

**5. APPLICATION TO THE RICcarton WIGRAM 2009/10 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL**

<b>General Manager responsible:</b>	General Manager, Community Services, DDI 941-8607
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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. The applicant, Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill is a 13 year old who lives in Halswell and is seeking Community Board support to travel to Melbourne to compete for New Zealand at the Pacific Rim Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships. This trip will take place from 28 March to 5 April 2010.
3. Ashleigh has been competing at an elite level in her sport since 2006 and on several occasions has won or been placed at both local and national age group competitions. In 2008 and 2009 Gymsports New Zealand placed Ashleigh in the New Zealand Talent ID squad as a Junior International.
4. Recently Ashleigh returned home from a nine week training and development camp in Kazan, Russia. The overseas based training is an essential part of Ashleigh's elite preparation as she receives training and choreography of the highest standard. Ashleigh also plans to travel to Russia again in 2011 for further training.
5. The upcoming Pacific Rim competition is a biennial event and will be attended by many top competitive nations such as the United States of America, Russia and Australia. This is a good opportunity for Ashleigh to continue to gain the necessary experience to qualify and represent New Zealand.
6. Due to the high costs involved in Ashleigh's sport, she is predominantly supported by her family and would appreciate any financial assistance from the Community Board.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. The following table provides a breakdown of funding requested:

<b>ASHLEIGH LAVINIA O'NEILL</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Cost (\$)</b>
Airfares	650
Accommodation and Meals	1,585
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>2,235</b>
<b>Amount Requested from the Community Board</b>	<b>\$500</b>

8. This is the first time the applicant has applied to the Community Board for funding.
9. At the time this report was written there was \$100 remaining in the Youth Development Fund and \$500 in the Community Board's Discretionary Fund. )Note that the Board transferred \$500 from the Riccarton/Wigram 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to the Youth Development Scheme at its meeting on 30 March 2010, giving the Youth Development Scheme an unallocated balance of \$500).

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

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

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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

11. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

12. Aligns with page 184 in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

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

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

15. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

16. All appropriate consultation has been undertaken.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board support the application and allocate \$500 to Ashleigh Lavinia O'Neill for her expenses to attend the Pacific Rim Rhythmic Gymnastic Competition in Melbourne in April from the 2009/10 Youth Development Scheme.