



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

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1. Preamble

The Montfort Trimble Foundation is a charitable Trust set up by a New Zealand Act of Parliament. The purpose of the act is to perpetuate the wishes expressed in the will of Dr Montfort Trimble of Masterton. Dr Trimble died in 1940 and left money to the Masterton County Council to promote public afforestation in the region. The Council used the money to buy 127ha of land 17km north of Masterton and planted it in *Pinus Radiata*.

Two crops of pines have been harvested from the land and the Trimble Foundation is charged with administering the income from the trees to further public afforestation. The Foundation has used part of the money from the sale of trees to purchase Rewanui, a property with areas of native bush that the Foundation wishes to protect and enhance.

2. Objects of the Foundation

Section 5 of the Masterton District Council (Montfort Trimble Foundation) Act 2003 sets out the following objectives for the Foundation:

- a) the production and care of timber for economic purposes;
- b) the maintenance of forests;
- c) providing a supply of timber for public wants;
- d) assisting the Council to establish forests;
- e) providing the conservation of native and commercial forests;
- f) Amenity and protection planting and their maintenance.

3. Native Areas

Policy: *All actions will be in accordance with the development plan of the Foundation. Until such a plan is developed no actions will be undertaken that will a detrimental impact upon the present environment.*

Action: Engage a landscape architect and consult with the public to develop a plan for Rewanui and Mt Bruce.

Action: Investigate the protection of the wet land in the Goose Paddock.

Action: Continue the collection of ecological data and evaluation of natural features.

Policy: *To protect, restore and expand suitable areas of native bush.*

Action: At Rewanui carry out limited inplanting of the open areas in the fenced sections of bush in accordance with the landscape plan. Ring fence the small area of bush in the Quarry paddock behind the homestead.

Action: Evaluate and decide on QE2 protection of the fenced areas.

Policy: *All noxious weeds and animals will be reduced to levels commensurate with the eco status grade of the specific area.*

Action: Establish a noxious weed and animal control regime by engaging appropriately skilled people. Implement recommendations in priority areas.

4. Exotic Areas

Policy: *Manage existing plantings to maximise the financial return to the Foundation and establish new planting for the best long term results.*

Action: Implement recommended management programme of Forestry Consultants.

Policy: *Engage appropriate expertise to guide the Foundation*

Action: Appoint a Forest Manager to implement the recommended programme of the Forest Consultants and Auditors.

Action: Investigate the planting of the Managpakeha paddock at Rewanui with mixed species of trees.

5. Financial

Policy: *The finances of the Foundation are to be conducted so as to maintain the asset base of the Foundation.*

Action: Prepare long and short term financial forecasts of revenue and expenditure.

6. Grasslands.

Policy: *All grasslands will be kept in a tidy state while returning some income to the Foundation.*

Action: A grazing license to be entered into for the grassed paddocks at Rewanui.

Action: Ensure the provisions of the grazing licence are met by regular inspection particularly in regard to maintenance of fences and yards and tracks.

7. Buildings

Policy: *Existing functional buildings will be maintained at a standard that retains their usability and quality.*

Action: Tradesmen will be engaged as needed.

Action: Secure the shearers quarters from further damage.

8. Public access.

Policy: *Provide public access to suitable areas of Foundation property without interfering unduly with commercial activities.*

Action: Engage staff to establish safe walking tracks and signage for the Western and Middle bush areas of Rewanui.

Action: Establish an all weather parking area by the road at Rewanui.

Action: Have available a “Closed” sign to advise the public of closure.

9. Involvement of others.

Policy: *Cooperate with other people or organisations that have an interest in preserving or using Foundation assets as appropriate.*

Action: Invite contributions from anyone interested in restoring the shearers quarters at Rewanui.

Action: Encourage the establishment of a “Friends of Trimble” group.