

8. BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - FUNDING APPLICATIONS FROM JAMES FAIRBAIRN, VINCENT PAUL, ERIC GOLDSBURY AND BOWEN SCREEN

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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 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by four applicants, James Fairbairn, 17 years old of Shirley, Eric Goldsbury, 16 years old from Bexley, Vincent Paul, 18 years old from Aranui and Bowen Screen, 18 years old from Dallington, to attend the National Youth and Open Touch Championships as Canterbury representatives, to be held from 4 to 6 March 2010 in Auckland.
3. This year's National Touch Tournament will have over 45 teams from throughout New Zealand competing in mens, womens and mixed grades, from under 19's to over 45's age groups. The tournament provides the applicants with the opportunity to play at an elite level and to learn and develop skills from other teams and players attending the tournament. Participation at the tournament will also give the applicants the opportunity to be selected for the Under 21 New Zealand Mens Team for the Trans Tasman Competition in 2012.

(a) James Fairbairn

James is a school prefect at St Andrew's College and has been involved with touch for the past five years. He is a member of the mixed touch team who has been recently placed third at the Touch Nationals for schools in 2009 and second in 2008. James has also played touch for Canterbury in the U17, U21 and South Island Mainland U17 team for the past three years. James has also played in the St Andrew's College First 15 rugby team for the past three years, also representing Canterbury in rugby since he was seven years of age. James' other sporting achievements include school volleyball, at which he has played in the top team for the past three years and was placed in the top 40 players at the schools nationals.

James works part-time for Vbase in catering for large events. James feels that by attending the Club Touch Nationals in Auckland he will be able to gain more experience within the touch community and also make more friendships. James has raised approximately \$150 towards the costs of this trip through sponsorship of a 10 kilometre run and selling chocolate raffles. He is a first time applicant to this funding scheme.

(b) Eric Goldsbury

Eric is in his final year at high school as a pupil at the Kura Kaupapa Maori. As this is a small school, school sports teams have been hard to form, therefore Eric registered at the Belfast Rugby Club. In 2007 he started playing touch rugby for Blaze and has steadily improved and subsequently selected for the Canterbury Touch team. Eric is enrolled with the Aranui League Academy to further his career path in sport, either as a professional player or as a coach.

Eric also has a passion for Kapa Haka and has represented Canterbury in both the senior and high school national competitions. Eric works a part-time job with Kotane the Kapa Haka performing group at Willowbank and has raised \$100. He is hoping to raise further money through the 10 kilometre sponsored run. In February 2009, Eric received funding assistance of \$175 from the Hagley/Ferrymead Youth Development fund for costs towards accommodation and airfares to attend the senior national kapahaka competition in Tauranga as member of Te Ahikaaroa Kapahaka. Accountability for funds have been received by staff and the group Te Ahikaaroa Kapahaka performed at the LYFE (Linwood Youth Festival) event in March 2009.

(c) Vincent Paul

Vincent is a full-time student in his second year studying at the New Zealand Institute of Sport in Christchurch towards a Diploma in Exercise Prescription. His sporting interests include rugby league, (he plays for the Aranui Eagles premier team), touch, tennis, volleyball, soccer and softball. He also currently coaches both years five and six boys and girls touch teams at Avondale Primary School, the rugby team at Avondale Primary School and the Aranui High School's year 9 touch team.

Vincent feels that his participation in this tournament will benefit him as a player as he will be competing in the highest youth mens grade for touch. It will also give Vincent the opportunity to be selected for the Under 21 New Zealand mens team for the Trans Tasman Competition in 2012.

(d) Bowen Screen

Bowen finished high school at the end of 2009 and is about to start a commerce degree at Canterbury University this year. Bowen has been working full time during the summer holidays on a diary farm to save funds for his University fees and living expenses. He intends finding a part-time job to support his living costs during this year. Bowen has been playing touch at New Brighton for approximately four years. This is Bowen's first time at being selected to represent Canterbury and he feels very proud of this achievement. Bowen coached touch to year 9 and 10 teams when at school.

Bowen feels that the experience he will gain from competing at this level at the tournament will also be of benefit for the teams he will coach. Bowen also coaches similar age groups in athletics and swimming. Bowen also enjoys others sports including mountain biking, swimming, tennis, rugby, winter touch and snowboarding. Bowen has not previously received funding from this scheme. Bowen anticipates raising \$190 through fundraising, raffles, selling chocolates and sponsorship of a 10 kilometre run.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The following table details event expenses and funding requested by the applicants:

(a)

EXPENSES FOR NATIONAL TOUR TOURNAMENT	Cost (NZ \$)
Accommodation (\$43 per night)	\$172
Flights	160
Entry Fees	110
Team Costs including – uniform, equipment, physio, petrol, admin, National Entry fee, and first aid	300
Accommodation	172
Food	100
Rental Vans and petrol	71
Total Costs per applicant	\$810
Amount raised by:	
James Fairbairn	150
Eric Goldsbury	150
Vincent Paul	150
Bowen Screen	190
Amount requested (each)	\$500

5. This is the first time that three of the applicants; James Fairbairn, Vincent Paul, and Bowen Screen, have applied for funding from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board in the 2009/10 financial year.
6. Eric Goldsbury received \$175 of funding assistance from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Youth Development Fund in 2008/09 for costs towards the National Kapa Haka Championships.
7. There is currently a balance of **\$1,900** available in the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board allocate James Fairbairn, Vincent Paul, Eric Goldsbury and Bowen Screen \$200 each from its Youth Development Fund to attend the National Touch Tournament being held in Auckland from the 3 to 7 March 2010.