ \$)
Regatta entry fees includes accommodation and food	260
Flights to America	3,000
Total Costs per applicant	3,400
Amount raised by applicant:	
Event Security, babysitting and odd jobs	500
Navel Point Club	200
Mander Yachting Trust	400
Amount requested (each)	\$500

EXPENSES FOR LOUIS HARRISON-AYDON	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation	100
Flights	500
Food	100
Transport	50
Miscellaneous	50
Travel insurance	80
Total Costs per applicant	\$880
Amount raised by applicant:	
Sausage Sizzle	200
Fundraising at Gym	300
Amount requested	\$500

EXPENSES FOR LAUREN DENNY	Cost (NZ \$)
Package cost per student	5,326
Flights	
Food	
Transport	80
Visa	115
Travel insurance	63
Total Costs per applicant	\$5,644
Amount raised by applicant:	
Fashion Evening – Destination Style – School event	300
Working part-time at Vbase	300
Amount requested	\$500

EXPENSES FOR SAMANTHA LAKIN	Cost (NZ \$)
Flights	1,378
Accommodation	1,195
Uniform	350
Total Costs per applicant	\$2,928
Amount raised by applicant:	300
Sport Canterbury application pending	500
Amount requested	\$500

EXPENSES FOR RUTH JOHNSON	Cost (NZ \$)
Cost of tournament (covers all means and accommodation)	1,100
Flights	828
Travel insurance	40
Total Costs per applicant	\$1,968
Amount raised by applicant:	
Busking	28
Part-time job on holiday programme	260
Sausage Sizzle	to be confirmed
Cake Stall	to be confirmed
Take a kid to footy packs	500
Selling chocolate	to be confirmed
Amount requested	\$300

9. Lauren Denny, Samantha Lakin, Louis Harrison-Aydon, Ruth Johnson are all first time applicants for the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Development Scheme Fund.

Amanda Norris is also a first time applicant, however at the time of writing this report a second application to this fund is in the process of being brought to the Board in August/September as part of Linwood College Orchestra group application.

10. Subject to separate ratification by the Board at the present meeting, there is a balance of **\$7,500** available in the 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

11. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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. Application aligns with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board allocate from its Burwood/Pegasus Youth Development Scheme Fund 2010/11, the following:

- (a) Amanda Norris \$400 towards the costs of her attendance at the William Koch International Sea Scout Cup to be held in New London Connecticut, USA from the 1 to 7 August 2010.
- (b) Lauren Denny \$400 towards the costs of her trip to Vietnam for two weeks from 3 to 17 July 2010.
- (c) Samantha Lakin \$500 towards the costs of representing GymSport New Zealand at the 2010 Rhythmic Australian Gymnastics Championships from 4 to 13 July 2010.
- (d) Louis Harrison-Aydon \$400 towards the costs of going to Samoa from 2 to 12 August 2010 on a student lead project named Project Iva.
- (e) Ruth Johnson \$300 towards the costs of attending the Southern Skies Touch Tournament from 4 to 10 July 2010 in Brisbane, Australia.