

# VISION

**Otari-Wilton's Bush provides an accessible experience of New Zealand's ancient natural environment, and inspires visitors to value and appreciate our unique native plant taonga (treasure).**

To realise this vision, the management plan proposes goals based around four themes: heritage conservation, education, recreation and access, marketing and promotion.

## Heritage Conservation

- To continue to be New Zealand's leading native botanic garden, with plant collections representative of New Zealand's plant heritage.
- To participate in and contribute to native plant conservation.
- To protect, preserve and restore the natural ecosystems of Otari-Wilton's Bush.
- To recognise, protect and promote the cultural heritage of Otari-Wilton's Bush.
- Education
  - To promote understanding and appreciation of NZ plants and natural heritage through education and interpretation.
  - To work with botanical, research and conservation organisations to enhance and share knowledge and promote the values of New Zealand's native flora.
- Recreation and access
  - To provide recreational opportunities for experiencing New Zealand's unique flora and natural heritage, ensuring that these experiences are accessible to all.
- Marketing and promotion
  - To promote Otari-Wilton's Bush as a nationally and internationally unique opportunity to experience New Zealand's native flora.

# PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN

The purpose of this Management Plan is to provide Wellington City Council with clear guidance for the management of Otari Native Botanic Garden and Wilton's Bush Reserve (Otari-Wilton's Bush) over the next 10 years. This plan recognises the rich history of Otari-Wilton's Bush and its multiple roles as a botanic garden, forest reserve, and place of learning, research and recreation. This plan sets goals, objectives and policies for the development, management, operation and public use of Otari-Wilton's Bush.