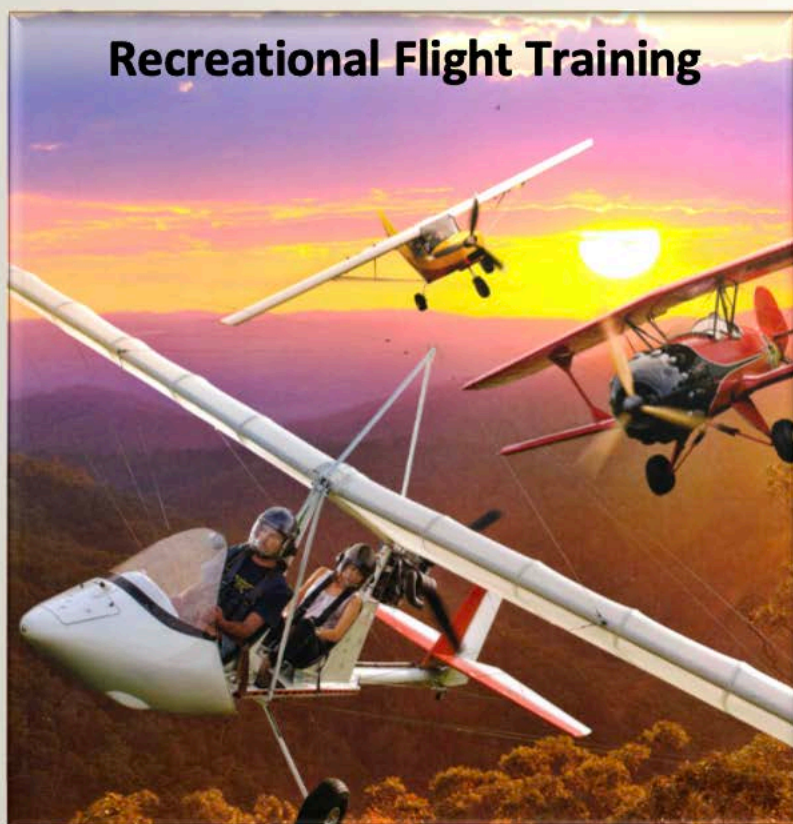


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Learn-to- Fly Scholarships Information Sheet

Background-:

A seriously ill TAC (Tumut Aero Club) member passed away on 11th June 2023. Before he died, he generously donated his Jabiru aircraft 24-5281 to the TAC for a token price. This came with a proviso that we establish a scholarship fund, to assist suitably identified young aviation enthusiasts in pursuing their flying goals, to learn to fly. The plane was sold for \$30,000, creating the Scholarship Fund. The scholarships will part fund RAAus (Recreation Aviation Australia) flying training.

The scholarship fund is administered by Tumut Aero Club. It is our intention to fund annual scholarships, for several years. The total number of scholarships and dollar amount of financial support for each candidate will be dependent on funds available.

Aims

The aims of this Michael O'Neill scholarship programs is to-:

- have an emphasis to assist young persons, (aged 15 to 25 years) who reside within the Tumut Region to commence their flying training. Preference may be given to young person's attending Secondary schools.
- support advancement into any career in aviation.
- encourage people to become active long-term members of the Tumut Aero Club aviation community.

The scholarship fund is a support program for young persons with a demonstrated interest in aviation who may be considering an aviation career. The program is particularly focussed on young people who can demonstrate an interest in flight training but who may, due to financial limitations, find it difficult to learn to fly.

Scholarship Category

Flying scholarships are offered to young persons who are, at least, 15 years of age when they commence pilot training and are expected to have completed their training within twelve months from their commencement date.

Scholarship Financial Assistance-:

Tumut Aero Club currently, is not a flight training school, but we are intending to provide the financial assistance to the successful applicants to undertake their pilot training at an RAAus pilot training school of their choice.

A list of current RAAus flight training schools is included in **Appendix 1.**

Tumut Aero Club on behalf of the Michael O'Neill Scholarship Fund offers:-

- part cost of RAAus flying training up to 20 hours of instruction.
- a maximum hourly rate for scholarship training will be \$240 per hour
- the chosen flight training school will require approval of TAC

Selection Criteria Applicants must:-

1. provide a self-authored essay on why they wish to learn to fly and how they propose to use the experience (or qualification) when it is gained.
2. provide insight, in their own words as to their need for financial assistance.
3. must be prepared to undergo a familiarisation flight of 30 minutes
4. provide a written recommendation from their school Career Advisor if applicable, or their employer.
5. provide a reference from non-family members (e.g. licensed pilot, school teacher or community leader etc.)
6. if under the age of 18 years, provide written consent from a parent or guardian to allow them to undergo RAAus flying training.
7. if not a holder of a NSW driver's licence, must meet the medical standards required by RAAus for the issue of a student pilot licence.
8. live within a practical distance of Tumut Airport and have means of transport to and from the airfield.

It is expected that scholarship recipients will:-

1. ensure that TAC is fully informed of flight training progress
2. Inform TAC (preferably, in advance) of extenuating circumstances that have (or could) delay or prevent their training progression.
3. possess the necessary English language skills and general aptitude to facilitate their education.
4. agree to participate in ongoing surveys and evaluation activities during and after completion of scholarship.
5. consent to TAC publishing their name, age, town, photograph and training progression details for related promotional and reporting purposes.
6. become full financial member of TAC. and RAAus when accepted for training.

Ineligible Applicants

- immediate family members of current TAC committee members.
- Incomplete applications will not be progressed.

How will applications be processed?

Applications will be assessed by an independent Panel chosen by Tumut Aero Club and will be graded solely based on selection criteria.

The Panel will-:

- validate all applications.
- prepare a confidential list of all candidates.
- advise unsuccessful applicants and thank them for their participation. The Panel's gradings will remain confidential, however applicants are welcome to request feedback.
- reserve the right to accept or reject applicants without further correspondence.
- Award scholarships.

Terms and Conditions-:

- Successful applicants will be required to self-fund any travel, accommodation and any out-of-pocket expenses relating to the training.
- Successful applicants will also be expected to fund the purchase of Log Books and any training manuals required.
- successful applicants are expected to complete their training and acquit the scholarship funds within twelve months of receiving the scholarship. However, in exceptional circumstances, students who require more time can apply to the panel for an extension of time.

Where to send Application Forms and Supporting Documents

Applications can be submitted either-:

electronically to secretary@tumutaeroclub.org.au or

by mail to The Secretary Tumut Aero Club Inc. PO Box 112 TUMUT 2720

Liability Waiver

In the unlikely event of the TAC, on behalf of the Scholarship Fund, not being able to complete the provision of flight training, the Tumut Aero Club does not accept any liability for any inconvenience or financial loss of students.

Scholarship Application Check list

1. provide a self-authored essay on why they wish to learn to fly and how they propose to use the experience (or qualification) when it is gained.	
2. provide insight, in their own words as to their need for financial assistance.	
provide one references from non-family members (e.g. licensed pilot who has taken them flying, school teacher or community leader etc.)	
provide a written recommendation from their Career Advisor, or employer.	
have the means of transport to their chosen Training organisation	
if under the age of 18 years, provide written consent from a parent or guardian to allow them to undergo RAAus flying training	
be prepared to undergo at least 30 minutes of formal flight training in an TAC aircraft	
if not a holder of a NSW driver's licence, must meet the medical standards required by RAAus for the issue of a student licence.	
Be prepared to become full financial member of TAC. and RAAus when accepted for training.	
Provide consent to TAC publishing their name, age, town, photograph, and training progression details for related promotional and reporting purposes.	
Be prepared to participate in ongoing surveys and evaluation activities during and after completion of their scholarship	
Reside within the Tumut Region	

APPENDIX 1			
Tumut	Air Escape 3 Axis; WS	P Wilson	0418 278 012 Website
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Air Centre 3 Axis	C Cabot	02 6922 7122 0427 227 122 Website
Wagga Wagga	Wagga Bike Tyres- Aviation Division 3 Axis	F Burke	02 6921 4981 0407 252 505 Website

Example of training school rates -:

RAAus pilot Training schools and training costs – per hour

Training school	Aircraft type	Hourly rate
Air Escape Tumut	Jab 160	\$250
Griffith Aero Club	J 230	\$265
Fly Illawarra (Shell Harbour) --	J 160	\$ 240
Fly Illawarra (Shell Harbour)	J 230	\$ 250
Fly Illawarra (Shell Harbour)	J 230	\$260

Additional training schools overleaf.

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Albury	Smartair 3 Axis	R McClelland	0400 016 669 Website
Canberra	Learn2Fly Canberra 3 Axis	A Scheiffers	0416 292 131 Email
Corowa/Holbrook	Corowa Recreational Flying 3 Axis	S McIntosh	0429 328 053 Email Website Facebook
Cowra	Cowra Aero Club 3 Axis	R Glenn	0427 407 352 Website
Deniliquin	Wettenhall Flight Training 3 Axis	N Wettenhall	03 5881 2504 Email
Goulburn	Goulburn Aviation 3 Axis	T Miller	02 4821 7798 0418 165 813 Ema
Goulburn	Goulburn Flight Training Centre 3 Axis	A Gupta	0430 038 744 Email
Griffith	Griffith Aero Club 3 Axis	R Robilliard	0428 693 984 Email
Griffith	Riverina Wings Flight Training 3 Axis	P Stanton	0403 865 474 Email
Jindabyne	Alpine Aviation Australia 3 Axis	M Hughes	0405 209 685 Email Websi
Narranderra	Airwings Flight Centre 3 Axis	R Woodward	0409 462 674 Email
Temora	Blue Shed Aviation 3 Axis	G Bowley	0408 859 697 Email
Tocumwal	Sport Aviation Pty Ltd 3 Axis	E Madden	03 5874 2734 0427 534 122 Website