



Request for Financial Assistance Committee Guidelines

Merewether Surfboard Club is one of the oldest, most successful and proudest surfboard Club's in the Australia.

With a rich history of competing against and often defeating the best, the Club aspires to be the most competitive Club in Australia.

The Club has a solid financial platform and a successful sponsorship program in place allowing funds to be invested in two major areas, including:

1. Supporting our elite (junior and senior) surfers to represent the Club at key national team's events. The investment includes entry fees, travel and accommodation costs for competing surfers, manager and coach.
2. Supporting the development of our junior surfers to ensure the Club can continue to compete against the best, year in year out. The junior development program continues to evolve with regular entry level coaching being balanced with elite coaching at locations such as the Surfing Australia - High Performance Centre. The investment includes coaching costs, subsidising travel, accommodation and coaching camps.

The Club also recognises that from time to time there will be a need to provide financial support to an individual to allow that Member to achieve their own aspirations. Hence, they will **not** be representing the Club. The Club benefits from the experience when the surfer returns and represents at future events.

Where possible the Club will support such requests and strongly encourages the applicant to lead the financial assistance process with committee support.

The following protocol is to be undertaken:

Applicant is to complete the following:

- A written application to the Secretary outlining key details of the event and what it means to receive financial support from the Club;
- Outline any fundraising ideas and/or opportunities, using the Club as a vehicle;
- Outline how they will be involved in fundraising events;
- Outline what they expect from the Club and/or committee to support fundraising ideas and/or opportunities
- If possible, the applicant will attend and present their application in person at a Club Committee meeting

Committee will then consider the application (including a review that ensures):

- The applicant is a current registered and financial member (ideally a member for several years);
- The applicant has the capability and desire to represent the Club, now and/or in the near future;
- The applicant has been selected to compete at a suitably high level (national/international/pro amateur/QS/CT);

Note to Applicant:

- Financial assistance will be limited to reimburse costs associated with travel, accommodation and WSL entry fees (no other entry fees);
- Cash will not be provided to Members.

Merewether Surfboard Club Committee – January 2021