



water savings grant

Centennial Parklands Foundation

The Centennial Parklands Foundation, which provides environmental and educational projects within the Parklands in support to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, applied to the Department of Energy, Utilities, and Sustainability (DEUS) for a grant from the Water Savings Fund. The NSW Government has established two funds to provide incentives for energy and water savings.

The Water Savings Fund will provide \$30 million per year over four years to encourage water savings and recycling of water in the Sydney area, to stimulate investment in innovative water savings measures and to increase public awareness and acceptance of the importance of water savings measures. The measures are expected to save between 30 and 80 billion litres of water per year

The Centennial Parklands Foundation was advised that its application for \$139,980 (ex GST) has been granted. Savings of approximately 12 million litres of town water are expected annually.

The water saving projects that this grant to the Foundation will enable are:

- **Rose and Column Gardens** - 50% of this garden, which is currently watered from the town water supply, will now be connected to the adjacent pond water supply
- **New public toilet facilities** - Five new public toilet facilities have been built in Centennial Park during the last two years. Dual plumbing was installed during construction in the event that Sydney water supplies reached low levels in the future. The dual plumbing will be connected to the Centennial Parklands pond water system so that no toilet flushing will use potable water
- **Existing toilets** - There are older toilets in the Parklands that do not incorporate water sensitive designs and 10 of those will also be connected to the Parklands pond water supply. These public toilet facilities service many of the estimated 5.5 million visitors to the Parklands each year.
- **Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre (CPEC) arenas** - there are two outdoor jumping arenas that require regular irrigation to maintain a safe riding surface. The project will connect the irrigation system to the Centennial Parklands pond water supply by drilling directional bores to the existing pond water main.

The Parklands is held dear to the millions of visitors it receives annually, and is therefore in a unique position to encourage water-wise use in the community.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation was created to facilitate connections to the community, by providing an opportunity to directly contribute to the future of the Parklands. The Foundation receives funding from membership fees of the Friends of Centennial Parklands, corporate sponsors and government grants, funding which is used exclusively for environmental and educational programs.

The DEUS Water Saving Grant is an ideal contribution to the ongoing work of the Foundation.