

LIVING WITH NATURE

TIAKI TAIAO, TIAKI TANGATA

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TE MĀRA A TĀNE

**OUR STRATEGY
FOR 2016–2035**

“...the valley that managed to transform a city.”

A local writer describing ZEALANDIA

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A FIVE HUNDRED YEAR JOURNEY FROM A FOUNDING VISION

Imagine...

...a secret valley only 2 or 3 kilometres from the central business district of the capital city. It's a large (about 250 hectares) and spectacular valley – steep sided with rugged profile. It is clothed in vigorously regenerating native hardwood forest...

This was how ZEALANDIA founder, James Lynch, began his inspirational vision for the sanctuary in his original 1992 proposal "A Native Wildlife Sanctuary for Wellington City", pointing towards a future where...

...in the year 2500 this valley is filled with tall forest and deep fertile soils. Giant rimu tower above the mature forest canopy and in summer the hillsides are bright red with the blooms of 30-metre rātā trees. The weed free bush – just starting to come alive in the early 21st century – is once again a riot of colour and sound.



OUR FIRST STEPS FROM 1995

The Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust was established in 1995. In 2000, building on this 500-year vision and the objectives of the Trust Deed, the founding board developed the Trust's first statement of strategic goals. These successfully guided the sanctuary's ambitious establishment agenda, the first generation of steps in the 500-year journey.

Mission Statement

We will have a world-class conservation site portraying our natural heritage that captures people's imagination, understanding and commitment.

Valley Operations and Restoration

We will have:

- Fauna, flora and habitats representative of a Wellington ecological district coastal lowland and freshwater ecosystem restored in the enclosed area.
- The indigenous character of the valley restored within the enclosed area.
- Key natural processes functioning in the enclosed area.
- Species dispersal and gene flow occurring in the wider city ecosystem.
- Knowledge and methodologies gained for application to conservation elsewhere.
- Made a contribution to national species recovery programmes.

Community Involvement

We will have:

- Local people treasuring the sanctuary and being an integral part of its operation.
- Conservation and other community groups supporting and being fully involved in the sanctuary.
- Local iwi reviving their natural tikanga through participation and use of the sanctuary.
- Funders and businesses continuing to support the sanctuary.

Visitor Enjoyment

We will have:

- A valley accessible and appealing to all visitor types.
- An internationally recognised tourism destination.
- Every school child in the wider region visiting the sanctuary and understanding and appreciating their natural heritage.
- Visitors to the sanctuary understanding and appreciating the uniqueness of New Zealand's ecology.
- Tertiary students conducting high-quality study of the ecology in the sanctuary.

Organisational Effectiveness

We will have:

- An internationally recognised model for conservation management and sustainable development.
- A self-funding enterprise.
- A highly skilled workforce working as a team towards a common goal.

BUILDING ON THE FIRST 20 YEARS

One generation on, we have made great progress towards many of these goals. Hard work with wide support has developed the fence, cleared the valley of pests and weeds, restored species, welcomed well over a million visitors, and made ZEALANDIA a truly sustainable community enterprise. We no longer need only "imagine".

Now, in 2016, we need a contemporary expression of our strategy which reflects that progress and our changing context. Living with Nature: Tiaki Taiao, Tiaki Tangata, builds on the mission and goals from the first generation to define the themes we will follow in the next 20 years of progress on our 500-year journey.

LIVING WITH NATURE: OUR STRATEGY FOR 2016-2035

TIAKI TAIAO, TIAKI TANGATA: TE RAUTAKI 2016-2035

A 500-year journey calls for bold steps – that is why ZEALANDIA's strategy for transforming the way we live with nature covers the whole next generation...and beyond.

In ZEALANDIA's first generation from 1995 to 2015, a courageous and clever group turned a bold idea into reality – a sanctuary which is now teeming with New Zealand wildlife returned to the mainland and communities reconnected with nature.

With 480 years of our journey still to go, there is much work yet to be done in the sanctuary. The continuing restoration of flora and fauna alongside the maintenance of a bio-secure environment remain core priorities. The intergenerational nature of ZEALANDIA underscores the importance of kaitiakitanga, our responsibility of stewardship for the long term.

As we enter our second generation, it is clear our context and opportunities have evolved since the founding years. A local writer has described ZEALANDIA as "...the valley that managed to transform a city." The resurgence and abundance of kākā, tīeke, kererū and tūī has changed not only the sanctuary but also the city, reaching those who live, work, visit and learn in Wellington.

This success provides the springboard for our next 20 years, enabling ZEALANDIA to sustain and strengthen Te Māra a Tāne, our sanctuary valley, and reach out in partnership to actively restore a nature-rich environment beyond our fence.

We are now challenged to harness our knowledge, energy and connections, working with others to transform how we live with nature in our cities and towns – to reshape the places in which we live.

Already we have a powerful platform in Wellington with our partners, a biodiversity action plan, and committed councils, communities, schools and universities. Adding impetus to this is the Government's commitment to make New Zealand predator-free by 2050 and the Predator-Free Wellington programme. We are up for the challenge - ZEALANDIA can play a central role in transforming our communities to be nature-rich.





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Thanks go to our members, volunteers, staff, Board, Guardians and partner organisations who contributed exciting and imaginative ideas for this strategy. From them, we received a consistent message: develop a highly ambitious view of what can be done. So this strategy sets out our ambitions for the next 20 years.

Please join us in a team effort to harness the difference that ZEALANDIA can make, and transform how we live with nature.

Denise Church QSO

Chair, Karori Sanctuary Trust Board

Paul Atkins

Chief Executive, Karori Sanctuary Trust

November 2016



TE MĀRA A TĀNE:

A UNIQUE AND TREASURED VALLEY IS THE FOUNDATION OF ZEALANDIA'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FUTURE – LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY



PAST PRE-HUMAN CIRCA 1000 AD

START OF THE JOURNEY

NATURAL STATE

- The valley is part of a vast **unbroken ecosystem** stretching throughout lower North Island coastal areas.
- **Dense multi-tiered lowland** podocarp/broadleaf forest.
- Mosaic of successional stages from **windfalls to over-mature forest**.
- All age classes of representative **forest flora and fauna species present in abundance** (including all now extinct species such as moa and huia).
- **Deep fertile organic soils**, abundant decaying logs and stumps.
- Undisturbed **freshwater streams** with full assemblage of freshwater fauna and flora including migratory fish runs.

HIGHLY MODIFIED / SPECIES POOR

- Range of **highly modified habitats**, many dominated by exotic species.
- Approximately **70% of representative forest flora species present**, but many with limited numbers and age classes.
- Many exotic plants present – **20% of canopy dominated by exotics**.
- Approximately 15% of representative vertebrate species present, many with **limited numbers** and age classes.
- Many **exotic animals present** including predatory and browsing mammals.
- Many natural processes either arrested or **seriously interrupted**.
- Freshwater streams interrupted by dams and also **affected by downstream developments** such as culverts.
- Stagnant **artificial lakes** represent major permanent change.

A world-class conservation site portraying our natural heritage that captures people's imagination, understanding and commitment

As a working exemplar, the health and vitality of Te Māra a Tāne is critical to our future ability to engage, build knowledge and commitment, and inspire and empower others. The 1997 Sanctuary Management Plan set the framework for the overall management of the valley, and the 2000 Sanctuary Ecological Restoration

Strategy established the game plan for restoring ecosystems and species. These remain key operational plans and on a rolling basis we will refresh the Management Plan and Restoration Strategy to reflect progress, learning, and changes in our conservation context.



NATURAL DIVERSITY SIGNIFICANTLY RESTORED

- Overall vegetation structure and habitat classes little changed. Pine presence greatly reduced and **indigenous character significantly improved**.
- Significantly **greater diversity of species** represented in lower forest tiers as seedlings and planted juveniles.
- Many previously missing **plant species have been successfully established**.
- Exotic plants **under control**.
- Majority of **fauna species (minus extinctions) once present are returned and thriving**. Some dispersal occurring.
- **Exotic mammals are absent** and other exotic fauna such as birds and fish are a diminishing component of the total biota.
- Deeper humus in soils – **fertility improving**.
- Small wetland areas established at head of lakes with representative **flora and fauna established**.
- **Upper lake now healthy** and being used by more indigenous freshwater species.

COMMUNITIES NATURALLY DEVELOPING

- **Soils building** processes restored.
- **Natural succession** and dispersal are occurring in floral communities.
- **Tawa, hīnau, kohekohe dominate the forest**. Podocarps, rātā becoming significant in canopy. Pines gone.
- Valley now mainly **indigenous in character**.
- **Diverse range** of lianes, epiphytes and understorey appearing.
- **Natural diversity of fauna restored**, most populations self-sustaining and mobile species dispersing throughout the city.
- **Freshwater systems operating** at optimum with maximum potential diversity and abundance of flora and fauna.
- **Exotic flora and fauna a small and diminishing** component.

FULLY REPRESENTATIVE

- Flora and habitats representative of a Wellington ecological district coastal **lowland and freshwater ecosystem restored** in the enclosed area.
- The indigenous **character of the valley restored** to the enclosed area.
- Key **natural processes functioning** in the enclosed area.
- Species dispersal and gene flow occurring in the **wider city ecosystem**.
- Made a **significant contribution** to national species.

BRIGHT IDEAS CREATE FUTURES

HE OHONGA WHAKAARO,
HE TIROHANGA WHAKAMUA

Our discussions with members, volunteers, staff, Board, Guardians and partner organisations proved that between us we have a huge source of ideas, energy, aspirations and ambition for nature and people in Wellington and beyond.

ZEALANDIA may not yet be able to commit to every bright idea that was submitted, but we want our strategy to continue to be challenged by those ideas, so we share a collection of them with you here.

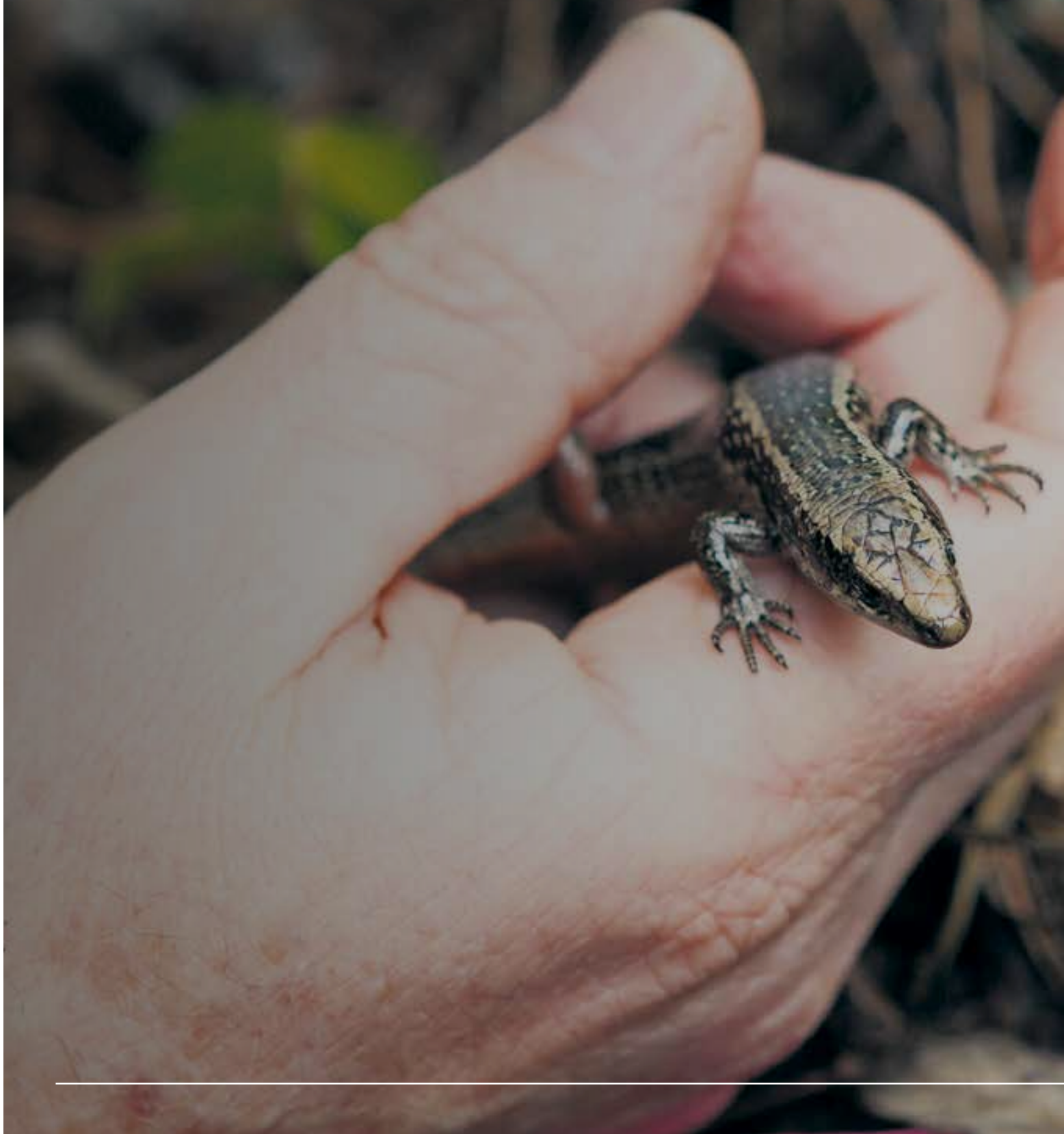
Let us amaze ourselves with what we can do together to transform how we live with nature.





OUR PURPOSE

TE KUPU TAUĀKĪ



We connect people with our unique natural heritage, and inspire actions that transform how people live with nature in our cities, towns and beyond.



OUR DREAM FOR 2035

TE MOEMOEĀ





IMAGINE...

- The biodiverse flora and fauna of Te Māra a Tāne, the sanctuary valley, are further strengthened and flourishing.
- ZEALANDIA provides an inspiring exemplar and know-how for restoring biodiversity and enriching people's connections with nature locally, nationally and internationally.
- The skies, waterways, bush and backyards of Wellington are **nature-rich**, teeming with the sights and sounds of New Zealand's unique plants and animals.
- Wider Wellington is internationally recognised **as the most nature connected urban area in the world**, a place where people and nature flourish.
- ZEALANDIA is a knowledge hub that serves as an inspiration to the world.
- New Zealand communities have transformed their cities, towns and rural environments into places where New Zealand's most treasured natural heritage thrives.



OUR WAY NGĀ MĀTĀPONO

What we say and do will express our core values and mindset.

Kaitiakitanga

We are effective stewards of Te Māra a Tāne, the sanctuary valley, its halo and our resources.

Manaakitanga

We welcome all, share our love of nature with enthusiasm and generosity, and value our supporters.

Hāporitanga

We call on and value active input from all parts of the community.

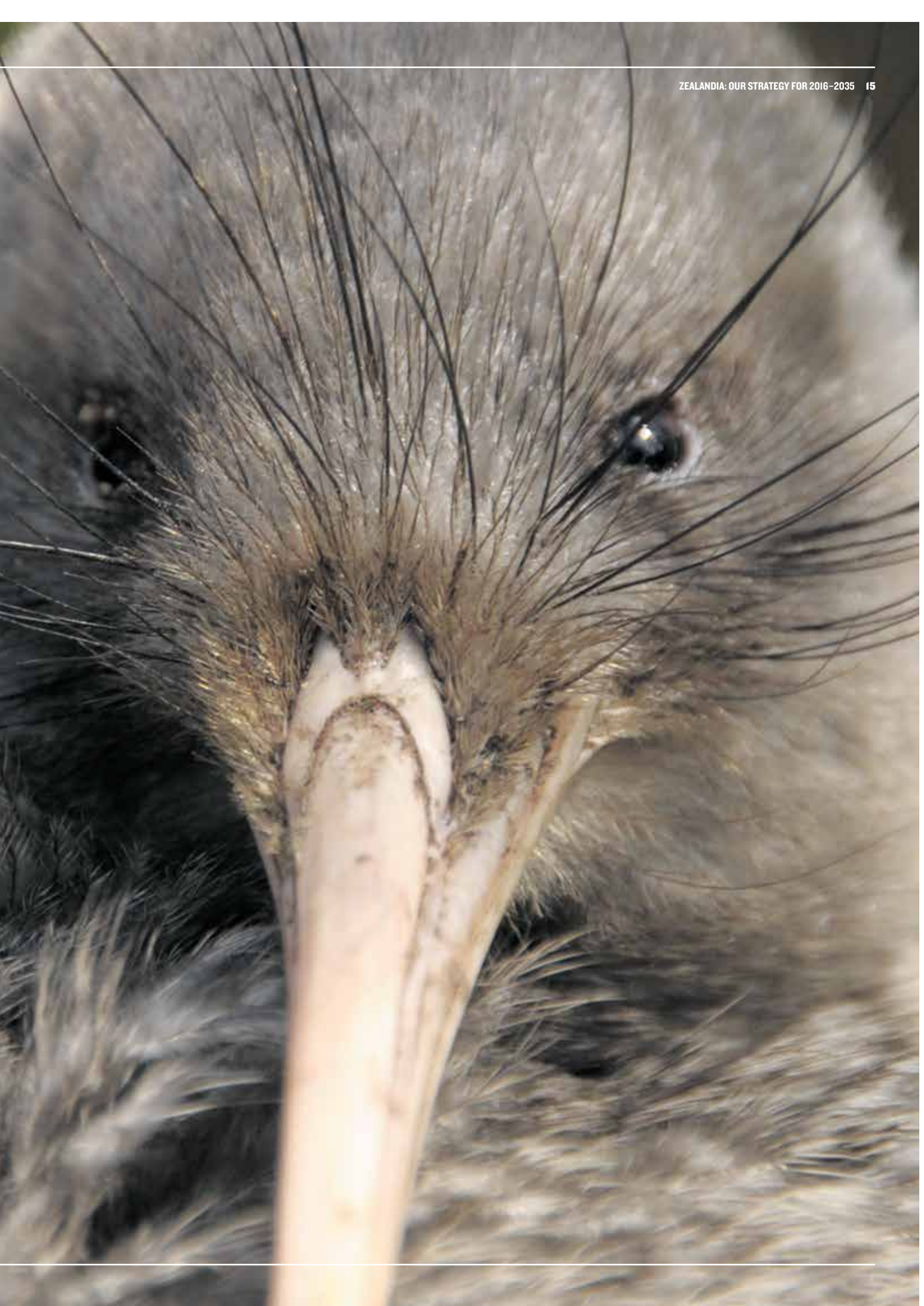
Mātauranga

We wisely develop and use our understandings of people and our natural world.

Kotahitanga

We work in a collaborative movement of communities and organisations, sharing our experiences, and valuing others' insights.





OUR PLACE IN TRANSFORMATION

HE WĀHI AHUREI

ZEALANDIA will be a place that transforms biodiversity, people and knowledge, and through this transforms our capacity for living with nature.



In our second generation, we will focus our actions on the four drivers of transformation, and apply **Our Way** in tackling these. We will take a joined-up approach to achieve our ambitious goals. Our major projects and actions will simultaneously progress the **four themes of treasuring, engaging, learning and empowering**.

ZEALANDIA WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN TRANSFORMATION LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY THROUGH BEING:



A PLACE THAT TREASURES HE WĀHI TAONGA

Restoring Te Māra a
Tāne and its extending
halo of biodiversity.

Building our
organisation's capacity to
drive transformation.



A PLACE THAT ENGAGES HE WĀHI HUIHUINGA

Creating inspiring,
accessible experiences.

Forming strong and
enduring local, national
and international
partnerships based on
shared goals.



A PLACE FOR LEARNING HE WĀHI MĀTAURANGA

Embracing Mātauranga
Māori and other
knowledge frameworks.

Being a hub where people
of all ages can learn,
create new knowledge
and share their insights
and understanding.



A PLACE THAT EMPOWERS HE WĀHI WHAKAMANA

Equipping people with
experience and skills for a
nature-rich future.

Inspiring change through
example and shared
passion for action.





**Whatungarongaro te tangata,
toitū te whenua**

**As man disappears from sight,
the land remains**



TREASURING MAIMOATIA



Why this matters

Two things form the heart of our ability to make a difference: the health and restoration of our valley, Te Māra a Tāne, and its halo, and our organisation's health and capacity. We need to steward and treasure both.

RESTORE OUR VALLEY AND ITS EXTENDING HALO OF BIODIVERSITY

We want...

...Te Māra a Tāne to be an iconic and flourishing ecosystem at the heart of a nature-rich Wellington, where ZEALANDIA's halo of abundant biodiversity extends to all parts of the city and wider region.

We will...

- Continue the ongoing restoration and conservation of Te Māra a Tāne, reflecting ZEALANDIA's 500-year vision and regularly refreshed, long-term Valley Management and Restoration Plans.
- Take well targeted steps to enhance biosecurity, species introduction and ecosystem enhancement within Te Māra a Tāne.
- Build on valley restoration priorities to extend action beyond the sanctuary, working collaboratively to pursue ambitious habitat restoration projects, including the expansion of the halo, and linking the sanctuary to the sea.
- Work in partnership to plan and effect animal translocations into Te Māra a Tāne and an ever widening predator-free halo beyond the fence.
- Demonstrate enhanced partnerships with iwi in valley restoration.
- Strengthen the contribution of Te Māra a Tāne as an exemplar and champion for Predator-Free New Zealand and nature-rich communities.

BUILD OUR ORGANISATION'S CAPACITY TO DRIVE TRANSFORMATION

We want...

...to be a resilient and flourishing community enterprise, demonstrating exemplary practices in all aspects of our organisation's governance, management and the ways in which we create value.

We will...

- Prepare and implement a long-term development plan that fits all aspects of our built environment to our long-term purpose and priorities.
- Plan and implement smart initiatives to develop the capability of our people, taking an inclusive and integrated approach to all staff and volunteers.
- Actively grow financial support and create enduring financial vitality by increasing the membership base, sponsors and partners, and effective business development.
- Reform our communications channels to actively support transforming experiences, programmes, partnerships and achieving our targeted impact.



ENGAGING WHAI WĀHI



Why this matters

Although ZEALANDIA has been described as a mainland island, we are part of a connected and far reaching movement of people transforming urban and rural areas through practical action. Our goal to be active in transforming our community and country requires not only an active relationship with sanctuary visitors, but a high level of engagement beyond our sanctuary fence.

CREATE INSPIRING AND ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES

We want...

...to be recognised as an organisation that welcomes people from all walks of life, interests and places, and inspires them to take positive action for living well with nature.

We will...

- Enrich and strengthen the experience of Te Māra a Tāne to inspire more visitors to make active choices for nature-rich communities.
- Continually develop our physical and virtual resources to maximise accessibility for everyone.
- Grow practical options to promote the health, wellbeing and wider advantages of people's connection with nature.
- Plan and develop new and enriching experiences for visitors to ZEALANDIA that grow Wellington's reputation as an outstanding place to live, work, learn, play and visit.

FORM STRONG AND ENDURING LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS BASED ON SHARED GOALS

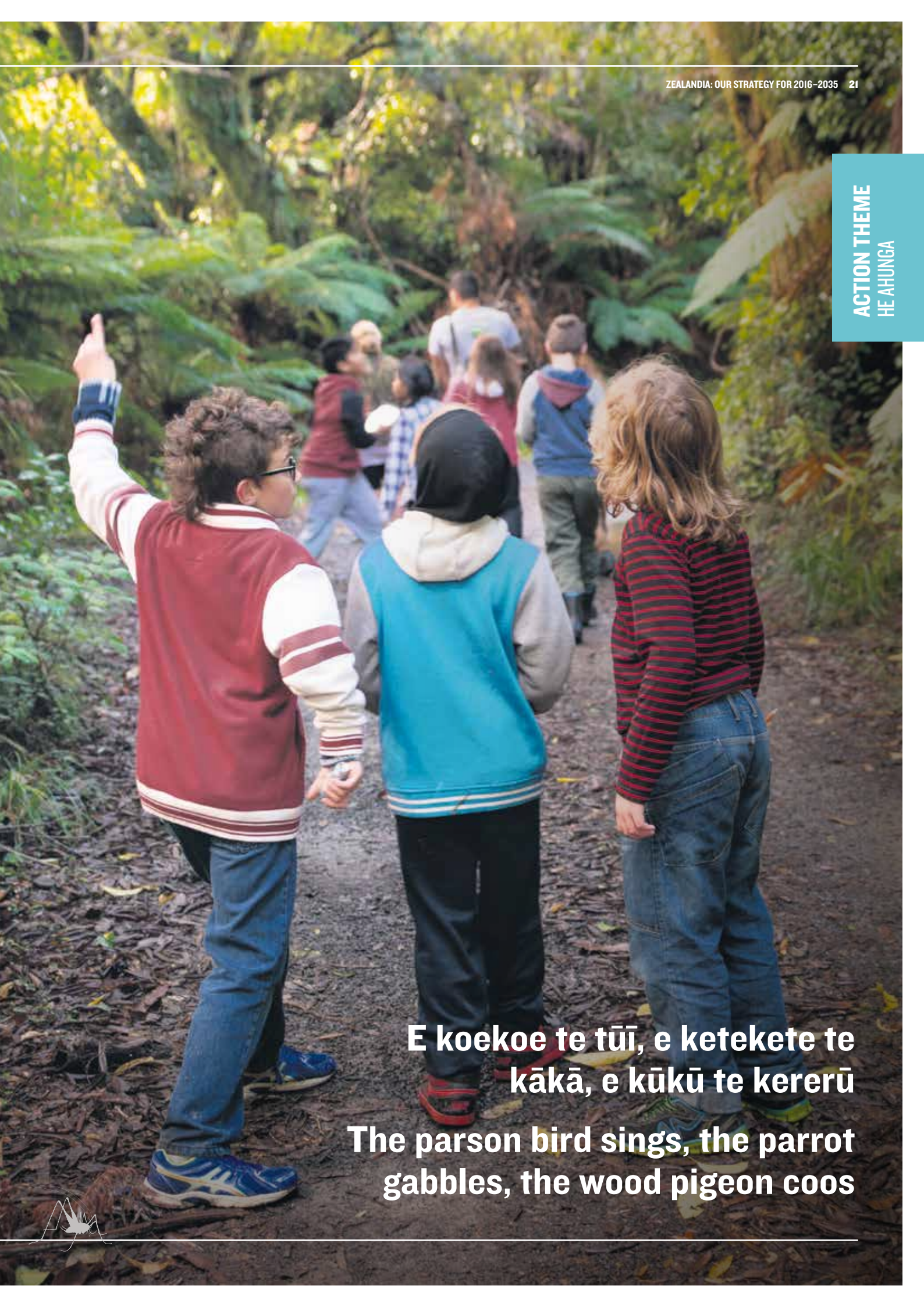
We want...

....to be a sought after and valued partner, demonstrating our ability to add significant value to shared endeavour through our leading knowledge and capability, integrity and the application of our values.

We will...

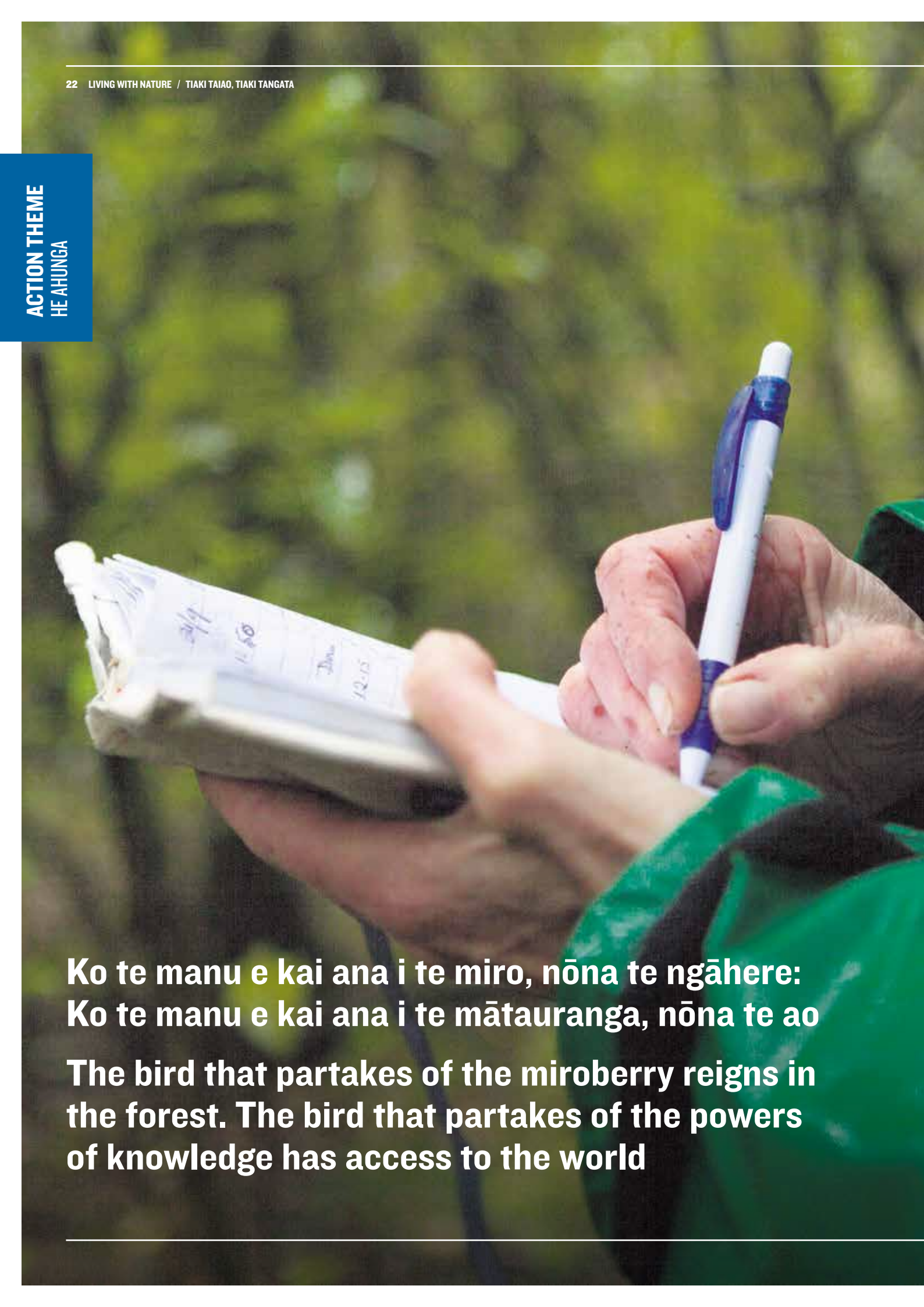
- Grow and develop our core partnership with Wellington City Council, and the other Councils that shape our wider communities, to create outstanding biophysical, educational and economic outcomes for Wellington and the region.
- Continue to develop and grow other key local and national partnerships.
- Take an active role in developing the New Zealand fenced sanctuaries collective, and form strategic alliances with sanctuaries and others for transforming our biophysical landscapes and how we live within them.
- Build international networks that help strengthen New Zealand's influence in the world and bring expertise and ideas to Wellington, building on our current relationships in Australia, Asia, Europe and North America.



A group of children are walking along a dirt path in a lush forest. In the foreground, three children are seen from behind: a boy in a red and white striped shirt pointing towards the trees, a child in a blue and white hoodie, and a girl in a red and black striped shirt. Other children are visible further down the path. The forest is dense with green foliage and ferns.

**E koekoe te tūī, e ketekete te
kākā, e kūkū te kererū**
**The parson bird sings, the parrot
gabbles, the wood pigeon coos**





**Ko te manu e kai ana i te miro, nōna te ngāhere:
Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga, nōna te ao**

**The bird that partakes of the miroberry reigns in
the forest. The bird that partakes of the powers
of knowledge has access to the world**

LEARNING

ĀKONA



Why this matters

Learning at all levels, whether school, university or community, has been a central element of ZEALANDIA's activity since our foundation. ZEALANDIA is now seeking to enrich urban biodiversity across an ever-expanding landscape in the context of New Zealand's 2050 predator-free goal. This is an uncharted journey for all, and the learning opportunities we actively build into everything we do will be of national and international significance.

EMBRACE MĀTAURANGA MĀORI AND OTHER KNOWLEDGE FRAMEWORKS

We want...

...Mātauranga Māori and research to be a visible part of the Te Māra a Tāne experience, with every visitor having an opportunity to add to our shared knowledge.

We will...

- Recognise and build on Mātauranga Māori as an important knowledge framework.
- Develop pathways for thought leadership based on an enhanced understanding of our unique cultural and natural heritage.
- Strengthen community engagement in all we do.
- Develop meaningful opportunities for citizen science which contributes significantly to our pool of knowledge.

BECOME A HUB WHERE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES CAN LEARN, CREATE NEW KNOWLEDGE AND SHARE THEIR INSIGHTS AND UNDERSTANDING

We want...

...to be a go-to knowledge hub - a physical and virtual centre of learning and understanding, and a resource where information gathered and knowledge created is openly shared.

We will...

- Develop a long-term programme of research and research partnerships to provide an evidence base for our future activity and contribute to the understanding and advice we are able to offer to others.
- Develop extended and integrated programmes for education from pre-school to adult and community.
- Offer multiple opportunities for every school-age learner in the greater Wellington area to engage with ZEALANDIA in learning experiences.
- Develop and maintain an ever-growing on-line Knowledge centre, providing an open access resource for all. The centre will contain a growing body of research information and knowledge relating to our goals, with material drawn from our own research and that of partners nationally and internationally.



EMPOWERING WHAKAMANAHIA



Why this matters

ZEALANDIA's long-term vision can only be attained through the efforts of individuals and groups of people working together. The knowledge, exemplary practice, demonstration of what is possible and inspiration ZEALANDIA offers will empower people to take action at local, regional and national levels to build nature-rich communities.

EQUIP PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS FOR A NATURE RICH FUTURE

We want...

...to help grow people's ability to apply their understanding and knowledge into practical applications which enrich the natural world in our communities.

We will...

- Inspire people through enhancing their knowledge and experience towards actions for a nature-rich future.
- Provide an increasing resource of ideas and projects people can actively engage with.
- Grow our connections with ZEALANDIA members as ambassadors for nature in Wellington and beyond.
- Inform and assist local citizens and communities to take backyard action based on leading evidence and knowledge.
- Develop programmes of placements, internships and volunteering that grow people's skills and experiences.

INSPIRE CHANGE THROUGH EXAMPLE AND SHARED PASSION FOR ACTION

We want...

...everyone who has contact with ZEALANDIA to be inspired and empowered as change agents for biodiversity in their own backyards and wider communities, and to experience the benefits of living well with nature.

We will...

- Develop, sustain and continually evolve exemplary volunteer programmes that enrich and strengthen our community, nature and people's lives.
- Promote ZEALANDIA as an exemplar of community-based restoration which is actively used by policy makers and local, regional and national governments to effect change.
- Seek to develop effective partnerships in all we do as an example and inspiration for what can be achieved through people working together.





**Mā te huruhuru te
manu ka rere**

**Adorn the bird with feathers
so that it can fly**



LIVING WELL WITH NATURE: SOME PRACTICAL STEPS IN TRANSFORMATION

HE ORANGA TAIAO, HE ORANGA TANGATA:
TE EKENGA WHAKAMUA

Our strategy for the next 20 years is bold and ambitious, just as ZEALANDIA's founding vision was considered audacious 20 years ago. Here are six examples of the major projects under development which characterise our second generation of ambition.



Embracing Mātauranga Māori

Our third major theme of activity highlights the importance of learning. Mātauranga Māori is a knowledge framework fundamental to our future and we will complete a cultural audit of all our activity, and initiate actions to reflect Mātauranga Māori fully in all ZEALANDIA's engagement and activity.

The March of the Rifleman: growing biodiversity within and beyond the fence

Our next translocation of birds into the sanctuary will be a translocation with a difference. In partnership with Wellington City Council and Otari-Wilton's Bush we will reintroduce tītipounamu (rifleman) inside the sanctuary in 2017 then outside the sanctuary in 2018. This exciting project will involve many different people in activities covering education, citizen science, biological and social research, long-term population studies, and community engagement. As a pioneering 'dual translocation' project this will inform the way we look at all future translocations towards a nature-rich Wellington.

Expanding the Halo

With the Morgan Foundation handing-on the 'Enhancing the Halo' project to ZEALANDIA we will seek to partner with the growing community-led predator trapping initiatives to complete an effective halo around ZEALANDIA and then expand it outwards. Creating a vastly larger predator-free zone as part of the Predator-Free Wellington initiative, the extended halo will provide a safe haven for ZEALANDIA's birds as they disperse beyond the sanctuary, and other fauna as part of future translocations beyond the fence.

Restoring ZEALANDIA's lower lake... and beyond, from sanctuary to sea

Another major project with a difference. The lower lake is the last large-scale ecosystem restoration which we need to tackle inside the fence. As the headwaters of the Kaiwharawhara stream, ZEALANDIA's lakes are also the upper part of an ecosystem running the entire length of the Kaiwharawhara catchment from the sanctuary to sea. We are exploring, with a wide range of stakeholders, a much larger, multi-faceted project which will restore our lower lake and the remainder of the catchment to the sea, opening exciting possibilities such as migration of tuna (longfin eel).

The New Zealand Urban Ecology Research Centre

As part of our Memorandum of Understanding with Victoria University of Wellington, we are working together to establish this Research Centre at ZEALANDIA as a nationally and internationally recognised centre of research excellence. Through cutting-edge research we will generate the data, information, knowledge and understanding required to transform how we live well with nature and reshape the places in which we live.

Establishing national and global partnerships for nature

Starting with our exchange partnership with the Woodlands and Wetlands Trust in Canberra, our role in the New Zealand fenced sanctuaries initiative and the establishment of a Thought Leadership Council with international input, we will be active in mobilising networks that add richness to our work in the sanctuary, and enable others to learn from what we do. A programme of research, exchange visits, seminars, workshops, publications and promotion will enable us to be an active part of a much wider community of action for restoration and living with nature.



JOIN US IN TRANSFORMING HOW WE LIVE WITH NATURE

TE TAIAO: HE AO ĀMUA

We are excited to be embarking on the next stage of ZEALANDIA's 500-year journey. The first 20 years were characterised by an extraordinary level of community passion, skill and engagement. The next 20 will build on this to achieve an even greater transformation.

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead





PHOTO CREDITS

INSIDE COVER: Effectively extinct from the area at the beginning of the 20th century, kākā are now a common sight throughout Wellington city.

Photo Credit: Judi Lapsley Miller

PAGE 02 – 03: Our Education Rangers work throughout the region, including the stunning mature bush in Wainuiomata.

Photo Credit: George Hobson

PAGE 04: ZEALANDIA Youth Ambassadors teaching kids how to play the ZEALANDIA Trading Card Game at its launch event.

Photo Credit: Adi Rowell

PAGE 05: Iwi leaders and the next generation of kaitiaki lead the procession to welcome nearly 100 spotted skinks into the sanctuary.

Photo Credit: Janice McKenna

PAGE 10 – 11: A spotted skink takes its first peek at its new home after being translocated from Matiu/Somes Island.

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PAGE 12: Gazing out past the lower lake and wetlands you can see how much the bush has rejuvenated so far, offering hints as to what it may look like in 2035.

Photo Credit: Chris Helliwell

PAGE 13: Another spotted skink venturing into its new habitat (left) and a ZEALANDIA Ranger preparing to band a kākārīki chick (right).

Photo Credit: Kristine Zipfel

PAGE 14 – 15: Visit ZEALANDIA during the night and you will hear the largest population of little spotted kiwi on the mainland calling to each other.

Photo Credit: Simon Woolf

PAGE 16: You will often find people in the valley doing their part in all weather, such as this volunteer kākā nestbox monitor.

Photo Credit: Kristine Zipfel

PAGE 18: Once completely wiped out from mainland New Zealand, tīeke (saddleback) were reintroduced into ZEALANDIA in 2002. These taonga are now breeding outside the sanctuary fence.

Photo Credit: Brendon Doran

PAGE 21: By giving people the opportunity to engage with nature we can ensure that there will continue to be advocates to protect it, such as these three boys from Wainuiomata.

Photo Credit: Bill Beale

PAGE 22: By observing, and learning we can make the right decisions to safe guard our shared natural heritage, as this volunteer demonstrates.

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PAGE 25: Absent from the mainland for around 120 years, hihi now give the valley a splash of vibrant colour as they flit from branch to branch.

Photo Credit: Steve Attwood

PAGE 26: After a pioneering and successful first generation, we will be looking increasingly outside of the fence towards a nature-rich Wellington.

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PAGE 28: Just as we work towards transforming how we live with nature, we can not forget the impact nature can have on us.

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The Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust was established in 1995 to oversee and manage the development of New Zealand's first urban fenced sanctuary. In 2016, the Trust, trading under the name ZEALANDIA, became a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) with the Council providing approximately 20% of total budget. The remaining 80% raised via membership, admissions, retail and functions activity, donations, fundraising and tailored visitor experiences.

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