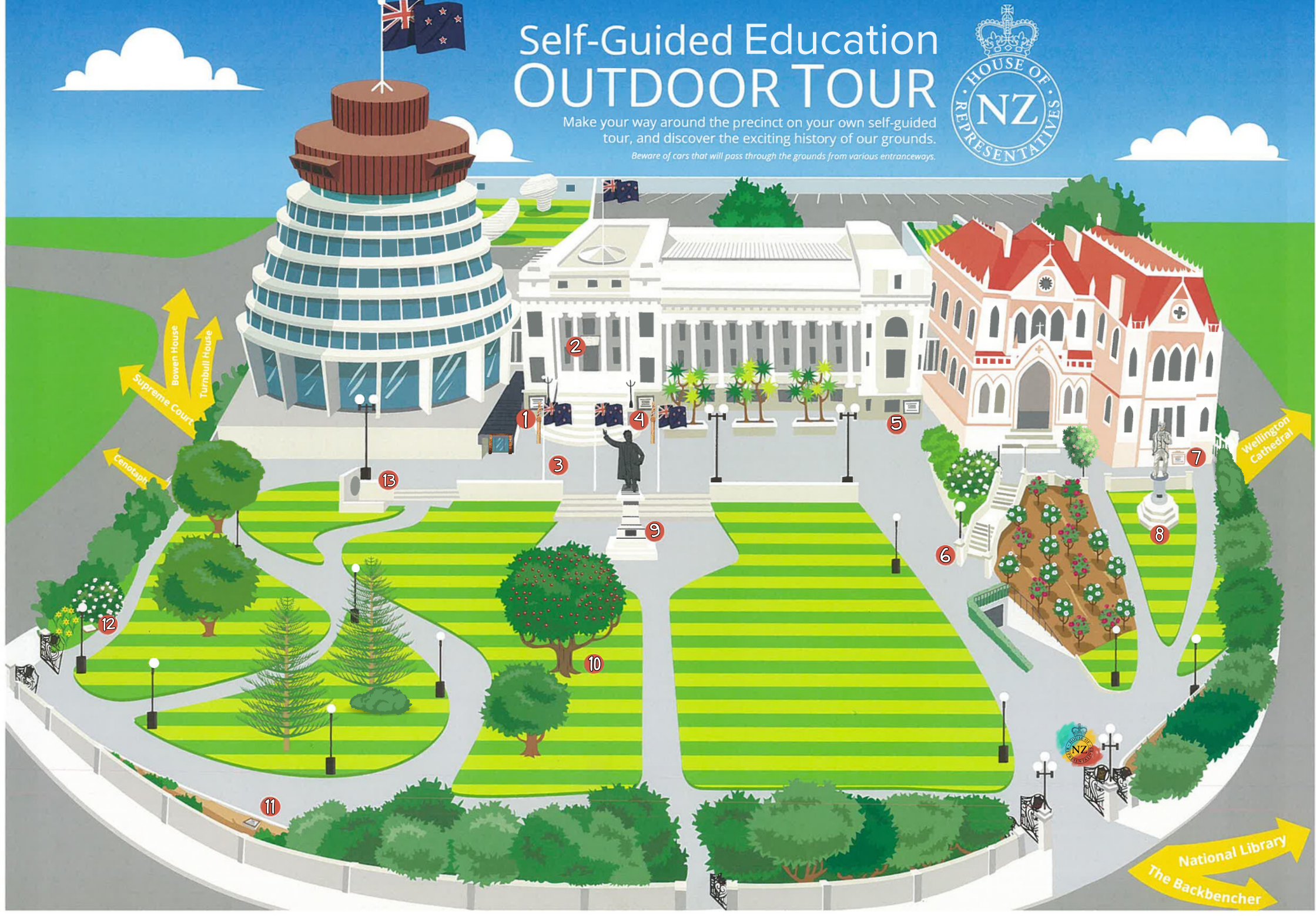


Self-Guided Education OUTDOOR TOUR

Make your way around the precinct on your own self-guided tour, and discover the exciting history of our grounds.

Beware of cars that will pass through the grounds from various entranceways.



New Zealand Parliament Grounds

Parliament is made up of 3 main buildings, the Beehive, Parliament House and the Parliamentary Library.

1. The Library is the oldest of the three, built in 1899. It has suffered 2 major fires!
2. Parliament House replaced the original Parliament building that burnt down in a fire. Parliament House is where the Debating Chamber can be found.
3. The Beehive's official name is the Executive Wing. This building is where the Prime Minister and Government Ministers have their office.

1

The pare (carved doorway) above the main entrance to the Beehive represents mana whenua, the land beneath Parliament, and an recognition of iwi across Aotearoa.

2

These steps are the official entrance to Parliament, used for the Opening of Parliament ceremony after an election. You can see big bronze gates, and the Royal Coat of Arms above the doors. The tiled motto in French says "Evil to him who evil thinks" and "God and my right".

3

The New Zealand flag is flown from the top of the Beehive and Parliament House. The flag on top of the Beehive is the third largest NZ flag in the country. Sometimes other countries flags are flown at Parliament, this is for special occasions or if special people from other countries are visiting.

4

The two pou (carved poles) are named Tupua-horo-nuku and Tupua horo-rangi. They are here to welcome and protect everyone that visits or works at Parliament.

5

The Capital City of New Zealand moved from Auckland to Wellington in 1865. This was so that the capital city was more in the middle of the country. This plaque celebrates the first time Parliament met here on the 26th July 1865.

6

Kate Sheppard was a key person who worked towards women having equal rights, and the right to vote. The camellia bushes (a symbol of this movement) were gifted to Parliament. The plaque celebrates 100 years since women gained the right to vote in New Zealand. Inside the pillar is a time capsule from the 1990's.

7

The Parliamentary Library is the oldest building on site. The library has been through two fires! During one fire staff carried 15,000 books out of the burning building and dumped them on the front lawn in a desperate effort to save the records.

8

John Ballance was Prime Minister from 1891-1893. He started the work on some important projects such as women getting the right to vote. The statue is made of marble and was paid for by people donating money.

9

Richard Seddon is New Zealand's longest serving Prime Minister (1893-1906). During his time as Prime Minister he helped create our current welfare system (money for people who aren't working to help with food and housing) and women gained the right to vote.

10

The large pōhutakawa near the Seddon statue is named the Royal Pōhutakawa. It was planted by the then Prince of Wales in 1920 during his visit to New Zealand. The shovel used by the Prince has been kept by Parliament ever since.

11

Sonja Davies is an important person in New Zealand history. She argued against the Vietnam War and nuclear weapons and championed for women's rights and equality for all. For all the work she had done for New Zealand she received an award called the 'Order of New Zealand' in 1987.

12

Dame Hilda Ross was a big supporter of women's rights. She was Hamilton's first female councillor and deputy mayor before becoming an MP. While in Parliament, she was a Minister and spent a lot of her time supporting problems important to women.

13

This plaque remembers Captain James Cook's arrival in New Zealand by ship. He was the first European to draw a map of the outline of the country.

Councillor: a person that makes decisions for a local area/ local council rather than the whole country

Minister: An MP in the Government that looks after a special area, e.g., education, health





Parliament scavenger hunt

Can you find the answers to these scavenger questions?

Happy Hunting!

1

What are two objects you can see on the pare?

2

How many steps are there up to the gates of Parliament House?

3

Draw the New Zealand Flag

6

When were the Camellia bushes planted?

8

How many years was John Ballance Prime Minister for?

9

What object is Richard Seddon holding in his hand?

11

Finish this sentence that is written on Sonja Davies plaque:

A life...

12

What group presented (*gifted*) Parliament this plaque to remember Hilda Ross?

13

Who unveiled (*revealed*) this plaque?