

11. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME 2011/12 - APPLICATIONS – CHRISTOPHER JARDEN, BRYCE MCMILLEN, ALEXANDRA BOYD, MICKAELA RICHARD, MARK PUGH-WILLIAMS**

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme. The balance of this fund is \$2,500.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. Funding is being sought by five applicants; Christopher Jarden, Bryce McMillen, Alexandra Boyd, Mickaela Richards and Mark Pugh-Williams.
3. **Christopher Jarden**, 17 years old from Burwood, has been selected by the Canterbury Alpine Ice Skating Club to be part of a team of skaters to represent them at the Australian National Short Track Competitions to be held in Melbourne on 7 and 8 October 2011.

The Team of skaters and coaches plan to travel to Melbourne to participate in the competition and travel slightly earlier to allow some practice sessions prior to the competition.

Christopher has been speed skating for the Canterbury Alpine Ice skating club since the age of 10. He has competed every year at both local and national levels. Christopher trained over the summer break at the Olympic Oval in Salt Lake City, United States of America, with international skaters. Christopher's aim for this year is to improve his personal best times and is aiming to qualify to compete at the 2011 Winter Games, Junior World Championships February 2012, and the 2014 Winter Olympics.

Christopher skates on ice three times per week and trains most days off the ice as well. He is also attending the New Zealand Institute of Sport this year for academic studies. His main interest is speed skating although he also plays ice hockey. Christopher gives back to his club by helping with new skaters at club nights. A letter of reference from the Director of the NZ Speed Performance Programme states that Christopher delivered a high stand of training and enthusiasm. The progress of the junior and development skaters is a result of his training and leadership skill and experience.

4. **Bryce McMillen**, 14 years old from Burwood, has been selected to participate in the New Zealand Provincial Futsal Championships from 22 to 24 July 2011, in Napier. This competition is a great opportunity for top South Island players to show their ability against North Island players. It is a chance to compare skill levels and ability which is such a rare occasion. National selectors, coaches and the sports administrators can see the level of South Island players. It also gives the players some exposure to upper level selectors, so they can potentially become part of national training camps and national representative teams and improve their playing abilities. Selection of the teams was made on 30 June 2011 which has not allowed a lot of time for players to fundraise, nor for families to financially prepare for this expense.

Bryce has been playing club level football since aged four years for various clubs and schools around Christchurch. He currently plays for the Coastal Spirit Club. He received \$350 funding from the Board's Youth Development Scheme in 2009/10 to travel to Barcelona with Ricki Herbert's Academy for the Mediterranean International Cup, in March 2010.

Futsal is a smaller, faster indoor version of outdoor football which enhances ball skills and team work. After more than three seasons of futsal and a few league wins, Bryce is excited to be in the Canterbury Futsal team. His team is now training at the Bishopdale YMCA and the CPIT. Bryce has done a few small part-time jobs for fundraising including delivering circulars.

5. **Alexandra Boyd**, 19 years old of Burwood, is to represent New Zealand at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA Women's Water Polo World Championships held in Shanghai, China from 17 to 29 July 2011. Prior to the competition in China the team is attending an international training camp in Perth, Australia from 6 to 14 July, training and playing games against Australia, Hungary and Greece.

Alexandra has been playing waterpolo for many years. Last year she was named in the New Zealand Women's team to play in the World Cup and this year she played for New Zealand in the World League. In order to strive for her goal of making the World Championships team she went to Australia for the months of February to April this year to complete in their National League for the University of New South Wales team. While there she continued with her University studies by correspondence. Prior to this she has had a part time job at the Pita Pitt in the Christchurch Central Business District which has been closed since the 22 February earthquake. She has not been able to find another part time job which enables her time to study and train for waterpolo, therefore she has struggled to raise the funds for this trip. Prior to the earthquake she had been involved in coaching the Villa Maria School team and also competing in the New Zealand National League for the Queen Elizabeth II Crushers Team. As a Club, they are struggling currently as they have very limited use of Jellie Park, therefore Alexandra attends one pool training per week, training with the under 16 age group teams where she helps out if needed and pass on her knowledge to the younger players. Alexandra's parents home has been damaged in the earthquakes and will be a rebuild therefore her parents are not in a position to help her financially with this trip.

6. **Mickaela Richards**, 12 years old of Dallington, is to represent Canterbury and compete at the New Zealand National Gymsports Championships in Auckland at the North Shore Events Centre from 28 to 31 July 2011. Mickaela has been doing rhythmic gymnastics for four years and thoroughly enjoys it. She started at level one and has done really well in competitions since then. She has progressed through to level four which is the first year competitors can qualify for the Nationals. She trains twice a week for 6.5 hours in total, this includes training for three individual routines plus the grade 4 group which she competes in. She states that participating in Nationals has always been her goals and will help her train towards her long term goal of representing New Zealand at the Commonwealth Games. She gained third overall at the recent Wellington Competition in level 4 grade. She trains at Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics, currently based at Westburn Primary School.

She attends Heaton Intermediate School and will be attending high school next. Mickaela is one of six children. Her parent's income has been impacted by the earthquake.

Mickaela gained 16<sup>th</sup> place overall in her grade with a total of 30 competing and her team got fourth place overall.

The 2011 National Championships will take place at two different times and places this year due to the Rugby World Cup. Continuing to build on excellence, GymSports New Zealand is hosting and organising the 2011 National GymSports Championships for Aerobics, Rhythmic Gymnastics and Trampoline at the North Shore Events Centre. GymSports New Zealand aims to provide quality Championships that meets the needs of all gymsports, the athletes, the coaches, officials and volunteers involved.

7. **Mark Pugh-Williams**, 18 year old of Burwood, is to attend the 2011 World Climbing Championship in Arco Italy from 15 to 24 July 2011.

Mark started climbing about seven years ago and has been climbing competitively for four years. Mark states that climbing is probably the largest part of his life as he trains four to five days a week, not including climbing outdoors in the weekends. Because of his training he has been able to win the title of New Zealand Open Male, becoming the national champion in 2010 and also taking second place in the Oceania Open Males Championships. He currently works as a route setter at The Roxx Climbing Gym as well as completing his last year of high school. His goal for climbing is to one day climb 9a, (an extremely hard climbing grade). To participate in the World Championships this year would benefit Mark in many ways such as inspiration, watching some of the Worlds Best climbers compete, learning different climbing techniques and being able to compete with the best.

Mark has a great list of achievements from his sport including three national and international titles; 1<sup>st</sup> New Zealand Youth Male 2009, 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Open Male 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> Oceanic Male Open Speed Climbing and the National Cup Youth A Male for 2010.

Mark is the younger of two children, the only one living with his parents. His father works full-time and mum works part-time. Marks parents paid between \$8,000 to \$10,000 last year for Mark to attend the four National Cup tournaments (three in the North Island), the National tournament and the Oceania tournament in Australia.

8. **Financial implications:**

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

<b>Expenses for Christopher Jarden – Australian National Short Track Competition – Melbourne (October 2011)</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares	560
Accommodation	380
Airport Transfers and Transport	80
Uniform and Equipment	200
Entry into championships	300
Travel insurance	40
Extra Training Ice Time (22 weeks)	220
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1725</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
Raffles, Sausage Sizzle, Garage Sale and Cookie Sales	\$00 (each)

<b>Expenses for Bryce McMillen</b> New Zealand Provincial Futsal Championships team -22-24 July 2011, Napier	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Total costs including accommodation and travel Breakdown not provided	800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	
Fudge Sales	\$50

<b>Expenses for Alexandra Boyd</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> FINA Women's Water Polo World Championships Shanghai, China 17-29 July 2011	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Flights	3,153
Accommodation	1,150
Visa for China	100
Travel and airport transfers	100
Registration Fee	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,603</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500 (each)</b>
<b>Personal Contribution</b> Part-time job at Pita Pit prior to Feb 2011 EQ	\$3,003
<b>Other funding Sources</b> Crushers Water Polo Club	\$200
Canterbury Water Polo Assn	\$800

<b>Expenses for Mickaela Richards</b> New Zealand National Gymsports Championships in Auckland at the North Shore Events Centre from 28 to 31 July 2011.	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Flights	175
Accommodation	350
Canterbury Team Uniform	100
Travel and airport transfers	100
Registration Fee	140
Gymnasts share of coach expenses	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 935</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500 (each)</b>
<b>Fundraising</b> None due to Earthquakes	\$0

<b>Expenses for Mark Pugh-Williams</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Flights	2,900
Insurance	271
Accommodation	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,171</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$500 (each)</b>
<b>Other funding sources:</b> New Zealand Alpine Club	\$250 Approved
Canterbury Alpine Club	\$250 Approved
<b>Fundraising</b> None due to Earthquakes	\$0

9. Christopher Jarden, Alexandra Boyd, Mickaela Richard are all first time applicants to the Burwood/Pegasus Youth Development Scheme Fund.
10. Bryce McMillen received \$350 from the 2009/10 scheme, and Mark Pugh-Williams received \$450 from the 2010/11 scheme.
11. There is currently a balance of \$2,500 available in the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

12. Yes.

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

13. There are no legal issues to be considered.

## **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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

## **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

15. Application aligns 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 \$1,300 from its 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme as follows:

- (a) Christopher Jarden \$300 to compete at the Australian National Short Track Ice Skating Competitions to be held in Melbourne on 7 and 8 October 2011.
- (b) Bryce McMillen, \$200 to participate in the New Zealand Provincial Futsal Championships from 22 to 24 July 2011 in Napier.
- (c) Alexandra Boyd, \$300 to represent New Zealand at the 14<sup>th</sup> FINA Women's Water Polo World Championships held in Shanghai, China from 17 to 29 July 2011.
- (d) Michaela Richards, \$200 to represent Canterbury and compete at the New Zealand National Gymsports Championships in Auckland at the North Shore Events Centre from 28 to 31 July 2011.
- (e) Mark Pugh-Williams, \$300 to attend the 2011 World Climbing Championship in Arco, Italy from 15 to 24 July 2011.