**GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd - Conditions for Participation - GIRT Scientific Divers**

The destruction of underwater cultural heritage has increased rapidly in the last two hundred years mainly driven by direct and indirect impacts from people. However, with climate change and potentially larger storm events more often, a site’s equilibrium with its physical environment is also under increased threat. Repeated, systematic observations over multiple years of sediment movement and biological cover on your adopted wreck will help create a picture of the condition of your adopted shipwreck or sunken aircraft and its stability within its given micro-environment.

GIRT is a citizen science program administered under GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd. GIRT was initially developed as part of PhD research by Andrew Viduka at the University of New England, Australia.

Potentially, with enough GIRT citizen scientists, individual observations may be able to be analysed beyond the site to give a picture extending locally, regionally or even nationally. With enough data, your observations may form a baseline understanding of the negative or positive impact of climate change on underwater cultural heritage within your region, state or Country.

**1. Definitions in this document:**

1.1 ‘”*GIRT Scientific Divers*” means “*GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd*.”

1.2 "*GIRT”* means *Gathering Information via Recreational and Technical Scientific Divers. GIRT is* an underwater cultural heritage monitoring program, for the purpose of allowing members of the public to participate in monitoring the physical condition of underwater cultural heritage.

1.3 “GIRT Scientific divers” (and singular diver) are members of the public who participate in the GIRT programme subject to these conditions of participation.

1.4 AUCHD” means “*The Australian Underwater Cultural Heritage Database*”.

1.5 "*Material*" includes any survey notes, photographs, cinematograph films, observations, or artistic works.

1.6*“Adopted”* means the selection of a wreck for the purposes of GIRT only. Adoption does not confer title or ownership or any other legal right to the selected wreck.

**2. Copyright in your Works**

2.1 By submitting Material to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd through the GIRT Scientific Diver program, you agree that you are the owner of the copyright that subsists in such Material and that any personal information accompanying the Material is accurate.

2.2 In relation to Material that you submit to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd through the GIRT Scientific Diver program, you agree:

2.2.1 to grant to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, irrevocable, royalty-free, world-wide, non-exclusive licence to publish the Material on our websites, e-newsletter, Facebook page, YouTube channel and any other form of media promotion (but note, the GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd is under no obligation to do so) and keeping the Material with your personal information for future use in accordance with our Privacy Policy set out in clause 4;

2.2.2 to grant to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, permission to share your Material with the AUCHD or any other database that performs the function of a statutory register of shipwrecks and or other underwater cultural heritage in a given country so that a record of your observations can be kept with your adopted site permanently within a statutory database; and

2.2.3 not to submit Material that is abusive, defamatory, obscene, offensive, discriminatory, insulting, illegal or a violation of copyright, intellectual property law or any other laws.

2.3 If you believe that Material is available on the GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, or published by GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, elsewhere in a way which infringes Australian law, you agree to notify GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, of the purported infringement at the address listed in clause 4.8.

**3. Images and Voice Recordings of People**

3.1 In the event that you submit Material to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, that contains a photograph, film or voice recording of a person, you agree that you have obtained the consent of the person (or the person's legal guardian where the person is aged under 18 years) for GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd to publish their photograph, film or voice recording on our website, e-newsletter Facebook page and YouTube channel and keep their photograph, film or voice recording for future use in accordance with our Privacy Policy set out in clause 4.

**4. Privacy Policy**

4.1 Personal information that GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, collects from you in regard to the GIRT Scientific Diver Program is protected by this Privacy Policy Agreement.

4.2 By submitting material to the GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, you agree to provide your name, telephone number, email address and other contact details as required. If we decide to publish material that you have submitted on our website, e-newsletter, Facebook page and/or YouTube channel or other media platform, we will also publish your name so that you may be attributed as the author and identified as the individual who has adopted a wreck. Your email address will be used to verify your identity. We may use your telephone number or email address to contact you if we need to discuss the material you submit to us.

4.3 When providing your observations to us, personal information that you voluntarily provide to us about you and/or your organisation will assist us to develop a better understanding of the range of users that assist in monitoring.

4.4 If you provide consent below, we will store your telephone number, email address and other contact details in our contacts database. Information stored in our contacts database can only be accessed by officers from GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd and may be used in the future to contact you about issues relating to your adopted site.

4.5 If you provide consent below, we will advise the coordinating officers of the AUCHD to contact you via email so that you can create a ‘public researcher’ profile in the AUCHD which will enable you to upload Material and attach that Material to your adopted site’s permanent record.

4.6 The GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd will not disclose your personal information to any third party without your consent, unless otherwise authorised by law.

4.7 If the details that you have provided to us change, you agree to notify us so that we can ensure our records are kept up to date and accurate by contacting:

GIRT Scientific Diver Coordinator

GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd

Phone: + 61 0409 853 470

Postal address: 4 Westgarth St, O’Connor ACT 2602. AUSTRALIA

Email: girtscientificdiver@gmail.com

4.8 If GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd is unable to collect your personal information, we may not be able to verify, use and publish material provided by you.

4.9 You may:

4.9.1 access and seek correction of your personal information; and

4.9.2 complain to GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd about a breach of this Privacy Policy and work with GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd to effectively deal with such a complaint.

**5. Eligibility Requirements**

5.1 You must be over the age of 18 years to participate in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program.

5.2 You agree that you are over 18 years of age and are therefore eligible to participate in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program.

**6 Liability**

6.1 You acknowledge that participation in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program is voluntary and you do not have to participate.

6.2 You agree that:

6.2.1 you have chosen to participate as a volunteer for the purpose of contributing to maritime archaeology, conservation science and the conservation of underwater cultural heritage and shall be solely responsible for your safety when performing any activity either directly or indirectly associated with the GIRT Scientific Diver Program;

6.2.2 the GIRT Scientific Diver Program methodology provides one suitable way of collecting scientific information and does not purport to minimise the risks inherent in SCUBA diving and/or snorkelling;

6.2.3 SCUBA diving, swimming and snorkelling are inherently risky activities;

6.2.4 you expressly assume all risks associated with these activities that are in any way affiliated with GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd and the GIRT Scientific Diver Program;

6.2.5 you hereby release GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd for any liability in negligence in any way, either directly or indirectly, related to your participation in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program; and

6.2.6 you waive, discharge, covenant not to sue and release GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, its officers, employees and agents from liability from any and all claims, including but not limited to, in negligence, that results in personal injury, accident or illness (including death) and property loss arising from, either directly or indirectly, participation in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program; should you provide any forms, information or Material in any way associated with the GIRT Scientific Diver Program to any third party such that the third party then participates in any way, either directly or indirectly, in the GIRT Scientific Diver Program you will inform any third party these conditions of participation; and will specifically advise any third party that their participation is voluntary and is at their own risk. You have read this agreement, fully understand its terms and understand that you are giving up your potential rights including any right to sue;

6.3 You acknowledge that you agree to all of these conditions of participation freely and voluntarily and intend your submission of this document and/or your participation in any GIRT Scientific Diver Program to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Do you consent to your personal information being included in the contacts database for GIRT Scientific Diver?

Yes No

Do you consent to being contacted in the future by GIRT Scientific Divers Pty Ltd, and or GIRT Scientific Diver administration officers (see clauses 4.4 and 4.7 above).

Yes No

Do you consent to share Material collected as a GIRT Scientific Diver with the AUCHD or any other database that performs the function of a statutory register of shipwrecks and or other underwater cultural heritage in a given country so that your observations can be stored permanently with your adopted sites record?

Yes No

Do you consent to being contacted in the future by administration officers who manage the AUCHD or any other database that performs the function of a statutory register of shipwrecks and or other underwater cultural heritage in a given country (see clause 4.5 above)?

Yes No

By ticking or highlighting this box in some way, you agree to all of these Conditions for Participation described above:

I agree

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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