

## 10. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – MACKENZIE FIGGITT

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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 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.
2. There is currently \$5,800 in the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

3. The applicant is Mackenzie Figgitt, a 13 year old Burnside High School student living in Ilam.
4. Mackenzie has been selected for the New Zealand Rhythmic Gymnastics Team to compete in the Pacific Rim Championships in Seattle, USA from 16 to 18 March 2012. This is an international event featuring elite teams from China, Russia, USA, Australia and Canada.
5. Mackenzie is the current New Zealand Champion for International Stage 4 Rhythmic Gymnastics. Last year she represented New Zealand at the Australian National Championships in Perth where she achieved bronze in the team event and individual event. She has also been a member of the Canterbury Team since becoming eligible in 2008.
6. Mackenzie has been a rhythmic gymnast and a member of the Olympia Gymnastics Club since she was five years old and has reached Junior International level. She trains 21 hours per week and also provides volunteer coaching for new club members. In her last year at Westburn Primary School Mackenzie received the Pursuit of Excellence award recognising her combined sporting and academic achievements.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The cost to compete in the Pacific Rim Championships is \$5,152 which covers airfares, accommodation, uniform, insurance and team management. Training commitments and school commitments make it difficult for Mackenzie to fundraise or work part time.
8. This is the first time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

9. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Funding.

### 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 2009-19 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 make a grant of \$450 to Mackenzie Figgitt towards the cost of competing at the Pacific Rim Gymnastic Championships.