

WHEN NO ONE ELSE

**When no one else
can help**

Every cent counts when you are struggling to make ends meet. It is heartbreaking that for many Australians a real crisis is, literally, just a step away.

Families and individuals on low incomes or dependent upon Government assistance are always vulnerable when any unforeseen event occurs. For many, unexpected events often have a cost beyond their most basic of budgets. And when every cent counts, and there are no reserves for contingencies, people can find themselves in a crisis.

OFTEN THE SURVIVAL

Fund can.

Australia is fortunate to have many charitable organisations. However, sometimes people's needs are such that even the mainstream charities are unable to assist. In these situations The Survival Fund may offer help.

We can't provide for long-term care or long-term needs, but often we can provide modest assistance to help people to survive their crisis. And having survived the crisis, they can give attention to finding the long-term solution to their problems.

The Survival Fund... offering real help to people in crisis.

HISTORY

During the middle of the nineteenth century, Englishman Walter Hall came to Australia with only a few pounds in his pocket to seek his fortune in the gold rush. After a shaky start he became a very successful and wealthy businessman. Much of his wealth came from Queensland's Mt Morgan gold mine. He also acquired substantial holdings in the booming pastoral industry and his entrepreneurial skills also extended to transport. He was the last owner of Cobb & Co, the horse-drawn coach line of Australian history and tradition. He died in 1911 aged 80 years.

Both Walter and his wife Eliza were active philanthropists during their life together. In the year following her husband's death Eliza set up a million-pound charitable trust, calling it the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust, as a means of assisting those in need.

It is a matter of public record that, since that time, the Trust has helped many thousands of Australians in their time of crisis. Others have been helped to reach their full potential as a result of the Trust's support and encouragement.

Many charitable organisations have been assisted by the Trust over its ninety years of service. For example the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne was established with funds provided by the Trust

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IMMEDIATE HELP WHO RECEIVES

Immediate help

We understand that a personal crisis can appear quickly and need quick attention, so we react as fast as we can. Grant applications are processed weekly and, where approved, the funds are normally made available within ten days of receipt of the application.

PRACTICAL HELP

Practical help

Support can be made available for almost any purpose considered necessary for the applicant's health and well-being, but because of the high demand for our limited resources we can help only where needs are the most desperate. Even then we can help only to maintain the minimum standards of safety, security, protection and comfort for the individual or family. But experience tells us that is usually enough to overcome a crisis. It provides respite, a breathing space in which matters can be reassessed and if necessary rearranged.

The specific nature of our assistance varies according to the applicant's need.

We help with the provision of medical equipment for the disabled, payment of utility accounts to help maintain essential services, purchase of essential white goods for families with small children, or for baby items following the birth of a child. And the list goes on.

Who receives the benefits?

Applications are submitted on behalf of clients by a network of Social Workers and responsible people at welfare organisations, hospitals, area health services, of recognised church welfare departments and other organisations supporting the disadvantaged and disabled. Funds are then paid to the sponsoring organisation, which then disburses the funds for the benefit of the client.

Meeting the need

Sadly, the needs of our fellow Australians in these situations seem to be increasing. Unfortunately we have to turn some people away because our limited resources can't meet the demand. More funds are necessary to meet this growing need.

How much goes to the beneficiaries?

Currently, 100% of donations go direct to the beneficiaries. Our operation is very lean, but it is inevitable some costs are incurred in administering a program that provides small grants to many people. Those costs are kept to an absolute minimum, and currently are able to be covered by the other resources of the Trust.

WHAT IS THE SURVIVAL FUND?

Since its establishment by Eliza Hall in 1912 The Walter & Eliza Hall Trust has been helping those in need. Many thousands of Australians and their families have been assisted by the substantial funds set aside by Eliza Hall. Over the years since then the Trust has provided grants for a wide range of purposes.

In 1986 the Trustees set up The Walter & Eliza Hall Supplementary Trust which has since been supported by a small number of generous benefactors. However, with the growth in the number of people seeking our assistance, it is now necessary for us to embark on a wider fund-raising campaign to help meet the demand.

The Survival Fund is the banner under which we seek to attract tax-deductible donations directly from the general public and via payroll deductions. Donations over two dollars are tax-deductible and you can donate via cheque, cash, credit card or via a payroll deduction. Bequests are very welcome. Even small amounts can make big differences to the lives of those in crisis.

Now, you, too, can help us to help those in need.

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