



Programme of Work 2019/20 and estimated costs

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

1. Wilding tree control at Trust work sessions (**cost is volunteer time**):
 - a. on public conservation land in the Lake Ōhau basin, including supporting the MPI & ECan wilding tree control programme, and DOC’s priorities.
 - b. on other land, including road reserve, private land and in QEII covenant areas, with landowner approval.
2. Cotoneaster Control Project –for cotoneaster removal by contractors around Lake Ōhau:
 - a. funding for 3 years until 30 July 2020 by the DOC Community Fund – funds to be spent from grant **\$3,944.50 – no Trust funds to be spent**
 - b. funding for 2 years until May 2020 from ECan CWMS Immediate Steps Fund – funds to be spent from grant - **\$40,492.86 – no Trust funds to be spent**
3. Continuing broom, sweetbriar and Russell lupin control in the fenced area of conservation land known as the Aubrey Reserve across the Lake Ōhau Road adjacent to the Lake Ōhau Alpine Village. This is a public showcase for the Trust’s aims, and signs indicating this are in place. **Budget of \$400.00**

B. Project “Kowhai”

4. Further planting of Ōhau seed sourced beech seedlings on public conservation land or Waitaki District Council reserve (as agreed with DOC and WDC) in autumn 2020. **Budget of \$1600.00 and volunteer time**

C. Project “Mistletoe”

5. Subject to volunteers being available: **Budget of \$10,000.00 + and volunteer time**
 - a. 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.
 - b. expansion of possum control on pcl extending into sub alpine areas of Parsons, Sawyers and Freehold creeks.
 - c. new predator traps to install between possum traps – 40 x DOC250 and 40 x DOC150

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. **Budget of \$500.00**

E. Gear Container

7. Complete installation and set-up of the container for the Trust’s gear at Lake Middleton. This project has received funding from Meridian Energy Ltd. **Budget of \$1000.00**
 - a. Landscaping including gravel on the path to be completed as well as any further fit out – lights and ventilation.
 - b. Sign for container – based on planting signs

F. Education and information

8. Install information panels about the natural environment in the Lake Ōhau basin with funds received from Pure Trails New Zealand cycle tours.
 - a. Information panel on A2O cycleway about mistletoe. **Budget of \$7000.00**
 - b. Lizard survey at Lake Ōhau – A lizard researcher, has been asked to present a proposal to do a lizard survey at Lake Ōhau. There has never been a survey undertaken here and there are very few records. **Budget – to apply for funding**

Admin support for the Trust – pay expenses for the Secretary. **Budget of \$2800.00**

G. Trust work sessions

9. The morning work sessions for 2020 are as follows:
 - i. 9 February 2020 (after Waitangi Day)
 - ii. 12 April (Easter Sunday) – Beech tree planting
 - iii. 26 April (day after ANZAC Day)
 - iv. 30 May (Queens Birthday weekend) – Beech tree planting
 - v. 27 September (South Canterbury Anniversary weekend)
 - vi. 25 October (Labour Day weekend)
 - vii. 15 November (Canterbury Show weekend)