

HISTORY OF THE ORIGINAL TRUSTS SUPPORTING GLIDING IN NZ

Establishment of the Gliding New Zealand Umbrella Trust

The Trust was established on 10 June 2012 to become the vehicle by which all the various gliding trusts that existed throughout NZ could consolidate their investments into one trust. Many of the existing trusts were small and their capital values insufficient to generate the levels of income necessary to achieve their objectives. In some cases, their objectives were so narrowly defined that they were unable to utilise income tax exemptions. The Trust also protects major trust funds previously administered by Gliding NZ should there be claims on Gliding NZ Inc by creditors (although there have been no such issues). Consolidating the individual capital sums from the various trusts into a worthwhile amount will maximise investment returns, and allow more professional management of the trust's funds, giving better accountability.

The objectives of the Trust are to further the sport of gliding in New Zealand and support New Zealand pilots competing overseas by providing grants and loans to suitable applicants who meet the criteria the donor trusts have outlined in their Deed of Gift document.

Dick Georgeson Trust

The trust was founded in 2006 when Dick Georgeson donated the capital for which the investment returns could be used to promote the teaching of wave flying in New Zealand.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 30 June 2013 and \$108,292 was transferred on 10 July 2013.

The funds were gifted to the GNZUT "on the provisos that:

1. The funds are to be used to honour the memory of Dick Georgeson, to promote further exploration of New Zealand wave patterns, and to promote the teaching of the use of New Zealand wave patterns to pilot members of gliding clubs affiliated to Gliding New Zealand who have limited experience as pilot in command of a sailplane.
2. That until 40 years from the date of the said grant at least one half of the earnings of the trust capital in each year shall be added to the capital of the trust to increase its capital base."

Gliding NZ Roake Trust

The trust was formed by Chris and John Roake in 1974 with a particular interest in supporting World Championship participation. John and Chris made regular grants during the 80's and 90's to increase its funding base, and in 1995 the profit from the World Gliding Championships was added to the fund. Although the 1974 trust deed does not contain any objectives, since inception funds have been made available to support World Championship entrants.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 30 June 2013 with \$169,897 transferred on 7 May 2013 and the balance of \$306 transferred on 16 July 2013.

The funds were gifted to the GNZUT "on the provisos:

1. The funds are used to foster international participation by assisting members affiliated to Gliding New Zealand to compete in international gliding competitions that accept overseas entries (such as World Championships, Grand Prix, Tasman Trophy, European Championships).
2. That grant payments on average are not to exceed 50% of the net income earned by the Trust, with the remaining 50% capitalized to grow the fund.
3. If from time to time there are no applications for grants for a period of three years that meet the above criteria, 50% of the income may be applied to purposes that further the sport of gliding in New Zealand.

Gliding NZ World Championships Fund

The nation-wide raffles organised by John Roake in the mid 1980's saw a profit returned to Gliding NZ of some \$35,000. The Executive Committee of the time declared that these funds should not be dissipated but retained as a capital fund – The World Championship Investment Fund. A portion of the interest on this fund along with other interest received by Gliding NZ accumulated and formed the World Championships Income Fund.

There is no formal trust deed, but in recent years the funds have been applied to the entry fees of NZ pilots selected for World Championships and a small contribution to team costs.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 11 August 2012 and \$57,277 was transferred in November 2012.

The funds have been gifted to the GNZUT “on the proviso that they will be used primarily to assist with World Championship participation by members affiliated to Gliding New Zealand, with the option for the trustees to use these funds for other purposes for the benefit and promotion of the sport of Gliding in New Zealand should there be no demand for World Championship participation.”

Matamata Cross Country Training Trust

The Trust was formed in 1994 by the Matamata Soaring Centre from accumulated surpluses when the Contest Management Committee ran cross country courses in the 1980s. The funds had been set aside in the event of an insurance claim during a course but never got called on. Gordon Hookings was instrumental in the establishment of the Trust from these surpluses.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 30 June 2013 and \$35,000 was transferred on 10 July 2013.

The funds have been gifted to the GNZUT “on the provisos:

1. That the funds be used for the promotion of and education and training of pilots in flying gliders cross country and the promotion thereof in New Zealand; the improvement of flying standards and safety of glider pilots by way of lectures or practical courses within New Zealand; the advancement of research into all areas of gliding generally within New Zealand.
2. That grant payments on average are not to exceed 50% of net income earned by the Trust, with the remaining 50% capitalized to grow the fund.”

Pryde Trust (Ian Pryde Memorial Trust Fund)

Following the death of Ian Pryde in a sailplane accident in 1984, four New Zealand competition pilots lent the trust \$5,000 each (Peter Heginbotham, Dick Georgeson, Ian Finlayson and David Speight). The aim of the trust was to assist New Zealand participation in World Championships. The providers of the initial loan capital have since donated their contributions to the trust, and the fund has been augmented by all pilots flying in Gliding NZ sanctioned competitions contributing \$15 each by way of a levy on entry fees.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 19 November 2012; \$65,000 was transferred on 24 December 2012, with the balance of \$779 transferred 29 June 2013.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT “on the proviso that they will be used primarily to support the development of creditable competitive New Zealand pilots and their participation in World Gliding Championships (such pilots to be mainly domiciled in New Zealand and regular participants in the annual New Zealand National Gliding Championships), with the option for the trustees to use these funds for other purposes for the benefit and promotion of the sport of Gliding in New Zealand should there be no demand for World Gliding Championship participation.”

Rix Trust (Mike Rix Memorial Trust Fund)

The fund was formed in 1989 to commemorate Mike Rix who died in a gliding accident. Mike’s father, Jack Rix, granted \$15,000 to the fund which supported New Zealand pilots competing in the Tasman Trophy contest against Australia. Jack Rix and Tony Timmermans were the initial trustees, but on the death of Jack Rix in 2006, the power of appointment of trustees was vested in the Sailplane Racing Committee.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 30 June 2013 and \$49,372 was transferred on 10 July 2013.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT “on the proviso that they will be used primarily to assist pilots selected by the Contest Management Committee of Gliding New Zealand to take part in the gliding competition in Australia, with the option for the trustees to use these funds for other purposes for the benefit and promotion of the sport of Gliding in New Zealand should there be no demand for assistance to compete in Australia.”

Youth Glide Omarama (Otago Southland Gliding Club)

Tom Shields established the Otago Gliding Club in 2006 as the umbrella club for Youth Glide Omarama. Together with Gavin Wills and his Glide Omarama team, groups of youth were trained, the costs being largely funded from donations and fund raising. In 2011 the Southland Gliding Club (established 1965) ceased operating and donated its assets to Youth Glide Omarama; the club was then renamed Otago Southland Gliding Club.

In 2014 the club tendered its assets for sale, and the proceeds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 15 December 2014, with \$58,417 transferred in February 2015 followed by \$878 transferred in March 2015.

The funds were gifted to the GNZUT “on the provisos:

1. that the capital remains intact with only the income available for grants
2. that the funds can only be used for Youth Glide flying activity

3. that applications from Southland, Otago and South Canterbury based youth, flying out of Omarama, have priority.”

Rothmans Trust (GNZ Loan Fund)

The Rothmans Trust was founded by Ken Simich, the Managing Director of Rothman's New Zealand in 1963. Rothmans agreed to donate 1,000 pounds per annum to Gliding New Zealand each year for 10 years, with the 1,000 pounds lent interest free to the National Champion's club, for the purchase of capital equipment. Repayment was set at 200 pounds per annum. With all interest free loans repaid following the last grant, the Executive Committee of Gliding New Zealand at the time decided that funds would be available to clubs at nominal interest rates.

No actual trust deed has been located. However, for many years the funds have been available for club loans at nominal interest rates (currently 6.75%).

At the 2010 GNZ AGM, the following remit was carried unanimously:

That a portion of the interest produced from the Rothmans Trust Investment fund be directed to provide monetary assistance for cross country training courses.

The funds were gifted to GNZUT in accordance with gifting documents dated 11 August 2012, 19 November 2012 and 12 June 2016. From October 2012 onwards, as the Loans Fund term investments matured and the Club Loans were paid off, the funds were transferred to GNZUT. The remaining loan was paid off in October 2018 and the final gifting of \$10,398 was transferred 17 October 2018. Gifting from the Fund totalled \$446,398.

The funds have been gifted to the GNZUT “on the proviso that they will be used primarily for making loans to gliding clubs in New Zealand to assist with the purchase of significant capital assets such as gliders with the option for the trustees to use these funds for other purposes for the benefit and promotion of the sport of Gliding in New Zealand should there be no demand for loans to gliding clubs.”