

# WELLINGTON CABLE CAR MUSEUM

## Museum welcomes millionth visitor

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Photo: Mark Coote

The Wellington Cable Car Museum celebrated a landmark this week as it welcomed its millionth visitor, just over five years since first opening its doors.

The museum is the second busiest in the city after Te Papa and has enjoyed huge popularity, particularly with tourists to the region (international tourists make up 70% of its visitor numbers). It is also attracting more repeat visits from Wellingtonians, especially since opening an extension late last year – which doubled the museum size - and restoring the historic Grip Car 3 (one of Wellington's three original cable cars ) for display.

The museum is located in the cable car system's original winding house, classified Category 2 by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, at the top of the cable car route and upper entrance to the Wellington Botanic Garden. It has recently been announced as a finalist in the Wellington Region Gold Awards for business enterprise and excellence, in the Vibrant Gold category (spotlighting excellence in facilities that help enliven the community and draw visitors to the region).

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