

**Notice of Meeting:**

I hereby give notice that an ordinary meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 18 March 2026  
**Time:** 4:00 pm  
**Venue:** Village Green Cafe, 326 Main South Road, Sunnyvale

Sandy Graham  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Saddle Hill Community Board**  
**PUBLIC AGENDA**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Paul Weir	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Tracey Boereboom	
<b>Members</b>	Mayor Sophie Barker	Lianna MacFarlane
	Barry McLellan	John Moyle
	Vianney Santagati	
<b>Senior Officer</b>	Mike Cartwright, City Growth and Advisory Services Manager	
<b>Governance Support Officer</b>	Rebecca Murray	

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Governance Support Officer

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**Note:** Reports and recommendations contained in this agenda are not to be considered as Council policy until adopted.



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**1 PUBLIC FORUM**

There will be no public forum at the meeting.

**2 APOLOGIES**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Note: Any additions must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

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## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. Members are reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.
2. Elected members are reminded to update their register of interests as soon as practicable, including amending the register at this meeting if necessary.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Notes/Amends** if necessary the Elected Members' Interest Register attached as Attachment A; and
- b) **Confirms/Amends** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

### **Attachments**

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Saddle Hill Community Board Register of Interest - March 2026				
Name	Responsibility (ie: Chairperson etc)	Declaration of Interests	Nature of Potential Interest	Proposed Management Plan
Paul Weir Chairperson	Parent of pupils	Fairfield School	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and voting and leave the room.
	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and voting and leave the room.
	Coach	Green Island Junior Cricket Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Board Member	Dunedin Junior Rugby Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Emergency Response Team Member	Oceana Gold	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and voting and leave the room.
	Crucial Behaviours Opinion Leader	Oceana Gold	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and voting and leave the room.
	Chair	Smooth Hill Community Liaison Group	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Union Delegate	Oceana Gold	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Mayor Sophie Barker	Shareholder	Ayrmed Limited	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Shareholder	Various publicly listed companies	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Property Owner	Residential Property Owner - Dunedin	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Beneficiary	Sans Peur Trust (Larnach Castle)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Mentor	Business Mentors NZ	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Dunedin Vegetable Growers Club	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Trustee	Alexander McMillan Trust	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Patron	New Zealand International Science Festival	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Patron	Dunedin Horticultural Society	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Institute of Directors	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Chairperson	Dunedin Heritage Fund (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Grow Dunedin Partnership (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Heritage Advisory Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Member	Local Government New Zealand (Zone 6) (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Co-Chair	Ōtepoti Dunedin Destination Management Plan Advisory Panel (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
	Family Member	Family Member employed at Wilkinson Rogers	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.
Member	Tertiary Precinct Planning Group (Council Appointment)	No conflict identified	Seek advice prior to the meeting if actual or perceived conflict of interest arises.	

Tracey Boereboom Deputy Chairperson	Team Manager	Green Island Junior Football Club	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Owner	Residential Property	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Lianna MacFarlane	Owner/Operator	BodynSoul Well-Being Consulting	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Member	Brighton Club Inc	No conflict identified	<b>Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.</b>
	Shareholder	Showcase Jewellers, Mosgiel	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Barry McLellan	Member	Brighton Club Inc	No conflict identified	<b>Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.</b>
John Moyle	Board Member	Sunnyvale Combined Sports Centre	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
	Director	Freshchoice Supermarket	No conflict identified	Withdraw from discussion and leave the table if a conflict of interest is identified. Seek advice on actual or potential conflicts of interest prior to the meeting.
Vianney Santagati	To be updated			

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 18 FEBRUARY 2026**

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Saddle Hill Community Board meeting held on 18 February 2026 as a correct record.

#### **Attachments**

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## **Saddle Hill Community Board**

### **MINUTES**

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**Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Saddle Hill Community Board held in the Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, Brighton on Wednesday 18 February 2026, commencing at 1:18 pm**

#### **PRESENT**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Paul Weir	
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Tracey Boereboom	
<b>Members</b>	Lianna MacFarlane	Barry McLellan
	John Moyle	Vianney Santagati

**IN ATTENDANCE** Mayor Sophie Barker, Mike Cartwright (Manager City Growth and Advisory Services)

**Governance Support Officer** Rebecca Murray

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The Chairperson opened the meeting with a reflection of Jules Radich's time on the Board and welcomed Mayor Sophie.

#### **1 PUBLIC FORUM**

##### **1.1 South Coast Cycle Trail Option**

Simon Noble addressed the Board and spoke about his high-level feasibility work on the South Coast cycle trail option. He responded to questions.

##### **1.2 Brighton Club Inc**

Colin Driver on behalf of the Brighton Club Inc addressed the Board in support of their funding application and responded to questions.

#### **2 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies.

### **3 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the agenda without addition or alteration.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/001)**

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were reminded of the need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arose between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

Barry McLellan and Lianna MacFarlane update their register of interest with adding Member of the Brighton Club Inc.

Moved (Paul Weir/Vianney Santagati):

That the Board:

- a) **Amends** the Elected Members' Interest Register; and
- b) **Confirms** the proposed management plan for Elected Members' Interests.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/002)**

### **5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

#### **5.1 SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - 25 NOVEMBER 2025**

Moved (John Moyle/Barry McLellan):

That the Board:

**Confirms** the public part of the minutes of the Saddle Hill Community Board meeting held on 25 November 2025 as a correct record.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/003)**

**PART A REPORTS**

**6 BOARD DISCRETIONARY FUND UPDATE AND FUNDING APPLICATION**

This report provided a copy of funding applications for the Board's consideration and an update on the amount in the Board's discretionary fund.

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the discretionary fund update.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/004)**

Moved (John Moyle/Lianna MacFarlane):

That the Board:

- b) **Retrospectively** approves the flowers sent on behalf of the Board following the passing of Jules Radich.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/005)**

The Brighton Club Inc requested \$890.00 inc GST towards re-covering their Pool Table.

Barry McLellan and Lianna MacFarlane withdrew from this item.

Moved (John Moyle/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- c) **Approves** the funding request from the Brighton Club Inc of \$500.00 towards re-covering the Pool Table.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/006)**

Barry McLellan and Lianna MacFarlane returned to the meeting.

**7 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2026**

This report proposed the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026.

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- a) **Confirms** the meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026 for the Saddle Hill Community Board and venues as follows:
  - Wednesday 8 April  
Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery
  - Wednesday 10 June  
Island Park Golf Club, Waldronville

Wednesday 12 August  
Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery

Wednesday 21 October  
Fairfield Bowling Club, Fairfiel

Wednesday 9 December  
Council Chamber, Dunedin Public Art Gallery

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/007)**

**8 GOVERNANCE SUPPORT OFFICER'S REPORT**

This report informed the Board of activities relevant to the Board area.

Moved (Paul Weir/Barry McLellan):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Governance Support Officer's Report.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/008)**

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- b) **Decided not** to submit to the Otago Regional Council's draft Navigation Safety Bylaw, noting that it will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/009)**

Moved (Vianney Santagati/John Moyle):

That the Board:

- c) **Votes** for Anna Knight as the Community Boards' Executive Committee's (CBEC) Zone Six Representative.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/010)**

**9 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

The Chairperson provided a verbal update on items of interest, which included:

Brighton Gala Day – another great event for the community  
Old Brighton Road  
Brighton Pump Track  
Shared Pathway Waldronville – Brighton  
Cricket Nets at the Domain  
Discussion on an Action List for the Board's requests

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Chairperson's update.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/011)**

Moved (Paul Weir/Vianney Santagati):

That the Board:

- b) **Requests** staff to start an Action List for the Board.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/012)**

## **10 BOARD REPRESENTATION AND ROLES**

Board members provided an update on activities including:

Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM)

Barry McLellan thanked those that checked in on the community during the recent rain event.

Keep Dunedin Beautiful (KDB)

Vianney Santagati provided an update on recent KDB activities. She noted that KDB held a meeting recently and also hosted a stand at the George Street market day, where their Te Reo shirts sold well. KDB has community clean-up kits available for use, and Vianney also raised concerns about inappropriate behaviour occurring at the local freedom camping site.

She advised that for the upcoming National Clean-Up Day, participants can gather items and leave them in designated piles for KDB to collect. Vianney also reminded the group about the annual Trees for Families event held on Mother's Day, where trees can be purchased for \$20.

Community Pantries

Tracey Boereboom was provided an overview of the frequency for checking the community pantries.

Youth Ambassador Awards

John Moyle provided an overview of the criteria.

Toy Box

Lianna MacFarlane advised she had checked it a couple of times. Paul provided an overview around the process to obtain and top up the Toy Box.

Dunedin Trails Trust

John Moyle advised no meeting held recently as such but commented the Mosgiel tunnel route was a good commuter option and the final plan was quite costly.

Moved (John Moyle/Barry McLellan):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Board updates.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/013)**

**11 COMMUNITY PLAN**

Consideration was given to updating the Board’s Community Plan.

Moved (Paul Weir/Lianna MacFarlane):

That the Board:

- a) **Considered** updating the Board’s Community Plan for the 2025/26 year.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/014)**

**12 COUNCIL ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

Mayor Sophie Barker provided an update on Council activities, which included:

Consultation on proposed parking changes on Stuart Street  
Sports Ground Review consultation  
Brighton Gala Day – really great day  
CEO recruitment process  
Climate adaptation framework  
Rates capping  
RMA changes  
Annual plan process for consultation  
Civil Defence Emergency Management Bill  
Submissions on Central Government

Moved (Paul Weir/Tracey Boereboom):

That the Board:

- a) **Notes** the Council Activities Update.

**Motion carried (SHCB/2026/015)**

**13 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CHAIR**

There were no items for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 2.49pm.

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CHAIRPERSON



**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Board:

- a) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Kylie Davidson on behalf of Nixon Davidson.
- b) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Shanti Kara.
- c) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Azariah Hughea .
- d) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Poppy Hussey .
- e) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Natasha Payne on behalf of Ruby Payne.
- f) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Ruby Peden.
- g) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Sylvie Haig.
- h) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Thomas Weatherall.
- i) **Considers** the application for the Youth Ambassador Award from Fern McBride.

**Signatories**

Author:	Rebecca Murray - Governance Support Officer
Authoriser:	

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## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Nixon Davidson Age: 13

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code: 9018

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

I am proud and excited to have been selected to represent my Basketball Club, Cross Over Basketball, in a U16 Basketball Tour in the Gold Coast, Australia this April. It will be great representing the Lower South Island. We will be playing a range of games and attending training sessions throughout the time we are there. This opportunity will help me build my confidence on the court and develop new skills to bring back home to my community. If successful, the funding will go towards flights there and back, transport around the Gold Coast, accommodation, meals for 10 days, tournament fees, training costs and my uniform. Total cost is between \$3000-\$3200 Thank you for considering my application.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$ [REDACTED]

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

I agree that any material collected may be used for Board purposes, community events or promotions:  Yes  No

Please attach a separate sheet which details:

- Details of what the funding is for
- How this will contribute back to the community
- Timeline for the project

Please provide bank account number verification (note this must be in the name of the applicant – a parent or guardian can apply on your behalf).

### Applications close on Friday 13 March 2026 at 12pm

Please return your completed application to: [GSOteam@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:GSOteam@dcc.govt.nz)

### Terms and Conditions

- Please note if you have received a Youth Ambassador Award in the past you are ineligible for further funding.
- You must live in the Saddle Hill Community Board area to qualify (see over page).
- Age 13-18.

You will be required to attend an interview with some of the Board to speak to your application and answer any questions they may have (they will keep it casual). They will contact you to arrange a suitable time for this interview to take place – this can be done virtually if you are not available for the board meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at the Village Green Sunnyvale Sports Complex, 4pm – 7pm.

Please note that the prize pool is distributed at the board's discretion.

A requirement of funding is that you provide an update on how the funds were spent.

**If I am granted the Youth Ambassador Award, I will contribute to the Saddle Hill Community by:**

- Supporting and mentoring Saddle Hill's younger Basketball Players.
- Mentoring and coaching younger Cross Over players during basketball academies that children from the Saddle Hill community attend held at Fairfield School including 3x3 competitions and tournaments held in Dunedin.
- Mentoring young Otago Basketball players during their U14 season.
- Continuing to represent myself, Fairfield, and Kings at a high level of Basketball while representing Otago and Kings.
- I hope to be asked back to Fairfield in the future to speak to students. I know other people who used to go to Fairfield have come back to speak after going on to represent Otago and New Zealand in Basketball.
- Continuing to referee Intermediate and Primary children during their Miniball and Basketball seasons.

**Information about how I have supported the Saddle Hill Community so far along with my accomplishments to date**

- Supporting and mentoring Fairfield's younger Basketball Players.
- Coaching younger Miniball teams at Fairfield.
- Mentoring and coaching younger Cross Over players during Basketball academies that Fairfield pupils attend at Fairfield School, as well as 3x3 competitions and tournaments.
- Coaching younger Touch teams at Fairfield.
- Refereeing Intermediate and Primary children during their Miniball and Basketball seasons.
- Supported Fairfield Students during their Volleyball season.

**Accomplishments to Date**

2026 – Selected for the Otago Basketball U16 Development Team.

2026 – Selected for the Cross Over U16 Australian Basketball Tour/Tournament.

2026 – Selected for U16 Cross Over Basketball Academy.

2025 – Otago Basketball U14 A Team – we came 2nd in the South Island.

2025 – Year 8 Fairfield A Basketball Team – we came 3rd in Dunedin.

2025 – Placed 5th in the Otago Cross Country representing Fairfield.

2025 – Selected for U15 Cross Over Basketball Academy

2024 – Otago Basketball U14 Development A Team – we came 1st in the South Island.

2024 – Year 7 Fairfield A Basketball Team – we came 2nd in Dunedin.

2024 – Selected for U14 Cross Over Basketball Academy

2023 - Selected for U14 Cross Over Basketball Academy

2023 – Year 6 Fairfield B Miniball Team – we came 1<sup>st</sup> on the Taieri

I have also represented Fairfield in Touch, Volleyball, Otago Cross Country, Otago Triathlons & Kapa Haka

I am currently in the process of trialling for the either the Kings Year 9/10 A Basketball Team or the Year 9 A Basketball Team (team will depend on how they decide to run their teams this season)

**Feedback from some of the younger basketball players that I support**

My name is Kobe and I am year 7 at Fairfield School. During my time at Fairfield, I have spent many hours with Nixon on the basketball court. Nixon was always happy to give up his time to teach me some of his moves and hang out with me. I have got to see Nixon grow into one of the best basketball players I have ever seen. I want to be as good as Nixon one day.

I have been lucky to be able to have Nixon teach me and support me for the last 3 years throughout basketball practices and tournaments. He is always happy to spend time with me teaching me new tricks and helping me get better on the court.

## Cross Over Basketball & Tournament Information



### WHO WE ARE

Cross Over Basketball is one of the fastest-growing youth basketball programmes in the Deep South of New Zealand. Established in 2023, we now support over 1,000 young athletes across our pathway, with a strong presence throughout Dunedin, Taieri, Oamaru, Twizel, and Invercargill.

Our Academy programme provides high-performance opportunities for committed athletes, focusing on skill development, personal growth, and exposure to elite competition.

### THE GOLD COAST 2026 TOUR

In April 2026, Cross Over Basketball will be taking selected **U16 and U18 Academy players** to the Gold Coast, Australia, to compete in an international tournament environment.

This tour offers our athletes invaluable experience playing against Australian teams, exposure to different styles of play, and the chance to represent the Deep South on an international stage.

### Basketball & Tour Schedule



- The tour will include:
  - Tournament games
  - Training sessions
  - Recovery / rest time
- Game schedules and venues will be shared once confirmed.
- Players are expected to attend all team activities.

### Estimated Trip Cost

At the time of the January update, the estimated cost per player was \$2,700 – \$3,000.

**March update:** Travel costs may exceed \$3,000, but will not exceed \$3,200.

Finalising exact costs takes time, as there are always miscellaneous and variable expenses to factor in, including transport, venues, officials, and unforeseen fees.

From our 2025 tour, we gained valuable insight - including that Cross Over absorbed some unexpected costs which we hope we can work together to avoid.

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### Training Schedule (Build-Up to Gold Coast)

Some training-related costs were expected in the lead-up to the tour, primarily to cover:

- Court hire
- Referees for practice games and mini-tournaments

If my application is successful, the funds will go towards:

- Flights – Dunedin to Gold Coast & Gold Coast to Dunedin
- Accommodation in Australia for 9 nights
- Transport (hire van) for 10 days
- Food – Breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and pre and post game snacks
- Tournament entry costs
- Uniform (Warm Up Tee & Playing Kit)
- Training expenses

### Timeline

I leave Dunedin on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026 and return 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2026

Games begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026, my days will consist of at least two games & training along with recovery time and team activities.

Bank account details:





## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Shanti Kara Age: 17

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code: 9018

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

If successful, I would use the money towards travel costs.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

I agree that any material collected may be used for Board purposes, community events or promotions:  Yes  No

Please attach a separate sheet which details:

- Details of what the funding is for
- How this will contribute back to the community
- Timeline for the project

Please provide bank account number verification (note this must be in the name of the applicant – a parent or guardian can apply on your behalf).

### Applications close on Friday 13 March 2026 at 12pm

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### Terms and Conditions

- Please note if you have received a Youth Ambassador Award in the past you are ineligible for further funding.
- You must live in the Saddle Hill Community Board area to qualify (see over page).
- Age 13-18.

You will be required to attend an interview with some of the Board to speak to your application and answer any questions they may have (they will keep it casual). They will contact you to arrange a suitable time for this interview to take place – this can be done virtually if you are not available for the board meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2026 at the Village Green Sunnyvale Sports Complex, 4pm – 7pm.

Please note that the prize pool is distributed at the board's discretion.

A requirement of funding is that you provide an update on how the funds were spent.

**Details of what the funding will be used for**

I have been selected to trial for both the New Zealand Secondary Schools Netball Team and the New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Team. Both trials are being held in Auckland during April, but on different dates, which means I am required to make two separate return trips from Dunedin to Auckland. These flights are self-funded and represent a significant cost for my family.

If I am successful in either selection, I will also be required to travel internationally to represent New Zealand. These opportunities are also self-funded and involve major expenses such as flights, accommodation, and team levies. Receiving this grant would directly support my ability to attend the trials and, if selected, to represent New Zealand overseas without financial barriers limiting my opportunities.

**Timeline of Events**

**April 2026 – National Trials (Auckland, NZ)**

- NZ Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Trial – 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- NZ Secondary Schools Netball Trial – 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026
- 6–10 July 2026 – U17 Australia Netball Camp (Canberra, Australia) If selected for NZSS Netball Team to participate in training camp and international matches against the Australian U17 squad

**Early August 2026 – Four Nations Tournament (China) *If selected for NZ Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Team***

- Potential international tournament involving four national teams
- Travel to China for competition and preparation

**4–10 October 2026 – U18 Women’s Asia Cup (Seremban, Malaysia) *If selected for NZ Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Team***

- Represent New Zealand at the Asia Cup
- Compete against top teams from across Asia and Oceania

### **Personal Statement**

I am a dedicated multi-sport athlete from Dunedin with a strong commitment to both netball and basketball at the highest level. Over the past several years, I have worked consistently to develop my skills, leadership, and resilience, balancing academic responsibilities with the demands of high-performance sport. Being selected to trial for both the New Zealand Secondary Schools Netball Team and the New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Team is an honour and a reflection of the hard work I have put into my development.

Representing New Zealand has been a long-term goal, and I am determined to make the most of every opportunity I am given. I am passionate about contributing positively to my teams, supporting younger athletes, and being a role model for others in my community. This next step in my sporting journey is an important milestone, and I am committed to giving my very best at every stage of the process.

### **Achievements Summary**

- Selected to trial for the **New Zealand Secondary Schools Netball Team** (2026)
- Selected to trial for the **New Zealand Junior Tall Ferns U18 Basketball Team** (2026)
- Representative athlete for **Otago** in both netball and basketball
- Consistent member of top school teams, contributing as a key player and leader
- Participation in regional and national tournaments across both sports
- Active involvement in supporting junior players through training assistance and mentoring
- Recognised for strong work ethic, coachability, and commitment to high-performance pathways

Pursuing high-performance sport at a national level involves significant financial commitment, particularly for athletes based in the South Island. The upcoming trials for both the NZSS Netball Team and the NZ Junior Tall Ferns Basketball Team require two separate return flights from Dunedin to Auckland, as the trial dates do not align. These costs are self-funded and place considerable pressure on my family.

If I am selected for either team, the financial commitment increases substantially due to international travel, accommodation, team levies, and preparation camps. These opportunities are incredibly valuable for my development, but the associated costs can be a barrier to participation.

Receiving this grant would directly support my ability to attend the trials and, if selected, to represent New Zealand overseas. It would ease the financial burden on my family and ensure that cost is not a limiting factor in pursuing these high-performance opportunities.

**How this will contribute back to the community**

Being involved in high-performance netball and basketball allows me to bring valuable experience, knowledge, and inspiration back to my community. By trialling for national teams and potentially representing New Zealand internationally, I gain exposure to elite coaching, international competition, and high-performance environments. I actively share what I learn with younger athletes in my school and local clubs, helping to lift the overall standard of sport in our region.

I am committed to being a positive role model for younger players in Dunedin and the wider Otago community. Many young athletes don't often see people from our region reach national-level opportunities, so being visible in these pathways shows them that it is possible. I regularly support junior programmes, help at trainings, and encourage participation in both netball and basketball. My goal is to continue giving back through mentoring, coaching, and being involved in community sport whenever I can.

If I am selected for either national team, the international experience I gain will strengthen my ability to contribute to local teams, share advanced skills, and help build a stronger sporting culture in our community. The support I receive now will have a long-term impact, not just on my own development, but on the young athletes who will follow after me.

## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Azariah Hughes Age: 16 Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code:9018

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc) I really hope I can win the Saddle Hill Community Scholarship to help me go to the netball tournament in Nelson this year. It would make a huge difference with travel and tournament costs and let me focus on playing my best for the team. I'd be so grateful to the Saddle Hill community for supporting me, and I'd be proud to represent them with sportsmanship and determination. This opportunity would push me to keep improving and give my all on and off the court.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1,000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs: **Yes** No

I agree that any material collected may be used for Board purposes, community events or promotions: **Yes** No

Please attach a separate sheet which details:

Details of what the funding is for -This funding will help support my participation in a netball tournament in Nelson around August. The funds will go towards costs such as travel, accommodation, and tournament fees. Attending this tournament will give me the opportunity to compete against other teams, improve my netball skills, and gain valuable experience in a competitive environment while representing my team.

How this will contribute back to the community,Winning this scholarship will let me represent Saddle Hill with pride at the netball tournament in Nelson. It will give me the chance to learn new skills, improve my game, and develop my leadership on and off the court. I can bring these skills and experiences back to my school, helping my teammates improve and encouraging others to get involved in netball and sport. By sharing what I learn and showing dedication and sportsmanship, I hope to inspire younger students and contribute to a stronger, more connected community.

Timeline for the project- 1 week

Please provide bank account number verification (note this must be in the name of the applicant – a parent or guardian can apply on your behalf) [REDACTED]

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- Age 13-18.

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## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name:  Age:

Contact phone number:

Address:

Post code:

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

I can record here in Otepoti, there would be no travel costs. I would spend the money on recording one original song, the costs to do so including production, mixing and mastering is around \$1500 per song. With a grant from the Saddle Hill Community Board this would be within my reach.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

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#### Community Access Grant Application – Music Recording Project

##### Project Summary

I am applying for support to record an original song in a professional recording studio in Dunedin. I write my own music and hope to build a future in the creative arts. Recording professionally is an important step toward developing my musical portfolio, but the cost of studio time, production and engineering is currently out of reach.

My goal is to create a high-quality recording that reflects my vocal ability, musical ideas and passion for performance. This recording will serve as a foundation for future opportunities, including auditions, competitions, and community performances.

##### Community Benefit

This project contributes to Dunedin's creative community in several ways:

- Youth artistic development: Supporting young artists encourages a vibrant, thriving local arts scene.
- Cultural representation: Through my work with Cantus Columba Choir and leading my Columba College Kapa Haka, I am actively involved in choral and kapa haka communities. Producing original music allows me to bring the skills and values I've learned in those groups into wider public spaces.
- Inspiration for younger students: As last year's Middle Arts Student of the Year, I aim to show younger performers that creative goals can be achieved with dedication and community support.
- Local sharing and performance: I plan to share the final recording with my school and community, supporting events, performances, and cultural activities.

Professional recording fees in Dunedin are expensive, and this grant would help cover studio time, engineering, and initial production. Without funding assistance, it would be very difficult to create a high quality recording that can be used for future artistic development.

With this grant, I will produce a polished track that showcases my voice and songwriting, strengthens my connection to Dunedin's arts community, and helps me take meaningful next steps toward a career in music.

##### Timeline

It would take 2 -3 weeks to produce a song, I could get started with a fortnight.

Thank you so much for your consideration and I hope to meet you soon.

##### Bank Details

Poppy Hussey





## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name:  Age:

Contact phone number:

Address:

Post code:

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

If I am successful in receiving funding this will go towards my upcoming Rhythmic Gymnastics competition season. I am a Level 7 Gymnast from the Greater Green Island Gymnastics Club . Other than Otago Champs here in Dunedin I will be traveling to Wellington and 3 trips to Christchurch. My main goal is to again represent Otago at the NZ Nationals in Tauranga in September.

I would be grateful for any funding received. It would go towards Competition entry fees, flights and/or accommodation.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board:

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

I agree that any material collected may be used for Board purposes, community events or promotions:  Yes  No

Please attach a separate sheet which details:

- Details of what the funding is for
- How this will contribute back to the community
- Timeline for the project

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My name is Ruby Payne, I am 14 years old and I am Gymnast from the Greater Green Island Gymnastics Club. I live in Fairfield where I attended Fairfield School and now a Year 10 at Queens High School. Last year I received a Highly Commended award for my Gymnastics from Queens High school.

I have been a Gymnast for 9 years and I am very passionate about it. I train 3 hours a day, 3 hours a week. I am also now a Coach for the recreational girls who are just starting out Gymnastics which is 1 hour a week.

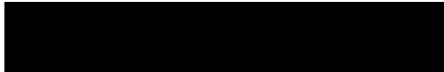
Any funding I receive would be a huge help towards one of my out of town competitions as we only have one competition in Dunedin and the rest are out of town. I would put it towards competition entry, travel and accommodation. After a successful 2025 competition season, winning the Level 6 Otago Champ trophy, I also made the Otago team to compete at the NZ Nationals. My ultimate goal is to again qualify for NZ Nationals in Tauranga.

My competition season runs from May until September so the funds would be used between these times.

I feel I contribute to the Greater Green Island area by competing for my club around the country. Through advertising and photos published on the Greater Green Island pages it has encouraged new people to come along and give Gymnastics a go!

Thank you for considering my application

Ruby Payne





## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Ruby Peden Age: 17

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code: 9035

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

If I were fortunate to be awarded the Saddle Hill Community Grant, I would put it towards my tertiary education in 2027, particularly a residential college. Being at a hall would be a great opportunity to experience being away from home, meeting new people, and exploring new places.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$ N/A

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

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I agree that any material collected may be used for Board purposes, community events or promotions:  Yes  No

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Kia ora

My name is Ruby Peden, I am 17 years old and I live in Ocean View, Dunedin. I am currently in my final year of high school. I also have a part-time job at McDonald's in Green Island, where I have enjoyed learning new skills and meeting new people. I really enjoy playing football for both my school and club. I was previously involved in equestrian sports, including being a member of the local Brighton Pony Club. My favourite subjects at school are geography and history. I am also a member of the school's Sustainability Committee. In 2025, I completed Level 2 NCEA with an Excellence endorsement, as well as an Excellence endorsement in English.

In 2027, I would like to attend university and study Geography. I am interested in learning more about how people live, in both New Zealand and overseas, and how the environment is impacted in different ways. I am looking forward to extending my knowledge and skills in this area.

If I were fortunate to be awarded the Saddle Hill Community Grant, I would put it towards my tertiary education, particularly a residential college. Being at a residential college would be a great opportunity to experience being away from home, meeting new people, and exploring new places.

This will contribute back to my community as studying geography at university will provide a greater appreciation of my local environment and community. Local trapping, vegetation, restoration and landfill proposals are all examples of how the study of geography will be beneficial.

Thank you for considering my application,

Ngā mihi nui

Ruby Peden



## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Sylvie Haig Age: 15 years

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code: 9018

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

If I am successful I will use the funds to help me get to athletics meets such as New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Champs which is in Whanganui in Decemeber.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$ 0

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

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Kia ora Saddle Hill community board members.

My name is Sylvie Haig and I am writing to apply for the Saddle Hill Community Ambassador Award. Having lived in this community for the past 10 years, I feel connected to this area and would be honoured to represent it as an ambassador.

My life is centred around sports, and I pride myself in the dedication I bring to my training and representing my community. My recent achievements include:

- **Athletics** - New Zealand Track and Field Champs in Auckland (Nationals). I achieved a silver medal in the U16 100m final and 4th place in the U16 final.
- **Football** - I play in the Queens First XV football team and have since I was Year 9. We traveled to Taupō for premier nationals and placed 7th overall. This is an amazing achievement. Last season I was named player of the year as a Year 10 student. I also play in the Southern United U16 team and will play women's football for my club this year.
- **Touch** - I represent Otago in the U16 girls touch team and have played representative touch for the last 5 years. This touch season I travelled to Christchurch twice with my rep team including Youth Nationals. I also play for my school team and we are travelling to Christchurch for South Island Secondary Schools in two weeks time.
- **Surf life saving** - I am a member of Brighton Surf life saving club and a qualified life guard. I volunteer on patrol whenever time allows me and I also like to compete too. Most recently I got gold in both the beach flags and beach relay events at the Otago Champs.



Beyond the results, I am committed to being a positive role model. As a volunteer lifeguard at Brighton beach I understand the importance of community safety and service. I believe that being an ambassador means leading by example - showing younger athletes in our areas that with grit and community spirit, you can compete with the best in the country.

Sport at a national level requires significant travel, and I have a lot of upcoming trips. This award would greatly assist with these costs, allowing me to focus on performing my best while proudly representing the Saddle Hill Community.

Thank you for your time and for supporting local youth  
Sylvie Haig (and the Haig family).



## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name:	Thomas Weatherall	Age:	16
Contact phone number:	[REDACTED]		
Address:	[REDACTED]		
		Post code:	9035

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

If I was successful, I would use to funds to assist me in getting to the 2026 New Zealand Secondary School Cross Country and Track and Feild Championships. The Cross Country Champs are on the 20-21st of June in Wellington while the Track and Feild Champs are later in the year on the 11-13th of December in Wanganui. The funds if I were to be succesful would go towards flights to get up to these places as these are the main costs of these trips. I would also put them towards food and nutrition for these events as these are a massive cost in addition.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board:	\$ 1000
Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source:	\$ 300 Skegs Grant

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

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Recently I have been partaking in quite a few races to improve, and just last week I was up in Auckland representing Otago at the New Zealand Region Track and Field Champs. This was a big target event for me where I raced the 3000m and the 2000m steeple chase. At this event I was lucky enough to come away with a bronze in the steeple chase and placed 12th in the 3000m which I was very happy with. For Cross Country Nationals, one of my goals is going to be to place in the top 25 which will be a good step in the right direction for a big goal of mine to make the New Zealand team to go over to Australia where you need to place in the top 10. For the rest of this Track and Field season I have Otago Secondary school champs and South Island Champs then I will be moving into Cross Country season.





## APPLICATION FOR YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD FUNDING FROM THE SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

Contact name: Fern Olivia McBride Age: [REDACTED]

Contact phone number: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Post code: 9018

If you are successful how will you use the funds? (Travel, entry fees, course costs etc)

Travel and Transport: This includes return flights to Auckland and international flights to New Caledonia. It also covers transporting my sports gear and hiring a vehicle to get between my accommodation and the training venues.

Training Camps: I will use the funds to pay for registration fees for high performance camps and coaching sessions. These camps provide the expert guidance and the intensive schedule I need to improve.

Accommodation: Since I need to be close to the training hubs to focus on recovery, the funds will cover athlete specific housing in both Auckland and Nouméa.

Entry Fees: A portion of the funds will go toward entry fees for domestic competitions in Auckland and regional events in New Caledonia, allowing me to test my progress in real-game situations.

Amount sought from Saddle Hill Community Board: \$ 1000

Amount, if you expect to receive funding from any other source: \$ [REDACTED]

### Media appointments and photographs may be taken.

I agree to media interviews and photographs:  Yes  No

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

Being selected for Nga Whanapoikiri Māori o Aotearoa – Pounamu is a huge honour, but for me, this journey is about much more than just what happens on the football pitch. This selection represents my connection to my whakapapa and my commitment to my whānau, and I am determined to use this platform to give back to the community that has supported me.

Here is how I plan to contribute and lead as a national representative:

- **Mentoring Others:** I want to use the leadership skills I've gained through Māori Football Aotearoa to support younger players at my school and in my local clubs. I hope to show them that through discipline and resilience, they can also represent their culture on a national stage.
- **Cultural Connection:** My time in the Pounamu programme is teaching me the importance of identity and belonging. I look forward to sharing these cultural values and the experiences from our international tour to New Caledonia with my peers, helping to foster a stronger sense of pride in our heritage.
- **Leading by Example:** Whether I am at school or on the field, I aim to represent my community with mana. This means maintaining a high standard in my studies and showing respect and responsibility in everything I do, serving as a role model for other student athletes.
- **Strengthening our Kaupapa:** I am committed to being a positive voice for Māori football, encouraging others to find their own path where sport and culture meet.

I don't just play for myself, I play for my school, my whānau, and my community (club football - GIFC). I am excited to take everything I learn from this experience and bring it back home to help others grow. I also coached the GIJFC Kickits Programme 2025, referee at the annual 7 Aside GIJFC Tournament, as well as referee Futsal twice a week for Southern Football.

Funding to help with my training and travel from now until the end of October 2026. This period is a huge step for my progress in Football, as it includes important trips to Christchurch, Auckland and New Caledonia to get me ready for the International Tournament where I will be representing NZ

The first part of the plan is based in Christchurch and then Auckland. I will be using top tier gyms and training centers to work on my strength and skills. Being in Auckland also lets me compete against the best local talent and train with the team. After that, I will travel to Nouméa, New Caledonia. This trip is vital because it helps me get used to training in the heat and gives me the chance to continue to train with my team and then compete in the International Football Tournament, which is something I can't get at home.

The funding will go directly toward my flights, moving my gear, and staying in places close to where I train so I can focus on my recovery. Everything builds up to a final International Tournament in October 2026 and to make sure I am in the best shape possible for my main competitions. Thank you for your time and for considering my application.



**Character Reference and Supporting Document: Fern McBride**

Firstly, I wish to acknowledge the absolute pleasure of being asked to provide supporting documentation for one of Saddle Hill Communities superstars.

I have known Fern for many years and have had multiple engagements with her on a personal level, firstly as a family friend but also when she has been representing Fairfield School and Queens High as a student.



Most recently our daughter Holly, has been coached/mentored by Fern in her volunteer role providing guidance to the Green Island Football girls academy, occurring over multiple weekends.

Fern is a bright bubbly natural leader amongst her peers, displaying a large amount of all round qualities which draw others to her. She is disciplined, organised, and prepares well mentally and physically for any challenge. I have witnessed many times Fern's competitive yet humble nature, a realistic drive to win but accepting and congratulatory of being beaten by a better team or individual.

These aforementioned characteristics speak volumes about why Fern was successfully included in the NZ Māori Football team, which is some feat, she along with her teammates are set to travel to New Caledonia this October.

Fern will seamlessly fit in amongst her peers in this team, albeit not knowing the vast majority of them pre-tournament. Her positive attitude, engaging nature and ability to have a good old laugh will set a strong culture within the team.

Fern will represent herself, her family, her heritage and ultimately us all within the community with pride, as she puts on the NZ colours for this amazing tournament experience.

Having been involved with the management of High Performing teams in both sport and employment situations over many years, I have seen a fair share of talented individuals and had the opportunity to identify and help those young men/women aspire to perform to a higher level. I strongly foresee Fern as a high performer in all she does into the future, and I back her to be the strongest candidate for the Saddle Hill Community Board 2026 Ambassador Funding Programme.

High Performance sport comes at a large cost, but as parents we want our children to succeed, I strongly encourage the Saddle Hill Community Board to support Fern as one of future greats financially as a youth ambassador.

I am happy to be contacted to provide further reference if required.

Grant Pellowe

Resident of Fairfield

Email: [grant.pellowe@fultonhogan.com](mailto:grant.pellowe@fultonhogan.com)

Mobile: (027) 4744585

To Whom It May Concern,

It is my pleasure to provide this reference for Fern McBride, whom I had the privilege of coaching as Head Coach of the South Wahine U18 team during the New Zealand Māori North vs South trial fixture.

Fern is an outstanding young athlete and an exceptional leader. Even at just 15 years old, she demonstrated remarkable maturity, work ethic, and composure both on and off the field. Her commitment to her teammates, combined with her natural leadership qualities, made her an ideal choice to captain the South Wahine U18 team.

What sets Fern apart is her determination to continually improve and her ability to inspire those around her.

She brings energy, humility, and discipline to every training and game.

Fern represents the values of whanaungatanga, manaakitanga, and kotahitanga with pride, qualities that speak volumes about her character and potential.

Fern's selection to the NZ Māori U16 team to travel to New Caledonia is further testament to her talent, dedication, and the trust national selectors place in her. Her participation will not only advance her own development but also bring credit to her club and community.

I have no doubt Fern will continue to grow as both an athlete and a young leader within our Māori football community. I strongly support her application for the Seeking Local Stars Youth Ambassador Grant, as I believe investing in her development is an investment in the future of not only Māori but local sport.

If further information is required, please feel free to contact me.

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