



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

PROPERTY LEAD WELLINGTON

The focus of the Property Lead Wellington position is the active management of three heritage properties: Old Government Buildings, Chevening Apartments and Turnbull House.

Opened in 1876 to house New Zealand's consolidated national government, Old Government Buildings are leased to Te Herenga Waka–Victoria University of Wellington and predominantly used for the Faculty of Law. Because it is almost entirely leased, the modest visitor experience offerings are limited to display rooms, tours and open days/special events. The architecturally noteworthy building is large and complex with an interesting history and quite active use.

Constructed in 1929, Chevening Apartments are significant to the history of architecture and urbanism in Wellington. The building was fully strengthened and restored prior to being gifted to Heritage New Zealand in 2019. They are privately tenanted as residential apartments and public engagement with this historic place is limited.

Completed in 1916, the architecturally distinguished Turnbull House is significant for its design, and its associations with collector and bibliophile Alexander Turnbull House and the Turnbull Library. It is currently closed pending seismic strengthening. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is in the planning stages of seismic strengthening and adaptation of Turnbull House for future use and enjoyment, and the Property Lead Wellington will be involved with (but not leading) this project.

The focus of the role is on property management – management of programmed and reactive maintenance, planning for longer term property projects and consideration of the experience of users. There is a significant focus on contractor and contracts management, financial management, and working with stakeholders. The heritage significance of these buildings will give shape to this work.

Due to the nature of this part of the portfolio, the visitor experience component is limited. It is important to note that not all the detailed deliverables listed in the general Position Description are relevant to this role due to the scope of the visitor experience. However, there is scope to build on the current visitor offerings.

The role reports to and works closely with the Manager Heritage Assets Central Region. The role supervises one fixed-term building maintenance position and one part-time visitor host.