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| Charitable Trust Template |

Charitable Trust Sample Deed for [\_**NAME OF TRUST**\_]

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THIS DEED is made the 24th day of March 2020

**BETWEEN**

Name Address Occupation

Jill Judge of 30 Juniper Ave, Christchurch Student

Kerry Kimble of 15 Konini Lane, Christchurch Bus driver

Charles Kipper of 8 Wattle Drive, Christchurch Homemaker

WHEREAS:

A. The parties to this Deed wish to establish a charitable trust (in this Deed referred to as "the Trust") for the purposes described in Clause 3 of this Deed, and

B. The parties to this deed have agreed to contribute the sum of one dollars each to establish the Trust; and

C. They have agreed to enter into this Deed specifying the purposes of the Trust and providing for its control and government.

## **1. TE INGOA/ NAME:**

# The name of the Trust is [\_**NAME OF TRUST**\_], hereafter called 'the Trust'.

## **2. MātāPONO/PRINCIPLES**

The Trust is committed, in attaining its purposes, to:

2.1 [*insert principle*];

2.2 [*insert principle*];

2.3 [*insert principle*];

2.4 [*insert principle*];

2.5 [*insert principle*].

## **3. WHāINGA/ PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Trust will be to *[insert charitable purpose here]*. In particular the Trust will:

3.1 *[Charitable Purpose]*

3.2 *[Charitable Purpose]*

3.3 *[Charitable Purpose]…*

3.3 *Any non-charitable purpose that is merely ancillary or subordinate to a charitable purpose of the trust*

## **4. NGA MAHI KI AOTEAROA ANAKE/ ACTIVITIES LIMITED TO AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND**

The activities of the Trust will be limited to Aotearoa/New Zealand.

## **5. TARI/OFFICE**

The office of the Trust will be in such place in New Zealand as the Board of Trustees may from time to time determine.

## **6. TE RUNANGA WHAKAHAERE/ THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

6.1 The Board will comprise of no less than three (3) Trustees and no more than ten (10) Trustees.

6.2 The signatories to this Deed will be the first Board. The Trustees will elect from among themselves a Chairperson. A Secretary and Treasurer will also be appointed from among themselves or from non-trust members. An election of office-bearers will be held at the first meeting of the Board following the execution of this Deed and whenever a vacancy occurs. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

6.3 A person will immediately cease to be Trustee when she or he resigns in writing, dies, is declared bankrupt or is otherwise found to be unqualified in terms of section 16 of the Charities Act 2005 or subsequent enactment.

6.4 The Board will have the power to fill any vacancy that arises in the Board or to appoint any additional trustees subject to clause 6.1.

6.5 The Board may continue to act notwithstanding any vacancy, but if their number is reduced below minimum number of trustees as stated in this deed, the continuing trustee/s may act for the purpose of increasing the number of trustees to that minimum but for no other purpose.

6.6 The Board may, by a motion decided by a two-thirds (2/3rd) majority of votes, terminate a person’s position as a Trustee and member of the Board, if it believes that such action is in the best interests of the Trust.

6.7 The name of the Board will be [\_**NAME OF TRUST**\_].

## **7. NGA HUI O TE RUNANGA WHAKAHAERE/ MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

7.1. The procedure for Board meetings will be as follows:

7.1.1 A quorum will be at least half of its members.

7.1.2 If a Trustee, including an office-bearer, does not attend three (3) consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of absence that member may, at the discretion and on decision of the Board, be removed as a Trustee, and/or from any office of the Trust which she or he holds.

7.1.3 All questions will if possible be decided by consensus. In the event that a consensus cannot be reached then a decision will be made by a majority vote by show of hands, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

7.1.4 If the voting is tied, the motion will be lost.

7.1.5 In the absence of the Chairperson, the Board will elect a person to chair the meeting from among the Trustees present.

7.2 The Board will meet at least three (3) times every year. Meetings may be held in person or by any other means of communicating as decided on by the Board from time to time. The Secretary will ensure that all members of the Board are notified of the meeting, either verbally or in writing.

7.3 The Secretary will ensure that a minute book is maintained which is available to any member of the Trust and which, for each meeting of the Board, records

7.3.1 the names of those present;

7.3.2 all decisions made by the Board; and

7.3.3 any other matters discussed at the meeting.

## **8. TAKETAKE/ POWERS**

8.1. In addition to the powers provided by the general law of New Zealand or contained in the Trusts Act 2019 or subsequent enactment, the powers which the Board may exercise in order to carry out its charitable purposes are as follows:

8.1.1 to use the funds of the Trust as the Board thinks necessary or expedient in payment of the costs and expenses of the Trust, including the employment and dismissal of professional advisors, agents, officers and staff, according to principles of good employment and the Employment Relations Act 2000 or subsequent enactment;

8.1.2. to purchase, take on, lease or in exchange or hire or otherwise, acquire any real or personal property and any rights or privileges which the Board thinks necessary or expedient in order to attain the purpose of the Trust and to sell, exchange, let, bail or lease, with or without option of purchase or, in any other manner, dispose of such property, rights or privileges;

8.1.3. to invest surplus funds in any way permitted by law for the investment of Charitable Trust funds and upon such terms as the Board thinks fit;

8.1.4. to borrow or raise money from time to time with or without security and upon such terms as to priority or otherwise as the Board thinks fit; and

8.1.5. to carry on any business, incorporate any company or enter into any partnership or joint venture;

8.1.6. to amalgamate or merge the Trust with any other exclusively charitable trust or organisation and to transfer all or part of the Trust Fund to such amalgamated or merged Trust or organisation;

8.1.7. to do all things as may from time to time be necessary or desirable to enable the Board to give effect to and attain the charitable purposes of the Trust.

8.2. For the avoidance of doubt, the duties set out in sections 29 to 38 of the Trusts Act 2019 or subsequent enactment apply, with the exception of the following:

8.2.1. When exercising any power to invest trust property, a trustee must exercise the care and skill that a prudent person of business would exercise, but may also take into account the impact any investment would have on its charitable purpose, modifying the duty in section 30 of the Trusts Act 2019 (or subsequent enactment).

8.2.2. A trustee may take reasonable remuneration for acting as trustee and/or providing professional services to the Board, modifying the duty in section 37 of the Trusts Act 2019 (or subsequent enactment).

8.2.3. When making decisions, trustees should act unanimously where possible, but may decide to act by majority vote, modifying section 38 of the Trust Act 2019 (or subsequent enactment).

## **9. KO NGA RAWA HEI PAINGA MO TE IWI/ INCOME, BENEFIT OR ADVANTAGE TO BE APPLIED TO CHARITABLE PURPOSES**

9.1 Any income, benefit or advantage will be applied to the charitable purposes of the Trust.

9.2 No trustee or members of the Trust or any person associated with a trustee shall participate in or materially influence any decision made by the trustees in respect of any payment to or on behalf of that trustee or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage whatsoever.

Any such income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm’s length transaction (being the open market value).

9.3 The provision and effect of this clause shall not be removed from this deed and shall be implied into any document replacing this deed of trust.

## **10. TURU TAKETAKE/ POWER TO DELEGATE**

10.1 The Board may from time to time appoint any committee and may delegate any of its powers and duties to any such committee or to any person. The committee or person may without confirmation by the Board exercise or perform the delegated powers or duties in the same way and with the same effect as the Board could itself have done.

10.2 Any committee or person to whom the Board has delegated powers or duties will be bound by the terms of the Trust and any terms or conditions of the delegation set by the Board.

10.3 The Board will be able to revoke such delegation at will, and no such delegation will prevent the exercise of any power or the performance of any duty by the Board.

10.4 It will not be necessary for any person who is appointed to be a member of any such committee, or to whom such delegation is made, to be a Trustee.

## **11. PūTEA/ FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

11.1 The financial year of the Trust will be from [\_*beginning date to end date, e.g. 1 January to 31 December*\_].

11.2 At the first meeting of the Board in each financial year, the Board will decide by resolution the following:

11.2.1 how money will be received by the Trust;

11.2.2 who will be entitled to produce receipts;

11.2.3 what bank accounts will operate for the ensuing year, including the purposes of and access to accounts;

11.2.4 who will be allowed to authorise the production of cheques and the names of cheque signatories; and

11.2.5 the policy concerning the investment of money by the Trust, including what type of investment will be permitted.

11.3 The Treasurer will ensure that true and fair accounts are kept of all money received and expended by the Trust.

11.4 The Board may arrange for the accounts of the Trust for that financial year to be audited by an accountant appointed for that purpose.

## **12. TE TOHE TAKETAKE/ COMMON SEAL**

12.1 The Common Seal of the Board, following its incorporation, will be kept in the custody and control of the Secretary, or such other officer appointed by the Board.

12.2 When required, the Common Seal will be affixed to any document following a resolution of the Board and will be signed by the Chairperson (or a trustee acting as the Chair) and one other trustee appointed by the Board.

## **13. TAKAWAENGA/ MEDIATION & ARBITRATION**

13.1 Any dispute arising out of or relating to this deed may be referred to mediation, a non-binding dispute resolution process in which an independent mediator facilitates negotiation between parties. Mediation may be initiated by either party writing to the other party and identifying the dispute which is being suggested for mediation. The other party will either agree to proceed with mediation or agree to attend a preliminary meeting with the mediator to discuss whether mediation would be helpful in the circumstances. The parties will agree on a suitable person to act as mediator or will ask the Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand Inc. to appoint a mediator. The mediation will be in accordance with the Mediation Protocol of the Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ institute of new Zealand Inc.

13.2 The mediation shall be terminated by-

13.2.1 The signing of a settlement agreement by the parties; or

13.2.2 Notice to the parties by the mediator, after consultation with the parties, to the effect that further efforts at mediation are no longer justified; or

13.2.3 Notice by one or more of the parties to the mediation to the effect that further efforts at mediation are no longer justified; or

13.2.4 The expiry of sixty (60) working days from the mediator’s appointment, unless the parties expressly consent to an extension of this period.

13.3 If the mediation should be terminated as provided in 13.2.2, 13.2.3 or 13.2.4 any dispute or difference arising out of or in connection with this deed, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration in New Zealand in accordance with New Zealand law and the current Arbitration Protocol of the Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand Inc. The arbitration shall be by one arbitrator to be agreed upon by the parties and if they should fail to agree within twenty -one (21) days, then to be appointed by the President of the Arbitrators’ and Mediators’ Institute of New Zealand Inc.

## **14. TAUNAHA/ TRUSTEE LIABILITY**

It is declared that:

14.1 The Trustees are chargeable respectively only in respect of the money and securities they actually receive, or which, but for their own acts, omissions, neglects, or defaults they would have received, notwithstanding their signing any receipt for the sake of conformity; and

14.2 They are each answerable and responsible respectively only for their own acts, receipts, omissions, neglects and defaults and not for those of each other, or of any banker, broker, auctioneers, or other person with whom, or into whose hands, any Trust money or security is properly deposited or has come;

14.3 No Trustees shall be liable personally for the maintenance, repair, or insurance of any charges on such property;

14.4 No Trustees hereof shall be liable for any loss arising from any cause whatsoever including a breach of the duties imposed by Sections 22 to 39 of the Trusts Act 2019 or subsequent enactment, unless such loss is attributable:

14.4.1 To their own dishonesty, wilful misconduct, or gross negligence; or

14.4.2 To the wilful commission by them of an act known by him/her

to be a breach of Trust.

14.5 No Trustees shall be bound to take any proceedings against a co-Trustee for any breach or alleged breach of Trust committed by that co-Trustee.

14.6 Notwithstanding the procedure or otherwise of retaining assets in the Trust Fund no Trustee shall be liable for any loss suffered by the Trust Fund by reason of the Trustees retaining any asset forming part of the Trust Fund.

14.7 The Trustees shall from time to time and at all times be indemnified by and out of the Trust property from and against all costs, charges, losses, damages, and expenses sustained or incurred by them or in or about the execution and discharge of their office or in or about any claim, demand, action, proceeding or defence at law or in equity in which they may be joined as a party.

## **15. TE TUKU TOENGA RAWA/DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS ASSETS**

On the winding up of the Trust, or on its dissolution by the Registrar, all surplus assets, after the payment of costs, debts and liabilities will be given to other charitable organisation/s within New Zealand as the Board will decide. If the Trust is unable to make such a decision, the surplus assets will be disposed of in accordance with the directions of the High Court pursuant to section 27 of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 or subsequent enactment.

**16. WHAKAREREKĒTANGA TURE/ALTERATION OF THIS DEED**

16.1. The Trustees may by consensus or pursuant to a motion decided by a majority of votes, by supplemental deed make alterations or additions to the terms and provisions of this deed provided that no such alteration or addition will detract from the exclusively charitable nature of the trust or result in the distribution of its assets on winding up or dissolution for any purpose that is not exclusively charitable.

16.2. Any alteration or addition must be recorded in writing either in a supplemental deed or a trustees’ resolution signed by all trustees.

IN WITNESS OF WHICH this Deed has been executed:

SIGNED by the above named ) Jill Judge

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as Trustee in the presence of: ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Witness: …………………………………………………

Occupation: …………………………………

Residential address: …………………………………………

SIGNED by the above named ) Kerry Kimble

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as Trustee in the presence of: ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Witness: …………………………………………………

Occupation: …………………………………

Residential address: …………………………………………

SIGNED by the above named ) Kelly Kipper

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as Trustee in the presence of: ) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Witness: …………………………………………………

Occupation: …………………………………

Residential address: …………………………………………

**NOTE: The Trust Deed has to be certified as a correct copy by one of the trustees, or a member of the committee or governing body of the society with the following statement:**

“I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the trust deed or rules of the [Name of Trust Board]”.

Full Name:.............................................................................

Signed:..................................................................................

Date:..................................................................................

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| Charitable Trust Start up Pack | | |
| |  | | --- | | Charitable Trust  Template for deed of variation |   Below is a template to vary your trust deed. You will need to use it if you change any of the wording in the trust deed.  If your trust is incorporated you will need to update the [Companies Office](https://ct-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/) ([use their form](https://ct-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/assets/charitable-trusts/forms/form-ct3-rule-change.pdf)) and once the change has been accepted by the Companies Office you [update your details with Charities Services](https://www.charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/update-charity-details/). If your trust is not incorporated, then you only need to [update Charities Services](https://www.charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/update-charity-details/). Please make sure that any changes to your trust deed have been minuted.  **Template for the variation of a trust deed**  You need to make changes to any part that is highlighted in [Yellow]. You can put additional details in the [Green] section if you want to.  If you need more help, we recommend seeking independent legal advice. Some [Community Law Centres](https://communitylaw.org.nz/) will support charities.  When you finish editing the template:  1. Remove all the highlights from the template.  2. Delete anything you don’t need (e.g., any [Green] text you haven’t edited and this first instructions page).  3. Sign and witness the variation. You can either sign it using electronic signatures, or print and sign in person. All of the trustees should sign (so you may need to copy page 3). Each signature should be witnessed by someone independent from your charity who is not a trustee.  4. The Trust Deed has to be certified as a correct copy by one of the trustees, or a member of the committee or governing body of the society with the following statement (put this statement at the top of the document):  “I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the trust deed or rules of the [Name of Trust Board]”.  Full Name:.............................................................................  Signed:..................................................................................  Date:..................................................................................  5.Upload the variation to Charities Services using the “[update details](https://www.charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/update-charity-details/)” button on your online account (and the Companies Office if your trust is incorporated). The [Companies Office has a specific form](https://ct-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/assets/charitable-trusts/forms/form-ct3-rule-change.pdf) you need to fill out.  Deed of variation of charitable trust  Parties:  [List the names of all your trustees]  (Names of Trustees)  Background:  A. By deed dated [ ] (deed) the parties named as trustees declared rules for the creation of a charitable trust, known as [name of the trust] (trust) for the charitable purposes as set out in the deed.  B. The trustees as named above are the present trustees of the trust and comprise the present board of trustees of the trust.  C. The trustees wish to exercise the power in clause [write the name of the clause that allows you to vary your trust deed] of the deed to vary the deed, and will have the effect of replacing the provisions of the deed.  D. [Further background explaining the changes in plain language – e.g. “Background of changes:  i. the trust was set up to maintain the community hall on Vulcan Street.  ii. The trust was registered as an incorporated trust board under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 in 1989, and registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2005 in 2008.  iii. The changes in this deed are to amend the default duties under the Trusts Act 2019:  Clause X: permitting the trust to pay trustees reasonable renumeration for their time; and  Clause Y: permitting the trust to make decisions by majority, where unanimous decision cannot be reached.”]  Operative part  [Here include the new rules of the trust – include any parts that are not changing. We recommend keeping an electronic copy of your trust deed if you need to make changes in the future.  **Signed**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Signed by [X] as trustee  In the presence of  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Full name of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City/Town of residence of witness | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | | Signed by [X] as trustee  In the presence of  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Full name of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation of witness  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ City/Town of residence of witness | | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | | |  | |  | | | | |
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