

# STEVE CARR: *IN BLOOM*

*In bloom* was developed by artist Steve Carr during his 2020 residency at McCahon House. Cast in bronze from car tyres and presented with living plants, *In bloom* provides a reflection on permanence and change. Situated on the rooftop of historic Lopdell House, with views of the regenerated forests of the Waitakere Ranges, the bronze tyres reframe the increasingly urbanised surroundings of Titirangi within a narrative of change, value, waste and growth.

Planting design by Winston Dewhirst. Presented by Te Uru and made with the support of Creative NZ. Displayed courtesy of the artist and Michael Lett.

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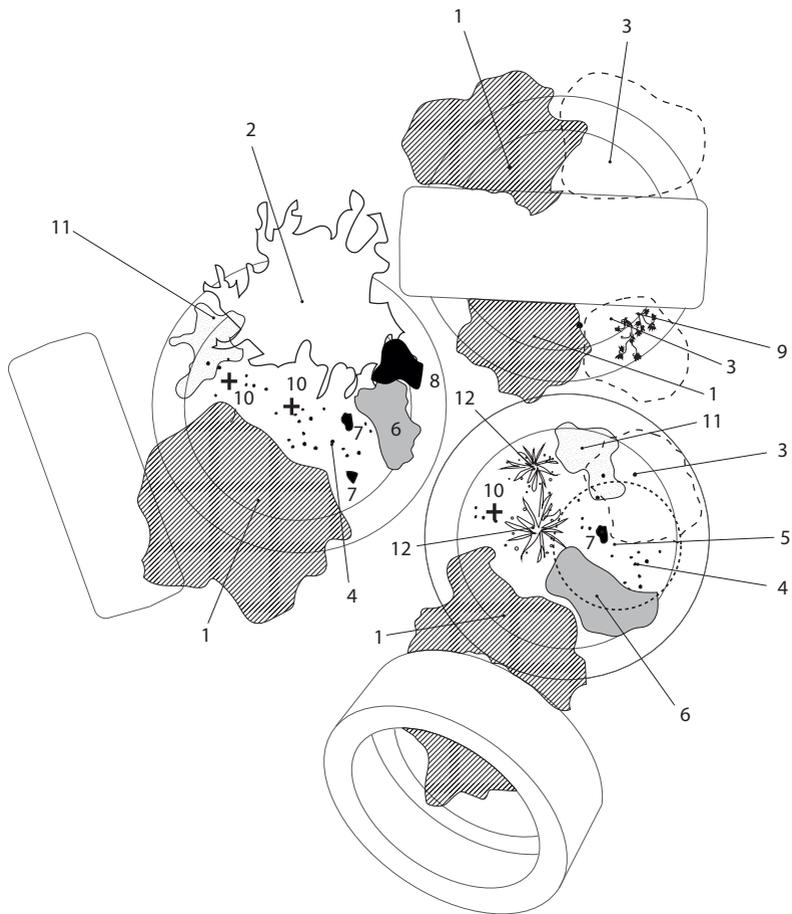
## **Weed: A plant in the wrong place**

A planting concept for *In bloom*, by Winston Dewhirst:

It may seem that the planting is a collection of weeds. However, they are by definition the opposite. This planting is collection of native plants, some of which are rare and endemic to the local landscape. It is only their appearance that creates a weedy perception, a misinterpretation that has led to their clearance from the land through farming and urban development. These plants are recognised here in the *In bloom* sculpture, where they visually complement the character of the sculpture, challenging both the aesthetic perception and geographical location of “plants in the wrong place”.

**20 November 2021 – 6 March 2022**

Lopdell House Rooftop Terrace



1. *Rubus squarrosus* – Bush Lawyer
2. *Melicytus alpinus* – Porcupine shrub
3. *Discaria toumatou* – Matagouri
4. *Senecio quadridentatus* – Fire weed/native ragwort
5. *Ozothamnus leptophyllus* – Tauhinu (often incorrectly called Tawhini)
6. *Dichelachne inaequiglumis* – Short-hair plume grass (naturally uncommon)
7. *Dichelachne crinita* – Tall tufted grass
8. *Lachnagrostis filiformis* – NZ wind grass
9. *Geranium retrorsum* – Turnip-rooted geranium
10. *Epilobium hirtigerum* – Hairy willow herb (at risk)
11. *Acaena anserinifolia* – Bidibid
12. *Picris burbidgeae* – Oxtongue (nationally vulnerable)