



VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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DEFINITION OF WELFARE

Introduction

1. The principal reason the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia exists is to provide welfare services to Vietnam Veterans and their dependants.
2. The questions “what constitutes welfare?” and “can this be paid out of Welfare Funds?” are often asked. The aim of this AI is to provide some clarification and guidance in relation to these questions, particularly in relation to the expenditure of Welfare Funds.

Detail

Welfare

3. *The Concise Oxford Dictionary defines welfare as the health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group-action or procedure designed to promote the basic physical and material well-being of people in need, and financial support given for this purpose.*
4. This definition affords considerable leeway for the State and Sub-Branches to decide what activities and expenditures can be described as contributing to the welfare of a veteran or a group. Such welfare activities might include- but are not restricted to- social events such as outings, free or subsidised functions, financial assistance, donation of food or goods.
5. The provision of wreaths or floral tributes at funerals is not considered to be a welfare activity and therefore cannot be paid for from a welfare account.

Welfare Funds

5. AI No 8 “Welfare Funds” provides relevant detail on Welfare Funds.

Conclusion

6. Almost all the work undertaken at State or Sub-Branch level is directly related to the delivery of welfare services of one sort or another. When considering whether an activity is welfare related or not, if the answer to question “Does this activity benefit or improve the welfare of a veteran?” is yes then it is welfare.