

**1. World Heritage Property Data**

**1.1 - Name of World Heritage Property**

Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens

**1.2 - World Heritage Property Details**

**State(s) Party(ies)**

- Australia

**Type of Property**

cultural

**Identification Number**

1131bis


**Year of inscription on the World Heritage List**

2004

**1.3 - Geographic Information Table**

Name	Coordinates	Property (ha)	Buffer zone (ha)	Total (ha)	Inscription year
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens	-37.806 / 144.97	26	55.26	81.26	2004
<b>Total (ha)</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>55.26</b>	<b>81.26</b>	

**1.4 - Map(s)**

Title	Date	Link to source
Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens - Inscribed property and buffer zone	28/01/2010	

**Comment**

A buffer zone for the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens was gazetted within the Victorian Planning Provisions by the State of Victoria on behalf of the State Party in 2007. The UNESCO World Heritage Committee adopted this buffer zone in Brasilia in July 2010 (34 COM 8B.52). A map is attached.

**1.5 - Governmental Institution Responsible for the Property**

**Comment**

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**1.6 - Property Manager / Coordinator, Local Institution / Agency**

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Heritage Victoria

Department of Planning and Community Development

**Comment**

Please add the following contacts to the existing listing. Heritage Victoria is the permitting body. Management responsibility for the Royal Exhibition Building and immediate land (Exhibition Reserve): Dr Patrick Greene, CEO, Museum Victoria jpgreene@museum.vic.gov.au PO Box 666, Melbourne, Victoria Australia 3001 Management responsibility for the Carlton Gardens: Dr Kathy Alexander, CEO City of Melbourne kathy.alexander@melbourne.vic.gov.au GPO Box 1603, Melbourne, Victoria Australia 3000

**1.7 - Web Address of the Property (if existing)**

1. [The Official Site for Australian Travel and Tourism Australia](http://www.australiatravel.com.au)
2. [Museum Victoria](http://www.museum.vic.gov.au)
3. [Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens \(Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts\)](http://www.environment.vic.gov.au/heritage/places/world/royal-exhibition/values.htm)

**Comment**

Please revise: 1. Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities) 2. Museum Victoria 3. Heritage Victoria Registration: [http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/heritagevic#detail\\_places;2284](http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/vhd/heritagevic#detail_places;2284) 4. Carlton Gardens: <http://thatsmelbourne.com.au/Placestogo/ParksandGardens/AllParksandGardens/Pages/4446.aspx> 5. The Official Site for Australian Travel and Tourism

**1.8 - Other designations / Conventions under which the property is protected (if applicable)**

**2. Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

**2.1 - Statement of Outstanding Universal Value / Statement of Significance**

**Comment**

A retrospective Statement of Outstanding Universal Value was submitted to the World Heritage Centre on 1 February 2011. Awaiting World Heritage Committee approval in June 2012.

**2.2 - The criteria (2005 revised version) under which the property was inscribed**

(ii)

**2.3 - Attributes expressing the Outstanding Universal Value per criterion**

Please see the description at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/royal-exhibition/values.htm>

**2.4 - If needed, please provide details of why the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value should be revised**

Not applicable.

**2.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to Statement of Outstanding Universal Value**

No comment.

**3. Factors Affecting the Property**

**3.14. Other factor(s)**

**3.14.1 - Other factor(s)**

Not applicable.

3.15. Factors Summary Table

3.15.1 - Factors summary table

Name	Impact				Origin	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
3.1.1 Housing						
3.1.2 Commercial development						
3.1.5 Interpretative and visitation facilities						
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Services Infrastructures</b>					
3.3.1 Water infrastructure						
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Pollution</b>					
3.4.4 Air pollution						
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
3.7.6 Water (rain/water table)						
3.7.7 Pests						
<b>3.8</b>	<b>Social/cultural uses of heritage</b>					
3.8.2 Society's valuing of heritage						
3.8.6 Impacts of tourism / visitor / recreation						
<b>3.9</b>	<b>Other human activities</b>					
3.9.2 Deliberate destruction of heritage						
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
3.10.1 Storms						
3.10.2 Flooding						
3.10.3 Drought						
3.10.6 Temperature change						
<b>3.11</b>	<b>Sudden ecological or geological events</b>					
3.11.6 Fire (wildfires)						
<b>3.12</b>	<b>Invasive/alien species or hyper-abundant species</b>					
3.12.2 Invasive/alien terrestrial species						
<b>3.13</b>	<b>Management and institutional factors</b>					
3.13.1 Low impact research / monitoring activities						
3.13.3 Management activities						
<b>Legend</b>	Current	Potential	Negative	Positive	Inside	Outside

3.16. Assessment of current negative factors

3.16.1 - Assessment of current negative factors

	Spatial scale	Temporal scale	Impact	Management response	Trend	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.2</b>	<b>Commercial development</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	increasing
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	restricted	intermittent or sporadic	minor	high capacity	increasing
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
<b>3.10.3</b>	<b>Drought</b>	extensive	on-going	significant	medium capacity	increasing

### 3.17. Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to factors affecting the property

#### 3.17.1 - Comments

Institutional, commercial and residential development within the vicinity of the site has increased over the last six years. The buffer zone and associated planning controls will help ensure development does not significantly impact on the site. Water damage to building fabric through increased storm events is continuing possibility. Drought and other climate change impacts are evident on the Carlton Gardens. Water capture facilities have been installed to minimise drought impact.

### 4. Protection, Management and Monitoring of the Property

#### 4.1. Boundaries and Buffer Zones

##### 4.1.1 - Buffer zone status

There is a buffer zone

##### 4.1.2 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

##### 4.1.3 - Are the buffer zone(s) of the World Heritage property adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

##### 4.1.4 - Are the boundaries of the World Heritage property known?

The boundaries of the World Heritage property are known by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

##### 4.1.5 - Are the buffer zones of the World Heritage property known?

The buffer zones of the World Heritage property are **known** by both the management authority and local residents / communities / landowners.

##### 4.1.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to boundaries and buffer zones of the World Heritage property

The gazetted buffer zone was adopted by the World Heritage Committee at the 34th session in Brasilia in July 2010. A World Heritage Strategy Plan for the buffer zone has been approved and implemented.

### 4.2. Protective Measures

#### 4.2.1 - Protective designation (legal, regulatory, contractual, planning, institutional and / or traditional)

Australia has a three-tier system of legislation: Commonwealth (national), State (provincial) and local levels. In the State of Victoria, heritage is primarily managed at State level through Heritage Victoria which is governed by the Heritage Council of Victoria, appointed by the State Government.

The Royal Exhibition and Carlton Gardens are listed on the Commonwealth Government's Register of the National Estate. This does not provide direct legal controls, but authorities must alert the Australian Heritage Commission to actions that might significantly affect the values of places on the Register. The buildings and gardens are also listed in the Victorian Heritage Register, which means that designated sites need permission from Heritage Victoria for any works undertaken to them.

The City of Melbourne has responsibility for Heritage Overlay Zones, which form a key part of the development control planning process. Heritage Overlay Zones govern issues such as bulk and mass of new development, height, the retention of fabric, colours and preferred building materials.

On 11 October 2007 the World Heritage Environment Area surrounding the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens was declared and gazetted.

##### Comment

World Heritage properties in Australia are 'matters of national environmental significance' protected under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Any action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on the values of a World Heritage property must be referred to the Minister for consideration. The site is included on the National Heritage List (Australia) and the Victorian Heritage Register and is managed under the Heritage Act 1995 (Victoria).

#### 4.2.2 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.3 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the maintenance of the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity of the World Heritage property provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection

#### 4.2.4 - Is the legal framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) adequate in the area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone for maintaining the Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Integrity and / or Authenticity of the property?

The legal framework for the area surrounding the World Heritage property and the buffer zone provides **an adequate or better basis** for effective management and protection of the property, contributing to the maintenance of its

Outstanding Universal Value including conditions of Authenticity and / or Integrity

**4.2.5 - Can the legislative framework (i.e. legislation and / or regulation) be enforced?**

There is **excellent** capacity / resources to enforce legislation and / or regulation in the World Heritage property

**4.2.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to protective measures**

Details of the gazetted buffer zone and a World Heritage Strategy Plan for the buffer zone have been provided to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities for transmission to the World Heritage Committee.

**4.3. Management System / Management Plan**

**4.3.1 - Management System**

The Museums Board Victoria has overall responsibility for the Royal Exhibition Building with day to day management delegated to the Melbourne Museum Division and specifically to the Director. The City of Melbourne has been appointed as the Committee of Management for the Carlton Gardens. The Parks and Recreation Group of the City of Melbourne undertakes the planning management roles directly. Day to day maintenance is carried out by private contractors.

**Comment**

The World Heritage Steering Committee for the site, established by the Victorian Minister for Planning under the Heritage Act 1995 (Vic), is made up of Mr Jim Gardner, Executive Director, Heritage Victoria (Chairperson), Dr Patrick Greene OBE, Chief Executive Officer, Museum Victoria and Angela Hill, Senior Parks Planner, Melbourne City Council.

**4.3.2 - Management Documents**

**Comment**

A World Heritage Management Plan is currently being prepared for the property. Management tools used to protect the inscribed property are: - Carlton Gardens Master Plan (May 2005) - Royal Exhibition Building and Exhibition Reserve Master Plan (February 2007) - Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens Conservation Management Plan (2007) - MoU between Museum Victoria and City of Melbourne (June 2004) - World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan (2009) - Local government planning provisions.

**4.3.3 - How well do the various levels of administration (i.e. national / federal; regional / provincial / state; local / municipal etc.) coordinate in the management of the World Heritage Property ?**

There is **excellent coordination** between all bodies / levels involved in the management of the property

**4.3.4 - Is the management system / plan adequate to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value ?**

The management system / plan is **fully adequate** to maintain the property's Outstanding Universal Value

**4.3.5 - Is the management system being implemented?**

The management system is being **fully** implemented and monitored

**4.3.6 - Is there an annual work / action plan and is it being implemented?**

An annual work / action plan exists and **many activities** are being implemented

**4.3.7 - Please rate the cooperation / relationship with World Heritage property managers / coordinators / staff of the following**

Local communities / residents	Good
Local / Municipal authorities	Good
Indigenous peoples	Good
Landowners	Good
Visitors	Good
Researchers	Good
Tourism industry	Good
Industry	Not applicable

**4.3.8 - If present, do local communities resident in or near the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Local communities have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role in management

**4.3.9 - If present, do indigenous peoples resident in or regularly using the World Heritage property and / or buffer zone have input in management decisions that maintain the Outstanding Universal Value?**

Indigenous peoples have **some input** into discussions relating to management but no direct role

**4.3.10 - Is there cooperation with industry (i.e. forestry, mining, agriculture, etc.) regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone?**

There is **little or no contact** with industry regarding the management of the World Heritage property, buffer zone and / or area surrounding the World Heritage property and buffer zone

**4.3.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training**

The site does not have specific, identified Indigenous heritage values. However, there is Indigenous representation on the relevant advisory committees within the City of Melbourne and Museum Victoria. There are no relevant primary or extractive industries related to the site or the buffer zone.

**4.3.12 - Please report any significant changes in the legal status and / or contractual / traditional protective measures and management arrangements for the World Heritage property since inscription or the last Periodic report**

The place was included on Australia's National Heritage List on 20 July 2004. A buffer zone has been determined and gazetted and management controls for the buffer zone have been approved through the World Heritage Strategy Plan: Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. Buffer zone has been endorsed by the States Party and was adopted in Brasilia in July (34 COM 8B.52).

4.4. Financial and Human Resources

4.4.1 - Costs related to conservation, based on the average of last five years (relative percentage of the funding sources)

Multilateral funding (GEF, World Bank, etc)	0%
International donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Governmental (National / Federal)	4%
Governmental (Regional / Provincial / State)	45%
Governmental (Local / Municipal)	35%
In country donations (NGO's, foundations, etc)	0%
Individual visitor charges (e.g. entry, parking, camping fees, etc.)	1%
Commercial operator payments (e.g. filming permit, concessions, etc.)	15%
Other grants	0%

4.4.2 - International Assistance received from the World Heritage Fund (USD)

Comment

Not applicable.

4.4.3 - Is the current budget sufficient to manage the World Heritage property effectively?

The available budget is **acceptable** but could be further improved to fully meet the management needs

4.4.4 - Are the existing sources of funding secure and likely to remain so?

The existing sources of funding **are secure** in the medium-term and planning is underway to secure funding in the long-term

4.4.5 - Does the World Heritage property provide economic benefits to local communities (e.g. income, employment)?

There is a **major flow** of economic benefits to local communities from activities in and around the World Heritage property

4.4.6 - Are available resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure sufficient to meet management needs?

There are **adequate** equipment and facilities

4.4.7 - Are resources such as equipment, facilities and infrastructure adequately maintained?

Equipment and facilities are **well maintained**

4.4.8 - Comments, conclusion, and / or recommendations related to finance and infrastructure

No comment.

4.4.9 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Full-time	65%
Part-time	35%

4.4.10 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Permanent	90%
Seasonal	10%

4.4.11 - Distribution of employees involved in managing the World Heritage property (% of total)

Paid	95%
Volunteer	5%

4.4.12 - Are available human resources adequate to manage the World Heritage property?

Human resources are **adequate** for management needs

4.4.13 - Considering the management needs of the World Heritage property, please rate the availability of professionals in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Good
Promotion	Good
Community outreach	Good
Interpretation	Good
Education	Good
Visitor management	Good
Conservation	Good
Administration	Good
Risk preparedness	Good
Tourism	Good
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Good

4.4.14 - Please rate the availability of training opportunities for the management of the World Heritage property in the following disciplines

Research and monitoring	Low
Promotion	Low
Community outreach	Low
Interpretation	Low
Education	Low
Visitor management	Low
Conservation	Low
Administration	Low
Risk preparedness	Low
Tourism	Low
Enforcement (custodians, police)	Low

4.4.15 - Do the management and conservation programmes at the World Heritage property help develop local expertise?

A capacity development plan or programme is in place and **partially implemented**; some technical skills are being transferred to those managing the property locally **but most of the technical work is carried out by external staff**

4.4.16 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to human resources, expertise and training

The majority of the high-level management and on-ground conservation work is undertaken by experienced heritage and horticultural consultants and contractors. These individuals are local in the sense that they generally reside in Melbourne (or at least Victoria).

**4.5. Scientific Studies and Research Projects**

**4.5.1 - Is there adequate knowledge (scientific or traditional) about the values of the World Heritage property to support planning, management and decision-making to ensure that Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Knowledge about the values of the World Heritage property is sufficient

**4.5.2 - Is there a planned programme of research at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is a comprehensive, integrated programme of research, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.5.3 - Are results from research programmes disseminated?**

Research results are shared widely with the local, national and international audiences

**4.5.4 - Please provide details (i.e. authors, title, and web link) of papers published about the World Heritage property since the last Periodic Report**

Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens, Carlton: Conservation Management Plan (Lovell Chen Architects and Heritage Consultants, June 2008) World Heritage Environs Area Strategy Plan: Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens (Department of Planning and Community Development, 2009) - <http://heritage.vic.gov.au/Heritage-places-objects/World-Heritage.aspx> ...MORE...

**4.5.5 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to scientific studies and research projects**

No comments.

**4.6. Education, Information and Awareness Building**

**4.6.1 - At how many locations is the World Heritage emblem displayed at the property?**

In many locations and easily visible to visitors

**4.6.2 - Please rate the awareness and understanding of the existence and justification for inscription of the World Heritage property amongst the following groups**

Local communities / residents	Average
Local / Municipal authorities within or adjacent to the property	Excellent
Local Indigenous peoples	Not applicable
Local landowners	Average
Visitors	Average
Tourism industry	Average
Local businesses and industries	Average

**4.6.3 - Is there a planned education and awareness programme linked to the values and management of the World Heritage property?**

There is a planned and effective education and awareness programme that contributes to the protection of the World Heritage property

**4.6.4 - What role, if any, has designation as a World Heritage property played with respect to education, information and awareness building activities?**

World Heritage status has influenced education, information and awareness building activities, but it could be improved

**4.6.5 - How well is the information on Outstanding Universal Value of the property presented and interpreted?**

The Outstanding Universal Value of the property is adequately presented and interpreted but improvements could be made

**4.6.6 - Please rate the adequacy for education, information and awareness building of the following visitor facilities and services at the World Heritage property**

Visitor centre	Not needed
Site museum	Excellent
Information booths	Not needed
Guided tours	Excellent
Trails / routes	Adequate
Information materials	Adequate
Transportation facilities	Excellent
Other	

**4.6.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to education, information and awareness building**

No comment.

**4.7. Visitor Management**

**4.7.1 - Please provide the trend in annual visitation for the last five years**

Last year	Minor Increase
Two years ago	Minor Increase
Three years ago	Minor Increase
Four years ago	Minor Increase
Five years ago	Minor Increase

**4.7.2 - What information sources are used to collect trend data on visitor statistics?**

Entry tickets and registries
Tourism industry
Visitor surveys

**4.7.3 - Visitor management documents**

**4.7.4 - Is there an appropriate visitor use management plan (e.g. specific plan) for the World**

**Heritage property which ensures that its Outstanding Universal Value is maintained?**

Visitor use of the World Heritage property is **effectively managed** and does not impact its Outstanding Universal Value

**4.8.6 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to monitoring**

No comment.

**4.9. Identification of Priority Management Needs**

**4.9.1 - Please select the top 6 managements needs for the property (if more than 6 are listed below)**

Please refer to question 5.2

**4.7.5 - Does the tourism industry contribute to improving visitor experiences and maintaining the values of the World Heritage property?**

There is **limited co-operation** between those responsible for the World Heritage property and the tourism industry to present the Outstanding Universal Value and increase appreciation

**4.7.6 - If fees (i.e. entry charges, permits) are collected, do they contribute to the management of the World Heritage property?**

The fee is collected, and makes **some contribution** to the management of the World Heritage property

**4.7.7 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to visitor use of the World Heritage property**

No comment.

**4.8. Monitoring**

**4.8.1 - Is there a monitoring programme at the property which is directed towards management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value?**

There is a **comprehensive, integrated programme** of monitoring, which is relevant to management needs and / or improving understanding of Outstanding Universal Value

**4.8.2 - Are key indicators for measuring the state of conservation used to monitor how the Outstanding Universal Value of the property is maintained?**

Information on the values of the World Heritage property is **sufficient** for defining and monitoring key indicators for measuring its state of conservation

**4.8.3 - Please rate the level of involvement in monitoring of the following groups**

World Heritage managers / coordinators and staff	Excellent
Local / Municipal authorities	Excellent
Local communities	Average
Researchers	Average
NGOs	Average
Industry	Not applicable
Local indigenous peoples	Not applicable

**4.8.4 - Has the State Party implemented relevant recommendations arising from the World Heritage Committee?**

**No relevant** Committee recommendations to implement

**4.8.5 - Please provide comments relevant to the implementation of recommendations from the World Heritage Committee**

No comment.

5. Summary and Conclusions

5.1. Summary - Factors affecting the Property

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	World Heritage criteria and attributes affected	Actions	Monitoring	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Buildings and Development</b>					
<b>3.1.2</b>	<b>Commercial development</b>	Criterion (ii): the site as the main extant survivors of a Palace of Industry and its setting, together reflect the global influence of the international exhibition movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries.	A buffer zone is now in place with relevant heritage and development controls within the local planning regime to protect the World Heritage values.	All development within the buffer zone must take account of World Heritage values. This is monitored by the local planning authorities, State Government and the Australian Government.	Ongoing responses to development proposals.	Heritage Division, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (States Party) Heritage Victoria (State Government) City of Melbourne (local authority) City of Yarra (local authority) Museum Victoria (site manager)
<b>3.7</b>	<b>Local conditions affecting physical fabric</b>					
<b>3.7.6</b>	<b>Water (rain/water table)</b>	Criterion (ii): the site as the main extant survivors of a Palace of Industry and its setting, together reflect the global influence of the international exhibition movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries.	Building maintenance systems are in place to deal with the aftermath of extreme weather events effecting historic fabric.	This impact of severe storms and water damage to historic fabric is monitored by Museum Victoria and Heritage Victoria.	Ongoing	Museum Victoria (site manager) Heritage Victoria (State Government)
<b>3.10</b>	<b>Climate change and severe weather events</b>					
<b>3.10.3</b>	<b>Drought</b>	Criterion (ii): the site as the main extant survivors of a Palace of Industry and its setting, together reflect the global influence of the international exhibition movement of the 19th and early 20th centuries.	Underground rainwater retention and storage facilities have been constructed on site to help ensure an adequate supply of water for Carlton Gardens during drought.	This water storage facility is monitored by the site managers Museum Victoria and the City of Melbourne.	The water storage facility is in place and operating.	Museum Victoria (site manager) City of Melbourne (site manager)

5.2. Summary - Management Needs

5.2.2 - Summary - Management Needs

4.3 Management System / Management Plan						
	Actions	Timeframe	Lead agency (and others involved)	More info / comment		
<b>4.3.10</b>	<b>There is little or no contact with industry regarding management</b>	No applicable - there is no threat or interaction with primary or extractive industries, as this is an central city urban site.				



**5.3. Conclusions on the State of Conservation of the Property**

**5.3.1 - Current state of Authenticity**

The authenticity of the World Heritage property has been **preserved**

**5.3.2 - Current state of Integrity**

The integrity of the World Heritage property is **intact**

**5.3.3 - Current state of the World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value**

The World Heritage property's Outstanding Universal Value has been **maintained**.

**5.3.4 - Current state of the property's other values**

Other important cultural and / or natural values and the state of conservation of the World Heritage property are **predominantly intact**

**5.4. Additional comments on the State of Conservation of the Property**

**5.4.1 - Comments**

The Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens World Heritage Site is well managed to ensure its World Heritage Values are maintained. Like all heritage sites there are projects to better maintain, restore or interpret this site that require increased funding.

**6. World Heritage Status and Conclusions on Periodic Reporting Exercise**

**6.1 - Please rate the impacts of World Heritage status of the property in relation to the following areas**

Conservation	Positive
Research and monitoring	Positive
Management effectiveness	Positive
Quality of life for local communities and indigenous peoples	No impact
Recognition	Very positive
Education	Positive
Infrastructure development	Positive
Funding for the property	Positive
International cooperation	Positive
Political support for conservation	Positive
Legal / Policy framework	Positive
Lobbying	Positive
Institutional coordination	Positive
Security	No impact
Other (please specify)	Not applicable

**6.2 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to World Heritage status**

Inclusion on the World Heritage List has been very positive for this site. Although understanding that the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens is a World Heritage site is high, the values for which it is included are less understood by the general public and visitors, who appreciate the site as

attractive nineteenth century gardens and a grand and architecturally accomplished exhibition hall rather than for the values for which it was inscribed.

**6.3 - Entities involved in the preparation of this Section of the Periodic Report**

Governmental institution responsible for the property
Site Manager/Coordinator/World Heritage property staff
Advisory bodies

**6.4 - Was the Periodic Reporting questionnaire easy to use and clearly understandable?**

yes

**6.5 - Please provide suggestions for improvement of the Periodic Reporting questionnaire**

The questionnaire attempts to cover too broad a range of places resulting in the bulk of the questions being irrelevant to the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. Consideration could be given to more targeted questionnaires based on the type of property (cultural, natural).

**6.6 - Please rate the level of support for completing the Periodic Report questionnaire from the following entities**

UNESCO	Fair
State Party Representative	Very good
Advisory Body	Very good

**6.7 - How accessible was the information required to complete the Periodic Report?**

Most of the required information was accessible

**6.8 - The Periodic Reporting process has improved the understanding of the following**

The property's Integrity and / or Authenticity
Managing the property to maintain the Outstanding Universal Value
Monitoring and reporting
Management effectiveness

**6.9 - Please rate the follow-up to conclusions and recommendations from previous Periodic Reporting exercise by the following entities**

UNESCO	Not Applicable
State Party	Not Applicable
Site Managers	Not Applicable
Advisory Bodies	Not Applicable

**6.10 - Summary of actions that will require formal consideration by the World Heritage Committee**

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**• Map(s)**

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**6.11 - Comments, conclusions and / or recommendations related to the Assessment of the Periodic Reporting exercise**