

## OVERVIEW OF GLIDING NEW ZEALAND (GNZ)

**Aim:** To learn what GNZ is; its responsibilities, aims and how it is organised.

Welcome to the gliding fraternity. It is worth knowing a bit about how the sport of gliding is organised and governed in NZ. Our organization is rather unique in that it has been given considerable control as a sport flying organization operating within the well regulated aviation environment.

GNZ is delegated considerable powers by the NZ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and controls the sport of gliding in New Zealand for those Clubs, Groups and Organisations that are affiliated to it. It was formed in 1950 and there are currently approximately 1000 glider pilots belonging to the 23 clubs and 2 commercial members affiliated to GNZ. GNZ is registered with the Incorporated Societies and undertakes to provide the necessary official liaison with organisations like the CAA and Airways Corporation on operational matters and the Hillary Commission, International Gliding organisations and other official bodies for administrative, sporting and financial matters.

### Committees and Officers

The governing body of GNZ is the Executive, the membership of which consists of the President, Vice-President, and three elected members. The Executive meets at regular intervals (about once every 2 months in Wellington) to deal with GNZ's business. It handles all administrative aspects and generally co-ordinates and provides governance for GNZ activities. The following sub committees undertake specific tasks within GNZ:

**The Operations Committee** is responsible for the maintenance of operational standards of GNZ Affiliates, including the training and testing of Instructors and Test Pilots, collecting and analysing accident and incident reports, and disseminating safety information through the clubs. There is a National Operations Officer (NOO) and three Regional Operations Officers (ROO).

**The Airworthiness Committee** is responsible for the maintenance of airworthiness standards of GNZ Affiliates, training and testing of Engineers and the issuing of Engineer Approvals.

**The Quality Manager** is responsible for overall quality assurance of activities undertaken by GNZ.

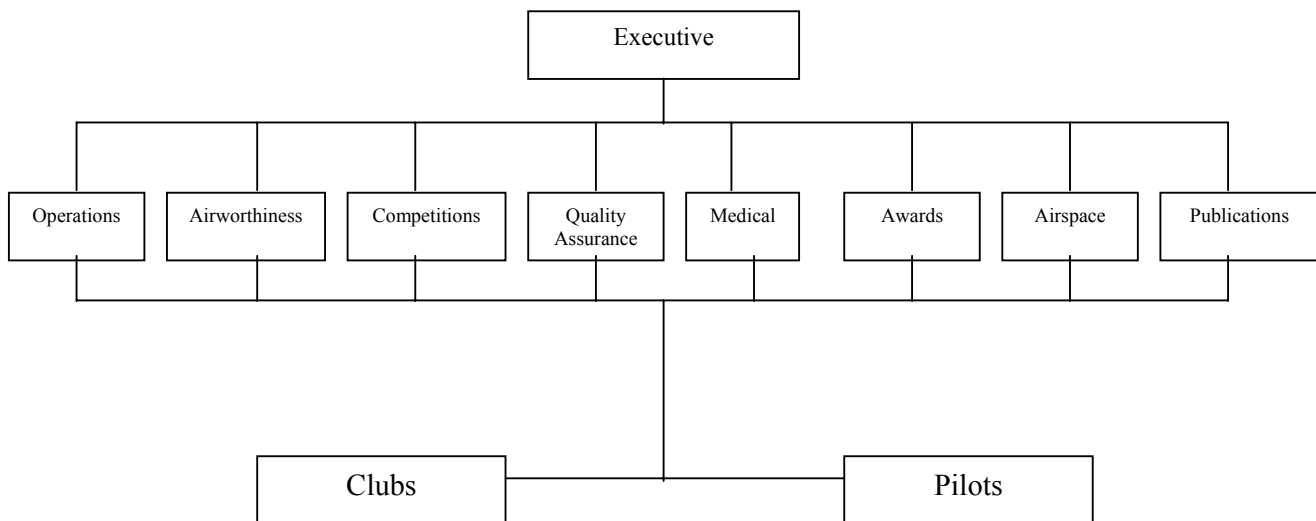
**The Medical Advisor** provides the Executive and Affiliates advice on medical issues related to gliding.

**The Awards Committee** processes, issues and maintains records of claims relating to soaring achievements as well as FAI Sporting Licences and Official Observers' Ratings.

**The Airspace Committee** deals with airspace issues, and provides liaison with the Airways Corporation on airspace matters, advocating for the protection of the interests of the gliding movement.

**The Contest Management Committee** is responsible for creating an environment that encourages sporting achievements by fostering fair and lively competition within a set of rules for the conduct of gliding championships in New Zealand. It is also responsible for the selection and support of pilots representing New Zealand at International Gliding Competitions.

**The Publications Committee** acts in conjunction with the Editor of "Gliding Kiwi", GNZ's magazine, to ensure that a high standard of production is maintained.



All of the people involved do their work as volunteers. Details of who is on what committee is available in the MOAP. All make themselves available for answering questions and aim to help you with any aspect of gliding they can so don't hesitate to get in touch with them.

### Guiding Principles

Promoting teamwork and professional attitudes, GNZ aims to ensure that the gliding operations for which it is responsible are conducted safely and efficiently. GNZ aims to work within the following Guiding Principals:

- SAFETY:** GNZ will not compromise on safety.
- COMPLIANCE:** GNZ will comply with all relevant legislation.
- QUALITY:** GNZ will continually improve the quality of gliding operations.
- SPORT:** GNZ will value and recognise members' commitment to fun, adventure, camaraderie, and equal opportunity provided by participation in the sport of gliding.
- INTEGRITY:** GNZ will maintain the highest possible ethical standards and sportsmanship.
- COMMUNICATION:** GNZ will consult with its members and be responsive to their needs.

While we say "GNZ..." we should realise that we all have a responsibility to play our part in following the guiding principles set out above. Follow these and we all have fun...compromise them and we run the real risk of spoiling things for ourselves and others.

### Need To Know:

- What GNZ does for us as glider pilots.
- What we should do to support the guiding principles of our sporting organization.
- How to find out how to contact officials in GNZ.

### Further Reading:

- GNZ MOAP Sec. 1. Details of GNZ organization and contact details for the various committee members.