

WHERE DO THE FUNDS COME FROM?

A brief history of the Association

In 1936, Sister Dora Baudinet (a school nurse) and Miss Margaret Reid (an infants school headmistress) conceived the idea of establishing a holiday camp in Tasmania along the lines of a similar camp they had seen in New Zealand.

Sister Baudinet was the driving force behind fund raising and furthering government and community interest in the project. Sister Baudinet died the 1945 leaving every penny and all her possessions (including 10 acres of land at Howrah) to the project.

The Tasmanian Sunshine Centre was build on the bequeathed land in 1951. The home quickly proved its value in providing much needed holidays and respite care for children from throughout the state.

The centre operated successfully for over 24 years receiving support from schools and the Tasmanian Teachers Federation until rising costs caused it to close in February 1976. The Clarence Lions Club, believing in the community need for the care provided by the centre, undertook to finance the Association's shortfall for a period of 2 years. Accordingly, the Centre reopened in 1976. The support continued until 1980 when continuing cost increases brought about its final closure.

In 1985 the Centre was sold to the Clarence Council for development for community use, the money received invested by the Tasmanian Sunshine Association Inc, to continue to provide funds for "...the health, happiness and general welfare of less privileged children in Tasmania".

To promote closer communication between the Association and the community 3 regional committees have been formed. These committees will receive funding from interest generated by the Tasmanian Sunshine Association funds managed by the Tasmanian Lions Foundation. To help meet the ever increasing requests for assistance additional funding may be sought from local community groups etc by the regional committees.

Sunshine Association of Tasmania



How to arrange assistance from the Sunshine Association of Tasmania

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Provides:

- **Financial assistance to children in need (Under 18)**
- **On an individual basis**
- **Through 3 regional committees in Tasmania**

The committees, consisting of volunteer community members, exist to encourage, assess and meet requests for financial assistance for children (under 18). Such requests can come from schools, community groups, social workers and other professionals.

Funding may be available for:

- *Camps/excursions*
- *Sport & leisure*
- *Scholarships & educational assistance*
- *Personal needs*

Every application is considered, however assistance is provided at the discretion of the committee.

Requests for Assistance/Applications Forms

Application for assistance must be in writing addressed to your local regional committee. It is desirable that the application form must be used, however each application include the:

- Purpose for which funds are to be used
- Name of child(ren) for who assistance is sought
- Amount sought together with details of other financial contributions
- Circumstances given rise to inability of parents to meet expenses
- Value to the child(ren) of assistance sought
- Name, address, telephone number & position of person making application
- Any other relevant details
- Must be signed and dated

OR

Application forms may be obtained from and should be returned to:

The Submissions Officer

Sunshine Association of Tasmania

Northwest Branch:

PO Box 1020, Burnie Tas 7320

Southern Branch:

PO Box 770 Sandy Bay Tas 7006

Northern Branch:

PO Box 697, Riverside Tas 7250

With application form for each area with contact details for each