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## **Michael O'Neill Memorial Scholarship Fund Learn-to- Fly Scholarships Information Sheet**

### **Background-:**

A seriously ill TAC (Tumut Aero Club) member passed away on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 30 years) who reside within the Tumut, Gundagai, Brungle, Adelong, Tarcutta, Talbingo, Batlow, Tumbarumba, and surrounding districts, 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 Memorial Scholarship Fund offers-:

- a contribution of **\$190** p.hr. up to 25 hours, toward the current flight training costs of **\$240** p.hr. The trainee will pay \$50 p.hr.
- the chosen flight training school will require approval of TAC

**Selection Criteria** Applicants must-:

1. be of an age 15 – 30 years
2. 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.
3. provide insight, in their own words as to their need for financial assistance.
4. must be prepared to undergo a familiarisation flight of 30 minutes at shared cost.
5. provide a written recommendation from their Employer or their school Careers Advisor as applicable.
6. provide a reference from non-family members (e.g. licensed pilot, school teacher or community leader etc.)
7. if under the age of 18 years, provide written consent from a parent or guardian to allow them to undergo RAAus flying training.
8. 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.
9. 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, numerical 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, memberships, and any out-of-pocket expenses relating to the training.
- will be expected to fund the purchase of Log Books and any training manuals required.
- 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](mailto: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. applicant is aged between 15 – 30 years	
2. 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	
3. provide insight, in their own words as to their need for financial assistance	
4. provide one references from non-family members (e.g. licensed pilot who has taken them flying, school teacher or community leader etc.)	
5. provide a written recommendation from their Employer or Careers Advisor, as applicable.	
6. have the means of transport to their chosen Training organisation	
7. if under the age of 18 years, provide written consent from a parent or guardian to allow them to undergo RAAus flying training	
8. be prepared to undergo a familiarisation flight of 30 minutes in a TAC aircraft, at shared cost	
9. 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	
10. be prepared to become full financial member of TAC. and RAAus when accepted for training	
11. provide consent to TAC publishing their name, age, town, photograph, and training progression details for related promotional and reporting purposes	
12. be prepared to participate in ongoing surveys and evaluation activities during and after completion of their scholarship	

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

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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 Illawrra (Shell Harbour) --	J 160	\$ 240
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Additional training schools overleaf.

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