

Trust's Policy for Events in Centennial Parklands

1. Purpose

The policy provides direction and a management framework for the approval, planning and delivery of events staged within Centennial Parklands.

It provides clear guidelines to ensure approved events comply with all relevant legislation, guidelines, standard and industry codes of practice covering event activity, the safety of Trust staff, event staff, patrons and members of the public, and the sustainable management of the Trust's resources.

The policy is intended to be available to Trust staff, event organisers and the general public.

2. Scope

This events policy applies to all event activities proposed and licensed to occur at venues managed by the Trust.

The policy is supported by operational guidelines (*Tool Kits*) for event organisers available on the Centennial Parklands website and detailed procedures for Trust staff, outlined in the Trust's *Venue Management Manual for Major Events (2009)*.

This events policy provides the context under which event operations are hosted, and provides for the detailing of the nature and range of events, and level of subsidy/support the Trust provides (at its discretion). The Trust seeks to successfully achieve objectives directed in the NSW State Plan, being Priority E8: *More people using parks, sporting and recreational facilities and participating in the arts and cultural activity*.

3. Aims & Objectives

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (Trust) is committed to hosting and delivering safe, accessible and sustainable events within the framework of a strategic and sustainable calendar.

The Trust supports the holding of events in the Parklands but seeks to strike a balance between providing for demand and diversity of use, revenue generation and the impact on the resource and surrounding areas.

The Trust will achieve this by:

- Encouraging the continued use, enjoyment of and access to the Parklands;
- Ensuring the use of venues is compatible with other uses within the Parklands;
- Ensuring the physical environment and heritage significance of the Parklands is not compromised;
- Achieving a viable financial return for government and the community;
- Consulting the surrounding community, other park users and stakeholders to minimise impacts upon them;
- Effectively managing event risks to the Trust;
- Working with event organisers to ensure events are held within acceptable risk limits and to apply appropriate safety standards to provide for the safety of members of the public, event staff, participants and audiences, contractors, competitors and entertainers.

The policy will reflect the Trust's mission and core values identified in the Centennial Parklands Corporate Plan 2007-2010:

Mission:

To manage Centennial Parklands as a place of national significance for the enjoyment, social connection and wellbeing of the community

Values:

- Conservation and celebration of the Parklands' heritage and significance in the development of Sydney and the nation;
- Provision of opportunities for all people to enjoy a diversity of leisure, arts, sporting, entertainment and educational experiences;
- Conservation and stewardship of the Parklands' environmental values;
- Delivery of a high quality visitor experience underpinned by a strong economic return;
- Commitment to managing in an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable way.

4. Related Legislation & other plans and documents

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983;
- Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Regulations 2009;
- Occupational Health & Safety (NSW) Act 2000;
- Occupational Health and Safety Regulation 2001;
- Department of Environment Climate Change and Water Prevention Notice 2001;
- NSW State Plan (2006);
- Centennial Parklands Corporate Plan 2007-2010;
- Centennial Parklands Plan of Management 2006-2016;
- Centennial Parklands Conservation Management Plan (2002);
- Centennial Parklands Noise Management Plan (2009).

In addition the policy reflects safe event management practices in NSW as documented in the following resources of the Department of Premier & Cabinet, Community Engagement & Events Division:

- Event Starter Guide;
- NSW Government Compliance Guide to Special Events (2009);
- draft NSW Event Safety Policy (2009).

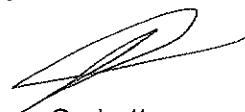
5. Responsibilities

Responsibility for the implementation of the events policy and procedures resides with the Director Visitor Experience and is supported by all members of the organisation.

6. Review

The events policy will be reviewed in 2012 or as required under the approval of the Director & Chief Executive.

Approved



Steve Corbett
Director & Chief Executive