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in the Parklands

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Welcome to the summer edition of *Parklands* magazine.

Centennial Parklands is a real hive of activity this summer, perhaps even more than in previous years. New projects are well underway and our events calendar is full of wonderful new experiences.

Like all international standard urban parklands we have a responsibility to provide active and passive recreation spaces which balance the needs of a very complex community – from dog walkers to cyclists, from horse riders to picnickers, from football matches to Tai Chi. Responding to these diverse requirements is what our team at the Parklands do best.

Throughout Sydney, local parks have not kept up with the demand of users today for diversity in active and passive recreation. Sydneysiders are now favouring the smaller houses or apartments of the inner suburbs and using parks as their backyards.

The best example of this is the new development at Green Square, which will bring another 40,000 residents to this medium and high density dwelling adjacent to Moore Park. Our job will be to plan ahead to provide those people, and the rest of Sydney, with a mix of sports fields, outdoor venues, recreational opportunities and quiet green space that meets their changing needs.

At present the Parklands are 94% self-funded. Our revenue from the Golf Course, Fox Studios, The Entertainment Quarter and other key licensees covers much of the operating costs of the Parklands; this leaves little for the development and creation of new recreational spaces, or the overhaul of the larger elements of our aging and historical assets.

State Government grants remain important, such as the recent allocation of more than \$950,000 to the replacement of the E.S. Marks Athletics track.

The Parklands still needs your help to fund new initiatives and the Foundation is a great way to contribute. Become a *Member of the Foundation*, volunteer for some of our ongoing projects, or make a bequest.

Your contribution will be going to New South Wales' most important urban parklands.

Summer is our busiest time of year. Come for a picnic, find a cool grove to sit in, or join me at the Moonlight Cinema. I look forward to seeing you out there.

Kim Ellis
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust



Carp fishing in Centennial Park is a great experience and great fun! Your organisation can participate as Corporate Volunteers.

Contact Mark Secombe on (02) 9339 6699 for more details on this exciting program.

Visitor Information

Centennial Park Gate Times

Centennial Park is accessible to vehicles between sunrise and sunset. Musgrave Ave Gates are closed permanently to cars.

Contact Us

Visitor Information Counter

Located adjacent to the Kiosk, off Banksia Way. Opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 9.00 am–4.00 pm
Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 10.00 am–3.00 pm.

Parklands Office

Located at the end of Banksia Way behind the playground.
Opening hours Monday to Friday. 8.30 am–5.00 pm.

Information boards containing maps and brochures are conveniently placed at most entry gates and main thoroughfares throughout the Parklands.

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Reverse Cover: A scene from Cocktails in the Park - a very successful event for the Foundation.

New artisan and designer markets

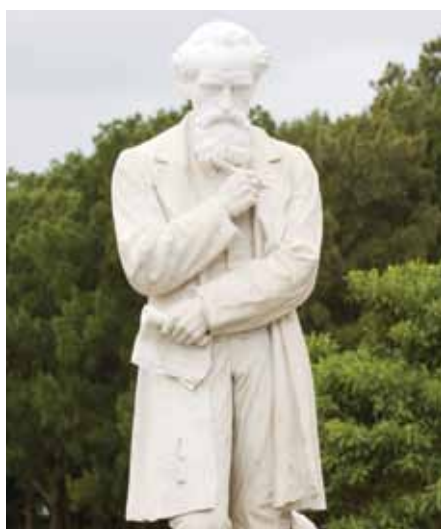
Commencing on Sunday 26 February 2012, for a six month trial, Federation Valley will be the venue for a new artisan and designer market. The Centennial Park Markets will be held on the last Sunday of each month from 9.00 am–3.00 pm.

The Centennial Park Markets are dedicated to supporting the work of Australian artisans and designers. During the day you can enjoy watching craftspeople demonstrate their skills, attend art workshops, crafts demonstrations, wellbeing workshops and watch musical performances. For more details visit www.centennialparkmarket.com.au



Charles Dickens 200th birthday!

A small event will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2012 to celebrate 200 years since Charles Dickens was born. The gathering will be held at the recently unveiled statue of the great writer. The event is being organised by the Dickens Society of NSW with special guest and patron Miriam Margolyes. For more information visit www.dickenssydney.com or phone 0413 290 480.



The official unveiling of Comrie Memorial Fountain

Water for humans, horses and dogs!

Wednesday 2 November 2011 saw the official unveiling of a very special and much loved heritage asset – the Comrie Memorial Fountain. Restored to its original glory, with new sustainable water features, the historic Comrie Memorial Fountain was unveiled by John Walker, Chair of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

Guests, including community representatives and local historians, enjoyed an Italian-inspired café streetscape as the historic Sydney feature was unveiled. Commissioned in 1903, it was dismantled as part of Eastern Distributor works in 1995. The Fountain is one of its kind and features a central water feature and drinking facilities for humans, horses and dogs.

At the unveiling, John Walker acknowledged that cost had been a prohibitive factor in returning the Fountain to the Parklands. He said: 'The Trust would like to recognise the partnership funding from the Centenary Stonework Program of NSW Public Works, as well as the hard working and skilled staff at the Government Architect's Office and Heritage Services, Musecape, Jordans NSW, Opal Lighting, Stone Mason & Artist and Crawford's Casting.'

Mr Walker also thanked the Centennial Parklands Foundation for its financial commitment to help get a number of elements of the project across the line. He said: 'The Trustees of Centennial Parklands are very proud that they have been able to add to the heritage canvas of the city by enabling this restoration and hope that the community continues to enjoy it for many years to come.'

12 months to go... the countdown is on!

In 2013 Centennial Park will celebrate 125 years since its official opening. On Australia Day in 1888 a tree planting ceremony, attended by some 40,000 spectators, was officiated by Charles Moore, then Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens from 1848-1896. Guests of note included Lord and Lady Carrington, the later who planted the first tree (a Cooks Pine), and a collection of "Governors and notables". Prior to this ceremony, the Park was largely transformed by hundreds of unemployed men enlisted to turn swamps, scrub and rock into the grand park we know today.

Centennial Park has a distinctive and special place in Australian history and culture and the Trust is currently developing a range of programs to celebrate this important milestone.



Charles Moore