

THE AUSTRALIAN MARINERS WELFARE SOCIETY (THE SOCIETY)

GUIDELINES TO GRANT POLICIES OF THE AUSTRALIAN MARINERS WELFARE SOCIETY.

INTRODUCTION

At the May 2019 meeting of Council it was decided to streamline our Grant applications procedure and to also improve payments for internet claims and tyre replacements. These changes are noted below.

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

Council has endeavored to make applications as straight forward as possible.

Application forms can be downloaded from our web site. Headings are self-explanatory and when completed the quote should be attached. If the application is for an amount over \$5000 at least two quotes must be sought.

NOTE It is no longer necessary to seek National approval before sending the application to AMWS . Grant requests can therefore be directed straight to our Secretary Stan Moriarty at secretaryamws@gmail.com

INTERNET Wi-Fi APPLICATIONS

Council will accept direct written application for internet assistance and if approved we will pay internet charges up to a maximum of \$345 per quarter plus GST. Applications can be made quarterly, six monthly or annually but must have supporting receipts attached.

BUS APPLICATIONS

Applications for assistance with the purchase of a bus should be made on the same application form used for specific projects and sent direct to the secretary AMWS

In this form of assistance AMWS looks to be a **contributing partner** with other stakeholders i.e. the Centre itself, port authorities, port benefactors and fundraising efforts

BUS TYRE REFURBMISHMENT

AMWS appreciate the need to regularly change over worn tyres for buses used in the transportation of seafarers and are prepared to assist in keeping travel for our seafarers safe at all times.

The following **guidelines** apply

Each seafarer centre in Australia may apply for an AMWS grant of 80% of the invoiced unit cost for a replacement tyre for up to four (4) tyres per annum per bus. We will also accept 80% of the cost of wheel balancing and/or wheel alignments. The tyres claimed should be of the quality and standard of those currently in use

Where a Station operates more than one bus the AMWS assistance package will be limited to FOUR buses per annum for a mini bus up to 25 seater capacity bus.

Each grant application must be supported by a PAID invoice for the number of tyres claimed together with a letter to the AMWS secretary confirming the seating capacity of the bus and that the purchase covers tyres that have reached the end of their commercial life.

The policy is open for AMWS review and amendment at any time.

BATTERY AND SOLAR ASSISTANCE

The Council is cognizant of the need to minimize the burden of energy bills at seafarer centres and is also conscious of the attendant environmental issues.

A new policy has therefore been agreed to support energy concerns of the centres by contributing up to 60% of the lowest quote for solar/battery installation.

In the initial stages we will limit solar applications to three stations per annum but this will be reviewed from time to time.

Grant applications should be made on the customary application forms found on our web site (marinerswelfare.com) and forwarded direct to our Secretariat as below

SECRETARIAT.

Further details on any of the above can be sought from Mr. Stan Moriarty, Secretary, Australian Mariners Welfare Society at secretaryamws@gmail.com.

