

12. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME 2011/12 - APPLICATIONS – EDGE PHILLIPS, RACHEL O’KEEFE, TARA WALSH AND AIMEE BLACKLER**

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme. The balance of this fund is \$1,200.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by four applicants, Edge Phillips, Tara Walsh, Rachel O’Keefe ,and Aimee Blackler.
3. **Edge Phillips** is 15 years old from Aranui. An application has been received to attend the National Boxing Championships in Wellington from 25 to 30 October 2011 with the A-Town Boxing Club.

Edge is one of two boxers who have been supported by A-Town Boxing to compete at the National Championships. Jamie Roberts, head coach at A-Town Boxing, states that *“Edge has stick-ability to learn and grow his boxing skills and deserves this opportunity”*.

Edge has been training at A-Town Boxing Gym since he was 10 years old. During this time Edge has had 25 fights with 4 wins, 2 wins in 2011 and 2 close losses in 2011. He has been training hard and is improving his skills, thus the reason for his selection by the club to attend the Championships.

The discipline Edge has learnt from his training and his coach’s guidance has been very tough. His training includes running before school, with spring work in the evening on the nights when he is not at the gym. He trains six days per week. Quote from Edge: *“The respect and mana I get from my whanau and friends is awesome and this helps motivate me, and helps get me through the tough times”*.

Edge has attended bouts throughout New Zealand for the past five years and he now feels this is the right time to step up to this level of competition. Edge has made a number of trips that have been financially supported by A-Town Boxing and by his whanau. He states that he has been very grateful for these opportunities. In the off season he plans to get a part-time job to help with costs for 2012. Edge’s long term goal is to represent New Zealand in boxing.

Edge is from a big whanau. He lives with his father and step-mother and he is the oldest of six children. He has 5 step-sisters. When Edge is not at school or boxing he helps at home.

4. **Tara Walsh** is 19 years old from Dallington. Tara is a second year student at the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT) Jazz School and has been offered the opportunity to go to the jazz capital of the world, New York. Tara is one of four students from CPIT Jazz School who are currently studying towards a Bachelor of Musical Arts, who have been chosen to travel to New York City for a two week cultural and educational music trip. The group will experience the finest jazz through attending live performances and participating in group and individual workshops at the University of New York, the Manhattan School of Music and the New York Jazz Academy. The aim is that the trip will become an annual or bi-annual event for students to aspire to during the course of their studies. Tara feels that this will be a fantastic and inspirational learning experience.

Tara states she has a passion for all things musical, whilst majoring in vocals, she also plays the piano and guitar. Since being at Jazz School Tara has trained with tutors Susan De Jong and Jennine Bayley. She states that she has learnt a great deal from them. Tara works, practices or study’s jazz seven days per week, and is passionate about music.

Tara is also a volunteer for SAFE and teaches Irish dancing which she has done since she was three years old.

She hopes that she can share her musical accomplishments with others through teaching and performing. Tara lives at home with her mother who works full time as a teacher at Banks Avenue Primary School. She has done some fundraising for her trip through various part-time jobs.

Cameron Pearce, Programme Leader of Music Arts at CPIT supports the application. Cameron completed a Masters Degree in music at Queens' College, City University of New York, and has assisted the group to utilise well established contacts in the colleges the group intends to visit. He notes that the opportunity for students to experience the art form of jazz performed at the highest level in New York will be very significant for those going on the trip plus their experience will also have a positive impact on other jazz students at CPIT.

5. **Rachel O'Keefe** is 16 years old from Avondale and has been selected in the Australasian Under 17 Futsal team to go to Brazil to train and play at the School of Excellence from 18 November to 6 December 2011.

Rachel was in the New Zealand Under 16 Futsal Team which competed in Sydney in January 2011 and was selected for the Australasian team at this time. Rachel has been playing Futsal since September 2008. She plays games twice a week and trains twice a week.. Some of her achievements include representing Canterbury Women's Futsal at Under 13, 14 and 16 (captain) level, New Zealand Under 14 and 16 (Captain, Sydney) level and the Australasian Under 17 team (Brazil). She is ranked as a top five Under 16 player in New Zealand. Rachel was the Captain for the Coastal Spirit Under 14 and 16 football teams, the Under 16 team competed at the Kanga Cup in Canberra, Australia.

Rachel's future goals are to play futsal professionally in Europe and to play in a Futsal World Cup tournament. Rachel attended Avonside Girls' High School and then moved to Linwood College in 2010, where she quickly established herself academically and within the sporting area. She captained the Linwood College Girls' Futsal team that won the Canterbury Schools title and placed second at the School National Championships.

Rachel is studying NCEA level one at Linwood College and in the top set academic group and she intends to study at tertiary level.

Rachel has been actively raising money through a range of activities including sausage sizzles and special evening events.

During this tour Rachel will receive trainings from top Futsal coaches and play against local Brazilian teams. This tour will develop her game immensely and will provide an opportunity to take her futsal career to a new level.

A letter of support has been provided by Linwood College Principal, Margaret Paiti, describing Rachel's character..." *Rachel is a conscientious student with a genuine desire to succeed in whatever field she pursues. Her talents, commitment and competitive spirit have been recognised at representative level for both football and futsal. Furthermore her leadership capabilities have been consistently acknowledged by her role of captain for the Canterbury Futsal team. Rachel is a driven young woman and she has faced a number of challenges due to disruptions caused by the earthquakes subsequent consequences. Her commitment and determination are positive attributes which has enabled her to overcome these trials*".

6. **Aimee Blackler** is 13 years old of Aranui and will be representing GKR Karate at the National Tournament in Auckland on 5 November 2011.

Aimee has been participating in GKR Go Kan Ryu Karate for seven years, five of those on the Christchurch Tournament team. She attends a minimum of three 1.5 hours public sessions per week as well as a two hour tournament training class every Sunday totalling up to 18 hours per week. She has won medals at both Christchurch regional and national level. 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.

At the 2010 nationals, Aimee won a gold in sparring, silver in Kata and bronze in team Kata. She currently holds the national title for 12 year old female sparring. Her goal is to win the national title again for 2011.

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 is in Year 8 at Shirley Intermediate School where she is a transition buddy, road patrol monitor, and librarian. Aimee's parents work full-time and are extremely supportive of her opportunities to compete at a national level. Aimee has an older sister who is at Avonside Girls' High School and is a keen netballer.

7. Financial Implications

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

Expenses for Edge Phillips – New Zealand National Boxing Championships (October 2011)	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares to Wellington	200
Accommodation	250
Transport (Share of Rental Car)	150
Food	150
Total	\$750
Amount requested	\$500
Fundraising	
To be confirmed	\$0 (each)

Expenses for Tara Walsh – New York Jazz School	Cost (NZ\$)
Economy return airfares	1,899
Tax	350
Accommodation	750
Concert Admissions	200
Food	600
Workshops	150
Total costs including accommodation and travel Breakdown not provided	800
Total	\$3,949
Amount requested	\$500
Fundraising	
Winnie Bagoes Pizza Night - \$80	
Concert - \$100	
Part-time job @ Café - \$500	
	\$680

Expenses for Rachel O'Keefe Australasian U17 team – Brazil November 2011	Cost (NZ\$)
Flights	2,440
Accommodation	1,500
Officials	320
Transport	500
Insurance	100
Transfers	260
Gear	400
Meals	450
Games/Training	530
Tourist	150.00
Administration	150
Total	\$6,800 (AuD \$)
Amount requested	\$500 (each)
Personal Contribution (to be split between)	
Sausage Sizzles \$2,000	
Winnes Bagoes Pizza Night	\$3,000

Expenses for Aimee Blackler – Karate Nationals Auckland - November 2011	Cost (NZ\$)
Flights	320
Accommodation	160
Transport	20
Entry Fee	60
Total	\$560
Amount requested	\$250 (each)
Personal Contribution	
Sale of Kindling Wood	\$100

8. Three of the applicants are first time applicants for the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Youth Development Scheme Fund.
9. Aimee Blacker received \$250 of funding from the 2010/11 scheme to attend the Nationals in Auckland in October 2010.
10. There is currently a balance of \$1,200 available in the 2011/12 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. 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 grants totalling \$1,200 from its Youth Development Funding scheme 2011/12, as follows:

- (a) Edge Phillips, \$300 to attend the National Boxing Championships in Wellington from 25 to 30 October 2011 with the A-Town Boxing Club.
- (b) Tara Walsh, \$300 towards costs to travel to New York City for a two week cultural and educational music trip in 2011 with the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT) Jazz School.
- (c) Rachel O'Keefe, \$400 towards costs to travel to Brazil from 18 November to 6 December 2011 as part of the Australasian Under 17 Futsal Team to train and play at the School of Excellence.
- (d) Aimee Blackler, \$200 towards costs in representing GKR Karate at the National Tournament in Auckland on 5 November 2011.