

## 7. 2003/04 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration of an application for funding from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund.

The applicant is a 14-year old boy living in the Hoon Hay area, who is seeking funding to assist with costs associated with attending the Royal Schools of Church Music Summer School, as a pipe organ scholar. The Summer School was held in Christchurch from 12-19 January 2004 and the applicant is seeking retrospective funding of the \$475 registration fee. Staff have sighted documentation confirming the registration fee.

The applicant has affiliations with St. Michael's & All Angels Parish Church and Oxford Terrace Baptist Church (as assistant organist) and Christ Church Cathedral (on-call organist over the Christmas season).

Letters of support have been provided with the application from the Oxford Terrace Baptist Church, the applicant's Organ Teacher, as well as from the Director of Music, St. Michael's & All Angels Anglican Church, and Chairman of the Royal School of Church Music (Canterbury Branch).

The applicant has shown single-minded determination in becoming an excellent pipe organist. He practises several times a week at St. Michael's, often alone in the church. By attending the Summer School he hopes to achieve a number of goals:

- Expand his repertoire on the organ
- Benefit from the teaching of a number of experienced organ tutors who are attending
- Improve his accompanying skills with choirs and soloists
- Build up his links in the church music community of New Zealand

With increased maturity and skill the applicant has been able to take a greater role in the music life of St. Michael's, such as being on the roster to play for masses and choral evensong and accompany the choir for anthems. During the Organist Association Congress service at St. Michael's earlier in 2003, he played the organ for the expanded choir.

Also during 2003 the applicant was invited to attend the Royal School of Church Music Winter Choral School in Hamilton as an organ scholar. During the past two years he has taken a role in the making of a video by the New Zealand Organist Association for use in schools as a teaching resource. This was shown at the New Zealand Organist Association Congress and is now ready for distribution. He attended the Congress for the first time and took part in the Performance Awards Recital and won the Hymn Playing Competition.

The applicant has been sitting exams since 1999 covering singing, theory, piano, and the pipe organ, and last year achieved the following results:

Piano	Grade 8	91%	Distinction
Theory	Grade 7	84%	
Pipe Organ	2nd Concert Certificate		Will sit this exam in February/March 2004

The Board currently has \$3,690 remaining in its Youth Development Fund, which needs to be expended by 30 June 2004.

### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board grant \$475 from its 2003/04 Youth Development Fund to cover the registration fee for attendance at the Royal Schools of Church Music Summer School as a pipe organ scholar.

### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** I support the staff recommendation.