

8. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ABBIE JOHNSTON

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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 Abbie Johnston, a 15 year old Christchurch Girls High School student living in Fendalton.
4. Abbie is seeking funding towards the cost of competing in the New Zealand Open Swimming Championships being held in Auckland in March this year. Abbie's event is breaststroke where she is currently ranked number one in New Zealand for her age group in the 50 metre, 100 metre and 200 metre. She is a member of the Aqua Gym swim club training in the elite squad.
5. The New Zealand Open Championships will also be an Olympic and Junior Pan Pacific trial. Abbie's immediate goal is to be selected for the Junior Pan Pacific team to compete in Hawaii in August this year and longer term to gain Olympic selection.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost per person to compete in New Zealand Open is \$986. Abbie has been selling raffle tickets at Ilam New World to raise money.
7. 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?

8. 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?

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

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. 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?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

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

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

13. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board make a grant of \$250 to Abbie Johnston towards the cost of competing at the New Zealand Open Swim Championships.