

PART FOUR: IMPLEMENTATION – NEW INITIATIVES

The new initiatives are specific projects or actions identified in Part Three, Policies. This section sets out the priorities for their implementation to assist in forward planning and programming into annual planning and budget allocations.

It is envisaged that the management plan will be reviewed after ten years but that its implementation will be reviewed after five years, so a five-year time frame is shown. Most of the initiatives are preparatory to on-the-ground implementation, so need to be implemented early. It is envisaged that on-the-ground implementation of the initiatives would follow during the second five years that the management plan is in effect. For instance, plant collections would be redeveloped after evaluation and completion of a landscape development plan. The time frame must be regarded as indicative, since future funding availability cannot be predicted.

Many of the initiatives are inter-related so they have been grouped under principle headings to reflect this, with a brief explanation of the priorities given. In terms of budget planning, the initiatives are of two main types:

- Operational – tasks that would be carried out by staff as part of their normal duties;
- Capital – tasks that would be treated as special projects, probably requiring outside expertise, for which special funding would be required.

Landscape Development Plan

This is a high priority project, which was first identified in the previous management plan, and is critical to several key issues such as replanting the tree framework, developing plant collections and addressing changing visitor needs. As



shown below, a number of other initiatives are components of this project. It envisaged that the project would involve two stages, over a two-year period:

- Stage One – background research and analysis of the numerous issues involved;
- Stage Two – development of a landscape concept, including public consultation.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Reference
Landscape development plan: Stage 1 (background research and analysis)	*					3.18 (1)
Assess Botanic Garden’s heritage values	*					3.1.3 (1)
Anderson Park review including investigating the link between the Rose Garden and Bolton Street Memorial Park.	*					3.1.5 (1) 3.8 (2) 3.17 (1) 3.9 (2)
Investigate providing public toilets at cricket pavilion.		*				3.11 (8)
Review the Dell		*				3.10 (2)
Assess parking needs	*					3.8 (1)
Investigate pedestrian link between Rose & Main Garden	*					3.9 (1)
Investigate additional refreshment outlets	*					3.11 (5)
Review Treehouse and vicinity	*					3.11 (6)
Investigate provision of shelter		*				3.11 (7)
Review plant nursery functions & facilities	*					3.25 (4)
Landscape development plan: Stage 2 (concept development and public consultation)		*				3.18 (1)
Tree Plan for all three parks, specifically including conifers, and Plant Collections Plan for the two botanic gardens.		*				3.1.4 (1) 3.1.10 (1) 3.3.4 (1)

Implementation of the Landscape Development Plan

The landscape development plan will no doubt include proposals for various as yet unknown development works which will need prioritising on completion of the development plan. However, several of the initiatives in this management plan are expected to result in implementation proposals as follows. As these are all capital works requiring special funding, their implementation needs to be spread over several years with priority given to the first two items because of their high levels of use.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Reference
Upgrade Main Garden toilets			*			3.11 (3)
Upgrade Begonia House complex				*		3.11 (4) 3.25 (3)
Alternative to Memorial Park shed					*	3.25 (2)

Plant Collections

Review of the plant collections has a high priority, as it is critical to future management and will be an important part of the landscape development plan project. Review of the General Collections policy is required soon to ensure consistent collections management for all the botanic gardens of Wellington but the specific collections policies will not be developed until after the collections evaluation and landscape development plan are complete. Sourcing and propagating plant material will be an on-going task which, in the case of the conifers, should start at once preparatory to replanting.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Reference
Review of plant collections	*					3.3.1 (2) 3.3.6 (1)
General Collections Policy	*					3.3.1 (1)
Specific plant collections management policies			*			3.3.1 (3)
Sourcing, propagating & replanting of the tall tree framework	*	*	*	*	*	3.1.4 (2) 3.1.10 (2) 3.3.4 (2)

Interpretation

Detailed development of interpretation and signage should follow on from both the landscape development plan and the marketing strategies.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Reference
Interpretation Plan for Botanic Garden			*			3.4.1 (1)
Implement both interpretation plans				*	*	3.4.1 (2)
Sign design guide			*			3.4.2 (1)

Marketing

These initiatives are given a high priority as accessibility and promoting attractions in Wellington are objectives in the Strategic Plan. These are primarily operational tasks to be completed by staff.

Other Initiatives

Some of the other initiatives have a high priority because they are already in progress (identified by #) or are a strategic plan priority. In the case of reviewing resource needs, this has been identified twice, to assess immediate adequacy and to reassess once various of the initiatives that may demand more resources (such as the plant collections review) are complete.

Initiative	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Reference
Investigate Maori / Pacific Islander accessibility	*					3.7 (1)
Investigate youth accessibility	*					3.7 (2)
Programme of events through year	*	*	*	*	*	3.10 (1)
Marketing strategy for all Wellington Botanic Gardens	*					3.16 (2)
Identity branding for Wellington Botanic Gardens	*					3.16 (1)
Marketing strategies for Botanic Garden & Memorial Park, including sponsorship. (Annual task.)		*	*	*	*	3.16 (3) 3.20 (1)

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<i>Education</i>						
Investigate range of formal education courses		*				3.5 (1)
Develop instructional programme of workshops & demonstrations etc.				*	*	3.5 (2)
Investigate instruction about Maori use of plants (linked to Interpretation above.)			*			3.5 (3)
Develop guided tours				*	*	3.5 (4)
<i>Memorial Records</i>						
Burial list into Cemeteries Data-base	*					3.1.8 (1)
Burial list in Memorial Chapel	*					3.1.8 (3)
Memorial Book in Memorial Chapel		*				3.1.8 (2)
Remembrance Book at Treehouse		*				3.22 (1)
1906 reinterments memorial			*			3.1.7 (1)
<i>Natural Heritage</i>						
Review Botanic Garden Native Forest Management Plan	*					3.2.1 (1)
Long term animal and pest control strategies		*	*			3.2.3 (1) & (2)
<i>Management</i>						
Security & risk assessment		*				3.23 (1)
Consult with DOC re administering Observatory Reserve (on-going until resolved)	*					3.24 (2)
Review resource needs	*			*		3.25 (1)
<i>Projects</i>						
Upgrade children's playground	#					3.11 (1)
Provide bags for dog dirt disposal	*					3.14 (1)
Cable car museum	#					3.24 (1)