



The idea of establishing a charitable trust to foster and support New Zealand climbing, and to protect New Zealand climbing areas, began some years ago when the late John Nankervis, Geoff Gabites, Dave Bamford and Ross Cullen debated how to shape an organization that would endure, earn trust from the climbing community, and accumulate funds from which could be used make grants to support New Zealand Alpine Club projects and other climbing related people and organisations.

Working closely with the NZAC board, a Trust Deed was drafted and jointly agreed. The NZAC Tūpiki Trust was formally registered in September 2021 and gained registered charitable status in January 2022, CC59794. We acknowledge the expert assistance provided by Susan Barker drafting the trust deed and gaining registered charity status.

The four original proponents became the trustees of Tūpiki Trust (each is a past President of NZAC) and were joined on the Trust board by the then NZAC President Lindsay Smith. Distinguished mountaineer Margaret Fyfe kindly agreed to become patron of Tūpiki Trust.

Considerable work has been completed during the Trust first year of operation setting up administration systems strongly supported by a service agreement with NZAC, establishing a website, banking and other essential matters.

Four months after the establishment of the Trust, its chair John Nankervis passed away, but not before he and other donors had committed to provide substantial financial support for the work of the Trust, securing its future and allowing the first grants to be agreed. Tūpiki Trust announced at our launch in Wanaka that it will fund three project supporting climbing:

\$200,000 towards the cost of rebuilding Aspiring Hut.

Up to \$30,000 to support the upgrade to www.climbnz.org.nz

\$10,000 to support the national growth of Mature Mountaineers meetings

The trust will receive grant applications twice each year. It is currently evaluating the September round applications and aims to make grant announcements by 1 October 2022.

The Tūpiki Trust board met 13 times during the first year of operation. We have made good progress during our first year of activity and we judge the trust is well positioned thanks to generous support of donors to make a strong contribution to New Zealand climbing.

Donations Received for year ending 30 June 2022

Ross Cullen	\$5,000.00
Dave Bamford	\$10,000.00
Estate JM Nankervis	\$200,000.00
Estate JM Nankervis	\$100,000.00
Estate JM Nankervis	\$75,000.00
Lindsay Smith	\$50.00

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