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20018. National Rose Gardens

Section 34 Block 4, Section 59 Block 1

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18. National Rose Gardens, Parkes [V56]¹

Location

District of Canberra Central, Division of Parkes, Section 34 Block 4 and Section 59 Block 1 as identified in Figure 18 and indicated on the Territory Plan Map by the Heritage Places Register Overlay at H18.

Features Intrinsic To The Heritage Significance Of The Place

The place comprises:

- a) rose beds laid out in a pattern to symbolise the petals of a fully opened rose;
- b) mature evergreen and deciduous trees; and
- c) lawn areas.

Statement Of Significance

The National Rose Gardens are significant to the ACT and to the nation for their historical, horticultural and aesthetic values.

These gardens are important because they were developed as Australia's first nation-wide gardening venture. They also provide a physical expression to the principle of Commonwealth and State co-operation.

The development of the gardens provided an interest for Australians in developing Canberra, the National Capital, as a Garden City.

In horticultural terms, the gardens exhibit the best varieties of Australian-grown and overseas roses in a favourable climate.

The gardens have a special association with Thomas Weston, first Superintendent of Parks and Gardens in Canberra. The memorial cypress planting and the poplars marking the entry positions are remnants of his original plan and planting. His ashes were scattered in the park opposite Old Parliament House.

Specific Requirements

In accordance with s54(1) of the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act* 1991, the following requirements are identified as essential to conservation of the heritage significance of the place;

- i) The place is to continue to be used as a National Rose Garden.
- ii) The concentric design of the beds is to be retained.
- iii) Future planting of roses are to be consistent with the original conception of the National Rose Garden.

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Figure 18: National Rose Gardens, Parkes

