

MASTERTON TRUST LANDS TRUST VALUES

In undertaking the work of the Trust, we stay true to the intentions of Masterton's early settlers who secured land to assist future generations in educational, cultural and community activities.

LEGACY

Honouring the vision of Masterton's early settlers in securing land from which future generations could benefit.

STEWARDSHIP

Responsible decision-making to maintain and grow the resources in our care.

PROFESSIONALISM

Using knowledge, skills and expertise to grow the Trust assets and maximise the returns.

ACCOUNTABILITY

To our owners, the people of Masterton, and our tenants.

EDUCATION

Working with the community to support learning opportunities that are open and accessible to all.

ADVANCEMENT

Providing extraordinary educational and cultural opportunities for Masterton people.





HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL GRANTS \$1.07 million + 17%

TOTAL ASSETS \$54.7 million +5.65%

EQUITY \$39.5 million +6.60%

CASH GRANTS \$765 thousand +12.16%

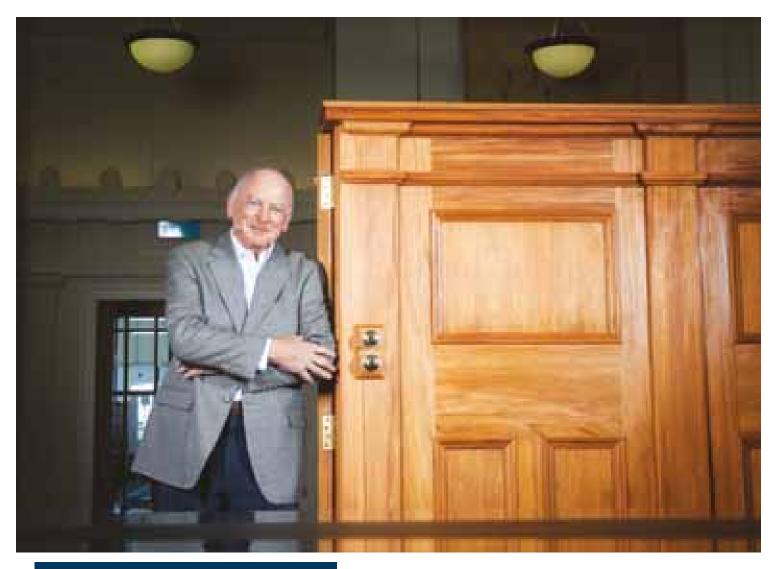
TOTAL RENTS \$3.26 million + 10.73%

OCCUPANCY 100%

WALT 5.03 years

(Weighted Average Lease Term)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The past year has been a period of consolidation for the Trust. Strong financial progress has enabled us to further increase our support for the community, particularly in the area of education. The original aim of providing the best possible educational opportunities for the people of Masterton still holds true today. Total grants topped \$1 million for the first time ever this year, with cash grants increasing by 12%.

GRANTS

The strategy of supporting major projects led by groupings of Masterton education providers has continued to succeed in providing extraordinary opportunities to all students. Major primary and secondary school projects, centred on professional development for teachers, have built on work done in this area over the past three years.

In recent years increasing emphasis has been placed upon career opportunities and tertiary education. Together with the Wairarapa Workforce Trust we have made significant impact in this area by supporting a wide range of initiatives to help young people make the transition from school to the workforce. Numbers of apprentices in the region have increased as have Tertiary Scholarships awarded to apprentices and trades training students.

Academic excellence continues to be recognised through the Alan MacDiarmid Scholarship awarded each year to Masterton's top chemistry student.

Grants to community groups will always be an important part of our work and they have also shown an increase over the previous year.

FINANCE

The results for 2008 are particularly pleasing and demonstrate continuing growth in both income and asset values. Highlights included an increase in total assets to \$54.7 million and equity reaching almost \$40 million. The doubling of Trust equity within a period of five years has been a considerable achievement. Strong cash flows enabled the Trust to increase cash grants by 12.16% to \$765,000, while also achieving significant debt repayment and capital expenditure.

Interest Rate Management

The Trust's interest rate management strategy is to minimise interest costs while limiting the risk of future rate increases by utilising hedges and swaps. This approach is based on the philosophy that the Trust is not an interest rate speculator and seeks to lock in tenancy margins and stakeholder returns.

The Trust has entered into a series of 'laddered' interest rate swaps with final maturity dates ranging from 2008 to 2012. At balance date, the Trust had \$14.6 million of debt of which \$13.5 million was covered by swaps. The effective cost of funds as at 31 March 2008 (including swaps and margins) was 8.01%.

PROPERTY

Portfolio Overview

The Trust's diverse property portfolio comprises 70 properties, housing 106 tenants ranging from the town's largest retailers and national trade outlets, to many smaller Queen Street retailers, through to cell phone towers and transformer sites. Thirty percent of Trust properties are ground leases. Total freehold Trust land is now 327,000 square metres.

Capital improvements by way of upgrading and improving the Trust's assets have remained a strong focus. Over the year, in excess of \$1.18 million has been invested back into Trust properties to ensure they are of the highest possible standard and best able to meet the current and future needs of tenants. This has been funded in part from retained earnings and in part by borrowing.

Portfolio Weighted Average Lease Term (WALT)

WALT measures the average years of rental security over an entire property portfolio. For the year, the WALT for the Trust portfolio has been maintained at 5.03 years. This is particularly pleasing from a risk management point of view given the diverse nature of the properties and tenants. The covenant with our bank is no less than four years.

Occupancy

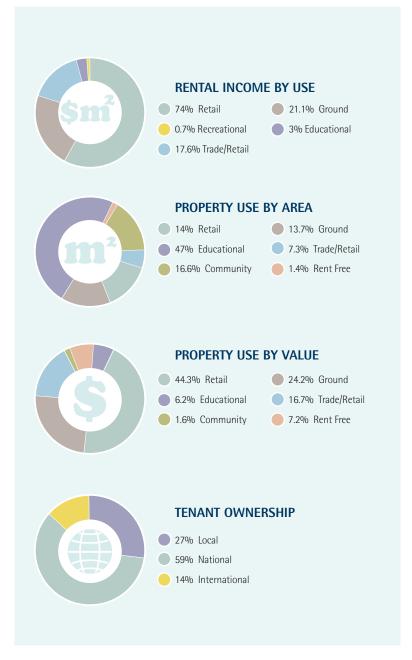
Occupancy of Trust property has continued at 100%, excluding land banked for future development. This has been maintained by working closely with tenants to ensure properties meet both tenant and Trust objectives, in parallel with the refurbishment programme. Maintenance of quality properties and relationships built with tenants have resulted in the Trust becoming a market leader for rentals.

Demand for properties as they become vacant remains high, reflecting the Trust's growing reputation as a responsible landlord.

GOVERNANCE

During the year the triennial local body elections were held with four of eight Trustees due for re-election. We welcomed John Bunny as our new Trustee along with Garry Daniell, Karl Taucher and Alan Sadler who were re-elected. Sitting Trustee Barbara Roydhouse was unsuccessful and we thank Barbara for her significant contribution over the last six years, particularly as chair of the Grants and Policy Committee.

As the value of the portfolio and the size and extent of transactions increase, greater responsibilities are placed upon Trustees. Recognising this, we are continually working to improve the stewardship of a valuable community asset. Where appropriate, professional support is obtained to assist with often-complex decision making processes.



TRUST PROFILE

The Trust has placed considerable importance upon communicating with its stakeholders. Regular newspaper articles together with an extensive annual report have helped ensure that we continually inform the community of the Trust's activities. Speaking engagements with a variety of community groups have also helped to ensure the work of the Trust is well understood.

THANKS

I would like to extend sincere thanks to my fellow Trustees for their efforts in what has been another busy and productive year. Thanks also go to our two staff members who maintain the confidence of our tenants, grant applicants and the professional and trades people employed by the Trust.

J A Sadler



The Masterton Trust Lands Trust supports education in its widest sense, throughout the Masterton community. From early childhood to tertiary and adult education, from apprenticeships to choosing a career, Trust activity supports local initiatives to provide our community with the best possible education.





PRE-SCHOOL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT "Granny's Basket" Grant: \$10,000

The philosophy of Granny's Basket, a successful trial developed in Masterton, is that every child should start school with a good language background. The programme, established and run by trained volunteers, provides weekly one-on-one tutoring for pre-schoolers so they can begin school with the language skills they need to learn and prosper. The programme is continuing and has been extended to include a second primary school.

▼ LIFE BEYOND SCHOOLWairarapa Workforce Development Trust Grant: \$22,500

Through the annual Industry Interactive Days and Careers Expo, our secondary school students and many others were introduced to a huge range of career and continuing education opportunities. Working in partnership with the Wairarapa Workforce Development Trust, the Trust helped our young people towards making some of the most important decisions for their future.



MAJOR INITIATIVES Primary/Intermediate & Secondary Schools Grants: \$183,856

Two major programmes involving all Masterton schools continued to support professional development of teachers and in turn, provide quality education for all. Designed to run over several years, these extensive programmes built on work done over the past two years by schools working collectively.

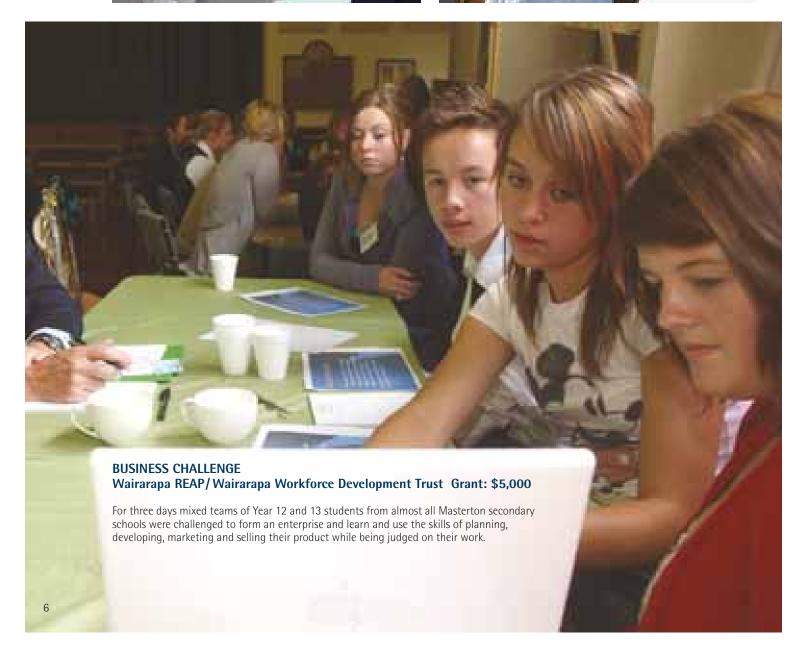


TERTIARY EDUCATION Alan MacDiarmid Scholarship \$4,000

Former Wairarapa College student, Andrew McGrath (right), receives the annual 2008 Alan MacDiarmid Scholarship from Trust Chairman Alan Sadler. Established in recognition of former Masterton scientist and Nobel Prize winner, Alan MacDiarmid, the scholarship is awarded annually to Masterton's top chemistry student.

An additional \$167,100 was granted to 278 students as scholarships for tertiary education and apprenticeships.







WORLD-CLASS ACT IN MASTERTON 2008 NZ International Arts Festival Grant: \$10,000

The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain wowed a Masterton audience in a one-off performance as part of the 2008 NZ Arts Festival. Supported by the Trust, the performance saw the world-class band which has been signed by Sony Records, rearrange punk, funk, metal, classical and pop songs for the ukulele.



COMMUNITY

General grants to the community and support for cultural and community events remain an important part of the Trust's activities. The Trust takes every possible opportunity to support the many community groups and volunteers who contribute to making Masterton a great place to live.

LAND COVENANT Millennium Native Forest Reserve

Previously unused Trust-owned land on the corner of Hillcrest and Pownall Streets in Masterton has become a recreational, cultural and educational asset that will be treasured by generations to come. Opened during the year, the Millennium Native Forest Reserve was developed on land gifted by covenant to the QEII National Trust. The Masterton South Rotary Club transformed the 5.5 hectare site into a variety of wetlands, springs and bush containing both native and introduced plants. The reserve is home to diverse birdlife including fantail, tui, pukeko, silvereye and kingfisher.



GOVERNANCE

The Wairarapa Town Lands Management Act 1870 vested in Trustees certain land in the townships of Masterton and Greytown. The responsibility for the Masterton land has been devolved to The Masterton Trust Lands Trust. The Trust currently operates under the Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003.

The Board of Trustees consists of eight members elected by voters living within the Masterton Small Farms Settlement boundaries. Four Trustees retire at each triennial local government election. The Chairman is elected by the members.

Role of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the highest standards of business behaviour and accountability. Accordingly the Trustees have adopted a number of policies and procedures designed to promote responsible conduct of the Trust affairs.

The Trustees' specific responsibilities include:

- > Acting in a prudent manner in accordance with the Trust Act
- > Providing stewardship of the Trust assets
- > Establishing policies and strategic direction
- > Monitoring management and financial performance
- > Establishing delegated authority limits for capital expenditure and treasury.

The Board meets formally 11 times a year. In addition, it meets whenever necessary to deal with specific matters needing attention between scheduled meetings.

The Board has two committees which meet monthly – Property/Finance and Grants/Policy. The Audit committee meets as required.

The Board has adopted a code of conduct which assists Trustees in the performance of their duties.

The New Zealand Remuneration Authority determines Trustee remuneration.

Other Trusteeships

In accordance with section 12 of the Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003, trustees hold trust scholarship funds on behalf of the Wairarapa Tertiary Education Trust and the Golden C'Art Trust. These are administered in accordance with an investment policy with scholarships paid annually.



Gary Percy Secretary/Manager

The Board of Trustees



Alan Sadler Chairman Elected 1989



Karl Taucher Deputy Chairman Elected 2001



Heaton Haglund Chairman, Property/Finance Committee Elected 1998



Christine Brewster Chair, Grants Committee Elected 2004



John Bunny Chairman, Audit Committee Elected 2007



Garry Daniell Elected 1988



Chris Peterson Elected 1998



Joy Tutty Elected 2004

SCHEDULE OF GRANTS

GRANTS CYCLE

EDUCATION - INSTITUTES

> Early Childhood

> Primary/Intermediate

> Secondary

Funding is allocated to all based on March roll returns to Ministry of Education.

Professional development programmes for teachers are the current focus of education grants to schools.

EDUCATION - INDIVIDUALS

Tertiary Scholarships

Awarded once only to students undertaking approved tertiary and post-secondary education and apprenticeships who currently or have previously resided in the Trust District.

Applications: 1 January-31 March

Considered: April Awarded: May

Alan MacDiarmid Scholarship

Awarded annually to the Trust district's top chemistry student intending to study toward a science degree. Awarded for three years on confirmation of results and reenrolment. Selected by agreement by the Masterton secondary school Principals.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

Qualifying community organisation: within the Trust District

Applications: 1 April-31 May

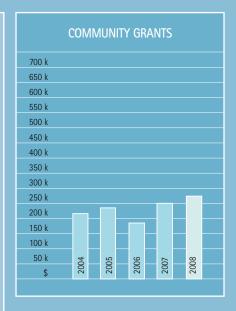
Considered: June

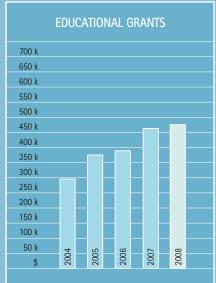
Advised: June for payment

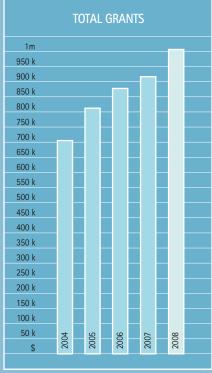
at the AGM in August

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS		467,873
Early Childhood		23,830
Barnados	Roll based	902
Hine Te Aro Rangi Kohanga	Roll based	726
Lansdowne Kindergarten	Roll based	1,650
Lansdowne Playcentre	Roll based	814
Makoura Early Childhood Centre	Roll based	1,584
Masterton Christian Childcare	Roll based	726
Wairarapa Montessori	Roll based	902
Solway Kindergarten	Roll based	1,782
Te Kohanga Reo O Ngati Hamua	Roll based	924
Una Williams Kindergarten	Roll based	1,056
West Kindergarten	Roll based	1,760
West Playcentre	Roll based	880
Whatman Early Childhood Centre	Roll based	1,518
York Street Kindergarten	Roll based	726
UCOL @ Wairarapa Childcare	Roll based	880
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Primary & Intermediate Schools		134,964
Douglas Park School	Roll based	3,641
Fernridge School	Roll based	1,738
Lakeview School	Roll based	4,972
Masterton Intermediate School	Roll based	4,246
Masterton Primary School	Roll based	2,662
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Wairarapa Montessori	Roll based	220
	Stacker Chairs	
	Reading Programme	
	Matharama prizes	
	Schools Swimming Sports Lane Hire	
	Professional Development	
	Principals Fund	
Secondary Schools	'	131,083
	Roll based	
	Student prize pool	
	Student prize poor	
	Business Challenge	
	Professional Development	
Tertiary	Torestorial Development	177,996
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MEETING THE NEEDS OF TENANTS

PROPERTY CONVERSION Corner Queen and Russell Streets, Masterton New tenant: Hire World

A property with limited applications, originally built for a previous tenant, became the new home for Hire World Masterton during the year. The property formerly occupied by Fisher Windows was extensively renovated to meet Hire World's needs.

"When we were looking to move premises the Trust took a genuine interest in our business. They sat down and thought about what we needed and how their property could work for us and came back with a solution that worked. It was as simple as that. In three months we moved into a property which met all our needs.

It's been a great move for our business. If there's ever a problem we just ring up and it's sorted out straight away."

Jeff Clark, Hire World Masterton



PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT Chapel Street, Masterton, Existing Trust tenant: Firestone

A major upgrade of the property occupied by long-term Trust tenant, Firestone, increased the work area significantly and made a huge difference to working conditions and customer service.

"After years of discussion, the staff and I had a vision of where we were going and what was needed. The Trust was absolutely brilliant to work with – there was no nonsense, they got down to business and things were done how and when we needed them.

Once finalised, the whole process was quite easy. We were able to change things as we went if someone came up with a bright idea.

The Trust is interested in long-term tenants and has looked after us through three building upgrades now, with this latest one putting us right where we need to be. The end result has been absolutely fantastic. Operations are a lot simpler and the customer response has been breathtaking."

Russell Hodson, Store Manager, Firestone Masterton



Over the year more than \$1.18 million was invested back into Trust properties to ensure assets are of the highest standard and to meet the ongoing needs of new and existing tenants. These improvements were funded in part from retained earnings and in part through borrowing.

PROPERTY CONVERSION Lincoln Road, Masterton New tenant: Michelle's Hair & Beauty Studio

The move to a high profile CDB location, with street frontage, natural light and more space has enabled a local beauty business to realise its business philosophy of professionalism and client satisfaction.

"We'd been looking for a property for about 10 months as we had outgrown our old site. We wanted to rent a property with street frontage and into which we could expand and lift our profile.

With a lot of help from the Trust we've managed to do all of that and more. We gained early entry into the property to do a full fit-out which meant we finished in our old premises on Saturday and opened here the following Monday. The result was minimal hassle for our clients and our staff.

We've all loved the change. After 12 months we're still getting new business and a lot of positive comments. We've expanded our retail business and we have big plans for the next three years."

Michelle & Murray Pike - Michelle's Hair & Beauty Studio



MASTERTON TRUST LANDS TRUST 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 31 March 2008

Note		2008	2007
Revenue			
Rental Income Other Income Total Operating Revenue	3,260,700 51,633	3,312,333	2,944,660 11,791 2,956,451
Operating Expenditure			
Property Expenses Administration Expenses Depreciation 2	335,692 271,244 15,484		350,818 252,742 17,615
Total Operating Expenditure before Interest		622,420	621,175
OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE INTEREST		2,689,913	2,335,276
Interest Received Interest Payable	179 1,222,423		4,590 1,009,473
		1,222,244	1,004,883
OPERATING SURPLUS		1,467,669	1,330,393
Gain on Asset Disposal Increase in Asset Revaluation Investment Properties 3 Less Grants		34,265 1,697,999 (765,153)	2,479 6,909,467 (682,220)
NET SURPLUS TO EQUITY		2,434,780	7,560,119

Statement of Movements in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2008

	Note	2008	2007
Equity			
Equity at the Start of the Period		37,036,326	29,440,507
Net Surplus for the Period Increase in Revaluation Reserve	2	2,434,780 5,800	7,560,119 35,700
Total Recognised Revenues & Expenses for period		2,440,580	7,595,819
Equity at the end of the Period		39,476,906	37,036,326
Equity comprises:			
Revaluation Reserve Trust Building Increase in Valuation		81,073	75,273
Retained earnings Opening Balance + Net Surplus + Transfer from Revaluation Reserve Closing balance		36,961,053 2,434,780 — - 39,395,833	29,400,934 7,560,119 - 36,961,053
Equity at the end of the Period		39,476,906	37,036,326

The accompanying notes and accounting policies form part of these financial statements.

MASTERTON TRUST LANDS TRUST 2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2008

	Note		2008	2007
Current Assets				
Accounts Receivable		23,608		10,019
Prepayments		43,503		-
			67,111	10,019
Non Current Assets				
Investment Land & Buildings	3	53,964,500		51,080,500
Fixed Assets	2	763,322		771,521
			54,727,822	51,852,021
TOTAL ASSETS			54,794,933	51,862,040
Current Liabilities				
Bank Accounts	5	394,360		143,894
Accounts Payable	Ü	187,160		262,283
Interest Accrued		79,427		67,449
Rent in Advance		2,433		23,823
GST		24,039		19,288
Entitlements		12,003		15,015
Current Portion of Term Liabilities	6	6,000,000		750,000
			6,699,422	1,281,752
Non Current Liabilities				
Wairarapa Building Society		653,811		740,990
ANZ		13,964,794		13,552,972
	6	14,618,605		14,293,962
Less Current Portion of Term Liabilities	6	6,000,000		750,000
			8,618,605	13,543,962
				
TOTAL LIABILITIES			15,318,027	14,825,714
NET ASSETS			39,476,906	37,036,326
EQUITY			39,476,906	37,036,326

Chairman

Deputy Chairman

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 March 2008

Note		2008	2007
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash inflows from:			
Rental income Interest received	3,277,354 179		2,966,954 4,590
GST (net)	4,751		22,572
		3,282,284	2,994,116
Cash outflows for:			
Payments to suppliers & employees	563,595		608,344
Interest paid	1,210,445		1,002,574
		1,774,040	1,610,918
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Operating Activities 1		1,508,244	1,383,198
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Sale of Investment Buildings	34,265		-
Asset on Behalf Sale of Fixed Assets	-		1,813 6,629
		34,265	8,442
Cash was disbursed on:		31,203	0,112
Prepayments	43,503		-
Payments for Investment Buildings	1,303,379		3,603,442
Payments for Fixed Assets	1,485		9,236
	_	1,348,367	3,612,678
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Investing Activities		(1,314,102)	(3,604,236)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Cash was provided from:			
Borrowed this year	500,000		3,015,972
		500,000	3,015,972
Cash was disbursed on:	700.054		075.740
Distributions Loan Repayments this year	769,251 175,357		675,743 55,059
Esam nepayments and year		944,608	730,802
Net Cash Inflow/(Outflow) from Financing Activities	-	(444,608)	2,285,170
Movement in Cash	-	(250,466)	
			64,132
Opening Cash Balance	-	(143,894)	(208,026)
Closing Cash Balance		(394,360)	(143,894)
made up as follows		(0	
ANZ Bank	_	(394,360)	(143,894)
		(394,360)	(143,894)

The accompanying notes and accounting policies form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Accounting Policies for the year ended 31 March 2008

STATUTORY BASIS 1

The Masterton Trust Lands Trust is established and operated pursuant to the Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003.

Schedule 2, Clause 12 (1) of the Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003 requires the Trust to prepare annual financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

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The reporting entity is that entity known as Masterton Trust Lands Trust, and is governed by the Board of Trustees and includes all activities carried out under the control of the Board.

MEASUREMENT BASE 3

Unless otherwise specified, the measurement base adopted is that of historic cost.

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The following accounting policies have been employed in the preparation of the financial statements.

Cash and Deposits

Cash is regarded as those sums held on current account or in notes and coins for use in the day-to-day management of the Trust.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at estimated realisable value.

Goods and Services Tax

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for receivables and payables.

Fixed Assets

The Trust has two classes of fixed assets:- Trust office building and land

Office furniture and equipment

Office equipment and office furniture are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation.

The Trust office building was valued, as at 31 March 2007 by Morgans Property Advisors, Registered Valuers, at fair value. The building is valued annually in accordance with FRS-3.

The results of revaluing the Trust Office are credited or debited to an asset revaluation reserve. Where this results in a debit balance in the asset revaluation reserve, this balance is expensed in the statement of financial performance. Any subsequent gains on valuation will be credited to the statement of financial performance until any previous revaluation losses are reversed.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on all tangible fixed assets, other than the freehold land, at rates calculated to allocate the assets' cost over their estimated useful lives.

Trust Office Depreciation periods are: 100 years (1%)(10% - 33%)

Office furniture and equipment 3 – 10 years

Office computer software (50%)

Investment Properties

Investment properties have been valued in 2008 at net current value in accordance with SSAP-17.

Revaluation gains or losses have been included in the Statement of Financial Performance.

The Statement of Financial Performance does not include a charge for depreciation on investment properties.

Properties are valued annually. These were valued at 31 March 2008 by Morgans Property Advisors, Registered Valuers, at net current value.

Net current value is the open market value less the cost of disposal that could reasonably be anticipated.

Accounts Payable are recognised when the goods and services to which they relate are received.

Liabilities are carried at the amount of cash which is required to settle those liabilities.

Differential Reporting

The Trust, by virtue of its size for both total revenue and number of employees, qualifies under Framework of Differential Reporting. Accordingly it has taken partial advantage of the differential reporting exemptions allowed under the Framework and has taken differential reporting exemptions as allowed for FRS9: Information To Be Disclosed In Financial Statements, FRS-31: Disclosure of Information About Financial Instruments and SSAP-22: Related Party Disclosures.

New Zealand International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS)

The Board has taken the option available under the ARSB's Release 9 to delay the adoption of NZ IFRS. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with GAAP in operation before NZ IFRS was adopted.

Taxation Policy

Masterton Trust Lands Trust is exempt from the payment of income tax as it is treated by IRD as a charitable organisation. Accordingly, no charge for income tax has been provided for.

CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES 5

There has been no change in the above accounting policies, which have been applied on the basis consistent with those used last year.

Note Disclosures

			2008		200	
	Reported operating surplus		2,434,780		7,560,11	
	Add non-cash items: Depreciation 15,484			17,615		
	Depreciation Other non-cash Items Increase in Trust office revaluation					
	Increase in asset revaluation investment prope Increase/decrease movements in other working	(1,697,999)	(6,909,467			
	Increase/decrease in payables	capital feelis.	(24,837)		(13,853	
	Increase in receivables Increase in accruals		57,092 (12,424)	1,42 25,04		
	Decrease in GST		4,751	22,57		
	Items classified as investing activites: Gain on disposal of properties		(34,265)		(2,47	
	Items classified as financing activities: Grants distributed		765,153		682,22	
	Net cash outflow from operating activites		1,508,244		1,383,19	
2	Fixed Assets & Depreciation	Cost/ Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Revaluation	Book Value 31/03/0	
	2008	111 5 4 2	00.220		10.00	
	Furniture & office equipment - at cost Trust office at valuation	111,542	98,220		13,32	
	Land	170,000			170,00	
	Improvements	580,000 861,542	5,800	5,800 5,800	580,00 763,32	
	2007	001,542	104,020	5,000	703,32	
	Furniture & office equipment - at cost	110,057	88,536		21,52	
	Trust office at valuation Land	150,000		20.000	170.00	
	Improvements	150,000 570,000	5,700	20,000 15,700	170,00 580,00	
		830,057	94,236	35,700	771,52	
	Depreciation		2008		200	
	Trust office		5,800		5,70	
	Furniture & office equipment		9,684		11,9	
			15,484		17,61	
}	Investment Land & Buildings		2008		200	
	Opening value of investment land & buildings Plus additions to portfolio		51,080,500 1,186,001		40,638,5 3,598,56	
	Plus work in progress		-		88,29	
	Plus increase in revaluation Less sold or demolished		1,697,999		6,909,46 (154,32	
	Closing Balance		53,964,500		51,080,50	
ļ	Cash Grants		2008		200	
	Community Grants		297,280		224,73	
	Education Grants Total Cash Grants		467,873 765,153		457,48	
	iotal Casti Orants		/05,153		682,22	

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Note Disclosures continued

5	Bank Accounts ANZ Current Account	2008 (394,360) (394,360)	2007 (143,894) (143,894)
6	Bank Loans The loans are repayable as follows:	2008	2007
	Within 1 year	6,000,000	750,000
	1 - 2 years	2,637,000	6,000,000
	2 - 5 years	5,981,605	6,802,971
	After 5 years	_	740,991
		14,618,605	14,293,962

All term borrowings are bank loans and interest rates for these borrowings are based on the bank bill rate plus a margin. The Trust utilises loan and credit facilities that are reviewed annually and for this reason all borrowings under these facilities are reported as term borrowings.

All bank borrowings are secured by way of first mortgage over all properties held by the Trust. The facility is subject to various covenants such as limitations on long-term indebtedness, leverage and other ratios. The Trust complied with all covenants for the 2008 financial year.

The weighted average interest rate on term borrowings is 8.01% (2007: 7.95%).

7	Policies in accordance with MTLT Act 2003, CI 17	2008	2007
	Policy requires the Trustees to maintain a ratio of Debt to Debt plus Equity of no more than 40%.	27.0%	27.8%
	The Trustees will maintain an interest cover of no less than two. The interest cover calculation is to exclude grants and upward	2 23	232
	property revaluation.	2.23	2.32

8 Commitments

The Trust has no capital commitments as at 31 March 2008 (2007: Nil)

9 Contingent Liabilities

The Trust has no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2008 (2007: Nil)

10 Expenditure includes the following	2008	2007
Audit fees	13,250	7,875
Trustees fees	51,212	47,450
Bad Debts	-	2,542

11 Related Parties

During the year the Trust provided funds via the Masterton District Council for community purposes. Two Trustees, G Daniell and C Peterson are members of the Masterton District Council.

The Trust received rent from "Magie B's" in which Mrs Brewster is a shareholder.

A community grant was given to REAP which was represented by Trustee A Sadler.

Under the Trust's Code of Conduct and having declared an interest, this Trustee did not participate in the decision.

12 Total Revenues	2008	2007
Operating Gain on sale	3,312,512 34,265	2,961,041 2,479
Increase in Asset Revaluation Investment Properties	1,697,999	6,909,467
	5,044,776	9,872,987

AUDIT REPORT



TO THE READERS OF

MASTERTON TRUST LANDS TRUST'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2008

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Masterton Trust Lands Trust (the Trust). 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 of the Trust, on his behalf, for the year ended 31 March 2008.

Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of the Trust on pages 14 to 19:

- > comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
- > fairly reflect:
 - > the Trust's financial position as at 31 March 2008; and
 - > the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

The audit was completed on 5 August 2008, and is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Trustees 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 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. 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. 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 Trustees;
- > confirming year-end balances;
- > determining whether accounting policies are appropriate and consistently applied; and
- > determining whether all financial statement disclosures are adequate.

We did not examine every transaction, nor do we quarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements.

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

Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Auditor

The Board of Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The financial statements must fairly reflect the financial position of the Trust as at 31 March 2008 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date. The Trustees' responsibilities arise from schedule 2, clause 12(1) of the Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and reporting that opinion to you. This responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 32 of the Masterton Trust Lands 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 Trust.

John O'Connell Audit New Zealand

Audit New Zealand
On behalf of the Auditor-General
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