



The Colin Apps Memorial Grant
Guidelines 2019

THE SARGOOD FOUNDATION'S VISION IS THAT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY SPINAL CORD INJURY ARE PROVIDED WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Summary

The Colin Apps Memorial Grant is a grant for a 7 night stay funded and awarded by the Sargood Foundation to provide a break at Sargood on Collaroy for a person aged over 65 with an SCI and a family member, friend or attendant care worker

Available only to residents of Australia aged over 65 who live with spinal cord injury (SCI), preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship

One grant available each year for a duration for 5 years from 2019

Background

Colin Apps, a local resident of Sydney's Northern Beaches who lived with spinal cord injury, led the fight against developers to retain the land on which Sargood on Collaroy is built as a unique place of healing. His drive and his vision to build a place to benefit those with SCI led to the creation of Australia's – and possibly the world's – first health and wellness resort providing purpose built, accessible accommodation and services for people living with spinal cord injury.

Objectives of the Memorial Grant Program

The Colin Apps Memorial Grant provides people aged over 65 and living with spinal cord injury an opportunity to apply for a stay at Sargood on Collaroy for upto 7 nights

- Sargood on Collaroy is a health and wellness resort – specially built for people with spinal cord injury which aims to promote social integration, activity and support whilst guests enjoy much needed refreshment and inspiration with their families. This holistic approach is to make people with SCI happier, healthier, and prepared to tackle the next big thing
- If someone over 65 suffers a spinal cord injury, they are not covered by the NDIS, nor are they covered by state based insurance if the injury was not a result of a traffic or work incident. This means that the financial arrangements in place for this person over 65 years of age may not provide for a stay at Sargood on Collaroy
- At Sargood on Collaroy we support our guests to participate in our activities and courses, and provide the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. Our highly trained therapists provide whatever support is needed throughout a stay, and will inspire you to strive for independence and do things you may not have thought possible. You will benefit from our state of the art equipment and expertise in evidence-based innovative spinal injury management and recreational therapy.

With this holistic approach, Sargood on Collaroy endeavours to help people with a spinal cord injury be happier, healthier and prepared to tackle the next step in their lives, be that returning to school, study or work, continuing hobbies or starting new ones, maintaining social connections, starting a family, travelling or whatever it is they choose to do

The Colin Apps Memorial Grant Funding

This is a grant for a 7 night stay at Sargood on Collaroy for an Australian resident aged over 65 years with spinal cord injury and demonstrated financial hardship, funded by the Sargood Foundation.

This grant is not transferable, nor cash based and can include the following:

- Up to 7 nights accommodation for the recipient and their carer, friend or family member
- Includes all assistance and activities during the stay
- Up to \$500 towards travel costs to and from Sargood on Collaroy

Eligibility Requirements

The recipient will be selected from applicants at the discretion of the Sargood Foundation based on the following criteria:

- A person aged 65 or over with permanent damage to their spinal cord that is not progressive or palliative.
- The needs of the applicant meet the primary purpose of Sargood on Collaroy, that is to support and promote access and inclusion for people with spinal cord injury.
- An Australian citizen or Permanent Resident
- Applicants must not be covered by any insurance which may be able to fund their stay
- This grant is only payable to those not covered by NDIS or icare (or state based equivalent) or those who have received significant financial compensation
- Have not previously received a subsidised stay at Sargood on Collaroy

Financial Hardship Criteria

As the intention of this grant is to provide benefit to someone in need, applicants will be required to demonstrate the following:

- Preference will be given to applicants that can demonstrate financial hardship
- Applicants may be required to share on request supporting financial information that evidences that they do not have the financial capacity to self-fund this stay – such as tax return etc

Conditions of Grant

The Sargood Foundation require recipients to:

- Adhere to the terms and conditions of stay at Sargood on Collaroy
- Provide receipts where transport costs are claimed
- Return forms etc in timely manner
- Provide testimonial content in support of the Colin Apps Memorial Grant program
- Complete their stay before December 19th 2019 (excluding school holidays)

All best efforts will be made to meet the dates requested by the applicant. Travel arrangements to be completed by applicant

Termination and Deferral

The grant is terminated under the following conditions:

- once the full value is paid to the recipient,
- if the recipient fails to meet the eligibility criteria
- if recipient fails to attend organised stay
- if there is any misconduct by the guest and accompanying partner before or during stay

The grant may be deferred due to illness or inability to travel at the discretion of the Foundation on proof of medical advice

Payment of Grant

The accommodation to a maximum of 7 nights will be paid by the Sargood Foundation to Sargood on Collaroy directly. This covers a 7 night stay in self catering accommodation and includes all activities plus 3 or 6 hours care per day depending on the guest needs. An additional \$500 is available on application towards travel costs to and from Sargood on Collaroy

There is no roll over of unspent funds

Timing

- Applications open March 1st 2019
- Applications to be received by 30 June 2019
- Applications reviewed, Grant Awarded and Recipient notified July 2019
- Stay to be organised at convenience of Recipient before end 2019 (Depending on room availability and excluding school holiday periods)

Enquiries and further information

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