

Montfort Trimble
Foundation

2009:2010

Annual Report





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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 127 ha of land 17 km 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.

preamble

TRIMBLE FOUNDATION

Mission Statement

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

Objectives of the foundation

- ❖ The production and care of timber for economic purposes.
- ❖ The maintenance of forests
- ❖ Providing a supply of timber for the public wants
- ❖ Assisting the Council to establish forests
- ❖ Providing for the conservation of native and commercial forests.
- ❖ Amenity and protection planting and their maintenance.

Trustees

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| ❖ | Ian Campbell – Chairman | Elected |
| ❖ | Mike Wyeth | Elected |
| ❖ | Elizabeth Waddington | Elected |
| ❖ | Roddy McKenzie | Elected |
| ❖ | Steve Blakemore | Council appointee |
| ❖ | Andrew Pottinger | Guardian Trust appointee |



chairman of trustees

REPORT

The year has been marked by significant advances in networking with other forestry groups. Paul Millen from New Zealand Drylands Trust and Ian Nicholas from Scion visited Rewanui and gave positive feedback on what is being done there. The outcome is that it is likely the Drylands Trust will establish a ground durable Eucalypt trial and seed nursery on the twin terraces area at Rewanui. It is apparent there is a need developing among vineyard owners for durable posts that are not treated with chemicals and this work is intended meet some of that need. Our forest manager, Stuart Orme and I visited Scion Research in Rotorua during the year with the objective of seeing some of their trial work and showing them the techniques we have developed for reporting on our own trials. This resulted in an offer to include our data in their Permanent Sample Plot database and a commitment to visit Rewanui. The visit took place early in July and further strengthened the links between the Foundation and Scion with strong interest expressed in Scion establishing their own trials here.

Our trial records have been considerably advanced with the spatial plotting of individual trees within the blocks. This was achieved by recording a bearing and distance from a central point for every tree in the block. The advantage of this is that we can now calculate average spacing and density of stands as well as having a backup method of identifying individual trees. This information has also enabled us to develop a reporting system where each tree can be shown in its position within the block together with a graphic representation of its growth data. This technique has won approval from Scion and everyone who has seen it.

An increase in log prices and a shortage of logs for local mills triggered a decision to harvest the remaining mature trees in the Trimble Forest. This has been done and means that we have no more trees to harvest for at least twenty years. The money received from the logs has been placed in secure investments spread over several institutions. We now have a substantial cash balance but this needs to be husbanded carefully to meet the silviculture and other costs planned. The foundation is steadily moving toward a more staggered production from the Trimble Forest and this is evidenced by the obvious gradation in tree ages along State Highway 2.

As planned the house and out buildings at Rewanui have been repainted with the woolshed to be done in the next few years. The tender process for the painting was interesting in that the highest tender was almost twice as high as the lowest. The Foundation was satisfied the lower tender was submitted by a competent company and so awarded the contract to them. We are very happy with the result and combined with the repair work done before the painting feel the exterior of the house is now in very good shape.

The year in review is the second of the Sustainable Farming Fund project and work has continued on the biodiversity study. It was largely due to the funds available from the SFF that we were able to do the extra mapping and recording of the trial trees.

As the Radiata trees in the Trimble Forest were harvested several groves of regenerating Totara were isolated and two of these have been mapped and will be managed to provide the best timber. It is thought the trees are about one hundred

years old and are well worth while conserving. We have planted more Totara there to connect the groves.

The trustees have met regularly during the year and my thanks to all who have contributed the work of the Foundation. We are served by competent professional staff and as we head into another election we are well placed to continue the philosophy expressed in Dr Trimble's will.

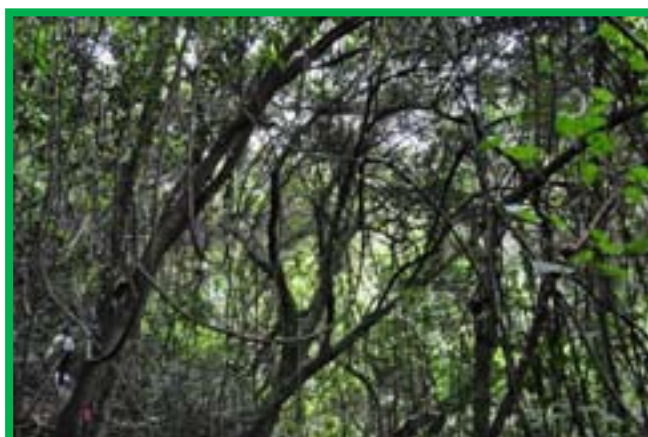
Ian Campbell

Ian Campbell
Chairman.

Foundation Assets

The main Foundation assets at the end of June 2009 are:

1. **The Trimble Forest at Miki Miki**
Area 127 ha.
2. **Rewanui at Blairlogie**
Area 335ha





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FINANCIAL

statements

2009:2010

Statement of accounting policies

For the year ending 30th June 2010

REPORTING ENTITY

Montfort Trimble Foundation ("the Foundation") is a body corporate with perpetual succession, governed by the Masterton District Council (Montfort Trimble Foundation) Act 2003. The Act was given royal assent on 10th December 2003 and the Foundation was formally constituted at its initial meeting of Trustees of 29th April 2004.

At that date, the funds previously held in trust by the Masterton District Council, became the assets of the Foundation, along with the forest asset known as Trimble forest.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices as recognised by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

MEASUREMENT BASE

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies which significantly affect the measurement of operating results and financial position have been applied;

3. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

All items in the financial statements are exclusive of GST, with the exception of receivables and payables, which are stated as GST inclusive. When GST is not recoverable as an input tax then it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense.

4. Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised as income when levied.

5. Equity

Equity is the community's interest in the Foundation and is measured as the difference between total assets and total liabilities.

6. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at expected net realisable value after providing for doubtful and uncollectible debts.

7. Investments

Invested funds are shown at the initial sum invested plus accrued interest.

8. Plant, Property and Equipment and other Non current assets.

These assets consist of:

Forestry assets – These include only the value of the standing timber within Trimble Forest, as assessed by independent valuation. Any increase or decrease in value is accounted for in the Forestry Revaluation Reserve.

Buildings – Shown at cost less depreciation calculated at 4% of the diminishing value.

Other assets – Shown at cost less depreciation calculated on cost (House contents 28.8%, Woolshed contents 18.6%, Water tanks 12%)

9. Forestry Valuation

The valuation has been carried out by an independent qualified forestry valuer.

10. Taxation

The Foundation has been granted charitable status. Income tax has not been accounted for in these financial statements.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There has been no change in the accounting policies adopted to prepare these financial statements from 2009.

Statement of financial performance

For the period ending 30th June 2010

INCOME

	REFERENCE	2010	2009
Note 1	Forestry Sales (Net)	282,082.33	177,292.14
	Sundry Revenue	119,311.24	189,842.37
Total Income		401,393.57	367,135.51

EXPENDITURE

Note 2	Conservation Afforestation	398,175.84	105,624.01
Note 3	Productive Afforestation	81,856.90	87,869.99
Note 4	Farming Expenses	36,683.86	8,790.70
Note 5	Administration	25,015.45	28,385.76
Note 6	Depreciation	15,847.77	17,797.07
	Total Expenses	557,579.82	248,545.31

OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-156,186.25	118,590.20
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These financial statements must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2010

CURRENT ASSETS	REFERENCE	2010	2009
Bank Accounts	Note 7	899,634	656,177
Other Current Assets	Note 8	29,892	92,023
Total Current Assets		929,527	748,200
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	Note 9	32,712	55,494
Total Current Liabilities		32,712	55,494
WORKING CAPITAL		896,815	692,706
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Forestry at Valuation	Note 10	407,078	751,526
Fixed Assets	Note 6	1,709,276	1,725,124
Farmlands Trading Society Shares		556	556
		2,116,910	2,477,206
EQUITY		3,013,725	3,169,912



Statement of movements in equity

For the period ending 30 June 2010

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	2010	2009
Opening Equity	3,169,912	3,003,445
Adjusted Opening Equity	3,169,912	3,003,445
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-156,186	118,590
Forest Revaluation (See note 11)		47,877
Total Recognised Revenue & Expenses for Period	-156,186	166,467
Closing Equity	3,013,725	3,169,912

Ian Campbell, Chairman

Date:

Liz Waddington, Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the period ending 30 June 2010

	2010	2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was provided from:		
Proceeds from harvesting	357,260	102,115
Interest earned	22,743	50,138
Rentals	35,905	
Sustainable Farming Fund	40,148	113,958
Sundry Income		13,402
	456,056	313,653
Cash was applied to:		
Payment to suppliers	203,168	219,652
GST (Net)	<u>9,431</u>	<u>-11,962</u>
	212,599	207,690
Net cash inflow from Operating Activities	243,457	105,963
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was applied to:		
Purchase of Farmland shares		1
Purchase New Assets		<u>12,932</u>
Net cash outflow from Investing Activities	0	12,933
Net Increase/Decrease in Cash	243,457	93,030
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Cash was provided from:		
Net cash inflow from financing activities	0	0
Cash Held at Beginning of Year	656,177	563,147
Cash held (per Note 7)	899,634	656,177
RECONCILIATION OF SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-156,186	118,590
Non-cash Items Farmlands Bonus Issue		28
Cost of Bush	344,448	
Depreciation	<u>15,848</u>	<u>17,797</u>
	204,110	136,359
Movement in Working Capital		
Increase in Other Current Assets	-62,130	55,389
(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Payable	<u>22,783</u>	<u>-24,993</u>
	-39,347	30,396
Net Cash From Operating Activities	243,457	105,963

These financial statements must be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

6. Statement of assets & depreciation as at 30 June 2009.

Item	Acquisition Date	Acquisition Price	Accumulated Depreciation	Opening Book Value	Additions	% Rate	Depreciation Method	Sum	Closing Book Value
Land - Mt Bruce	21.04.05	440,839.00		440,839.00					440,839.00
Land - Rewanui	25.08.04	967,559.00		967,559.00					967,559.00
Rewanui Homestead	25.08.04	280,000.00	37,656.72	242,343.28		4.0%	DV	9,693.73	232,649.55
Rewanui Woolshed	25.08.04	69,000.00	10,020.45	58,979.55		4.0%	DV	2,359.18	56,620.37
Rewanui Whare	25.08.04	2,800.00	406.63	2,393.37		4.0%	DV	95.73	2,297.63
Rewanui House Contents	25.08.04	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00			SL		0.00
Rewanui Woolshed Contents	25.08.04	21,000.00	15,024.72	5,975.28		18.6%	SL	3,906.00	2,069.28
Water Tanks	18.11.04	5,088.00	2,206.38	2,881.62		12.0%	SL	610.56	2,271.06
Toilet Block	30.06.08	9,017.86		9,017.86	10,432.20	4%	DV	569.36	18,880.70
Weather Station	21.10.08				2,500.00	30.0%	SL	562.51	1,937.49
		1,803,703.86	73,714.90	1,729,988.96	12,932.20			17,797.07	1,725,124.08

Statement of assets & depreciation as at 30 June 2010.

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Land - Mt Bruce	21.04.05	440,839.00		440,839.00					440,839.00
Land - Rewanui	25.08.04	967,559.00		967,559.00					967,559.00
Rewanui Homestead	25.08.04	280,000.00	47,350.45	232,649.55		4.0%	DV	9,305.98	223,343.57
Rewanui Woolshed	25.08.04	69,000.00	12,379.63	56,620.37		4.0%	DV	2,264.81	54,355.56
Rewanui Whare	25.08.04	2,800.00	502.36	2,297.64		4.0%	DV	91.91	2,205.73
Rewanui House Contents	25.08.04	8,400.00	8,400.00	0.00			SL		0.00
Rewanui Woolshed Contents	25.08.04	21,000.00	18,930.72	2,069.28		18.6%	SL	2,069.28	0.00
Water Tanks	18.11.04	5,088.00	2,816.94	2,271.06		12.0%	SL	610.56	1,660.50
Toilet Block	30.06.08	19,450.06	569.36	18,880.70		4%	DV	755.23	18,125.47
Weather Station	21.10.08	2,500.00	562.51	1,937.49		30.0%	SL	750.00	1,187.49
		1,816,636.06	91,511.97	1,725,124.09				15,847.77	1,709,276.32

Notes to the financial statements

REFERENCE

1 Sundry Income

	2010	2009
Interest	41,039.94	35,941.66
Rewanui Farm Rental	28,755.00	28,754.94
Rewanui House Rental	7,800.00	7,800.00
Sundry Income	1,568.13	3,388.87
SFF Project (net)	40,148.13	113,957.90
	<u>119,311.24</u>	<u>189,843.37</u>

2 Conservation Afforestation

Advisary	0.00	
Amenities	1,981.84	977.61
Cost of Bush	344,448.00	
Fencing	0.00	
Forest Maintenance		116.86
Membership	213.34	380.67
Milling	437.35	
Pest Control	1,346.05	301.79
Plant & Tree Purchase	0.00	
Printing and Stationery		697.00
Signage	100.68	
Sustainable Farming Fund Project	46,946.63	100,059.62
Tracking	1,716.85	2,561.98
Wages	0.00	
Weather Station	600.00	400.00
Weed Control	232.50	128.48
Wetlands	0.00	
	<u>398,175.84</u>	<u>105,624.01</u>

3 Productive Afforestation

Consultancy		
Fencing	1,817.60	1,800.12
Fire Protection	480.00	
Insurance	2,109.00	1,669.00
Land Preparation	7,389.99	8,738.50
Logging Expenses	100.00	5,317.00
Management	15,985.67	13,449.49
Milling	0.00	
Planting - new	41,011.58	7,797.00
Planting - blanking	0.00	2,160.00
Pruning	0.00	37,803.02
River Control	0.00	2,702.50
Tracking	0.00	990.00
Tree Purchase	0.00	3,915.00
Valuation	0.00	
Weed Control	12,281.55	1,528.36
Trial	681.50	
	<u>81,856.90</u>	<u>87,869.99</u>

4 Farming Expenses

Fencing	0.00	385.65
Rewanui House R&M	36,683.86	8,365.07
Tracking		
Water Supply	0.00	39.98
	<u>36,683.86</u>	<u>8,790.70</u>

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	2010	2009
5 Administration		
ACC Levy	0.00	53.75
Administration	328.86	5,407.11
Administrator	4,373.45	
Advertising	0.00	375.26
Appointment Process	0.00	0.00
Audit	2,500.00	2,300.00
Bank Fees	55.00	82.00
Charities Commission	44.44	
Communications	166.40	28.44
Election Costs	0.00	0.00
Grants	222.22	3,750.00
Interest	0.11	5.83
Insurance	1,847.54	1,613.47
Legal Fees	0.00	159.00
Permit Fees	0.00	
Provisions	0.00	211.85
Public Relations	2,181.20	810.54
Rates	5,053.87	5,103.91
Rentals	0.00	120.00
Security	0.00	0.00
Signage	0.00	156.00
Trustee Meeting Expenses*	3,880.49	6,299.10
Trustee Non Meeting Expenses	4,373.87	1,321.20
Trustee Travel Expenses	87.00	666.08
	<u>25,015.45</u>	<u>28,463.54</u>
*Trustee Meeting Expenses	Meetings Attended	Meetings Attended
I Campbell	6 810.00	10 1,350.00
R McKenzie	5 549.90	7 769.86
M Wyeth	6 659.89	8 879.84
L Waddington	4 439.93	7 769.86
J Callaghan	5 549.91	8 879.84
S Blakemore	5 549.91	8 879.84
A Pottinger	3 329.95	7 769.86
	<u>3,889.49</u>	<u>6,299.10</u>
7 Bank Accounts		
National Bank ' 00 A/c	2,870.97	36,537.43
National Bank ' 01 A/c	10,935.91	968.69
National Bank ' 02 A/c	290,827.38	359,265.36
National Bank Term Deposits	120,000.00	259,405.38
Wairarapa Building Society	475,000.00	
	<u>899,634.26</u>	<u>656,176.86</u>
8 Other Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	26,395.85	92,023.34
Prepayments	135.00	
GST Control Account	3,361.40	
	<u>29,892.25</u>	<u>92,023.34</u>
9 Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	32,711.52	50,033.88
GST Control Account		5,460.29
	<u>32,711.52</u>	<u>55,494.17</u>

10 Forestry Valuation & Policy

2009 forestry assets were valued as at 30 June 2010 by Stuart Orme, a NZIF registered Forestry Consultant of Woodnet Ltd, Masterton.

Future valuations will occur on a three to five year cycle.

The 2009 valuation has been done on the following basis:

Mature trees: Net market realisation.

Immature trees: Cost compound method using a compound rate of 6%.

Land: \$310/ha for Trimble forest; nil for Rewanui.

Changes in value are accounted for through the revaluation reserve. No forestry tree crops are included in other asset valuations.

Sales of forestry assets are accounted at net realised value in the Statement of Financial Performance. All forestry expenditure is expensed as incurred.

2010				2009			
Mt Bruce Stand	Age	Area	Value	Mt Bruce Stand	Age	Area	Value
				1.4	32	2	\$77,538
				1.7	29	12.2	\$266,910
1.1A	1.1	25	18,995	1.1A	1.1	25	\$18,995
1.1	7	18.1	93,922	1.1	7	18.1	\$93,922
1.2	6	35.2	140,000	1.2	6	35.2	\$140,000
1.3	6	6.8	27,046	1.3	6	6.8	\$27,046
1.5	2	17	36,052	1.5	2	17	\$36,052
1.6	1	7	13,304	1.6	1	7	\$13,304
1.8	0	2.9	4,009	1.8	0	2.9	\$4,009
Rewanui				Rewanui			
06P	3	9	14,808	06P	3	9	14,808
07P	2	14	17,258	07P	2	14	17,258
07RW	2	6	15,839	07RW	2	6	15,839
09P	0	7.5	10,015	09P	0	7.5	10,015
09RW	0	3.5	9,228	09RW	0	3.5	9,228
09Co	0	0.9	2,373	09Co	0	0.9	2,373
09Cd	0	0.6	1,570	09Cd	0	0.6	1,570
09DF	0	1.4	2,659	09DF	0	1.4	2,659
Totals		155	407,078			169.1	751,526

Movement during the period	2010	2009
Opening Balance	751,526	703,649
Plus Revaluation of Forest	-344,448	47,877
Closing Value	<u>407,078</u>	<u>751,526</u>

11 Contingencies and Commitments

The Board is unaware of any Contingencies at balance date and has not entered into any material Commitments. (2009 Nil Commitments)

12 Post Balance Date Events

The Board is unaware of any post balance date events which would materially affect the entities operations.

13 Impact of New Zealand Equivalents to international Financial Reporting Standards

In November 2004 the Accounting Standards Review Board (ASRB) approved the adoption of New Zealand equivalents to the International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS). At that time the ASRB announced the adoption of NZ IFRS would be mandatory for reporting entities with accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007.

In September 2007 the ASRB announced that for certain small to medium sized entities the mandatory adoption of NZ IFRS had been delayed. These entities can continue to apply New Zealand Generally

Accepted Accounting Principles (NZ GAAP) as prescribed by New Zealand Financial Reporting Standards and Statements of Standard Accounting Practice.

Montfort Trimble Foundation meets the criteria for deferral of NZ IFRS due to its size. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with NZ GAPP consistent with previous periods. Montfort Trimble Foundation does not intend to adopt NZ IFRS for the year ended 30 June 2010.

14. Related Party Transactions

2009 No related party transactions occurred.

2010 The following related party transactions occurred.

S Blakemore (Supervisory work)	\$876.14
Mas des Saules Partnership (S Blakemore) Window hood manufacture	\$2,517.55
E M Waddington (Preparation of annual report)	\$510.06

Keyman personnel costs:

Key personnel are the Trustees. All payments to Trustees have been disclosed in Note 5.



Audit Report

AUDIT NEW ZEALAND

Mana Arotake Aotearoa

TO THE READERS OF MONTFORT TRIMBLE FOUNDATION'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Montfort Trimble Foundation (the Foundation). The Auditor-General has appointed me, John O'Connell, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and performance information of the Foundation, on his behalf, for the year ended 30 June 2010.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of the Foundation on pages to .

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- fairly reflect:
 - the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2010;
 - the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and

The report on Performance measures included in the 2009 Annual Plan:

- complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
- fairly reflects
 - the performance targets as set out in the Annual Plan; and
 - its standards of delivery performance achieved, as compared with the forecast measures outlined in the Annual Plan adopted at the start of the financial year.

The audit was completed on 22 November 2010, and is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of the opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board and the Auditor, and explain our independence.

Basis of Opinion

We carried out the audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the New Zealand Auditing Standards.

We planned and performed the audit to obtain all the information and explanations we considered necessary in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements and statement of service performance did not have material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that would affect a reader's overall understanding of the financial statements and statement of service performance. If we had found material misstatements that were not corrected, we would have referred to them in our opinion.

The audit involved performing procedures to test the information presented in the financial statements and the statement of service performance. We assessed the results of those procedures in forming our opinion.

Audit procedures generally include:

- determining whether significant financial and management controls are working and can be relied on to produce complete and accurate data;
- verifying samples of transactions and account balances;
- performing analyses to identify anomalies in the reported data;
- reviewing significant estimates and judgements made by the Board;
- confirming year-end balances;
- determining whether accounting policies are appropriate and consistently applied; and
- determining whether all financial statement and statement of service performance disclosures are adequate.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and statement of service performance.

We evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements and statement of service performance. We obtained all the information and explanations we required to support our opinion above.

Responsibilities of the Board and the Auditor

The Board is responsible for preparing financial statements and statement of service performance in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The financial statements must fairly reflect the financial position of the Foundation as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date. The Report on Performance Measures included in the 2009 Annual Plan must fairly reflect the measures adopted in the Annual Plan the Foundation's standards of delivery performance achieved, as compared with the forecast standards, adopted at the start of the financial year. The Foundation's responsibilities arise from the Masterton District Council (Montfort Trimble Foundation) Act, 2003.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and statement of service performance and reporting that opinion to you. This responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and Section 26 of the Masterton District Council (Montfort Trimble Foundation) Act. 2003.

Independence

When carrying out the audit we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with or interests in the Foundation.

John O'Connell
Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand

Achievements

promoting public
afforestation in
our region

preamble

The 2009/10 plan laid out the plans for the Foundation in tabular format in the context of each of the Foundation objectives. This document reports on the outcome in each area.

1. Production and care of timber for economic purposes

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.

Action: Decide which trees to harvest and market to the best advantage.

Outcome: Finish harvesting trees at Trimble. 9 hectares harvested.

Action: Plant trial trees suitable for timber production. Replace deaths in trees planted last year.

Outcome: Blanking carried out. Rewarewa and rata planted.

Action: Plant Radiata trees on suitable areas. Replant 15ha at Trimble, harvested in 2009. Plant a mix of Radiata, Redwood, Douglas fir and Cedar on cut over area at Rewanui.

Outcome: 15 hectares of trees planted.

Action: Measure growth on the trial trees.

Outcome: Measurements done and report produced.

2. Maintenance of 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.

Action: Exclude livestock from native bush areas.

Outcome: No action this year

- Action:** Control animal pests.
Outcome: Continue pest control program on Rewanui in conjunction with GWRC.
- Action:** Control weeds. Monitor growth of young trees in Trimble Forest and take action if needed.
Outcome: Onga Onga controlled along the tracks. Preplant spraying at Trimble Forest done.
- Action:** Prune and thin plantation trees.
Outcome: 2003 crop at Trimble pruned.
- Action:** Release seedling trees from competitive growth.
Outcome: Blocks that needed it were released from grass and weeds.

3. Provide a supply of timber for the public wants

Policy

Watch for any dead or 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.

- Action:** Compile a list of local timber merchants.
Outcome: A supply of indigenous timber is available in Masterton.
- Action:** Extract and mill any suitable dead or windfall trees.
 Windfall Rewarewa on Rewanui milled.
Outcome: Timber has been provided to Men's Shed. Users donate money to the Shed.

4. Assist the Council to establish forests

Policy

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

- Action:** Negotiate for forestry rights and plant trees.
Outcome: No action taken.
- Action:** Consider applications for monetary assistance.
Outcome: Application for assistance with Forest 500. Asked for more information, no response received.

5. Provide for the conservation of native and commercial forests

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.

Action: Purchase suitable bush areas.

Outcome: No action this year.

Action: Consider applications and make distributions accordingly.

Outcome: No application received.

Action: Encourage Rewanui neighbours to conserve forest blocks.

Outcome: Bush areas formally protected.

Action: Prevent river erosion in the Trimble Forest.

Outcome: Continue to monitor and maintain.

6. Amenity and protection planting and their maintenance

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 planting and protection of specific areas.

Action: Maintain existing tracks.

Outcome: All tracks maintained on a regular basis.

Action: Develop wetland areas on Rewanui.

Outcome: Plan in place. Not yet implemented.

7. Additional items not falling into established categories.

Policy

To maintain all buildings in their existing condition. To research and record information about land and environment.

Action: Maintain existing buildings.

Outcome: House and outbuildings were painted.

Action: Monitor the Rewanui ecosystem.

Outcome: Lizard, bird count and pest levels reports were received.

Action: Establish rolling maintenance plan.

Outcome: Plan in place.

- Action:** Seek appropriate funding for projects.
- Outcome:** Find ongoing sponsorship for trial tree measurement once SFF project finished. No sponsor found yet.



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