

9. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME 2011/12 - APPLICATION – ZACHARY BARBER**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek funding from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board's Discretionary Response Fund for the Youth Development Fund 2011/12 in the amount of \$2,500 and then to consider one application for funding assistance from the 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme. The balance of the Youth Development Fund is currently \$0.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. At the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board meeting of 23 August 2011 the Board decided to,
  - (a) *Allocate \$2,500 from the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund for the Youth Development Scheme Fund 2011/12 with the criteria amended to specify a maximum subsidy of \$500 per application for international events and a maximum subsidy of \$250 for national events.*
  - (b) *That staff present a report to the Board for consideration for a further \$2,500 to be allocated the Youth Development Scheme Fund 2011/12 in two to three months time."*

There is currently a nil balance in the 2011/12 Youth Development Scheme fund. The remaining funds from the allocated \$2,500 in the Youth Development Fund were granted in October 2011. At the time an additional \$100 was allocated from the Discretionary Response Fund 2011/12 to the Youth Development Fund 2011/12 to cover the full amount granted to applicants.

3. Funding is being sought by Zachary Barber, a 17 year old from Burwood.

Zachary Barber has been selected to attend the New Zealand Sprint Triathlon Championships in Taupo on 5 February 2012. This is the top triathlon for people of Zachary's age in New Zealand. A sprint triathlon is the equivalent of a standard triathlon for young people who are considered not yet developed enough to complete a full triathlon.

This event is important to Zachary as is one of the few opportunities he has to race against some of New Zealand's best triathletes. Zachary will be representing Canterbury as he was named 'Junior Sportsman of the Year' at the Canterbury Triathlon Club in 2011. The competition is also a qualification race for the World Championships which will be held in Auckland. It is important that he competes to give himself the best possible chance of qualifying for the NZ Under 19 team.

Zachary has been competing in running, cycling, swimming, and triathlon events from the age of 13. On average he trains between 17 and 19 hours a week. He has aspirations to represent the province and country as a professional athlete.

Zachary is also a hard working student. He achieved excellence in 2011 in NCEA Level 1. In 2012 he will be a Special Character Prefect and a Peer Leader.

Zachary's parents pay for most of his trips and he is applying for this grant to relieve the strain on them. His family has also been hard hit by the earthquakes. Their home will need to be rebuilt, putting financial strain on the family. Adding further strain is that many of Zachary's various sporting and academic events have been moved out of Christchurch, meaning the family has to pay more in travel costs for him.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

4. The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested for the applicant:

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Cost (NZ\$)</b>
Airfares	350
Accommodation	150
Entry Fee	70
Rental Car Hire	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$610</b>
<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>\$400 - \$500</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	100
Part time job	

5. Zachary applied to the fund in 2009 and was awarded \$150 to attend the New Zealand National Schools Duathlon Championships in Fielding on 23 August 2009.

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

6. Yes.

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

8. This fund aligns with the 2009-19 LTCCP.

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES****Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

9. Application aligns with the Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

10. Not applicable

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$2,500 from the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Youth Development Scheme Fund 2011/12.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$200 to Zachary Barber to attend the New Zealand Sprint Triathlon Championships on 5 February 2012.