

9. **BURWOOD/PEGASUS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SCHEME – ALLOCATION AND APPLICATIONS LAUREN SCOTT AND HEMI INNES**

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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 Board's Youth Development Fund 2011/12 in the amount of \$850 and then to consider two applications for funding assistance from the 2011/12 Youth Development Funding Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. To date \$5,100 has been allocated from the Discretionary Response Fund 2011/12 to the Youth Development Funding scheme. The balance of the Youth Development Fund is currently \$nil.
3. Funding is being sought by Lauren Scott, a 17 year old from Parklands as a contribution towards a Rotary exchange trip to Osaka, Japan for two weeks from 10 May to 26 May 2012.
4. Funding is also being sought by Hemi Innes, aged 12 years old from North New Brighton, to attend the WYNRS (Wynton Rufer Soccer School of Excellence) Soccer Academy's tour to the United Kingdom in the April 2012 school holidays.

This application was received early in March 2012 however due to staff workload at this time it was not able to be assessed for Board consideration until now.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

5. The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested for the applicants:

Lauren Scott	Cost (NZ\$)
Expenses	
Airfares	472
Travel Insurance	69
	541
Amount requested	\$350
Fundraising	70
Part time job	200

Hemi Innes	Cost (NZ\$)
Expenses	
Total Tour Package costs	6,900
Airfares Christchurch to Auckland (return)	220
Kit/Team uniform	670
Amount requested	\$7,790
Fundraising	0

6. Lauren Scott has not received funding previously from the scheme.
7. Hemi Innes has not received funding previously from the scheme.

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

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There are no legal issues to be considered.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Application aligns with the Youth Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve a grant of \$850 from the Board's 2011/12 Discretionary Response Fund to the Youth Development Scheme Fund 2011/12.
- (b) Approve a grant of \$350 to Lauren Scott to attend the Rotary exchange to Osaka, Japan from 10 May to 26 May 2012.
- (c) Approve a grant of \$500 to Hemi Innes selected to attend the WYNRS (Wynton Rufer Soccer School of Excellence) Soccer Academy's United Kingdom tour in the April 2012 school holidays.

BACKGROUND

Lauren Scott

13. Funding is being sought by Lauren Scott, a 17 year old from Parklands.
14. Lauren Scott has been selected to go on a Rotary exchange trip to Osaka, Japan for two weeks from 10 May to 26 May 2012. This is a cultural experience of Japan and its people. This is the first year that this opportunity has been offered to Avonside Girls' High School, normally it is offered to a school in Auckland. Due to the earthquakes and the hardship suffered by the people in Christchurch and Japan, the panel this year have selected two girls from Christchurch as ambassadors for their school and New Zealand to go on this trip.
15. This event is important to Lauren as she has been studying Japanese for the past four years and is keen to communicate and make the most of her opportunities with her hosts in Japan. Lauren is an active member of the school community belonging to the International Council and is a peer support for year 9 students.
16. Lauren is also a hard working student. She has achieved a high level of work in all subjects and in her NCEA results.
17. Lauren attended an exchange trip to the North of Japan in 2010 but her family fully funded the cost.
18. This trip is normally fully funded, however as two students have been selected to attend this year Lauren's family has to pay towards the cost of air fares and insurance. Lauren's family has also been hard hit by the earthquakes. Their home is in the green/blue zone and has suffered severe damage and they are waiting for a decision on whether it will need to be rebuilt, putting additional financial strain on the family. Lauren is applying for this grant to relieve the strain on them.

Hemi Innes

19. Funding is being sought by Hemi Innes, 12 years old from North New Brighton.
20. This application was received early March 2012 however due to staff workload at the time it was not able to be assessed for Board consideration until now.
21. Hemi Innes has been selected for the WYNRS (Wynton Rufer Soccer School of Excellence) Soccer Academy's tour to the United Kingdom in the April 2012 school holidays. Hemi has been identified as a promising talent and has been given this opportunity to experience playing at one of the highest youth levels worldwide.
22. The 10 day tour in the United Kingdom will include five training sessions, six competition games and attendance at five EPL Football Games as well as stadium visits and sessions with Sports Psychologists.
23. Attending this tour is very important to Hemi because he always strives to better his skill base and by attending this tour he will be able to extend and develop to his fullest potential. Hemi has achieved much success through his soccer career to date including (but not limited to) many Parklands United awards such as 'Player of the Year' and 'Gold'. He has been selected to represent Canterbury a number of times winning tournaments such as the Jack McKnight Bowerwater Football Tournament in 2010. He has been selected for a number of Academies which he has attended clinic workshops across the South Island, one of which was an Adidas Scholarship where he attended a course in 'Show Us Your Tricks' competition held at the launch of the Adidas FIFA World Cup Match Ball.
24. Hemi has been playing football for Parklands United for 5 years; he is giving back his time and skills by coaching other players aged five to eight years and nine to 12 years. This was part of the Wynton Rufer community football festival recently held in Christchurch in February 2012.

25. Hemi is not only a talented footballer; he is also very dedicated to athletics and play tennis at the Shirley Tennis Club. Hemi also takes on other leadership responsibilities at Parkview School including Captain for Rimu House and assisting with the I.T. requirements for the weekly school assemblies.
26. Hemi's family have been paying for the trip in instalments throughout 2012 directly to the Wynton Rufer Soccer School of Excellence.