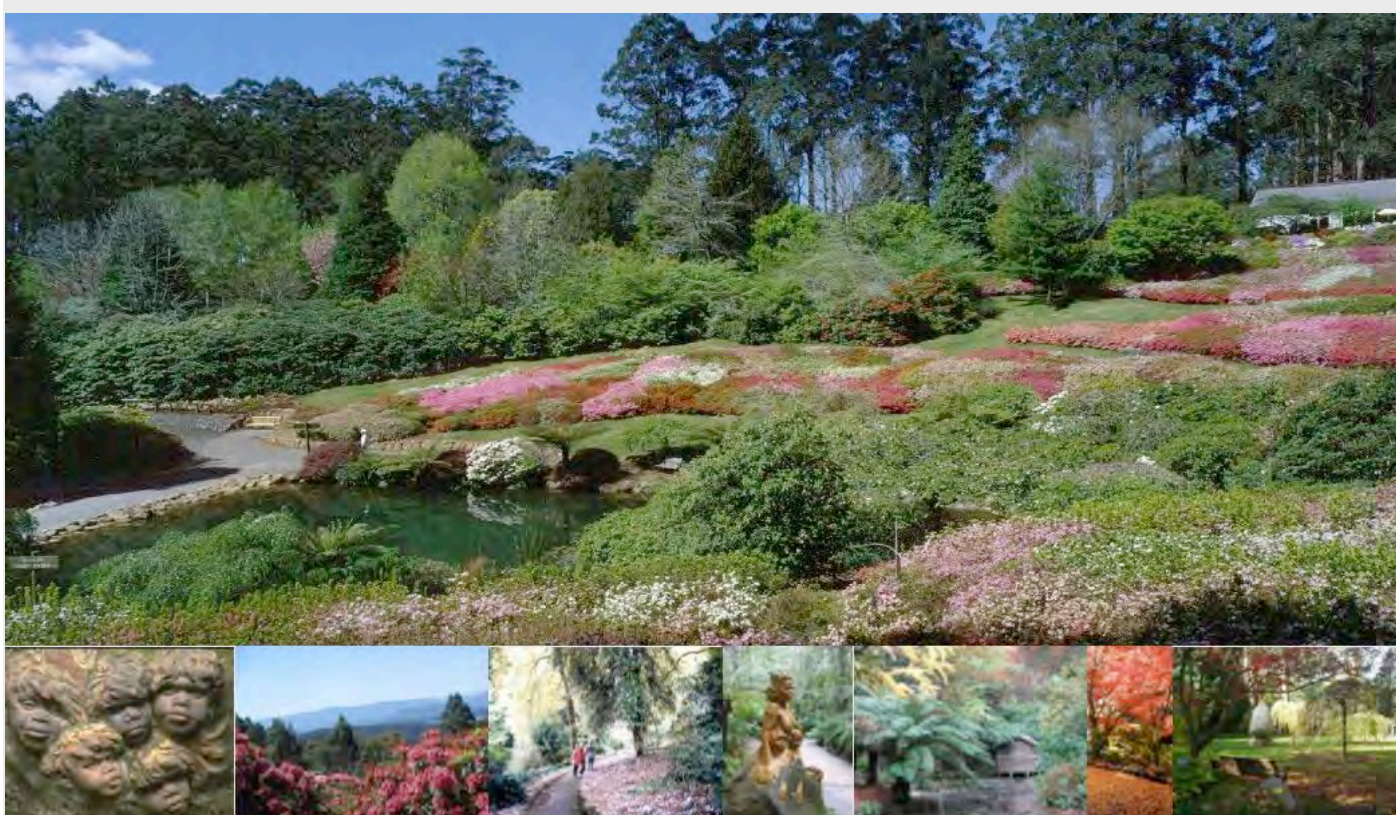


# Planning for the future of the Dandenong Ranges Gardens

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Information Paper

Have Your Say...  
June 2008

## A TEN YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE DANDENONG RANGES GARDENS

Parks Victoria is commencing a process to define the future of eight garden properties in Dandenong Ranges through the development of a ten year strategic plan to be known as the Dandenong Ranges Gardens Management Plan. This Plan will provide a guide for the future use, development, landscaping and management of the eight garden properties.

Currently, management is guided by the 1998 Dandenong Ranges Gardens Future Directions Plan. Many objectives in this Plan were achieved; however, Parks Victoria wants to ensure that the vision and objectives for future management are appropriate and continue to guide management.

The past decade has seen new challenges for gardens management such as the impact of changing climate and tourism and visitor opportunities. We need to explore and recommend how the gardens will respond to new challenges, and to ensure that the gardens are managed appropriately for the community, stakeholders and agencies for now and into the future.

For more information about the Plan or to keep in touch with the progress of the project, please visit [www.parkweb.vic.gov.au](http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au) or contact Parks Victoria on 131963.

### KEY STEPS IN PLANNING

Consultation with the community, stakeholders and agencies prior to preparing the Draft Management Plan. This includes distribution of this paper to explore ideas on issues, needs and opportunities.



**Healthy Parks** Draft Management Plan developed.  
*Healthy People*



Consultation with the community, stakeholders and agencies about the Draft Management Plan. 60 day opportunity for further input by community, stakeholders and agencies.



Final Management Plan –  
this document will guide the management of the Dandenong Ranges Gardens for the next 10 years.

### THE GARDEN PROPERTIES

**William Ricketts Sanctuary:** 92 William Ricketts ceramic sculptures of people and animals, set in natural surrounds of ferns and Australian Mountain Ash (Mt Dandenong, Melway Ref: 66 G1)

**Mt Dandenong Arboretum:** rare mature conifers and exotic trees collection, great views of the Warburton Ranges, picnics ( Mt Dandenong, Melway Ref: 52 G12)

**National Rhododendron Gardens:** world-renowned botanic garden, colourful Spring flowering, lakes, great views and walks, giftshop (Olinda, Melway Ref: 66 K6)

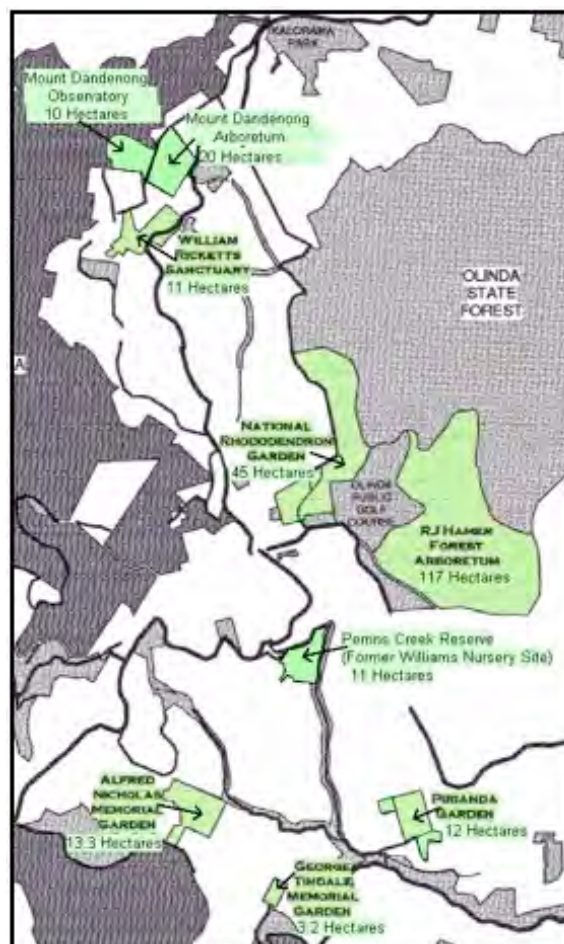
**R.J. Hamer Arboretum:** spectacular views of surrounding blue ranges, walks through extensive collections of trees, picnic and play (Olinda, Melway Ref: 122 B9)

**Pirianda Gardens:** rare and exotic plants, spectacular autumn foliage, fascinating walks through terraced gardens and fern gullies (Olinda, Melway Ref: 122 A12)

**The Secret Garden (Perrins Creek Reserve):** former nursery site hidden alongside Perrins Creek, remnant rockwalls and staircases, specimen trees (Olinda, Melway Ref: 66 J10)

**Alfred Nicholas Gardens:** timeless Burnham Beeches hilltop garden, ornamental lake and boathouse, waterfalls, autumn reflections (Sherbrooke, Melway Ref: 75 G1)

**George Tindale Gardens:** all-season hilltop garden inspiring garden buffs and visitors, towering Australian Mountain Ash backdrop (Sherbrooke, Melway Ref: 75 J2)



## HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Parks Victoria is inviting the community to **have you say** on the future of the Dandenong Ranges Gardens. **Detach this page, fill out the survey and return by 30th June 2008.** Additional written comments can also be provided.

### Submissions may be forwarded in writing to:

Dandenong Ranges Gardens Submissions  
Parks Victoria  
The Old Georgian Road  
Olinda VIC 3788

### Or by email to:

gardensplanning@parks.vic.gov.au

OR

### Dropped off between 10am and 4pm:

National Rhododendron Gardens  
The Old Georgian Road  
Olinda (Melway Ref 66 K6)

William Ricketts Sanctuary  
Mt Dandenong Tourist Road  
Mount Dandenong (Melway Ref 66 G1)

There will be a further 60 day opportunity to provide input when the Draft Management Plan is released in 2009 for comment on the draft visions, directions, proposals and strategies.

**I would like to be notified when the draft plan is released** Yes / No (please circle)

Please complete your **contact details** so that we can contact you if you would like to be notified when the Draft Management Plan is released.

Name:

Organisation/Group (if any):

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Telephone Work:

Home:

Email address:

*Personal information provided will be used only by Parks Victoria for park planning purposes and will be kept strictly confidential.*

## ABOUT YOU

To ensure we have gathered views from a range of people in the community can you please answer the following questions?

Are you male  or female  ? (please tick)

Which age group are you in? (please tick)

18 – 24 years

35 – 44 years

55 – 64 years

25 – 34 years

45 – 54 years

65 + years

What lifecycle category best describes you? (please tick)

Young single

Young couple  
(no children)

Older couple  
(no children at home)

Mature single

Middle family  
(children 6 – 14)

Mature family  
(children 15 + years)

Young family  
(youngest child under 6)

*Demographic information provided will be used only by Parks Victoria for park planning purposes and will be kept strictly confidential.*

## HAVE YOUR SAY...

Which gardens have you visited? (please tick)

National Rhododendron  
Gardens

Alfred Nicholas Gardens  
 George Tindale Gardens

R.J. Hamer Arboretum

Mount Dandenong Arboretum

William Ricketts Sanctuary

Pirianda Gardens

The Secret Garden

What kind of activities do you do at the gardens?

**How regularly do you visit?**

**What are the things you like most about the gardens?**

**What are the things you think could be improved about the gardens?**

**Do you have any particular issues of concern for the future of the gardens?**

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions? (Attach additional pages if needed)**

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.*