
Fitzroy Gardens



G13002 Fitzroy Gardens
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Location

Wellington Parade, Lansdowne Street, EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002 - Property No G13002

Municipality

MELBOURNE CITY

Level of significance

National

Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H1834

Heritage Listing

National Trust

Statement of Significance

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Fitzroy Gardens, proclaimed in 1848, planned by Edward La Trobe Bateman in 1857-8, developed by Clement Hodgkinson and James Sinclair during the late 1850s to c.1880, progressively altered during the 1880s-90s and in continuous use to the present as a public garden, is of National significance:

- historically, as one of Melbourne's major city parks; the site forms part of a network of parks developed from the mid-nineteenth century, including Treasury Gardens, Carlton Gardens, Flagstaff Gardens and the Domain;

- as an integral component in a precinct principally comprised of government and ecclesiastical buildings and reserves of outstanding cultural significance; the gardens form an appropriate setting for many nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings along Albert Street, Clarendon Street and Lansdowne Street;
- for the retention of planting from the late 1860s to the 1920s including avenue plantings, shrubberies, specimen trees, the tradition of ribbon planting and carpet bedding, and the tradition of indoor horticultural displays;
- for the retention of layout and landscape design from the late 1850s to the early twentieth century; elements from this period include much of the path system, the general alignment of the creek, avenue plantings and the siting of several early structures;
- for the retention of two outstanding garden buildings: the bandstand is the earliest surviving example in Victoria (and almost certainly Australia) and unusual for its classically derived design and masonry construction; the conservatory, with a Spanish Mission architectural treatment to the exterior, unusual for this category of building and now a rare surviving conservatory within a public garden;
- for the retention of structures and works from the 1860s to the 1920s including many typical park structures such as a curator's cottage, bandstand, rotunda, fountain, glasshouses, fencing and conservatory;
- for the manner in which the garden complements the neighbouring Treasury Gardens and allows long vistas across Lansdowne Street;
- for the involvement of several leading Victorian landscape designers and gardeners including Edward La Trobe Bateman, James Sinclair, Clement Hodgkinson and John Guilfoyle;
- aesthetically, for its large extent of lawns and mature tree plantings which permit long vistas across the undulating site and its predominance of deciduous exotic trees;
- socially, for its close link with Melbourne's central business district and the residential suburbs of East Melbourne and Jolimont;
- socially, for its incorporation of features harking back to Victoria's British heritage, such as Cook's Cottage.

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