

Governance Policies – Financial assistance in other agency areas of prime responsibility

(a) Heritage projects

Financial contributions to heritage restoration and management projects may be favourably considered where:

- A case for work has been made from a proper assessment of the heritage value of the site
- The approach is made by a progress association or the approach has the full and unequivocal support of the relevant community association as evidenced by a minuted resolution of that association
- The project can be shown to have both immediate and long-term economic advantage to the local community
- The on-going, on-ground management of the site is within the capacity of the local community
- The project occurs on public land or land over which public access and occupancy rights can be negotiated.

(b) Distance education

The Trust will continue to sponsor and support the annual State conference of the Isolated Children's Parents Association Inc.

(c) Remote health services

The Trust will continue to make an annual contribution to the Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Region.

(d) Remote community transport for medical and other services

Subject to available funds the Trust is prepared to assist financially with a grant of up to 50% of the total cost of a predetermined schedule of community bus services on a budgeted per-kilometre basis for a fixed period of time.

The Trust needs to agree to the proposed schedule of services and arrangements are to be formalised by agreement. Day-to-day responsibility for the management of these services is negotiable and is to form part of the agreement.

(e) Youth support

The Trust recognises young people as valued members of the outback community and will ensure at all times that their needs are identified by endeavouring to include young people in all aspects of planning that affects young people's lives.

(f) Training and development

The Trust will facilitate the identification of the training and development needs of its recognised community organisations and will coordinate the delivery of this training within the communities. This training will include governance, financial management and grant submission preparation, the collective outcome of which will be to allow the communities to effectively manage their resources and source additional funding.

The training will include but not be confined to:

- Financial management and budgeting skills
- Financial management tools including Quickbooks, MYOB and Cashflow Management systems
- Community governance with reference to the *Associations Incorporation Act, 1985*
- Preparing grant submissions
- Employer and employee relationships and understandings
- Meeting procedures
- Asset management
- Communications and engagement
- Conflict and behaviour management
- Occupational health and safety.

The Trust will engage trainers and registered training organisations to provide either one-to-one or group training to community leaders and progress association members. The training delivered will be identified in consultation with community leaders and agencies that service the region.