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## Welcome to the winter edition of *Parklands* magazine.

Over the past four weeks I have met with Local, State and Federal elected representatives to discuss Centennial Parklands and its importance to our surrounding communities. Overwhelmingly these community leaders recognise the value that the Parklands venues, sports fields and green spaces provide for health, wellbeing and recreation. We have agreed to work together to protect the integrity of the Parklands and ensure that there is an integration of planning and operation of the Parklands and surrounding areas.

One of the Parklands important connections with the community is through our provision of sporting facilities. We are one of Sydney's premier sporting destinations, with 35 playing fields to support a wide range of sports from elite to casual. We have a small

and dedicated team of sports field managers who regularly inspect the fields with the aim of keeping the fields open and ensuring that they are safe and sustainable.

As well as playing fields we also provide a world class 18 hole golf course, horse riding facilities, an athletic field and tennis facilities. All of this just 10 minutes from the city centre and on major public transport routes. The Parklands really is a one-stop shop for sport and recreation.

The winter months bring a whole new focus for our park and recreation areas – the walkers and joggers start to rug up and our weekends are filled with rugby and soccer teams. I look forward to seeing you out there.

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

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## Healthy Parks Healthy People

### Meditate on this!

Did you know that just viewing nature and natural scenes have been used as a healing method in many stressful environments such as hospitals and nursing homes? In these environments, studies show that seeing nature is an effective means of relieving stress and improving wellbeing.

Since the health benefits of the natural environment are not limited to being physically active outdoors, then outdoor meditation may be an alternative way you can experience the benefits of being outdoors with the physical exertion.

Meditation involves deliberately holding one's attention on a subject or object. Participants often report feeling more "alive" as well as enhanced feelings of calm and heightened awareness. Meditation also offers many health benefits such as reducing stress and supporting healing.

Eco meditation offers the same benefits of meditation, but aims to re-connect individuals with their inherent love of nature.

Centennial Parklands and Greenfriends are offering free Eco-Meditation sessions this winter. Join us on the fourth Saturday of each month from 7.30 am at the Learning Centre, located in the centre of Centennial Park. Meditation will take place under a tree at the pond edge, or if inclement weather it will be held indoors at the Learning Centre.

So come along for a lovely morning of relaxation and experience the benefits of meditation in a natural environment.

Sat 25 June, 23 July, 27 August.  
Please reserve your spot by emailing [mark.secombe@cp.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mark.secombe@cp.nsw.gov.au)

## Visitor Information

### Car Free Days

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).  
Next day: Sunday 28 August 2011

### Centennial Park Gate Times

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

### Contact Us

**i** 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.

**i** Parklands Office

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

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## A Family Tree Day to remember

Family Tree Day is a special day where the greater community can contribute by planting new trees *en masse* and in doing so raising much needed funds for the Foundation. This year's event will be held on Sunday 31 July 2011 and the location will be Sandstone Ridge, Centennial Park.

A tax-deductible donation of \$1,000 will secure you a tree on this special planting day and there are lots of Australian native trees to choose from. You will also receive a dedication certificate, photograph and location map of your tree. If you would like to stand beside your tree in Centennial Parklands, register to participate in Family Tree Day now. Please contact the Foundation on (02) 9339 6699 to register.



## Showground Field update

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust is undertaking a \$1.5 million refurbishment project to upgrade and enhance this section of Moore Park, now known as Showground Field (formerly Area 2). The work will include refurbishment of the existing soil and re-turfing, installation of a new irrigation system, drainage improvements, new car barriers and formalisation of gravel aisles to improve event parking.

Stage 1 of the refurbishment is now complete and the area has reopened to all user groups including event parking. The second stage of works will commence on 5 September 2011 and is expected to be completed by the end of December 2011, weather permitting. During Stage 2 there will be reduced event parking however the site will resume as event parking for 1,200 spaces once the project work is complete.

This project will result in a more accessible space for the community to use, and will assist in minimising the impact of on-grass car parking on both the surface and trees.

For more information visit [www.centennialparklands.com.au/showground](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/showground)



## 23 statues: whereabouts unknown

With the remarkable lost and found story of the Charles Dickens statue, reported in the last issue of *Parklands* magazine, readers may be interested to know that there are still 23 statues whose whereabouts are unknown, from the original 31 statues installed in Centennial Park in the late nineteenth century.

"Sunrise" in the Column Garden, "Sunset" in the Rose Garden and the "We Won" statue in Cannon Triangle are the only three statues that have remained intact in their original locations. In 1996 the Trust replicated a new statue of Sir Henry Parkes as the original was damaged beyond repair, and in 2005 the Trust restored and reinstated the two Griffin statues on Parkes Drive. The Trust is in possession of one other statue, "Diana the Huntress", in a state of disrepair with missing elements and plans to restore. With the return of the Dickens statue this leaves 23 statues that potentially could be returned if their whereabouts were known.

Many of these missing statues are documented on our website and include: "Industry" formerly at Randwick Gates, "Charity" formerly near the café, "Lincoln", "Garfield", "One More Shot", and four statues formerly in the Rose Gardens depicting each of the seasons. And so the hunt continues...

## We Won Statue lights up

The final stages of work on the "We Won" statue, at Cannon Triangle on the hill above CP Dining are now complete. The project mainly concentrated on conservation treatment of the statue's bronzework. The finishing touches included the installation of soft lighting to enhance the statue and cannons as well as asphalt, soil and turf works around it.

"We Won", also known as "The Footballer", was created by the sculptor Tommaso Sani and is noted for its high quality of execution. Sani was well known in Sydney in the 1880s and the statue's subject matter was specific to Centennial Park.



## KeepCups to keep the Parklands

Park visitors who love their takeaway coffee can now enjoy their favourite beverage in the knowledge that they are helping both the environment and Centennial Parklands.

KeepCups are reusable, environmentally-friendly takeaway coffee cups that are an alternative to disposable coffee cups. KeepCups are BPA free and non toxic. They have good thermal properties keeping beverages hot 20-30 minutes longer than disposable cups.

Centennial Parklands-branded KeepCups are now available for purchase from our Visitor Information Counter in two convenient sizes.

Designed to fit under the group heads of all mainstream espresso machines, the Centennial Parklands KeepCup is the perfect gift for a friend or loved one, or for the regular customer of coffee outlets in Centennial Parklands.

**KeepCups are available from \$13 (small) or \$15 (large). All purchases directly help maintain the Centennial Parklands for the enjoyment of this and future generations.**

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## Model Yacht Pond Refurbishment

A \$625,000 improvement program at Model Yacht Pond, Centennial Park is due to be completed by end of July 2011.

Model Yacht Pond forms an integral part of the Centennial Parklands pond system, situated in the upper catchment of the Botany Wetlands. It plays a vital role in stormwater management as it is the primary receiving water body for stormwater discharge from the heavily urbanised catchment of Bondi Junction.

These works will result in a range of environmental benefits including reduction of sediment and organic matter in the body of the ponds, reduced nutrient levels in the ponds system and reduced incidence of algal blooms, improved water quality and improved water catchment quality.

The project is being delivered in two stages:

### Stage 1: Site preparation for Gross Pollutant Traps

The first stage was completed in early April and included preparing the site for the upcoming installation of gross pollutant traps (GPT) by pruning some of the larger figs and removing trees where the GPTs are to be installed. Gross pollutant traps act as a giant sieves to catch and remove any solid rubbish from the stormwater.



Model Yacht Pond

### Stage 2: Pond restoration and rehabilitation works

The second stage of the project commenced in early May. A multi-pronged approach has been formulated to restore and rehabilitate the ponds including dredging of sediment to restore pond depth and improve stormwater filtration capacity, installation of GPTs and improved establishment of macrophyte communities.

The health and function of Model Yacht Pond directly impacts on the water quality and ecosystems of the seven other downstream ponds in Centennial Park. The project aims to restore the pond's health and improve its capacity to receive and filter stormwater to significantly improve catchment water quality and enhance the environmental health and sustainability of the entire catchment.

**This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust, Botany Bay Catchment Management Authority and Waverley Council.**

## School Excursions

Centennial Parklands brings the classroom outdoors by offering a variety of hands-on curriculum-based, educational excursions for K-12 students.

Every year, and often each term, students from across NSW participate in excursions designed to support their in-class learning. Sam Crosby, Centennial Parklands Co-ordinator of Education Services, is passionate about creating exciting educational programs.

Sam says: 'When I think back to my childhood and school days I remember the feeling of being stuck indoors, boring lessons, monotone teachers and endless piles of textbooks. But I also remember happier experiences when I learnt things about the world without even trying. In my experience, really positive learning experiences were usually found on school camp or an excursion!'

School excursions give students an opportunity to experience real world learning and Centennial Parklands hosts thousands of school students every year from Kindergarten to University teaching curriculum-based education in our special environment.

The Learning Centre, part of the Education Precinct in the heart of Centennial Park, is an invaluable resource for delivering these education programs. It is usually the meeting point for all excursions and can be used as a superb wet-weather retreat.

In general, each program provides a variety of activities such as field work, nature games, storytelling, wildlife walks, art and drama. So no matter which program the students are on, one thing is certain. From the minute they arrive in the Parklands they will be engaged with a wide range of learning to challenge and motivate them to take care of their environment and remind them that they are part of a wonderful natural world. Alongside this teachers can tick their

curriculum boxes and do it with confidence that their session is being led by our expert team of Education Rangers.

An excursion to Centennial Parklands provides a learning experience which is as far removed from the classroom and the everyday educational experience as possible. It is real world learning and hands-on experiences that can stay with a young person for years.

**If you would like to discuss an excursion to Centennial Parklands and how we can meet your educational needs, we'd love to hear from you. Please call our Education team on (02) 9339 6699 or email [info@centennialparklands.com.au](mailto:info@centennialparklands.com.au)**



School students conducting field work in the Parklands



## Not in the belfry, in the Park – bats!

Grey-headed Flying Foxes, one of Centennial Parklands valued inhabitants, are a protected native Australian species, an important part of Australia's broader natural environment and, like all flora and fauna native to this geographic area, have a valuable part to play in the Parklands' micro-environment.

A camp of the flying foxes began establishing itself in Centennial Park's Lachlan Swamp area in March 2010. The numbers have fluctuated from up to 29,000 with an average of between 12–15,000 flying foxes in the camp.

'Our Grey-headed Flying Foxes, along with other members of the bat family, add valuable diversity to our Parklands,' says Kim Ellis, Director and Chief Executive of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. 'They are fascinating creatures and are actually pretty cute when you get past your initial reservations. Certainly, they have been part of the Parklands for a long time and we would be a less interesting, and verdant, environment without them.'

There are challenges to the flying foxes' large scale presence in the Parklands, however, and the Trust is utilising scientific research being undertaken by the University of Sydney to inform its long term approach to bat management.

Flying foxes can cause damage to trees and vegetation where they are roosting. The Trust will continue to monitor this particular colony for these effects.



At time of publication a program to relocate a bat colony at the nearby Royal Botanic Gardens has been postponed until May 2012. The Trust will work closely with the Royal Botanic Gardens Trust to minimise any potential impact of this program on the Parklands' bat colony.

Flying foxes and other bats are long-term foraging visitors to Centennial Parklands. Bats are the only flying mammal in the world. They benefit the broader Parklands ecosystem, and Australia's broader ecological balance, because they disperse native plant seeds and contribute to plant pollination.

## Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust backs return of light rail to Randwick

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust has thrown its weight behind the return of rail to Sydney's east by joining Randwick Council's rail transport Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Four of the largest organisations in the eastern suburbs – Randwick City Council, the University of NSW, the Australian Turf Club and the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service – have already signed the MOU.

Signing the MOU commits the organisations to work together to lobby the State Government to prioritise the return of a rail corridor from the Sydney CBD to Randwick City – with Anzac Parade likely to be the key route.

Randwick Mayor Murray Matson welcomed the Trust's decision to join the MOU. 'Any remaining doubt about the need or the support for the reintroduction of rail into Sydney's east has been completely buried by the decision of the Trust to join our MOU.'



As reported in the Southern Courier, 10 May 2011

'Located within the Moore Park precinct are two of Sydney's most highly used sporting stadiums, as well as the Entertainment Quarter. These sporting and tourism facilities would benefit greatly from the reintroduction of a light rail system along Anzac Parade,' said the Mayor.

Kim Ellis, Director and Chief Executive of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust said they strongly support the Transport MOU. 'The Trust is very supportive of public transport enhancements that will be of benefit to the broader Moore Park precinct and beyond. We are ready to work with our partner organisations, such as

Randwick City Council and our Moore Park precinct partners, to help facilitate these much needed improvements,' Kim said.

'We applaud Randwick City Council's initiative in putting this issue to the forefront of the public transport debate in Sydney.'

Mayor Matson said Randwick Council transport studies have found the area will need a 50

per cent increase in public transport capacity by 2021 to effectively accommodate anticipated population and employment growth.

The areas surrounding Moore Park and Centennial Park – Randwick, City of Sydney, Woollahra and Waverley – are expected to house a further 60,000 to 80,000 residents over the next 20 years and the current transport options will not cope with that increase in population.

# A hidden gem

**Moore Park Golf is the closest public access course to the Sydney CBD.**

When looking for quality, value and convenience, this course has it all. In fact, after playing a round recently, US Open winner Geoff Ogilvy called it “a hidden gem”.

Inherent in Geoff Ogilvy’s assessment is recognition of just how good a course Moore Park Golf is. It is a Group One championship course and remains defiantly a “public access” course. Having said that, Moore Park Golf does feature a resident – and highly successful – club for the serious golfer to join.



Moore Park Golf’s undulating course

Memberships are available and include benefits that are uncommon. These can include \$513 worth of free golf rounds for members’ guests, the facility to pay the one-off joining fee over two years and a monthly payment of annual membership fees through direct debit. Other complimentary benefits of being a member include:

- 10% discount on full price goods (excluding hardware and apparel) and services sold at the Golf Shop
- free buckets of pre-competition warm-up balls at the driving range
- discounts on golf cart hire
- free use of pull buggies

Perhaps the most important member benefit of all is morning tee-off times on weekends and most public holidays, which should



Moore Park Golf House and Driving Range

mean quicker rounds of golf: food for thought for regular non-member course users!

**For enquiries, or to join, visit [www.mooreparkgolf.com.au](http://www.mooreparkgolf.com.au) or call the Membership Office today on (02) 9697 3877.**

## What makes for a championship course?

It’s a significant achievement for a public course to be classified as Group One. This has occurred due to a sustained, long term investment and maintenance program (around \$6 million in the past five years alone) by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. This investment has enhanced the course; the ongoing maintenance has ensured it continually meets its potential.

Enjoyment of a golf course comes in different sorts of exclamations! For instance, the plethora of new tees has made starting each hole more streamlined and often give golfers a better viewpoint. However this has resulted in a lengthened course!

Moore Park Golf is an undulating course, which makes assessing “yardage” difficult. It is a course that can work for both the long hitter and the strategic (golfing code for “canny”, which is appropriate considering the game’s home is Scotland) hitter. For instance, some of the shorter par 4s tempt big hitters with eagles in their eyes, but green and pin configurations, as well as the fairways’ subtle twists, will aid those who place a premium on minimising pain for ultimate gain.

Getting a balance between the needs of the inexperienced enthusiast (aka hacker!) and the aforementioned eagle-eyed hero is not easy. But the psyche of a golfer is an ever-hopeful one, so they are genetically more predisposed to a challenge than a walk in the park. And with the course’s length being a demanding 5,791 metres with a par of 70, they certainly get that.

The hard core golfing fraternity will be impressed that the course was considered good enough to be the venue for the 2006 NSW Open and ongoing annual City of Sydney Amateur Championships. The club also participates in a wide range of representative and interclub events. In 2011, the club won the Group One Metropolitan Major Pennant after a long history of wins in 2009, 2008, 1998, 1981, 1979 and 1976. Clearly, the club and the course attract the cream of the crop.





### Corporate Golf

No course in Sydney is better located for a quick escape for a corporate golf day than Moore Park Golf. Minutes away from both Australia's major CBD and the country's number one airport, the facility is perfectly positioned for both locally-based business people and those doing a hit and run from other metropolitan centres (it's a benefit that will ramp up participation rates when looking at nationally-sourced professional involvement).

Better still, why not join up your organisation to our new Corporate Golf package?



Moore Park Golf team win the 2011 NSW Group One Pennant

The Centennial Parklands Foundation Corporate Golf Day is being held at Moore Park Golf on 24 October 2011 and is designed for corporate participation. It is an Ambrose-teams event.

The main aim of the event, other than to provide an outlet for the competitive golf needs of the big end of town, is to raise funds for the Foundation. The Foundation is an independent charitable organisation established by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust with the aim of ensuring that the Centennial Parklands environment (which includes Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park) continues to be enjoyed now and by future generations.

For further information and to make bookings for groups of four, call Peter Hadfield on (02) 9339 6633.

### Facts and stats snapshot about Moore Park Golf

- It is the cradle and birthplace of municipal golf in NSW, with a 90 year history.
- It is one of the few "equal access" clubs in the region, giving men and women equal status and playing rights.
- It features a 60 bay all-weather driving range open until 10.00 pm seven days a week, a fleet of 40 modern motorised golf carts and a School of Golf with eight permanent teaching professionals.
- The Golf Shop was totally refurbished in 2010 and offers a range of contemporary merchandise from the game's top brands, along with experienced and knowledgeable customer service.
- There are a range of membership options. Five, six and seven day per week memberships are available, as well as competitively priced packages for seniors, students and juniors.
- The website is in the process of being upgraded and will include a smooth online course booking experience.
- Moore Park Golf is a Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust facility. A significant amount of revenue generated by the facility is used to benefit many aspects of Centennial Parklands.
- **Stop press:** The Trust has just approved spending \$150,000 on upgrading the Golf House amenities and establishing a new outdoor dining area.

### Functions and catering

The heritage-listed Golf House has convenient parking, which was upgraded in 2010, new furniture and plasma screens offering cable sports programs. The Golf House has well appointed function rooms and dramatic sweeping views of the course.

A newly appointed caterer provides fresh and innovative menu selections throughout the day in the Moore Park Bistro, and for functions. The licensed Patio Cafe has hot and cold snacks, conveniently placed at the half-way mark. Also, more refurbishments are underway to improve the quality of Members' and visitors' experience at Moore Park Golf over the coming years.

**For more information about Moore Park Golf and its facilities, visit [www.mooreparkgolf.com.au](http://www.mooreparkgolf.com.au) or call (02) 9663 1064. For information about the Club, call (02) 9697 3877.**

## Twitchers Corner

### Little Black Cormorant

The **Little Black Cormorant** is a small completely black bird with a slender dark bill. It has dark facial skin which sets it apart from the larger Great Cormorant, a long tail and neck and short black legs with webbed feet. The bill has a hooked tip to help it hold on to its prey.

It swims low in the water and dives underwater to feed. The cormorant uses its feet to swim and keeps its wings folded out of the way. Their eyes are protected while underwater by a nictitating membrane. It feeds mainly on fish, eels, frogs, crustaceans and insects. Feeding underwater means their feathers eventually become waterlogged and the bird must leave the water to dry off. This gives them that distinctive “shag on a rock” pose as it sits in the sun with its wings outstretched. This may also help it digest its food with the warm sun on the cold prey in their stomachs.

The main habitats for the bird are coasts, islands, lakes and dams, and they will follow rivers well inland. They will use any inland water to their advantage. Breeding can take place throughout the year, but is usually during spring and summer. They nest in colonies, often together with other cormorants, herons and ibis on well vegetated freshwater wetlands. The nest is a platform of sticks lined with leaves, and is placed in a tree overhanging water.

These birds are in the Parklands all year round and should be easy to find. Look for them swimming in the many lakes and ponds, or standing on a sculpture in Duck Pond. They also congregate in the trees on the islands in Willow Pond.



Little Black Cormorant

Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with more than 15 years behind the binoculars. He is a member of various bird watching clubs in Sydney, including Birds Australia. This winter Trevor's Birdwatching Breakfast will be held on Sunday 14 August. To reserve your place call (02) 9339 6699 or for more information visit [www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson) for details.

## Plant of the Season

### Swamp Cypress or Bald Cypress

The Swamp Cypress or Bald Cypress, *Taxodium distichum*, is a large, fast growing deciduous Conifer tree with deeply fissured fibrous bark which exfoliates in long strips. Initially it has a conical habit but then broadens and becomes irregular as it ages.

In late autumn it is a delight to watch as its leaves turn rusty red, then to orange-brown before shedding them completely in early winter. In spring it will develop delicate fine light green leaves.



Swamp Cypress

It has small inconspicuous flowers in the form of catkins which are followed by small, scaly cones. It grows up to 45 metres tall and is native to North America.

They are water loving trees, growing in and around swamps of south eastern America, but will also grow in deep garden soils elsewhere around the world and can be propagated from seed.

When growing in water they will develop buttresses around the trunk and curious conical projections called “knees” which are raised above water level from outlying roots and enable the trees to breathe.

Its timber is valuable and much used for its water-resistant properties and, because of its repellent oil content, it is also resistant to termites.

#### Where can it be found in the Parklands?

There are some impressive specimens within the Parklands that can be found in the deciduous woodland area of Musgrave Ponds. Interestingly, there are only two species of *Taxodium* – Swamp Cypress (*T. distichum*) and Montezuma Cypress (*T. mucronatum*) and both are found within the Parklands, planted sometime in the 1930s.



## The Bush Rangers rock in!



There have been many historical moments in the Parklands, including this day during the Easter holidays when the Parklands launched its first ever wildlife club: The CP Bush Rangers. It was a day of getting back to nature and playing wild. It was such a success that it will be happening again this July holidays. Missed out on the fun? Don't miss out on the next one!

**Wednesday 13 July. 10.00 am–11.30 am for 2–5 years and 9.00 am–4.00 pm for 5–12 years.**

## Buggin' out for Book Week!

Australia has a great history of children's stories, particularly those centred around tales of the bush and its unique wildlife. To celebrate Book Week, older children and families will have the opportunity to work with Ranger Quack cartoonist and illustrator Sam Crosby to create their own illustrated tale. Learn how to create characters and develop a story to take home and share with others. **Sunday 21 August. 1.00 pm–3.00 pm for 6–12 years.**



## Fun for under 5 year olds



The Parklands has a great reputation for its creative under 5s programs. Mornings at the Learning Centre during the schools holidays are always a flurry, with toddlers playing games, making things or enjoying the variety of wildlife that the Parklands has to offer. During term time the every-popular My Little Ponies program gives kids the opportunity to discover our world famous Equestrian Centre and enjoy a pony ride. There is also a range of fun activities at CP Dining every second Tuesday.



## Do the right thing

Centennial Parklands is a wonderful home for Sydney's wildlife. The Rangers and most people that visit the Parklands do the right thing and put their litter in the bin.

Some people don't and that makes Ranger Quack and his animal friends sad. Not only because litter makes the Parklands look messy, but it can be harmful to wildlife – sometimes they think it's food and the rubbish gets stuck in their tummy.

So why not help make a happy animal home? Always put your litter in the bin and recycle it when you can.

Colour me in!

Centennial Parklands'

# Ranger Quack.

By Sam Crosby



## The seven most beautiful leaves in Centennial Parklands



Broad-leaved Paperbark

1. Leave a donation



Norfolk Island Pine

2. Leave a tree



Eucalyptus

3. Leave as a *Friend*



Hoop Oak

4. Leave as a sponsor



Moreton Bay Fig

5. Leave a bench



Cluster Pine

6. Leave as a volunteer



Port Jackson Fig

7. Leave a bequest

## Dedicated Benches: coming to your favourite locations!

One of the joys of Centennial Parklands is being able to sit in your favourite spot, relax, contemplate and take in the wonderful views. Many people have been able to celebrate their or their loved one's favourite spot in the Parklands by dedicating a Park Bench.



Benches are available at various locations around the Parklands and there are now a limited number of locations for benches available for dedication in the Rose and Column Gardens.

The Rose and Column Garden benches will have a premium finish and will be fixed to a sandstone base to maintain a sympathetic design with the surrounding gardens.

A \$5,000 donation will secure a standard bench and \$7,500 for a premium bench in the Rose and Column Gardens. The dedication includes a plaque affixed to each bench, with wording in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

Dedicating a bench is an ideal gift for the person who loves to sit, listen and reflect or simply to acknowledge your own special place in the Parklands. To find out more about all benches available for dedication, please contact the Centennial Parklands Foundation on (02) 9339 6699.

## Sign up for the Foundation's Corporate Golf Day

As a registered charity, the Centennial Parklands Foundation will conduct a Corporate Golf Day at Moore Park Golf on Monday 24 October to raise funds for its ongoing work in ensuring the Parklands environment continues to be enjoyed now and by future generations.

Corporations and businesses are invited to join the Foundation's Executive Officer, Peter Hadfield, and a few surprise guests, for this Ambrose-style event. Regardless of your golfing ability, the event will give everyone the chance to win one of many prizes on offer. There will also be golf professionals on hand to assist your game.

The cost for each team will be \$760 which includes green fees for four players, cart hire, breakfast and lunch. Bookings can be made for individual golfers if required.



Sign up now for a great day of golf that helps support Centennial Parklands. Book your team's spot by contacting the Foundation on (02) 9339 6699.

### Contact the Foundation

To find out more about any of these stories, or to make a donation:

Ph: (02) 9339 6633

Email: [foundation@centennialparklands.com.au](mailto:foundation@centennialparklands.com.au)

Web: [www.yourparklands.org.au](http://www.yourparklands.org.au)

### New Benefactors

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The Mother's Day Plant Sale was a terrific success

## A one-stop shop for Corporate Team Building



Corporate fishing is a popular program add-on

Building a strong team ethic and providing professional development programs for staff is seen by most companies as an integral part of achieving success.

Centennial Parklands has just launched a one-stop shop Corporate Team Building program which provides a significant number of benefits to organisations and their staff.

'One of the main benefits of coming to Centennial Parklands is its close proximity to the Sydney CBD', says Mark Read, Manager Visitor Programs at the Parklands.

'From the organiser's perspective, there is less time wasted traversing between activities as the program is contained within the one location.

'There are venues within the Parklands where formal staff training and workshops can be undertaken. There are also magnificent dining facilities at CP Dining.

'Plus, within the Parklands perimeter is a range of diverse activities such as cycling, horse riding, fishing, golf, fitness, environmental conservation and much more, all of which can be facilitated by Parklands' staff,' says Mark.

**For more information on a tailored Corporate Team Building program please contact the Centennial Parklands Foundation on (02) 9339 6699.**

## Volunteers

### Mother's Day Plant Sale success!

There was something different in Centennial Park this year to celebrate Mother's Day. Park users were surprised to see a splash of late autumn colour at Banksia Drive. More than 250 plants from over 20 species were made available for the Volunteer Growing Group's first plant sale. All the plants sold were propagated by Centennial Parklands' volunteers from species found in the natural and ornamental Centennial Park gardens. All money raised will support the Growing Group. **Watch out for more details on our Father's Day Sale on Saturday 3 September 2011.**

### New Era Fishing Therapy Workshops

In May the Australian National Sportfishing Association NSW President Stan Konstantaras was thrilled to announce the start of a series of 15 fishing therapy workshops in Centennial Park with a group of keen anglers from the New Era Independent Living Centre. The group consists of adults with intellectual disabilities in the mild to moderate support range.

### Still helping at 84 years of age

Centennial Parklands would like to thank Jim Murasso, our most senior volunteer at 84 years of age! Jim is regularly seen in his navy blue volunteer shirt and safety vest making his way along pond edges collecting pieces of litter which accumulate and become unsightly. Jim is an inspiration and we are proud to have him on the team.

**For more information on our volunteer programs, please visit [www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers](http://www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers)**



### CVA volunteers make a big difference

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) has been making a noticeable difference in Centennial Parklands since relocating to the Martin Road Rangers Residence earlier this year. CVA volunteers have been busy removing large amounts of weeds from many locations including the Gurriwal Trail, Sandstone Ridge, around Fly Casting Pond and even Busbys Pond's islands.

Michael Ellison who manages the Parklands' teams says: 'Centennial Park is a popular location for our volunteers as it provides diversity and is an iconic location where they are proud to say they are making a difference.' **For more information visit [www.conservationvolunteers.com.au](http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au)**



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