

A person wearing a hat and a backpack is walking away from the camera through a forest of tall, slender trees. The ground is covered in grass and fallen leaves. In the background, a grassy field is visible through the trees.

cornwall park

Nurturing our precious taonga

Our Master Plan presents
a vision for the future

With well over a million visitors each year Cornwall Park is the beating heart of Tāmaki Mākaaurau. As the city and population grow, these 172 hectares will become even more precious - our green lungs.

Set at the base of Maungakiekie, formerly an extensive pā site, the park tells the story of its many inhabitants over the centuries. Visitors can experience geologic formations, Māori heritage, remnants of Sir John Logan Campbell's agricultural endeavours, active pastureland, open lawns, native birds, an extensive arboretum and incredible views over Tāmaki Makaurau's sparkling harbours.

Gifted to the people of Aotearoa New Zealand in 1901, the evolution of the park is being carefully planned and managed.



Our guiding principles

Improve the park's ecological stewardship and resiliency.

Kaitiakitanga / Stewardship — we are guardians of the deep links between humans and the natural world.

Reinforce and strengthen the park's design and aesthetic.

Tikanga — the principles and practices which embody and underpin the development of the park. We aspire to beauty in all things.

Commit to agriculture and food production as an important cultural legacy integral to park management.

Ngā mahi ahūwhenua — developing exemplary agricultural practices to provide sustenance and nourishment to people.

Support the active interpretation of the park's cultural heritage and history.

Tiaki onamata — to support, protect, save and uplift, as stewards of the park's unique history.

Equip the park to transform from a suburban to an urban park.

Manaakitanga — provide enduring support, hospitality, kindness and vision for the park.



Our 100-year Master Plan

Our Master Plan provides a vision for how we build on the park's distinctive characteristics and bring amenities, spaces and experiences that meet the needs of our diverse and growing population now and for generations to come.

We have a long term conceptual vision for how the park will adapt and evolve for this century and the next. This plan, while not set in concrete, signals our commitment to nurturing our taonga so it remains a beloved place for many generations to come.



Our vision

Te tangata The people

We aim to;

- Make sure our physical facilities and buildings are multi-purpose and can be adapted to suit people's needs such as education, art and cultural events.
- Look to create a recreation precinct that suits the needs of the community – with facilities and fields that are multi-purpose and suit any type, mode, code or activity.
- Become a park where more diverse high-quality events (large and small) enrich, entertain and bring communities together regularly.
- Be a connected space that builds strong partnerships with people, organisations and communities to deliver greater park experiences.

Kaupapa kei raro Our infrastructure

Our infrastructure should;

- Support ease of movement for pedestrians of all abilities – a park that is better connected from the inside to the boundary, and is safe and accessible for all.
- Be safe and prioritise ease and accessibility of movement so walkers, runners, mobility aid users and whānau can experience better access to cafes, barbecues, picnic and sports areas.
- Support traffic to move fluidly through the park in the most convenient way so drivers, and other park users, have a safer more intuitive experience.
- Use best practice urban design principles to allow the park's inherent physical beauty and characteristics – its avenues, groves, grottos, gardens and trees – to be experienced in the most natural and undisturbed way.

As kaitiaki/guardians of Cornwall Park we have a long term vision to adapt and evolve together with Tāmaki Makaurau. A park that genuinely reflects the communities it serves, but never forgets its heritage and the legacy of Sir John Logan Campbell.

Rangahau taiao

Our ecology

We will protect our natural assets by;

- Planting for sustainability and adaptability to climate change, while existing plants, shrubs and trees will be carefully nurtured.
- Working hard to contribute to increasing species biodiversity by strengthening and protecting our natural assets – our soil, topography, plants, trees and shrubs, so the park remains a haven for our many native and exotic plants and animals.
- Making sure we provide educational, cultural and agrarian communities with opportunities to engage, participate and collaborate in the protection and enhancement of our ecological assets.
- Partnering with organisations to strengthen Aotearoa New Zealand's knowledge and understanding of biodiversity – especially in urban settings – so the entire country benefits.

Taonga-ā-iwi

Our cultural resources

We will celebrate our culture by;

- Honouring our whakapapa through greater partnership with mana whenua to collaborate on educational, cultural and social events that benefit all New Zealanders.
- Making sure our Māori and colonial archeological heritage remains protected and cherished.
- Growing opportunities to work with other cultural institutions to build understanding of our unique place in Tāmaki Makaurau.
- Remaining relevant; used for, and adaptable to, contemporary cultural expressions.

Mahi whenua

Our agriculture

Our farm will evolve by;

- Remaining central to the park experience so that it provides fun and educational experiences and opportunities to learners and visitors from Aotearoa and other countries.
- Growing as an exemplar farm and evolving and innovating to ensure it remains sustainable and exceptional.
- Sharing and learning from other farms and agricultural institutions around the motu and the world to deliver benefits in animal husbandry, planting and horticulture for all New Zealanders.