The Gliding NZ Umbrella Trust was established on 10 June 2012 in order to become the vehicle by which all the various gliding trusts that exist throughout NZ could consolidate their investments into one trust. Consolidating the individual capital sums from the various trusts into a worthwhile amount has maximised investment returns, and allowed more professional management of the trusts' funds, giving better accountability. The objectives of the Trust are to:

- provide support to the sport of gliding within New Zealand
- provide support to New Zealand glider pilots participating in international competitions
- establish and administer separate named funds within the Trust Fund to fulfil the wishes of individual donors who wish to support the sport of gliding within New Zealand
- accept and receive grants of money or payments or in kind for the furtherance of the purposes of the Trust

The current Trustees are Jerry O'Neill, Nigel Davy, Karen Morgan, Grae Harrison and Hadleigh Bognuda, with Laurie Kirkham engaged as Secretary/Treasurer and Tom Davies as Loans Officer.

Trustees make decisions on funding twice a year in November and June - the deadline for grant applications being 31 October and 31 May each year. These dates have been chosen to coincide with 6 monthly financial reporting and so that all applications can be considered together.

The Umbrella Trust has a number of funds within its structure, and each has specific purposes built into its trust deed or founding documentation. The Trustees have to operate within a set of rules, and do not have discretion to make grants which do not comply with the various donees' intentions.

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