

## Summary of submissions – Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan

### General scope

Issue	Submission(s)	Response
Change vision to reflect recreation and local use as well as international use/recognition	7	Change vision statement to: Internationally recognised nature based and cultural visitor attractions that <b>contribute to Wellington’s outstanding quality of life</b>
Identify broad governance and management roles and responsibilities including roles of Friends groups	18	<p>Add in new section 2.3:</p> <p><i>Governance and management</i>  <i>The Botanic Gardens of Wellington will be managed under the Reserves Act 1977.</i></p> <p><i>The Plan is approved by the Council or delegated Committee. There is no separate governance or management board. Management is carried out through the Parks, Sport and Recreation (PSR) Business Unit and managed as a cluster under a Curator/Manager.</i></p>
The lack of detail around how the plans will be funded. There is no implementation plan.	16	Agree. Implementation Plan included in the final plan.
Consideration given to including Karori cemetery under the Gardens management plan	30	Not accepted. The cemetery is already managed under the Cemeteries Management Plan.

## General objectives and policies

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There should be a clear science and science education role for the Kelburn Garden	28	Add in additional bullet point to 3.1.1  <i>Collections will facilitate scientific study and science education</i>
Need to put more taxonomic emphasis in management of collections	28	Add section to 3.1.1  <i>While the scientific study objective of the gardens should be retained, and in the case of Otari-Wilton's Bush remain a major objective, there is a need to use the collections to raise awareness and provoke behaviour change. This can be achieved by telling stories about plants and biodiversity in ways that will engage the casual visitor. If collections are re-organised to better meet that purpose other tools can be used to maintain the value of collections for research and people wishing to explore taxonomy.</i>
Recommend adding a policy to section 3.1.5 to establish an advisory group of experts to offer advice and leadership on ecological management	15	The Council already has expertise available internally in ecological management. The Council can work with external organisations and partners to develop and implement a research framework for the Otari Wiltons Bush and Botanic Gardens forest areas. Recommend changing section 3.1.5 to:  <i>The Gardens will work with Council specialists, botanical, research and conservation organisations such as Te Papa, Victoria University, Department of Conservation ,Greater Wellington Regional Council, Zealandia and the Zoo to</i>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Share knowledge and promote the values of plants and the natural environment:</i></li> <li>2. <i>develop and implement a research framework on ecological management in the context of an overall city wide framework.</i></li> <li>3. <i>promote the natural and knowledge-based research resources available at Otari-Wilton's</i></li> </ol>

		4. <i>Bush. collaborate with conservation organisations and programmes to promote the values of New Zealand's flora and participate in joint programmes where appropriate</i>
Change objectives to identify the importance of environmental weeds and the need for Gardens to adopt a leadership approach in controlling them and raising awareness about them	28	Agree. Wording added to 3.2.2 under Sustainable living  <i>Also help people to understand environmental weeds and restoration practices.</i>
Name changes required throughout the document to recognise the implications of the new Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014	27	Agree. Name changes made throughout the document to be consistent with the Act.
Rewrite Section 3.4 on Cultural and Natural Heritage to make the points clearer. Place the third paragraph first and remove the first paragraph.	17	Agree. Rewritten as proposed.
Section 3.4 incorrectly lists all gardens as heritage areas under the District Plan and three rather than 2 areas listed on the New Zealand Heritage List	17	Agree. Correct as proposed.
Section 3.4.1 strengthen wording at start of policy	17	Agreed. Rewritten as proposed.
Implement a scientific advisory group to offer advice on ecological management for both gardens but particularly Otari – Wilton's Bush	14,15	
3.4.5 change objective to distinguish between protection and restoration that is not always required		Agreed. Wording change to 3.4.5
Section 3.4.7 Add a new section to outline the role of the forest remnants in providing propagules for nearby	28	Accept. New wording as proposed.

restoration projects.		
Don't support the proposal for a recognisable identity or branding for the Gardens. Money better spent elsewhere	15	Accept  Remove implementation action on branding from 3.5.1 and reference from branding in section 3.5
Need more detailed visitor research to form the basis for a marketing strategy	15	Agree. This information is available in the detailed visitor surveys carried out. These are summarised in section 3.5 of the Plan. An additional bullet point has been added into this section.
Recognition should be obtained through the Green Flag award	15	Agree. Additional bullet point added to 3.5.1
Section 3.6.2 Add policies to encourage visitors to become involved as volunteers	28	Agree. New bullet point added

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4.1.1 Query about the Proposed War and Victory Garden	28	Agree. Change wording to emphasise the changes are around the 100 year commemoration of the First World War.
4.1.1 Do not remove the bucket tree	16,28	Accept wording changes to review the future management and health of the tree.
4.2 The place to provide information about a tree or plant is next to the plant itself	7	See changes in 4.4.5 in providing better information about plants on some of the most used routes.
4.2.2.2 include wording around Maori uses of plants	21	Accept. Wording changes to include food, rongoa, fibre and construction.
4.2.3.4 add another them around environmental weeds	28	Agree. New bullet point added as proposed.
4.2.3.4 enable use of the treehouse by the wider community	9	Agree. New sentence inserted.
4.3 there is some confusion over the date of the establishment of the Garden. It was 1868. The centenary of Garden should be celebrated in 2018.	16	Agree. New paragraph added to start of 4.3. and also to Appendix 2 and the history section on Wellington Botanic Garden.
4.3.2 <i>Hoheria populnea</i> is added as a	21	Agree. Inserted.

no local native that has become a weed.		
4.3.3 change last bullet point to confirm that trees of fallen species will be left within remnants even if it means relocating them within the remnant	28	Agree. Change last bullet point.
4.3.2 Do not support replanting of pines on Druid Hill. Recommend establishing a kanuka forest.	21	The pines will be replanted as they will provide a long term tree framework for the garden linked to its colonial past. An assessment should be made to identify other places for possible regeneration of kanuka.
4.4.1 add in more information on the role of the Cable Car entrance and the role of the Friends as guides.	16	Agree. Add in another sentence.
4.4.1 Provision of dedicated cycle ways needed in the Botanic Garden between Kelburn, Thorndon and the city. In addition cycle racks at main entrances.	13, 24, 25	No change in policy. Review this in the context of the wider cycleway project for commuter cyclists from Karori to the city and its effects on the garden and garden visitors
4.4.2 The brochure should be amended to include historical path names and numbers.	21	Noted and passed onto the Garden Manager.
4.4.2 No reference is made to commuters as frequent users	19	Agree. Insert wording.
4.4.5 add in new section around the Garden providing a key transport route for walkers.	28	Agree. Additional bullet point inserted.
Fair parking charges at top of Cable Car,	25	The area is covered by a separate lease. The car park is covered by the lease provisions,
Maintenance of the road between the Glen and the duckpond needs to be improved	25	Noted. Passed onto Garden manager.
I would like to see an increase in the size of the Garden through acquisition of undeveloped land between Glenmore Street and Stellin Memorial Park	4	This was considered during submissions on the Wellington town Belt Management plan. There is no requirement for additional land for the Wellington Botanic Garden.

4.5 Kelburn School keen to develop a special relationship with the Garden as a guardian school and in particular play a role in the development and running of the children's garden.	12	Agree. Add in a policy in 4.5
Lack of leadership, thrust and direction	4	Noted. No change to Plan.
Propose that Magpie Lawn (or other places) be designated Dog Exercise area at certain times for a trial period. Perhaps before 9am.	5,23	No change in current policy. Any change will be considered and consulted on as part of the Dog Policy review.
Do not allow dogs in the gardens at all	9	The dog policy allows dogs in the garden provided they are on a leash and under control.

#### Otari – Wilton's Bush

Need for an objective and/or vision for Otari – Wilton's Bush	15, 28	Insert purpose into section 5
De-emphasis on the scientific role of Otari – Wilton's Bush and relegation of Cockaynes original principles	15	Change order of section 5 to emphasise Cockaynes original vision whilst noting the subtle shift over time.
Establishment of a scientific advisory group is proposed to bring educational and science potential of OWB together.	14,15	The Council already has expertise available internally in ecological management. The Council can work with external organisations and partners to develop and implement a research framework for the forest areas in Otari - Wiltons Bush and Wellington Botanic Garden. Recommend changing section 3.1.5
Concern over the redevelopment of the taxonomic collections and the de-emphasis on taxonomy and scientific study in relation to landscape and beauty.	14, 15, 28,	The change in these collections and their location will not diminish their role and use for scientific and taxonomic study. Added in another point in 5.1.1 about the collections role in scientific study. For many visitors to the Garden the plant layout and wider landscape is important in them using and enjoying the Garden.
Confusion over the name of the Cockayne centre	15	Proposed change of name to the Leonard Cockayne Centre.

The collections need to be more accessible with information and interpretation provided in a variety of ways.	14, 15	Add to section 5.1 to emphasise the need to interpret and improve access to the collections.
Review education and awareness themes to be consistent with general objectives	14,15	Agree. Restructured key themes in 5.2.1.
Concerned about the shift away from the education and interpretation themes in the 2007 Plan. Rewrite section 5.2.1	14, 15	Many of the new themes will fit with the older list and approach. The plan takes a more strategic approach to education themes across the four gardens. Rewritten the themes to be more consistent with the general objectives.
Bring forward funding for refurbishment of Te Marae o Tane and emphasise in implementation plan there are two aspects to this: refurbishment of the facility and refreshing of the displays.	14,15	Funding is approved through the LTP.  Agree. Change implementation plan 5.2.2 to emphasise the separate components of the upgrade.
There needs to be some more thought given as to the future use of the Leonard Cockayne Centre and the facilities provided. Concern over using the centre for public use	15	The Centre is designed to provide flexible spaces and have a variety of roles. When available it can be hired by the public for small meetings and seminars in a similar way to the Treehouse.
Ensure all key policies are supported by implementation actions.	15	Revised the actions in section 5.3.5
Review the rational underpinning the policy to establish OWB as part of the Zealandia halo project.	15	Agreed. Moved this section into a new section on "Working with Neighbours" and implementation plan under Education and Awareness.
Adding more policy guidance for granting approval for enrichment planting	14,15	Do not agree that this is needed. This could be developed as part of the forest management plan.
Reviewing the need to introduce the term key native ecosystems	15	Agreed. Term used in reference to the GW Western Forests Plan.
Policy guidance needed on introduction of fauna into OWB	15	Not accepted. The management of the forests will comply with the general policies on protection and restoration in 3.4
There should be a policy on plant sales and what should be sold	15	Not accepted. OWB tries to select plants that will survive and thrive in the Wellington environment and not grow plants that

		have very weedy tendencies. There is no need for a policy.
5.4.2 Work with the bowling club to build in future conditions that would be beneficial to OWB.	14	Agree. New bullet point in 5.4.2
5.4.2 Add in section on how to improve transport links to OWB.	28	Agreed. Couple of changes and additions made in section 5.4.2
5.4.7 need to incorporate and classify the area below Ian Galloway Park into OWB	14	Area has been approved for classification but requires surveying prior to gazetting as reserve. Is included in management plan.
5.5 Expand on the relationship between the OWB Trust and OWB.	14	Agree. Expand section 5.5
The implementation plan contains an action relating to the botanic Garden.	14	Agree. Change the action
There is an ugly empty section over the road from OWB. Can this be taken over by the Council and used as a parking area or playground. Links through to Gloucester Street	11,29	This is a private residential section. A low priority for addition to OWB. Poor site for additional car parking and no requirement in this area for additional play areas.
Need for more control of parking near OWB particularly due to school parents.	11	Noted.

### **Bolton Street Memorial Park**

6.2.1 change and strengthen the policy on the heritage rose collection	10	Agree. Change to bullet point on heritage roses.
6.2.2 Broaden policy one to reference ICOMOS charter	10	Agree.
6.2.2 All graves should be inspected regardless if they are well known.	10	Agree
6.2.2 Remove bullet point 4 as covered by first bullet point	10	Agree
6.2.2 Section in maintenance and repair philosophy is taken from the	10	Section will be retained as it does provide a level of detail around the range of possible conservation interventions which is



guidelines document. We propose it be removed or if retained identified as being uplifted.		of interest to the general public. The section will be highlighted as being extracted from the guidelines document.
6.2.3 First policy is unnecessary.	10	Agree. Remove.
6.2.4 The policy on the Sextons Cottage requires reconsideration. It should be open to the public for a heritage use rather than being used for accommodation.	10, 17,27	Changed the policy to look at its use for short term events and activities when it is not being used for accommodation.
6.3.1 change the policy on events and activities to exclude activities from the mass grave and other grave sites.	10	Agree. Change to 6.3.1
6.4.2 No need for point on implementation plan for maintenance as Friends already set an annual plan.	10	Agree. Remove bullet point.
6.4.2 Improve signage from Bolton Street into the Park.	19	Agree. Add additional bullet point to actions.
WCC should push for noise reduction strategies for the wellington motorway	19	Noted. Outside the scope of this plan.
Appendix 2 Historic outline. Extract from book be deleted as it gives a personal and unbalanced account. If retained it should be boxed to indicate the nature of the account.	10, 22	Removed direct quotes from the book, and summarised the section.

### Truby King Park

Find a long term sustainable use for the house that enables public access on either a regular or managed basis.	26	Add in the need for a strategic review of the use of the house.
7.1 emphasise opportunities for the development of a community orchard	26	Agree, Change wording to emphasise this opportunity.
The garden was original a famous herb garden	26	Agree. Add in reference

7.2.1 That the house be included as one of Wellington's Community houses	26	The house can be used for community purposes but is not primarily a community centre.
7.3.2 That the current car parking be doubled in size to the north on Town Belt land	26	The increase in size will be investigated (7.3.2) but no decision can be made until the long term use and viability of future activities have been investigated.
Apply to DoBH for an exemption to providing public access to the house.	26	Consideration will be given for this to occur following further consultation.
Rename the house to emphasise its community role	26	Not convinced a name change alone can redefine the house's role. More thought needed before such a change should occur.
7.3.2 Improve information about how to use and access Truby King park	28	Agree. Add new bullet point to policies in 7.3.2

### Rules for Use and Development

8. Not clear if the rules in this section also apply to the Council	28	Agree. Add wording at start of section to clarify.
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### Appendix 2

Personal narrative on visit to cemetery (Rachel Buchanan) is an inappropriate narrative into a factual history	10,22	Changed and summarised the narrative adding in the agreements reach ta the time with local iwi over disinterment of Maori graves.
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