

AUSTRALIA'S WORLD HERITAGE PLACES

ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING AND CARLTON GARDENS INFORMATION SHEET



Quick Facts

- The Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens are in Melbourne, Victoria.
- The building and gardens were designed for the Great International Exhibition of 1880.
- It is the only major 19th century Palace of Industry exhibition building in the world to survive substantially intact
- Each of Australia's 17 World Heritage Places are also on Australia's National Heritage List.

Why is the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens of World Heritage value?

The Royal Exhibition Building and surrounding Carlton Gardens were inscribed on the World Heritage List on 1 July 2004 for their cultural heritage values.

- **They represent the International Exhibition Movement**

The central purpose of the international exhibition movement was to showcase industrial and technological progress. The global interchange of human values and ideas that took place during the 19th Century had lasting impacts on the development of modern society.

Challenges and Management

The Royal Exhibition Building (REB) is managed by Museum Victoria. The Carlton Gardens are managed by the City of Melbourne.

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Conservation and maintenance, REB	<p>The Royal Exhibition Building will be managed through conservation policies included in a Conservation Management Plan.</p> <p>The Conservation Management Plan includes a risk preparedness analysis which details responses required to deal with this potential risk.</p>
Carlton Gardens	<p>To manage the gardens in an environmentally sustainable way within the constraints of heritage principles and significance, particularly in the use of water</p> <p>To manage the tree population which is now more than 110 years old and will need to be replaced over the next 10-20 years.</p> <p>Funding has been obtained to install an extensive water harvesting and storage system including a 900,000 litre underground water tank which will ensure a sustainable future for Carlton Gardens.</p> <p>Policies for the replacement of the trees are covered in the Conservation Management Plan.</p>

Read more

www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/royal-exhibition/index.html



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