



# *Australian Mariners' Welfare Society*

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## **GUIDELINES TO GRANT POLICIES 2024**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Australian Mariners' Welfare Society (AMWS) have updated their policy guidelines for grants with effect 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. the latest review includes:

1. Specific Projects to Assist Welfare Providers
2. Internet/Wi-Fi Costs
3. New and Second-hand Buses
4. Tyre Replacements for Buses
5. Bus Registration/CTP Insurance Costs
6. Battery and Solar Installation Costs

The purpose of these grants is to financially assist Australian maritime welfare providers in their efforts to meet the needs of seafarers of all nationalities and creeds and to make their stay ashore as enjoyable and safe as possible.

Full details of our grant policies are listed below and can also be found on our web site at any time.

### **SPECIFIC PROJECTS**

Our first specific project grant was approved in 2006 and since then around 300 applications have been handled. The majority of grant requests have been associated with club refurbishment including such items as building and roof repairs, furniture, refrigeration, air conditioning, solar installation and ranging down to smaller items such as coffee machines.

**Applications are made on a single page application form easily found on our web site ([www.marinerswelfare.com](http://www.marinerswelfare.com)).**

If the grant request is over \$5,000 at least two quotes are required

Applications should be sent direct to our secretary, Stan Moriarty, at [secretaryamws@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryamws@gmail.com)

### **INTERNET WI-FI COSTS**

our secretary will accept direct written applications for internet/wi-fi cost relief up to \$345 per quarter plus GST. (**Note.** Our formal application form from the web site is not required for this category of claim).

Applicants may claim quarterly, six monthly or annually with supporting receipts (one per quarter) attached.

## **BUS REPLACEMENTS**

The ship to shore transportation of seafarers is a key component of the work of welfare providers around the Australian coast. AMWS recognise the importance of this service and seek to assist in this ongoing daily function.

Applications for financial contribution for new or second-hand vehicles can be made using our standard application form from the web site and addressed direct to the secretary.

AMWS seek to be a financial contributing party in bus replacements along with the other stakeholders i.e. the centre itself, port authorities, port users and other fund-raising activities. Applications up to 40k will be considered by council.

## **BUS TYRE REPLACEMENTS**

AMWS fully appreciate the need to change bus tyres on a regular basis to ensure the safety of all on board.

When tyres reach the end of their commercial life each seafarer centre in Australia may seek reimbursement for the invoiced unit cost of up to four tyres per annum for each vehicle. The tyres should be of the quality and standard of those currently in use. AMWS will also accept the cost of wheel balancing and alignment associated with the changeover. Applications may be made direct to the secretary supported by paid invoices.

## **VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND CTP INSURANCE**

Marine welfare providers will be pleased to note that from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, it has been agreed that AMWS will accept claims for 100% of the costs involved with rego and CTP expenditure. AMWS support prior to 01/07/2024 is limited to 75%.

Claims may be sent direct to our secretary with paid invoices attached.

## **BATTERY AND SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION**

AMWS Council is very much aware of the need to minimise the burden of energy bills at seafarer centres as well as the environmental issues.

Our policy here is to contribute up to 60% of the lowest quote for solar/ battery installation for up to three centres per annum.

Applications should be made on the standard AMWS application form and forwarded to our secretariat.

## **TIMING OF CLAIMS**

Claims are required to be made within twelve months of the expenditure being incurred.

## **SECRETARIAT**

Our secretary, Stan Moriarty, will always be available to assist you with any assistance or clarification. his full contact details are on the opening page of these guidelines.