

2. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – AYESHA CAMPBELL

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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 Ayesha Campbell, a 17 year old Burnside High School student living in Bryndwr.
3. Ayesha has been selected to compete in the Junior World Ice Skating Championships in The Hague, Netherlands in March 2010. Ayesha along with her skating partner will compete in the Ice Dance section. This is the first time New Zealand skaters have achieved the standard required to compete at this level in this category.
4. Ayesha has been involved with competitive ice dancing since the age of eleven and with her dancing partner of two years is the current New Zealand and Australian champion. The pair are in the New Zealand squad aiming for the 2016 World Olympic Games. In addition to this Ayesha has numerous titles in solo ice dancing.
5. Alongside coaching junior skaters, Ayesha trains twice a day, six days per week with the first training session starting at 5am. Ayesha and her younger brother are being raised by their grandparents who have mortgaged their property to fund Ayesha's skating. Every school holiday Ayesha travels to Australia for intensive coaching and in September last year attended a three week training camp in Germany. Ayesha now has to compete regularly at international events in order to maintain and improve her ranking.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total cost to attend the Junior World Championships is \$4,000 which includes air fares, accommodation, uniforms and tournament entrance fee.
7. Ayesha is committed to a part time job with family involved in on-going fundraising, selling raffles and garage sales.
8. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

9. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application and allocate \$400 to Ayesha Campbell towards the costs of competing in the Junior World Ice Skating Championship, in The Hague, Netherlands, March 2010, from the Youth Development Scheme fund.