

Holiday Unit Program Policy



Aims and Objectives

The Adelaide Benevolent Society Holiday Units in Victor Harbor will be rented at a subsidised rate for the benefit of families and couples on a low income or experiencing financial hardship and who meet the eligibility criteria.

Rental Cost

The cost is \$50 for the week (Tuesday 2pm to the following Monday 10am). The \$50 must be paid at least three weeks prior to the holiday date. All payments are made directly to the holiday rental management company. Payment plans are available. There is also a Bond of \$50. This amount is refundable EXCEPT if the Applicant or any guests:

- a. Cancel or change dates less than 3 weeks from the Holiday date: OR
- b. Cause damage to the property or other unreasonable costs (including lost keys).

Application Process

Completion of an application form does not guarantee acceptance of the application. Once an application has been approved, the Applicant will be notified in writing and invited to contact the holiday rental management company to book a date and make payment. The Society has the right to reject an application.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible you must be on a low income OR if you do not meet the low income criteria, you may still be eligible if you can prove financial hardship. Discretion will be applied when reviewing applications. The eligibility criteria in relation to low income includes:

- Holders of a Commonwealth Government Low Income Health Care Card and would otherwise be unable to afford a holiday.
- Those who receive a Commonwealth Payment or supplement (Newstart, Aged Pension etc) and would otherwise be unable to afford a holiday.

Eligibility criteria in relation to financial hardship includes:

- Those who are outside the criteria for a Commonwealth Government Low Income Health Care Card, but can show evidence of financial hardship (a budget with income and expenses) and based on such evidence it is unlikely that they could afford a holiday through traditional avenues.
- If financial hardship has not been proven within our criteria due to the applicant receiving a higher income, but in our view they would otherwise be unlikely to be able to afford a holiday through traditional avenues - those Applicants may still be offered a Holiday Unit to rent for \$500 a week (a higher rate, but a rate well below the market rate).

Additional essential criteria:

- Has not been a recipient of the Holiday Unit Program in the last two years.
- Has lived in South Australia for the past 5 years.
- Is not in jail or on home detention i.e. not currently serving a custodial sentence.