



Trimble Foundation Plan June 2010

This document provides the plans the trustees are developing for the Foundation in accordance with the Foundation objects as specified in the Masterton District Council (Montfort Trimble Foundation) Act 2003. It is structured to provide an annual plan in detail and a two year plan in general terms together with estimated costs and income. Items in the plan are grouped according to how they relate to the objectives of the Foundation and include Richard Hall's interpretation of what each object means.

The objects of the Foundation are to promote public afforestation by-

1. the production and care of timber for economic purposes:
2. the maintenance of forests:
3. providing a supply of timber for the public wants:
4. assisting the Council to establish forests:
5. providing for the conservation of native and commercial forests:
6. amenity and protection planting and their maintenance.

The Foundation has distilled these objectives into the following mission statement:

An independent organisation dedicated to the growing of trees for the educational, economic and aesthetic benefit of the public.

1. Production and care of timber for economic purposes:

Interpretation:

This permits us to plant and care for trees, take over existing trees, look after our trees, harvest and sell trees, sell products(wood-timber-bark-sawdust-whatever) and grow trees for firewood.

Policy:

To continue growing and harvesting Radiata on the Trimble Forest land while protecting the native areas in accordance with the forest operations plan.

To use Rewanui to produce a range of timbers including many natives for short, medium and long term production.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Decide which trees to harvest and market to the best advantage.		Trees Harvested		
Plant trial trees suitable for timber production	Replace deaths in trees planted last year	Trees planted	\$1000	
Plant Radiata trees on suitable areas	Replant 12ha at Trimble harvested in 2009.Plant Totara next to existing stands on Trimble	Trees planted	\$10,000	Replant any areas harvested
Plant suitable trees in fenced off areas on Rewanui	Plant natives along the gullies and the kanuka block			
Measure growth on the trial trees	Carry out this years measurement. Record and analyse the results	Measurements done and report produced		Carry out annual measurements

2.Maintenance of forests:

Interpretation:

We can undertake everything involved in the caring for all trees that are under our control, including native and exotic, plantation or commercial planting, natural bush or trees, on any land, and this will include all aspects of silviculture, fertilising, fencing, predator & pest control and indeed any aspect at all and any activity relating in the wider sense to caring for and looking after bush, trees and forests.

Policy:

To protect all trees from animal and plant pests and enhance native forests where practicable.

To thin and prune timber plantations to give the best returns.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Exclude livestock from native bush areas.	Fence two gullies on the Rewanui flats and the Kanuka block.	500 m of fences built	\$7000	Fence further areas on Rewanui
Control animal pests.	Continue the program on Rewanui in conjunction with GWRC	Traps and bait stations laid and patrolled		Continue pest control program on Rewanui
Control weeds	Monitor the growth of young trees in both properties and take action if needed.	Weeds sprayed or removed	\$2000	Spray Onga Onga as needed. Monitor and treat other weeds if needed
Prune and thin plantation trees	Prune any trees at Trimble forest if criteria met	Trees thinned and/or pruned		Take appropriate action on the young trees in Trimble Forest and Rewanui
Release seedling trees from competitive growth	Release any trial trees needed and newly planted Radiata	Cleared area around each tree	\$5000	Keep the trial trees free of grass etc.

3:Provide a supply of timber for the public wants:

Interpretation:

We can sell or deal in timber or trees, store trees, mill trees and timber, probably (in suitable cases) donate timber.

Policy:

Watch for any dead of windblown native timber trees and arrange for them to be milled.

To ensure that a variety of timber is available from local merchants and to sell directly any timber milled.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Compile a list of local timber merchants.				Watch for any changes to the timber supply
Advertise any timber held in stock				
Extract and mill any suitable dead or windfall trees.	Mill windthrow Totaras from Trimble			Monitor the forests for suitable trees
Donate timber to local non profit organizations as needed				

4. Assist the Council to establish forests:

Interpretation:

We can work with the Masterton District Council (but no other council) in any type of joint venture arrangement to establish (ie plant) forests, and then to care for those forests and to share the costs and proceeds with the Council, in such shares as may be agreed upon.

Policy:

To establish forestry rights to suitable areas of council land and plant commercial forests on it.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Negotiate for forestry rights and plant trees.		Trees planted		
Consider applications for monetary assistance				

5. Provide for the conservation of native and commercial forests:

Interpretation:

We can conserve native bush, conserve commercial forests. Probably, even if we don't own them, to look after all aspects of conservation & care of all bush areas, tree areas or plantations

Policy:

To acquire further areas of native bush and give money to those wishing to protect and enhance their own bush

To foster the idea of a corridor of native bush from the Tararuas to the coast

To take any action to prevent damage to our forests

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Purchase suitable bush areas	No action this year	Areas purchased		No action anticipated
Consider applications and make distributions accordingly	Make contribution to the Murray King forestry scholarship.	Money distributed	500	Consider applications
Prevent river erosion in the Trimble Forest.	Monitor the situation and maintain existing groynes			Continue to monitor and maintain

6.Amenity and protection planting and their maintenance:

Interpretation:

We can plant trees for appearance, beautification, aesthetic appeal, memorial or commemorative purposes, for soil, river hillside, road or land protection, or simply because they look good, plant avenues, road avenues, plant rest areas, plant for visual enjoyment or variety, and having done all or any of that we can then continue to care for our trees on an on-going basis.

Policy:

To implement the landscape plan for Rewanui and plant other areas for the use and enjoyment of the public.

To develop the Rewanui Forest Park concept for the enjoyment of everyone

To involve local schools in the the planting and protection of specific areas.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Plant and protect a variety of plants for their aesthetic value				Plant along the track at the foot of the hill
Maintain existing tracks	Employ people to patrol the tracks at intervals, remove debris and spray Onga Onga	Tracks kept clear	\$2,000	On going maintenance
Establish new public tracks	Create a pathway from the carpark to beginning of the bush walks	400 m Path formed	\$4000	Create a loop track through the native are in the Rocks.
Construct visitor shelter and toilet facilities				Build a visitor shelter in keeping with the landscape plan.
Develop wetland areas on Rewanui	Develop planting plan to incorporate lessons learned from previous planting	Plan in place		Develop wetland area.
Improve access to the trial area	Work with MDC to increase the roadside parking area	Parking area improved		
Make new signs advertising Rewanui	Install roadside sign approaching Rewanui Put up car and bus signs at the carpark	Signs in place	\$4000	

Additional items not falling into established categories:

Interpretation:

As custodians of land and properties there are matters needing attention from time to time that do not easily fit into the planning categories above.

Policy:

To maintain all buildings in good condition.

To research and record information about land and environment.

<i>Action</i>	<i>2010/11</i>	<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>2012 to 2014</i>
Maintain existing buildings	Paint and bird proof the woolshed.	Shed painted	\$15,000	Carry out any other maintenance needed
Monitor the Rewanui ecosystem	Continue the monitoring program on Rewanui	Reports delivered		Continue established program
Establish rolling maintenance plan	Initiate the development of the plan and develop a long term house policy	Plan in place		Ongoing
Work with local schools				
Seek appropriate funding for projects	Find ongoing sponsorship for trial tree measurement once SSF project finished	Sponsor found		.
Increase publicity for Rewanui	Host a fieldday for the Farm Forestry conference in April. Hold a trial run for the FF conference during the summer. Redesign the brochure.	Events held and brochure produced		Ongoing
Encourage other groups to use Rewanui	Work with event organisers	Event held		