



CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

Capital Improvement Works May – June 2021 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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[all updates and additions are highlighted]

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BACKGROUND

On 4th May 2021, we announced that:

Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) is pleased to advise a range of capital improvement works will be undertaken across parts of the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre (CPEC).

NSW Government stimulus funding has been provided to undertake these works, which must be completed by June 2021.

GSP is now actively planning the coordination and delivery of these works. We will be able to provide a further update in the next few weeks.

The successful delivery of these works will require the cooperation and understanding of all CPEC users, to ensure the works can be carried out safely and efficiently, with minimal disruption to business operations and client services.

The intent of this document is to provide a single and factual source of additional information or clarifications by providing answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).

INTRODUCTION

The *Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre* (CPEC) is one of the world's great urban equestrian assets, situated minutes from the Sydney CBD within Moore Park. The site was formerly run by the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) from 1881 with the Showgrounds being home to the Royal Easter Show for 115 years.

When the Royal Easter Show moved to its new home at Homebush in 1997 the site was transferred to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (CPMPT, now a part of Greater Sydney Parklands).

Over \$10 million has been invested in upgrades, new stables and heritage restoration works within CPEC, which officially reopened to the public in June 1998.

In 2020, approx. \$550,000 was invested into essential building works and enhancements of CPECs' main arena. Lighting was upgraded to emulate daylight and the arena surface and irrigation system was upgraded. The new surface is fit for a variety of equestrian activities varying from lead line training to Grand Prix dressage and jumping.

CPEC has stable facilities for 197 horses (both inside pavilions and outdoors), three arenas (two roofed), a covered lunge yard, wash bays, sand rolls and onsite float parking.

In addition to the centre facilities, CPEC users can also access a 3.6 kilometre tree lined track and 3.5 hectare fully fenced Equestrian Grounds located within the picturesque Centennial Parklands in proximity to CPEC Gates.

The next phase of capital improvement works are aimed at supporting existing and new equestrian businesses to operate within this unique facility and culturally significant location, in a manner that is customer-focused, enhances visitor experience and generates positive social feedback.

More information about *Centennial Parklands* is available at:
www.centennialparklands.com.au

SITE WIDE

Q1. Why are these capital improvements being done now?

GSP has been provided with NSW Government stimulus funding, works for which must be completed by the end of June 2021.

Q2. How have the individual elements of the program been selected?

The CPEC Centre Management team and the GSP team regularly maintain a list of possible capital improvement and asset rejuvenation projects.

As funds are made available the project list is reviewed against a range of criteria, such as, current asset age, demand profile, remaining useful life, customer/Client experience and potential delivery timeframe, to determine which projects can be approved to proceed.

Q3. Who will be responsible for project and site management?

GSP has engaged New England Constructions (New England) to assist with the overall project and site management during this capital improvement program.

GSP retains ownership and is responsible for all activities with New England providing day to day assistance, including site coordination, sub-contractor management, toolbox meetings and alike.

Q4. Will any trees be removed as part of the works?

No, GSP has no intention in removing any trees and will continue to nurture, maintain and protect all trees on site.

GSP Arborists are involved in assessing and enhancing tree condition now and into the future.

Q5. Will any horses be relocated because of the works?

GSP will work closely with each and every Client to plan and manage any temporary relocations during the works program.

GSP will also be making contact with Clients as quickly as practical to give as much lead-time as possible for any relocation requirements.

Generally, the capital works program is planned to occur in such a way as all other CPEC *business-as-usual* activities can continue uninterrupted and with minimal disturbance, where necessary.

Q11. What will the site working hours be?

Generally, the site working hours will be from 7am to approximately 4.30pm each weekday.

From time to time works might commence slightly earlier and/or continue for slightly longer so that a safe environment can be left at the end of each weekday and over the weekends.

We are hoping not to have to work on the weekends (or on the Public Holiday on Monday 14th June) but will provide advanced warning should the need arise.

Q12. Will there be any impact on car parking?

So that we can set up safe Works compounds, there will be times when areas of car parking are not available or may be restricted in access. More details are provided in the Specific Items section below.

Clients will still be able to park in Centennial Park or use the EQ car park, should there not be sufficient spots available.

We encourage you to contact the CPEC Centre Management Office (during business hours) to confirm that the car park areas are in operation during the Works periods. This will help to minimise any disruptions to your business and Client activities.

SPECIFIC ITEMS

Q6. What are the plans for the saw dust (ANL) area?

GSP is reviewing all possible locations across the CPEC site whilst also reviewing the operational and site management requirements for the sawdust service.

A final decision has yet to be made on where and how best to reposition and improve this activity.

More details will be provided as soon as they are available.

Q7. What is planned for the Support Arena?

GSP plans to install the same Ebb and Flow irrigation system and surface and overhead lights as in the recently completed Main Arena.

These works will take approximately three weeks and GSP is working on all options to reduce the impact on site operations during the works period.

Sand will be removed and disposed of responsibly, including the possibility for recycling and reuse.

The Support Arena works will commence on Monday 7th June 2021 and will be completed on Friday 18th June 2021.

The Support Arena and Main Car Park (which will be used as a Works compound) will be closed for the duration of these works.

Q8. Why was the Lunge Yard closed and when will it reopen?

Structural investigations have revealed that roofing repairs need to be undertaken.

GSP is preparing a plan for repair works to be carried out expediently and safely.

In addition to the roof repairs, the gate will be widened to make maintenance more efficient. Lighting will also be upgraded.

Orders have been placed for the replacement materials for the roof repairs.

Initial works on the gate removal and oiling of the existing timbers will now occur during the week commencing 7th June 2021. Temporary fencing will be erected to safely separate the work zone.

More details will be provided as soon as they are available, including a reopening date.

In the meanwhile, GSP appreciates your patience and asks that you continue to observe and follow Centre Management's directives to use alternate locations for lunging activities.

Q9. What is planned for the Washdown Bays?

All washdown bays (including those in the Carlton Clydesdale Pavilion) will have rubber applied to the walls and floors.

In addition, for the washdown bays near the Lunge Yard and the 'A' Arena, the approach areas will be made level and rubber applied.

The works for the Washdown Bays near the Lunge Yard will commence on Monday 7th June 2021 and will be completed on Friday 11th June 2021.

The works for the Washdown Bays near the 'A' Arena and those in the Carlton Clydesdale Pavilion will commence on Tuesday 15th June 2021 and will be completed on Friday 18th June 2021.

Q10. What is planned for the Sand Rolls?

All sand rolls will have all existing sand and rubber removed and disposed of responsibly.

The drainage systems will then be cleaned and repaired as necessary before adding new rubber to the walls and sand.

The works for the Sand Rolls near the Lunge Yard will commence on Monday 7th June 2021 and will be completed on Friday 11th June 2021.

The works for the Sand Rolls near the 'A' Arena will commence on Tuesday 15th June 2021 and will be completed on Friday 18th June 2021.

Q13. Will there be any asphalt resurfacing?

An area of asphalt stretching from the Main Car Park through to the Lunge Yard, along the front of Stables Row F, has been identified for replacement.

These works are being scheduled for the week commencing 21st June 2021. As noted under Q5 above, GSP will work with Clients regarding the necessary horse relocations during these works.

Q14. What's happening to the creeping fig on the boundary wall?

The GSP Horticulture team will be pruning the creeping fig on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th June 2021.

On each of these days, to provide a safe work area, the car parking on one side of the pedestrian gate to EQ will not be available until after 4pm. Appropriate signage and other road devices will be in place.

Q15. What's happening to the old clay store by the fodder store?

The old (dis-used) clay store alongside the fodder store will be removed so that we can turn the space into a more effective and functional area, for equestrian users and site visitors, with a planter box, seating, and a horse tie-up rail.

The demolition works for this will occur during the week commencing 7th June 2021. The dates for the final tidy up, replanting and horse tie-up rail are still to be scheduled and will be communicated as soon as they are confirmed.

Need more information?

GSP will be very happy to receive and respond to further queries or requests for clarification.

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