

SUBMARINE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA WELFARE SUCCESSOR FOUNDATION

Applications for Assistance - Guidance for Branch Presidents

Eligibility

An applicant must have been a fully paid-up member of the SAA for at least twelve months in order to be eligible for financial assistance, OR a financial dependent of such a member.

Applications

All applications are to be made, in writing, to the applicant's Branch President.

Duties of Presidents

The Foundation's funds, whilst at present reasonably substantial, are vulnerable to the fact that the SAA's membership is predominately an ageing one. In consequence, we must be prepared for the probability that disbursements may well exceed income over time.

It is therefore incumbent upon Presidents, and ultimately the Trustees, to take all reasonable steps to establish the full factual background of each appeal for assistance, its justification, and the level and nature of the most appropriate financial aid to be granted. Such aid could take the form of a loan or a grant, or a combination of both.

As part of their investigations, Presidents should establish that all alternative avenues of assistance have been explored, such as DVA and Centrelink.

Finally, Presidents should forward the result of their investigation to the Trustees, together with their recommendation as to the level and nature of assistance to be provided.

In the event of urgent and emergency requirements for assistance, the above procedures can be bypassed and aid obtained on the basis of emails and phonecalls. In such cases, a proper investigation must be carried out after emergency aid has been provided.