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1872-2022



1871 Settlers of Masterton and Greytown create the Small Farms Association.





1872 Unsold land in each town is set aside for trusts to administer with income devoted to education and cultural opportunities.

Masterton Trust Lands Trust is formed.





1872 First grant awarded to establish Masterton Literary Institute.





1875 The Trust awards its first school grant to buy windows for Masterton School.









1972 The Trust celebrates 100 years with an exhibition of historical photos and newspaper clippings on the Trust's role in the shaping of Masterton.





1952 The Trust receives its own Coat of Arms – the first Wairarapa institution to be recognised.





1950s The Trust leases land to Wairarapa College to establish a school farm.





1934 A 7.5 earthquake centred on Pahīatua damages several Trust buildings.





1980 The community elects its first woman Trustee – teacher and women's advocate Helen Dashfield.





1994 Trustees support a community native planting project to establish Masterton's Millennium Reserve.





1997 To mark 125 years, the Trust publishes its history, Fortuitous Legacy.





2002 The Trust's support for a regional museum is realised as Aratoi Museum of Art & History opens.





2002 The Trust creates a scholarship named after Nobel Science Award winner Prof. Alan MacDiarmid of Masterton.





2015 The Trust appoints its first woman chair - Leanne Southey.



2014 UCOL presents the Trust with a special award to acknowledge its extensive contribution to education in Wairarapa.





2008 More than \$1 million is returned to the Masterton community via grants.





2003 Masterton Trust Lands Act 2003 passes, modernising the Trust's functions.





2016 Eleven Trust buildings are found not to meet NZ's Building Code, prompting several years of court proceedings.



2018 A new Tenant Apprentice Scholarship is launched to support workplace education.





2020 The Trust launches its Whakaoriori Wellbeing Project, a long term investment in fostering social competence for children and youth.





2022 Litigation is resolved. A record \$1.5 million in grants is returned to the people of Masterton.



2022 The Trust celebrates 150 years, publishing Continuing Legacy and funding exhibitions at Aratoi.