



Australian Government  
Australian National Botanic Gardens

# MEDIA ALERT

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## HAVE YOUR SAY... MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

The public is invited to take part in a **Master Plan Community Workshop** and have a say on the future development of the Australian National Botanic Gardens

- When:** Sunday 7 December 2014
- Time:** 11.00 am – 3.00 pm - Draft concepts for viewing in the Visitor Centre  
12.00 pm and 2.00 pm - Presentations in the Garden's Theatrette
- Where:** Australian National Botanic Gardens  
Clunies Ross Street, Acton  
Visitor Centre and Theatrette

### Background

The Gardens has engaged one of Australia's most experienced master planning teams to develop a 20-year Master Plan that will be a blueprint for our future development. The consortium of architects Tonkin Zulaikha Greer and landscape architects Taylor Cullity Lethlean are seeking community input at a Master Plan Community Workshop on Sunday 7 December.

The aim is to develop plans for new infrastructure and other attractions to support the growth of the Gardens' visitor experiences, educational and recreational opportunities to help enhance our precious living collection.

There are lots of ideas on the table – from a new visitor centre, cafe, pathways and learning experiences for children – but the exact mix won't be known until the planning and consultation process runs its course. The scope of the Master Plan will also include a new seed bank and facilities to increase the horticultural, research and conservation capabilities of this prominent national institution.

This public consultation period begins with the release of a draft concept plan at the community workshop, and will close on 23 January 2015.

Concepts will also be available on the Garden's website at [www.anbg.gov.au/gardens](http://www.anbg.gov.au/gardens). To have your say send an email to [masterplan@anbg.gov.au](mailto:masterplan@anbg.gov.au), talk to our staff on telephone 6250 9450 or start up a discussion on our Facebook site.

A second stage of public consultation will occur in March 2015 when the draft Master Plan is developed. It is anticipated that the final Master Plan will be developed by June 2015.

Photo opportunities are available on 7 December. Media are welcome to attend.

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