MASTERPLAN NOTES

1. New North - South Connection
Create a landscape connection by creating a pedestrian link between north and south gardens. Increase tree planting and green space aligned with the perimeter of Nicholson and Rathdowne Streets.

2. Eastern and Western Forecourts
Improve major forecourts to the REB by reconstructing the German Circle in a manner consistent with the 1860 design. Continue to accommodate REB loading requirements at the eastern forecourt and limit bus drop off and parking to the western forecourt. Investigate possible relocation of carpark vanities to allow for the completion of the northern arcs of the turning circles.

3. Forecourt Vehicle Entries
Improve entrances to the Exhibition Reserve at Rathdown Street and Nicholson Street.

4. REB Southern Forecourt
Progressively remove carparking from building frontage. Replace asphalt adjacent to building with suitable new material, adjust grades, and address drainage to restore setting to the southern forecourt.

5. Parterre Garden
Reconstruct large scale formal planted beds. Where archival material exists use this information as basis of new planting scheme to compliment the setting of the REB southern forecourt and to meet sustainability principles.

6. Lawn and Perimeter Planting
Prepare in the Perimeter and some lawn areas, using species to be determined.

7. Avenues – South Gardens
Progressively restore avenue planting, balance replanting with protection of significant views to REB.

8. Avenues - North Gardens
Progressively restore avenue planting.

9. Lakes
 Undertake archaeological investigation to determine original edge of lakes and feasibility of reconstruction. Replant edges and islands with species which to open views to REB.

10. Chain Walk
 Remove chain walk and associated shrub planting and restore lawn surface. Investigate archival records to reconstruct original decorative garden beds south of the media walk.

11. Peace Garden
 Simplify the Peace Garden and integrate into garden setting.

12. Garden Entries
 Construct formal garden beds and / or create interpretive built features for the Rathdowne, Nicholson and the Victoria/Sping Street entries.

13. Pathways
 Reinstate curved path; remove short cut path and restore lawn surface.

14. Curator’s Cottage
 Retain and consine the cottage. Replace Bhutan hedge. Restore bluestone plinth, gate and cast iron fence.

15. Pathway parallel to Carlton Street
 Investigate the restoration of the path south of the curator’s cottage; reinstate garden beds.

16. Garden Maintenance Facility
 Investigate the restoration of the path south of the curator’s cottage; reinstate garden beds.

17. Canning Street Entry
 In conjunction with prescient improvements to bicycle routes, install barrier to deter cyclists from entering the gardens.

18. Carpark Entries
 Upgrade pedestrian priority at all vehicular entries to the gardens.

19. Toddlers Play Ground and New Picnic Tables
 Relocate existing playground adjacent to junior play ground, restore grass surface and install 3 picnic tables.

20. Half Basketball Court
 Retain court and install a netball net at one end.

21. Northern Lake
 Use archaeological evidence to interpret original lake.

22. Garden Bed Fencing
 Restore fencing.

23. Tennis Courts
 Retain courts and pavilion. Presentation of the pavilion to be maintained consistent with original design intent.