


Member Benefits Guidelines

The Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera
Charitable trust



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About the Trust

The Yaburara and Mardudhunera Charitable Trust has been established for the promotion of Charitable Objects¹ and community benefit.

Community Benefit means the benefit, welfare, or assistance of the YM People including:

- Community Development
- Managing the affairs of the YM People taking into account the maintenance of their traditional culture
- Improving the social and health circumstances of the YM People
- Acquiring and developing community facilities within the Lands
- Advancing the education and training of the YM People
- Providing employment opportunities to the YM People
- Developing community projects
- Assisting the YM People in asserting and maintaining their traditional rights and interests in land including the protection of culturally significant areas.



¹Charitable Objects

1. The prevention or relief of poverty, sickness distress, misfortune, or destitution
2. The advancement of education
3. The promotion of health including the provision of health care services and facilities
4. The provision of transport and communication services
5. The promotion and protection of Aboriginal culture

Yaburara and Mardudhunera People means the Yaburara and Mardudhunera Common Law Holders as the Approved Determination of Native Title made on 27 July 2018 in Holborow on behalf of the Yaburara and Mardudhunera v State of Western Australia [2018] FCA 1108, which came into force and effect on same date, that that native title exists in relation to part of the land and waters described in Schedule 1 of the Yaburara and Mardudhunera Determination and is held by the Yaburara and Mardudhunera People.



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What assistance programs are being funded in 2023 - 2024?



Hardship Assistance



Country & Culture



Elders Payment



Funeral Travel Assistance



Medical Programs



Education



How to make an application



Complete application form, attach invoice or quote and send to: membership@wacrnbc.com.au



Member Services Team reviews application and will contact you if further information is needed.



Once all documents are received, the application will be processed and sent for payment. Some applications need to be approved by the Trust Advisory Council



Payments can take up to 2 business days to process

To assist us to process your application as quickly as possible:

1. Please complete the application form in full, with your most current contact details, just in case we need to contact you about your application.
2. Remember to include the supplier's information on your application form and include invoices or quotes if required. Payment details need to be included
3. With accommodation bookings, please contact the hotel and make a booking before you send in your application. The hotel should be able to give you confirmation in writing, and this should be sent with your application.
4. Send your application into Member Services at least two weeks before you need the goods or services.



Policy guidelines

Only Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera trust members may apply

- NO CASH PAYOUTS
- Payments will be made directly to suppliers
- The trust has the right to fund the entire or part thereof of the application
- All expenses are to comply with Charitable purposes
- Additional expenses will not be covered
- Funds for the next financial year will not be made available in the current year.
- No assistance will be provided for the purchase of motor vehicles (ie cars, motor bikes, trucks etc)
- No fines will be paid
- The Trustee and Trust Advisory Council reserve the right to review and make eligible enquiries to help endorse/review outcomes of applications.
- All assistance applications, whether approved or not approved are confidential and they and the contents are not to be shared to other members and other parties
- Secondary members are not entitled to Assistance Programs



Member Code of Conduct

The Trust will seek to always support members and their children.

Members, however, may be referred to the Board and have access to their benefits suspended through their WAC Membership by the Trust if their conduct results in:

- Negative impact on the Trust's reputation.
- Negative impact on the ongoing relationship built by the Trust with its suppliers for the benefit of Members.
- Negative impact on the Trusts ability to provide service to its Members in a timely and efficient manner.

Examples of this include:

- Confrontational and abusive behaviour towards the Trusts suppliers.
- Confrontational and abusive behaviour towards the Trusts employees.
- Property damage.
- Unpaid bills that implicate the Trust and affect Members receiving assistance from that supplier in the future.



Member Programs 2023- 2024







Hardship Assistance



Purpose

Hardship assistance is available to support members when a member is struggling to stay ahead of living expenditure.

Hardship is defined as “a genuine condition that is difficult to endure, including suffering, deprivation, or oppression. This can involve a medical need or limited access to basic living essentials, relative to the living condition of the Member”

Who for?

The assistance is at the discretion of the Trustee Advisory Council (TAC) and is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Benefit

Hardship assistance can be applied for

- Utility Bills (once-off),
- Grocery Assistance (\$100 per month),
- Vehicle tires, batteries, and basic vehicle services due to financial difficulty.

Limitations

The payment of Bonds will not be endorsed or reviewed.

All applications require a detailed explanation as to why you’re enduring hardship. An application with no explanation will NOT be reviewed until a detailed explanation is provided.

What’s required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Detailed explanation of current hardship
- Bill or medical letter attached



Elders Payment

Purpose

The aim of the Elder's Grant is to support Older Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members.

Who for?

For Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members aged 55+

Benefit

\$1,000 per qualifying Yaburara and Mardudhunera Member per year

Elders Assistance may be used for:

- Electricity
- Water
- Gas
- Land Rates
- Repairs & Maintenance of Vehicle

Limitations

Under this policy, members are recognised as an elder once they reach the age of 55.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Quote / Invoice submitted



Country & Culture

Lore and Culture

What is it?

The aim of the Country and Culture program is to support Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members to attend and participate in Lore ceremonies.

Who for?

Members participating in Lore ceremonies

Benefit

Up to \$2,000 per lore participant.

Please note this is payable during Lore time only.

Applications cannot be more than \$1,000.00 at any one time.

Applicants can do multiple trips up to the assistance cap limit.

Limitations

An application in this category would need to be applied for one month in advance.

What's required?

A completed application form.



Cultural Community Events

Purpose

The aim of the Cultural and Community Events program is to support Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members to attend and take part in events and beneficial cultural activities. This includes Cultural community events such as Balls and Seminars.

Who for?

Members participating in cultural community events.

Benefit

Up to \$2,000 per participant.

Covers

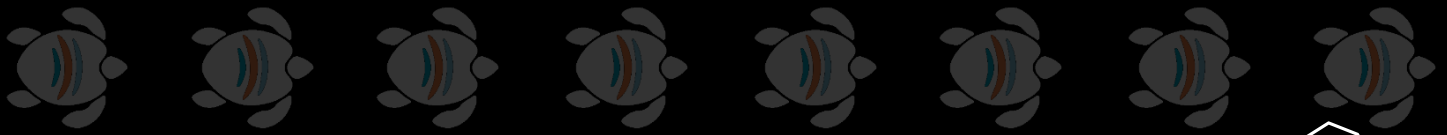
- accommodation (up to two nights)
- travel and/or
- entrance fees or tickets.

Limitations

An application in this category would need to be applied for one month in advance.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- accommodation/travel booking reference from the supplier
- details of the event such as a ticket or flyer



Funeral Travel Assistance

Purpose

The funeral assistance is available to support members with travel and accommodation expenses whilst attending funerals.

Who for?

All YM members

Benefit

Up to \$500.00 per qualifying member per year.

Covers reasonable travel related costs and can include Fuel, Food, Airfare and Accommodation

- A maximum of \$200 to be paid for food and fuel per application
- A maximum of \$250 to per night to be paid for accommodation

Limitations

- The person that passed away must be a directly related family member
- All receipts must be presented to seek reimbursement
- One family member may apply on behalf of a wider member family group

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- A copy of the funeral notice



Education

Schooling Requirements Assistance

Purpose

The aim of the Schooling Requirements Assistance is to support future Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members attending Primary, Secondary and Tertiary education.

Who for?

Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members' children who:

- Have provided a birth certificate and registration form
- Are enrolled in and attending primary or secondary school
- Provide proof of enrolment and minimum 80% attendance each semester

(Access to funds may be affected if attendance falls under this level)

Benefit

Up to \$1,500 per qualifying member per year.

The assistance is there to help members with:

- Stationery
- Books
- Clothes
- School Activities

This may be used in conjunction with other educational assistances to cover school fees.

Limitations

All Electronics i.e. Laptops, iPads and any other computing equipment are limited to one per child.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Quotes and /or invoices



Education continued...

Education Grant Program

Purpose

To facilitate and encourage high quality Secondary and University education for both Members and Y&M children. To provide talented students with an opportunity to maximise their potential through high quality resources such as specialist sporting, arts and music programs. Especially as provided in city-based private boarding schools and high-level tertiary educational institutions.

The Program runs concurrent with the Financial Year - from 1 July to 30 June.

Who for?

Yaburara and Mardudhunera Member's and their children, primarily in the Pilbara region (a birth certificate will be required unless already provided)

Benefit

Up to \$20,000 per family group per year.

The program may be used for the following purposes:

- Textbooks/stationery (reasonable cost & quantity)
- Uniforms (reasonable cost & quantity)
- Enrolment and school fees and contributions
- Tutoring, when proven necessary from the school (reasonable cost & quantity)
- Specialist equipment and specialist clothing (applicant must provide a letter of support) - capped at \$500 per year
- Training camps
- Costs directly related to specialist training (e.g. training entry fees)
- Boarding fees (social boarding residences)



Education Grant Program continued...

Limitations

Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members and their children are eligible for this Program if:

- They have provided a birth certificate and registration form
- They are enrolled in a high-quality secondary school or an accredited University Course
- They provide their most recent school reports and attendance records.
- They provide proof of enrolment and minimum 80% attendance each semester

(Access to funds may be affected if attendance falls under this level)

Those who will be boarding must apply for ABSTUDY Please Note: Access to funding may be refused for students who fail to supply up to date enrolment and attendance details.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Quotes and /or invoices
- Letters of support (if required)

Additional assistance

Flights 2 times yearly to return home may be considered for secondary students whose families live in the Pilbara (and other remote areas of WA), depending on circumstances and balance of funds (This will be at the Trust Advisory Council's discretion)

NOTE: Students in the Pilbara (and other remote areas of WA) need to apply for travel assistance through the Student Subsidised Travel Scheme for up to four return flights a year



Medical Assistance

Purpose

The Medical Assistance Program is available to support members with medical and health requirements.

Who for?

Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members

Benefit

Up to \$1,800 per qualifying member per year

This assistance is there to help members with medical needs, including:

- Hospital Cover
- Optical
- Travel
- Accommodation
- St. Johns ambulance services if the member doesn't have private health insurance.
- Gym membership (provided the application is supported by a Doctor's Recommendation)
- General Dentistry
- Major Dentistry

Limitations

An application will NOT be accepted by the Trust if the Member has not attempted to apply and make use of the services supplied by PATS. A copy of the PATS application is to be attached to the application. This is for Travel and Accommodation requirements.

Additional services are available at the discretion of the Trust Advisory Council, the additional services will need to be accounted for. A provision for receipts will be provided, providing that statutory declarations are fulfilled.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) Application
- Doctors' referral or Invoice



Critically Ill Medical Program

Purpose

The aim of the Critically Ill Medical Program is for Yaburara and Mardudhunera Members to access support in special circumstances such as a critical illness. A critical condition relates to when an individual has a vital medical circumstance.

Benefit

The assistance is at the discretion of the board and is available to cover further medical costs.

What's required?

- A complete and signed application form
- Patient Assistance Travel Scheme (PATS) Application
- Doctors' referral or Invoice





Application for assistance

Applicant details:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____ DOB: _____

Residential address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Trust assistance category:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hardship (Required to state why in Hardship) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Payment | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Grant Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Living | <input type="checkbox"/> Country and culture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Funeral Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Schooling Requirements Assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Critically Ill Medical | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance |

Purpose for Application (Please Provide Details):

Check list (please tick):

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Application is signed | <input type="checkbox"/> Quote / Invoice Attached |
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Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

Application outcome (Executive Office use only):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endorsed | <input type="checkbox"/> Not endorsed |
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Advisory Trustee: _____ Date: _____





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