

**MINUTES OF CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL
ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN WHARE TŪHONO, WILLIAM FRASER BUILDING, 1 DUNORLING STREET,
ALEXANDRA
ON MONDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 10.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Worship the Mayor T Alley (Chairperson), Cr S Browne (via Microsoft Teams), G Duncan, B Hamilton, D Owens, K Robb

IN ATTENDANCE: J Whyte (Administrator)

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Browne
Seconded: Hamilton

That the public minutes of the Assessment Committee Meeting held on 23 September 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of their obligations in respect of declaring any interests. D Owens declared an interest in applications 7, 8 & 9 and did not vote on their allocation of funding. K Robb declared an interest in applications five, to 6, 17 to 18 and 20 and did not vote on their allocation of funding.

4 REPORTS

25.2.1 2025 SPORT NEW ZEALAND RURAL TRAVEL FUND: DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

To consider applications received for the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund, and to allocate funds appropriately.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Browne

That the Assessment Committee

A. Receives the report and accepts the level of significance.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Alley
Seconded: Browne

- B. Agrees that the Assessment Committee allocate the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund to the applications listed in attachment 1 of the report in accordance with the Sport New Zealand Rural Travel Fund guidelines and eligibility criteria.

Matakanui Netball Club	Travel for our families travelling into Netball every Saturday in Alexandra. From Omakau to Alexandra is 54km return trip minimum. Many of our players live even further out so are travelling another 20-60km each return trip to netball. There are over 12 weekends of netball so many families will do a minimum of 648km in the season with some families doing 1710km in a season or more just to get into games alone.	\$740
Central Otago Whitewater	COW is applying for funding to assist members with the cost of travelling throughout the season, which starts in September and runs until April. 952 Km return.	\$1,200
Maniototo Primary Hockey Club	Full funding will go towards purchasing travel vouchers for our families.	\$4,085
Alexandra Athletics	To help our members travel from across Central Otago to Alexandra for club nights (local competition) We have families from Maniototo (Ranfurly, Omakau, Poolburn), Teviot and sometimes Cromwell. These families collectively are travelling 15,000 kms or double that per child.	\$200
Roxburgh Area School - Miniball	We use any Rural Travel Funding that we receive to purchase petrol vouchers that we distribute to the families of students playing miniball. We have students from year 5-8 competing in the Central Otago Miniball competition, which is held in Alexandra, so families are travelling a minimum of 80km's return each Friday. The petrol vouchers are gratefully received by our families and are a token contribution towards their costs of enabling Tamariki to play sport.	\$500
Roxburgh Area School - Touch Rugby	We use any Rural Travel Funding that we receive to purchase petrol vouchers that we distribute to the families of students playing touch rugby. We have students for year 5-13 competing in the Alexandra Touch Rugby competition, which is held in Alexandra, so families are travelling a minimum of 80km's return each Thursday evening for the 8 weeks that the competition runs. The petrol vouchers are gratefully received by our families and are a token of contribution towards their costs of enabling our Tamariki to play sport.	\$1,750
Maniototo Area School - Basketball	The funding will be used to transport the MAS secondary students around CO to compete in the Senior Boys, girl mixed and junior boys Central Otago Secondary School Sports Association Basketball.	\$1,500

Maniototo Area School - Hockey	The hockey is played on a Thursday night in Cromwell and team travels from Ranfurly to Cromwell.	\$1,000
Maniototo Area School - Softball	The funding will be used to support the travel costs of using the school van each week. The students travel to Molyneux Park in term one from January - February for a five-week softball competition.	\$300
Alexandra Swimming Club	Unlike other sporting codes such as rugby, netball etc where sporting draws and trainings are arranged within a season, swimming is an all-year-round activity and our swim squads for trainings are arranged within a season, swimming is an all-year-round activity and our swim squads for trainings are organised in sync with the 4 school terms. Trainings require our swimmers to travel from areas around Cromwell, Roxburgh, and Omakau.	\$300
Dunstan High School - Hockey	To cover the travel expense for the students to compete in the Central Otago Secondary Schools Hockey competition in Cromwell. We have six teams that traditionally complete in the competition with an average of 14 Students per team. Parents provide the transport.	Nil
Dunstan High School - Volleyball	To cover the travel expenses for the students to compete in the Central Otago Secondary Schools Volleyball competition. It is estimated a total of 600km will be travelled in order for the senior team to compete in term one and junior team in term four.	\$600
Dunstan High School - Cricket	To assist the students with their travel in Central Otago Cricket Competition. Our three teams generally travel 700km through the season which goes from late October until the start of March.	\$780
Dunstan High School - Touch Rugby	To cover the travel expenses for the students to compete in the Central Otago Secondary School touch Rugby competition. As estimated 300km will be travelled in this competition which takes place in term four.	\$360
Dunstan High School - Football	To cover the travel expenses for the students from both the boys and girl's teams to compete in their respective Central Otago Secondary School Football competition in 2025. A total of 1152km will be travelled in order for both teams to travel to Cromwell and back for their competitions.	Nil
Dunstan High School - Basketball	To cover the travel expenses to the venues in the Central Otago Secondary Schools girls, senior boys, and junior basketball competitions. I predict a total of 5000km will be travelled by all of the teams over the 2025 season. To hire the minivans for the season the cost will be \$3,500 on the invoices that have already been received.	\$1,865
Roxburgh Area School - Volleyball & Basketball	Looking towards the 2026 season, we would use any funds that we receive to contribute to the cost of van hire and fuel which would enable us to subsidise and	\$1,500

	therefore reduce the amount which we charge our families.	
Millers Flat School - Netball & Rugby	Fuel vouchers will be purchased and distributed to families who transport who transport their children to practises and games.	\$1,620
Maniototo Netball Club	The rural travel grant is used each year to purchase petrol vouchers for the year 3-year 13 players. The vouchers are distributed evenly per player during the season to assist in a small way with travel costs.	\$1,000
Roxburgh Area School - Netball	We use any rural travel funding that we receive to purchase vouchers that we distribute to families of students playing Netball.	\$1,200

CARRIED

The meeting closed at 11.00 am.

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CHAIR / /

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / /