

Media Release

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Council sponsors Port Jackson Fig in Centennial Parklands

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Woollahra Council is taking part in the Centennial Parklands Foundation Tree Transplant Appeal by adopting a tree to ensure this Sydney icon is here for years to come.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation launched the Transplant Appeal due to the fact that many of the mature trees are in decline. It is estimated that up to 60% of the Parklands' 16,000 trees will need to be replaced over the next forty years due to age, drought, poor soils, root compaction and pressures of the urban environment, therefore it is important to participate in such programs. The Transplant Appeal will create a new generation of trees for the enjoyment of new generations of Parklands users.

'It is wonderful that Sydney has such a beautiful park so close to the city centre. Centennial Parklands is a Sydney treasure that needs to be protected.' said Councillor Keri Huxley, Mayor of Woollahra

'Woollahra Council is proud to support the Transplant Appeal which will ensure thousands of beautiful Australian trees are maintained for future generations to enjoy.' Cr Huxley said,

The Transplant Appeal involves a donation which will allow a new tree to be planted in the Parklands.

Steve Corbett, Director and Chief Executive of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, warmly welcomed the support of Woollahra Council and its residents.

'Centennial Parklands is an area of not only local but national significance. The management of over 200 species of trees within the Parklands is of highest priority for the Trust.

'As a result of the generosity of the Council - and the residents of Woollahra and Paddington - these replacement trees will be enjoyed by new generations of park users.'

Woollahra Council has chosen to sponsor a 3 to 5 metres tall Port Jackson Fig, *Ficus rubiginosa*, which will be planted at the top of Parks Drive, just near the Paddington Gates.

'My memories of Centennial Park are of the big Port Jackson Figs, they are synonymous with the Eastern Suburbs and epitomise the parklands.' said Cr Huxley

Council's sponsored tree will be unveiled on Friday 20 July 2007 at 12.00pm by Councillor Keri Huxley, Mayor of Woollahra and Steve Corbett, CEO of Centennial Parklands. Council's tree will be marked with a dedication plaque

To find out more about the Transplant Appeal, please contact the Centennial Parklands Foundation on 9339 6699.

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Photo Opportunity: Cr Keri Huxley and CEO Steve Corbett unveiling the dedication plaque. Friday 20 July 2007, 12.00pm