

9. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – LEON HARRY JARDEN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme from Leon Jarden.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Funding is being sought by Leon Harry Jarden, a 14 year old of Bromley to represent New Zealand in the U15 Mixed Touch Team in Australia from 7 to 14 October 2012. The application was received in May 2012, however, due to the cost of the trip, the application has been on hold pending the results of other fundraising efforts.
3. Leon is one of 16 players selected to participate in the U15 Mixed Touch Team development tour to Sydney. The tour takes place during the school holidays and the players will be participating in an organised tournament and night games against local teams. Leon was selected from players across New Zealand, in February to join the team. He is considered a gifted young athlete with a very promising future to achieve at the highest level in the sport. New Zealand and Australia are the top two countries in the world for Touch and this programme is an important talent development pathway opportunity. Following on from the development tour Leon will take part in the annual national tournament in 2013 and if selected he will be eligible to play in the Super Trans Tasman tournament.
4. A dedicated athlete, Leon plays touch for New Brighton touch team Carvers every Monday, trains everyday for league and plays on Saturdays for Celebration and plays rugby for Shirley Boys High, if it does not clash with league games. He has represented Canterbury Touch and League every year, since 2007. In the future, Leon's goal is to play National Rugby League and to play for the Kiwis one day. Leon also enjoys boxing and going to the gym.
5. In terms of fundraising, all players are expected to raise the funds themselves because they come from across New Zealand and Touch New Zealand does not have any funding. This has been particularly challenging for Leon and his family due to financial circumstances and individual fundraising efforts required. However, through sheer determination Leon will go on the trip due to family commitment, fundraising raffles, sausage sizzles and support from Shirley Boys High and Ngai Tahu.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The total expenditure for the Touch New Zealand trip consisting of two mixed teams (U15 and U17 of 16 players each), a tour manager, an elite player manager, a coaching mentor and a physiotherapist is \$108,914.50. Each player must contribute \$3,500 towards the overall cost of the trip. The following table outlines the overall costs for the trip.

EXPENSES	Cost (\$)
Airfares	32,050
Vans in New Zealand	840
Petrol vouchers	700
Vans in Australia	9,962
Accommodation	28,818
Food	15,380
Clothing	13,753.50
First aid, photos, travel insurance etc	7,411
Total expenses	108,914.50
Total Requested from Community Board	600

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7. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Youth Development Scheme for funding.
8. There is currently a balance of \$10,000 available in the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

12. Yes, see page 172, Community Support, Council Activities and Service, Grants.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy, Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board support the application and allocate \$600 from the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme fund to Leon Harry Jarden to represent New Zealand in the U15 Mixed Touch Team in Australia, October 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.