

7. Review & Implementation

7.1. Implementation

This Master Plan provides schematic design and high-level policy advice only. For all new developments this is just the first step, with the Master Plan providing guidance as to the priority, location, use and form of the proposal, but not the detailed implementation. For projects to be realised further detailed design and documentation is required.

For each new development further consultation and research will be needed, as well as the detailed advice of other professionals such as engineers, horticulturalists, landscape architects and architects. In particular, all decisions in relation to vehicle movement, the bike trail, parking, pedestrian crossings and road safety outside the Gardens need to be designed by a Traffic Engineer and are subject to detailed feasibility and safety studies. For large scale projects such as the Works Depot Redevelopment and Bungambrawatha Creek Naturalisation further community consultation will also be required.

7.2. Considering New Proposals

As the Albury Botanic Gardens Master Plan spans a 20-year period, it is possible that new proposals will be made which were not foreseen as part of this original Master Plan. These proposals may not necessarily be inappropriate, but should be approached with caution given the heritage character of the place. Due to the rigor of the Master Plan process, when determining the appropriateness of any unplanned proposal or need it should first be considered as to whether it can be accommodated within an already planned Master plan project (e.g. within the Works Depot Redevelopment). For any new proposal, the following questions need to be asked:

- Is it consistent with the Guiding Principles (Chapter 2)?
- Is the project consistent with AlburyCity's long-term strategic aims?
- Is it compatible with the recommendations of this Master Plan and industry best practice?

For any new projects detailed design will still be required and for extensive deviations from the Master Plan further community and stakeholder consultation should occur.

7.3. Review

The Master Plan outlines an ambitious vision for Albury Botanic Gardens over a 20-year period. While the direction of the Master Plan should be ongoing, it is recommended that the Master Plan be reviewed in ten-years-time (2032) to allow for any changes in circumstances and to incorporate new developments which have occurred. It is anticipated that some of the recommended projects will not have been completed by this the time and if appropriate these should be rolled over into a new Master Plan.

7.4. Priorities

The following is a prioritised list of works recommended in the Master Plan. The Master Plan expresses a long-term vision for the Gardens, and works will need to be staged. Works are generally prioritised based on the following considerations:

- Critical infrastructure and works necessary for the operation of the Gardens (e.g. the new irrigation system)
- Planning works required to allow other projects to proceed (e.g. Tree Replacement Plan)

- Works which are relatively simple to implement from a cost or infrastructure perspective
- Projects that provide the greatest community benefit

This list of priorities will be subject to change, especially if unexpected opportunities arise, allowing the fast tracking of particular projects. Projects are listed in general order of priority.

Item	Planning Document	Short Term (2022-27)	Medium Term (2027-32)	Long Term (2032 onwards)
BACKGROUND WORKS AND PLANNING DOCUMENTS				
Collections Management Plan	✓			
Interpretation, Signage and Wayfinding Plan	✓			
Events Management Plan	✓			
Bungambrawatha Creek naturalisation and storm water management feasibility study	✓			
Work with the Wiradjuri Traditional Custodians to understand their connection to the place and identify opportunities for collaboration	✓			
MASTER PLAN PROJECTS				
The Avenue replacement planting		✓		
Replace Bungambrawatha Creek fence		✓		
Realign and fence maintenance path through Children's Garden		✓		
Agathis Deck		✓		
Bunya Pine Deck		✓		
Murray River Collection		✓		
Upgrade Rotunda and surrounding landscape		✓		
Redesign Cottage landscaping		✓		
Extend Children's Garden northwards			✓	
Bike Trail and Dean Street parking			✓	
Dean Street west Pocket Park and kiosk			✓	
Dean Street / Wodonga Place Pocket Park			✓	
Realign pathway to improve maintenance access and create Fern Walk			✓	
Complete Rose Garden			✓	
New Rest House			✓	
Botanic Gardens Community Hub				✓
Bungambrawatha Creek Naturalisation				✓
Monument Hill entrance Pocket Park				✓
Monument Hill and Australian Garden				✓

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MANAGEMENT OF ALBURY BOTANIC GARDENS				
Circulation, Pathways and Entrances				
Redesign and consolidate crossing points for safer Gardens entrance / access, working with traffic engineer		✓		
Re-open Wodonga Place / Smollett Street entrance (timing dependent on Bunya Pine life span)		✓		
Connect pathway through Camellia Garden to The Avenue		✓		
Concrete (seal) path connecting Dean Street / Wodonga Place and Smollett Street entrances			✓	
Provide major new entrance across Smollett Street (timing dependent on Community Hub)				✓
Streetscape planting and entrance upgrades		ongoing		
Accessibility				
Provide accessible seats at all entrances		✓		
Provide new low profile accessible drinking fountains with bottle refill stations		✓		
Increase number of accessible parking bays at Gardens entrances, working with traffic engineer		✓		
Consider providing seniors parking at main entrance, Smollett Street and Pocket Parks		✓		
Provide accessible picnic tables as part of “roof garden” Pocket Parks			✓	
Provide more lay back kerbs to lawns		ongoing		
Increase accessible seats along pathways		ongoing		
Boundaries and Fences				
Replace existing fencing to match rest of new Gardens’ fencing			✓	
Reinstate screening planting around Gardens boundary		ongoing		
Public Transport and Parking				
Review all-day parking	✓			
Explore options for adding stops at ABG for bus routes that pass Gardens	✓			
Mark parallel parking spaces on Dean Street and northern end Thurgoona Street		✓		

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Provide long vehicle parking spot at either end of Gardens		✓		
Provide bicycle racks at Gardens entrances along Bungambrawatha Bike Trail			✓	
Redesign car parking along Smollett Street				✓
Improve wayfinding to / from Oval and Swimming Pool car parking		ongoing		
Landscape Character				
Subtly reshape garden beds into more <i>picturesque</i> shapes		ongoing		
Management as a Heritage Place				
Consider expanding footprint of <i>Local Environmental Plan</i> to include surrounding setting of Gardens	✓			
Consider nominating site for inclusion on New South Wales state heritage register	✓			
Remove the wishing well and acknowledge rotary in an alternative way		✓		
Include Aboriginal names on plant labels		ongoing		
Planting Design				
Reduce number of annual display beds, replacing some with high impact perennials		ongoing		
Irrigation and Water Management				
Commission an irrigation designer to review and redesign entire irrigation system	✓			
Upgrade the irrigation system		✓		
Add discharge drainage line from near Rose Garden to Smollett Street			✓	
Include white cement in crushed granite (“buckshot”) paths to reduce washout		ongoing		
Install new agricultural drains in lawn areas where required		ongoing		
Education, Interpretation and Signage				
Develop business case for appointment of dedicated Educational Officer based at ABG	✓			
Develop business case for dedicated educational space as part of Depot redevelopment	✓			
Undertake formal review of Gardenesque after three years	✓			
Establish visitor centre in former Caretaker’s Cottage		✓		

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Develop kitchen garden program or similar as part of Depot redevelopment				✓
Collaborate with related institutions on education and research programs		ongoing		
Increase number of plant labels		ongoing		
Increase breadth and range of Garden tours		ongoing		
Develop interpretation options for non-traditional audiences		ongoing		
Upgrade directional signage		ongoing		
Events				
Provide hard stand areas for housing port-a-loos and temporary event infrastructure		✓		
Conduct yearly post-event audit following “Gardenesque”		ongoing		
Management and Staffing				
Investigate alternative perennial weed control methods	✓			
Develop a Weed Risk Assessment Protocol (WRAP) to assess all new plant acquisitions	✓			
Remove poorly performing and difficult to mow lawn areas		ongoing		
Furniture and Infrastructure				
Formally document suppliers and appropriate design styles for furniture types	✓			