



Programme of Work 2018/19

A. Project “Scenic Rangeland” and ongoing weed control projects

1. Wilding tree control on public conservation land in the Lake Ohau basin, including supporting the MPI & ECan wilding tree control programme, and DOC’s priorities.
2. Cotoneaster Control Project –for cotoneaster removal by contractors around Lake Ohau. Funding for 3 years until 30 June 2019 by the DOC Community Fund and funding for 2 years until May 2020 from ECan CWMS Immediate Steps Fund.
3. Continuing broom, sweetbriar and Russell lupin control in the fenced area of conservation land known as the Aubrey Reserve across the Lake Ohau Road adjacent to the Lake Ohau Alpine Village. This is a public showcase for the Trust’s aims, and signs indicating this are in place.

B. Project “Kowhai”

4. Planting 150 Ohau seed sourced beech seedlings on public conservation land or Waitaki District Council reserve (as agreed with DOC and WDC) in autumn 2019.

C. Project “Mistletoe”

5. Subject to volunteers being available, possum control undertaken on the public conservation land between Parsons Creek and Freehold Creek and in the beech remnants along the foreshore from Parsons Creek to the Aubrey Reserve. Traps are installed. Ongoing checking and clearing of the traps during the year.

D. Project “Middleton”

6. Working with DOC, Waitaki District Council and Environment Canterbury on restoration and enhancement of the Lake Middleton as opportunities arise during the year. Monitoring the Southern Crested Grebes and the nesting platforms, revegetation, weed control and the establishment of a walkway around the lake will be undertaken / investigated and funding opportunities for these activities pursued, as Trust resources (volunteers and funds) allow.

E. Gear Container

7. Installation and set-up of the container for the Trust’s gear at Lake Middleton. This project has received funding from Meridian Energy Ltd.

F. Education and information

8. Install information panels about the natural environment in the Lake Ohau basin with funds received from Pure Trails New Zealand cycle tours.

G. Trust work sessions

9. The morning work sessions for the 2019 are as follows:

- i. 10 February 2019 (after Waitangi Day)
- ii. 21 April (Easter Sunday) – Beech tree planting
- iii. 28 April (after ANZAC Day) – Beech tree planting
- iv. 2 June (Queens Birthday weekend)
- v. 22 September (South Canterbury Anniversary weekend)
- vi. 27 October (Labour Day weekend)
- vii. 17 November (Canterbury Show weekend)