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Welcome to the autumn issue of *Parklands* magazine.

This year will see significant milestones for Centennial Parklands. On Australia Day Centennial Park turned 120 years old, and in December the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust will celebrate its 25th year as custodian of these Parklands. Throughout

the year, in this magazine and through various events, we will aim to showcase the three Parks that make up this wonderful space – Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park.

The Parklands play a number of roles for the community – providing recreation space, scope for enterprise and urban habitat. It is a place that often surprises (read on page 3 about the discovery of a new native species of fish), regularly entertains (read about upcoming events on page 4) and always provides a picturesque backdrop or setting for an occasion or venture (read about filming activities on pages 6-7).

With 360 hectares to manage and more than 10 million visits a year, provision of high quality information is essential. Brochures, signs and our visitor centres

provide information within the Parklands. We are also dedicated to providing a high quality and accessible online presence. To this end, the Trust has recently redeveloped its website: www.centennialparklands.com.au.

Finally, as a member of the peak international body Parks Forum, I would like to pay tribute to the late Sir Edmund Hillary – patron to Parks Forum, pioneer, adventurer and advocate. His immense presence will be sadly missed by all who work in or believe in a healthy and sustainable environment.

Enjoy the changing colours of autumn.

Steve Corbett
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Parklands

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Cover: A film shoot in Centennial Park, behind the camera's lens.



Parkbench

Recycling bins trial at Learners Cycleway

New types of general waste and recycling bins have been installed at the Learners Cycleway picnic area. The new bins feature lid systems that aim to reduce contamination of the recycling bin and improve the amount of recycling within the Parklands. When a recycling bin is contaminated with general waste the contents are sent to land fill rather than recycled. The Trust will monitor the success of this trial with a view to replacing all bins within the Parklands.

Centennial Parklands Restaurant precinct update



Working on the Restaurant's new roof

The Restaurant refurbishment is well underway with the main structural work, including installation of the roof, due to be completed in April 2008. The fit-out of the Restaurant will then be undertaken by the new licensee, Trippas White, with a winter opening date anticipated. As part of the refurbishment the women's toilets near the café were demolished and temporary toilets installed across Depot Road. When the project is completed, new toilets will be available in the restaurant/café building.

Associated road works in Depot Road will increase the safety of pedestrians using this shared zone. The speed limit of 10 kilometres per hour will remain. As part of this pedestrian focus, the existing public parking bays on Depot Road will be removed however three accessible parking bays will remain.

New website with interactive map



Screen shot of our new website

Make sure you bookmark the new and improved Centennial Parklands website. Not only does it have a new look, the information has been restructured to allow users to find information quickly and easily.

The new website includes an interactive map using the latest aerial and street mapping technology. The map gives

users a bird's eye view of all your favourite locations, sports fields, barbecues, toilets and bus stops. We welcome feedback on our new site. Visit www.centennialparklands.com.au and check it out.

New sports field at Moore Park

The Trust, in conjunction with the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust, has undertaken construction of a premium sporting field at Kippax Lake. This quality field will be available to professional sporting teams and community sporting groups. It will also reduce on-grass car parking spaces during events.

A number of eucalyptus trees removed during construction were identified for removal in the Tree Master Plan 2002. The trees were of low level heritage and design significance. Replacement trees have been planted at the northern end of Kippax Lake and at Moore Park West and future plantings in this area will result in a net increase in the overall tree population around Kippax Lake.

A fishy find in Lily Pond



Cox's Gudgeon

A new species of native fish – not seen before in Centennial Parklands – has been identified in Lily Pond. The Cox's Gudgeon (*Gobiomorphus coxii*) was recently found during a survey to assess the population of the introduced *Gambusia* species. Though only 150mm long, the Cox's Gudgeon is the largest native fish naturally present and able to breed in Centennial Parklands' pond system. As yet, this species has not been identified in any other Parklands' ponds.

Jack Johnson's Eco Village



Musician Jack Johnson

Musician Jack Johnson will return to play at Centennial Park on Saturday 15 March 2008. As with Jack's 2005 tour, this year's tour is committed to energy conservation and waste reduction. Trucks and coaches will use biodiesel to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and attendees will be encouraged to use public transport. All

festival merchandise will be made from sustainable materials and the tour will promote locally grown and organic foods, bio-ware, composting and recycling.

Additionally this year, the tour is reaching out to non-profit groups – working in areas such as water quality, community

and school gardens, land preservation, environmental education and more – to acknowledge and support the important work they are doing in communities across the planet.

A number of non-profit groups will interact with the crowd at the concert's "Village Green" to raise awareness about local issues and engage community action.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation will be a part of this Eco Village. The Foundation is a charitable organisation raising much needed funds to ensure the natural environment provided by Centennial Parklands is enjoyed by future generations.

At the Village Green, the Foundation will seek to lift awareness of this important work and distribute information on ways to help it secure a sustainable future for the Parklands.

For more information on how you can support the work of the Foundation, visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/foundation or phone (02) 9339 6699.

Mardi Gras says thanks with a tree

The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras will celebrate its 30th birthday this year with its traditional parade on Saturday 1 March 2008. From turbulent beginnings in 1978, Mardi Gras has become a firmly established event on Sydney's calendar, growing in terms of both tourist and spectator numbers.

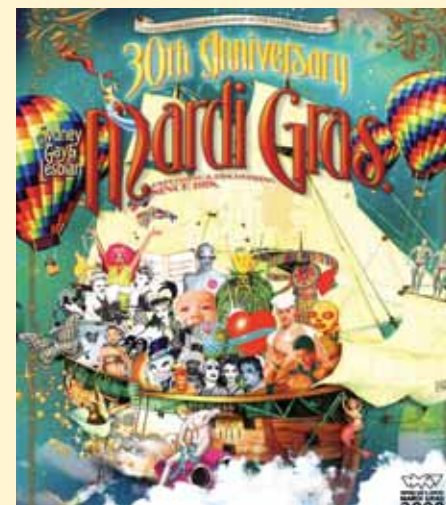
Over the years Moore Park has been the finishing point for this world-famous parade and the location of its post-Parade parties. To celebrate this anniversary and mark the event's long association with Centennial Parklands, Mardi Gras has

dedicated a tree in support of the Centennial Parklands Foundation.

The tree is sited adjacent to the route followed by the Mardi Gras Parade. In recognition of Mardi Gras' generosity a plaque has been placed at the base of this beautiful Moreton Bay fig.

This year's parade theme, Brave New Worlds, encourages a reflective look at how far Mardi Gras has come over the past three decades while looking to the future.

Visit www.mardigras.org.au for more information.



Mardi Gras celebrates 30 years

New Chair for Community Consultative Committee

A new Chair, Ann 'Mairaed' Bilmon, has been appointed to the Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Mairaed has been a member of the Committee for two years and replaces outgoing Chair Allan Young, whose maximum two terms on the Committee have expired.

A local resident for many years as well as a former councillor and Mayor of Woollahra Municipal Council, Mairaed brings a love of the Parklands and wealth of local knowledge to the Committee. Mairaed said, 'I am honoured to have been elected Chair of the Community Consultative Committee. There are challenges and rewards being part of the Parklands network and the broader community. A number of new members have also been appointed to the Committee, and I am keen to welcome and work with them as they bring their special skills to the CCC.'

Reflecting on his four years on the committee, Allan said he thoroughly enjoyed it: 'Two years were spent as Chair of the Committee. There have been many challenges during this time, including providing input into key planning documents, major capital works such as the restaurant refurbishment and the staging of large events.'

Allan extended his thanks to the Parklands community for its support. He especially thanked his fellow members, Don Carseldine, Michael McDonald, Sandy Pratten and Peter Reid, whose terms have also expired, for their 'commitment and friendship' during their tenure on the CCC.

Newly appointed CCC members are Natalie Fisher, Sandy Libling, Fran Meagher, Stacy Warren and Harley Wright. Visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/ccc for background information on these new members.

The CCC is an advisory body whose task is to represent a broad range of community interests to the Trust. Members have diverse backgrounds and meet approximately eight times a year. If you would like to contact the Committee, please email ccc@centennialparklands.com.au or write to Locked Bag 15 Paddington NSW 2021.



New CCC Chair, Mairaed Bilmon

Autumn line-up

Enjoy the range of events hosted by Centennial Parklands this autumn. For more information visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson or call (02) 9339 6699 to receive a copy of our What's On brochure.

Jack Johnson 2008 tour Saturday 15 March 2008

Musician Jack Johnson returns to Centennial Park performing songs from his new album, *Sleeping Through Static*, as well many popular songs from earlier albums. The show promises Australian audiences another extraordinary live experience, such as they have come to enjoy over the past eight years.

Opening the concert will be Matt Costa, with support from local talent Will Conner and Dave "Rasta" Rastavich. Visit www.jackjohnsonmusic.com

V Festival Saturday 29 March 2008

The popular V Festival will be held for a second year in Centennial Park. An amazing line-up of artists include The Smashing Pumpkins, Duran Duran, Queens of the Stone Age, The Jesus and Mary Chain and many more. Visit www.vfestival.com.au

Tour de Kids Sunday 6 April 2008



Tour de Kids has raised \$2.6 million over seven years for a variety of children's health and wellbeing programs. This year they will ride

1,100kms from Albury to Sydney via the Victorian Alps. Their Sydney route will take them through Centennial Park on Sunday 6 April. Their goal is to raise \$700,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation and a range of smaller charities. Visit www.tourdekids.org.au

Feature: Our Places

Our growing place on the world media and entertainment stage



The set for a TV commercial promoting an Asian spice range

Centennial Parklands is growing in popularity as a versatile location for movies, television shows, commercials and photography shoots. You will have seen the results – though you may not be aware of it – on a screen or billboard, or in a magazine or newspaper. Increasingly, too, international shoots are showcasing the beauty of the Parklands to a global audience.

Centennial Parklands has been used as a location for major films seen by millions of people around the world, providing wonderful free exposure to our diverse locale. Consumer marketers would pay big dollars for such “product placement” in any internationally marketed movie. Centennial Parklands was a location for the Mission: Impossible cinema thriller, and for the internationally-distributed Kangaroo Jack and Danny Deckchair films. International movie shoots require vast forward planning and are relatively infrequent. However the Parklands is a very popular location for film shoots for television shows and commercials. Said

Kate Hooper, Centennial Parklands' contact officer for the filming and photography industry, 'Sometimes the smaller film shoots require bringing in about seven trucks for catering, wardrobe, props, lighting and generators.'

Photography

The Parklands is very popular for photography shoots. You may have recognised our backdrop in the following catalogue shoots:

David Jones, Reebok, Supre, Rockmans, Australian Country Style Magazine, Sass and Bide, Black & White.

'No matter how big or small the film shoot is each one is attempting to create something unique. Our job is to help them find the best location that will meet their needs while balancing the needs of other park users and taking care of the sensitive Parklands environment,' she says.

The Parklands has been a venue for some spectacular sets including a Ferris wheel for a mobile phone commercial, an Asian marketplace for a spices product, a carnival ground for a chocolate advertisement and a futuristic planet for Farscape. The Parklands has hosted a cast of talent from Canadian environmentalist David Suzuki to actress Rose Byrne as well as looking after the special needs of talented animals including a cow, monkey, parrot – even an elephant!

Music Videos

Did you know that Australian Idol Casey Donovan's "Listen to your Heart" was filmed in the Pine Forest. The shoot was conducted at night with thousands of fairy lights creating a magical setting. Children's performers Hi-5 and Vanessa Amorosi have also used the Parklands to record music videos.

Ashley McLeod is Location Director from Sach Australia, a locations company that regularly recommends Centennial Parklands to film and photography clients. Proximity to Sydney's CBD plus open space is what draws Ashley back to the Parklands time and time again. 'Centennial Parklands is one of the most well used and diverse locations on my files, offering open fields, wooded forests, mystic paths and room to move and build sets,' he said.

Film shoots are subject to strict conditions and restrictions to ensure the environment is protected. Says Kate Hooper: 'We are always looking to minimise vehicle movement on grass and we undertake regular consultation with horticultural and aboriginal staff and rangers.'



A "dolly" allows the camera to be set on tracks

Restrictions are also designed to ensure equity of access for other park users. For example filming is not permitted on weekends when the Parklands is at its most popular with the public. A safety officer is required on large film shoots, and a specially trained Parklands Security Ranger looks after the interests of the Parklands and manages enquiries from the public at the location site.

'Larger shoots always require on-site meetings,' said Kate, 'and once we get a clear idea of the type of location the client wants we can usually provide multiple options. Recently a client asked to use Federation Valley for a film shoot involving a cow. But because this is an historic area, not to mention a popular off-leash dog area, we suggested other venue options and the shoot was easily moved to Dickens Drive.'

Television

The Parklands has hosted many television shoots in the last 12 months, highlights including:

Enough Rope with Andrew Denton (ABC TV), Healthy Living (ABC TV), Creature Features (ABC TV), Celebrity Dog Show, Catalyst (ABC TV), Message Stick (ABC), Mary Bryant, the mini-series, Love My Way (Pay TV), Raggs Children's Show.

Steve Corbett, Director and Chief Executive of the Parklands said that although filming and photography was an important part of Centennial Parklands'

revenue stream, contributing to the long-term sustainability of the Parks, 'we don't just work with the big players. We assist many budding film makers, including Tropfest entrants, by providing special low rates. Film students and children also come to the Parklands to complete their film assignments,' he said.

The Parklands' 360 hectares offers a vast range of locations to suit different filming needs. Our magnificent tree-lined roadways are great for car commercials, our sports fields are popular for active recreation shots, and our many natural beauty spots including ponds, formal and informal landscapes and vistas are a perfect backdrop for romance and relaxation shoots.



The carnival set for a chocolate commercial

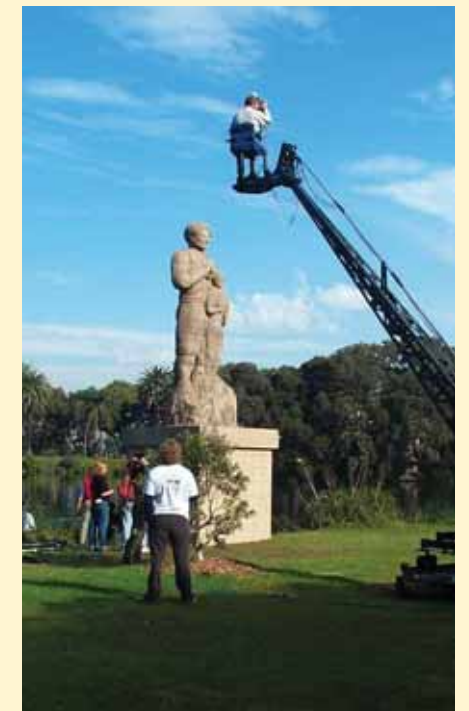
Core of the Parklands' growing international profile is Fox Professional Studios in Moore Park. Fox has established a creative community of more than 60 independent service providers, able to handle everything from casting to the final sound mix. Next door, in the Entertainment Quarter, are many supporting industries including casting agents, animation and digital effects businesses and location managers. No wonder Moore Park is the hub of the filming industry in Sydney.

The Entertainment Quarter is also the location of choice for a number of industry schools, including Brent Street, a performing arts school that specialises in various aspects of the entertainment industry, encouraging interaction between students and the real industry.

Commercials

Some of the industries blue chip brands have filmed commercials in Centennial Parklands, including:

Nokia, McDonalds, AAMI, Nike, Coca Cola, Weight Watchers.



Shooting a scene from Farscape required installing a large statue

In early 2008 the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS), one of Australia's premier national training institution for the screen and broadcast industries, will move into new premises in the Entertainment Quarter. This move, AFTRS said, will put it in close proximity to Fox Studios, Animal Logic, Soundfirm, Trackdown, Vision Bytes, Spectrum Films and other national and international production companies 'and will provide opportunities for AFTRS students to interact and collaborate with other practitioners and the wider community.'

For more information about filming and photography in Centennial Parklands, please visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/venues or contact Kate Hooper on (02) 9339 6699.

Twitcher's Corner

Little Pied Cormorant

By Trevor Waller



Little Pied Cormorant

The Little Pied Cormorant is a small black and white (pied) bird with a stubby yellow bill. It is black over the back and white on the underparts, has 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 has no black flank

mark which sets it apart from the larger Pied Cormorant.

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. Its eyes are protected underwater by a nictitating membrane. It feeds mainly on fish, eels, frogs, crustaceans and insects. Feeding underwater means the feathers eventually become waterlogged and the bird must leave the water to dry off. This gives us 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.

The main habitats for these birds 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, 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.

Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with more than ten years behind the binoculars. He is a member of various bird watching clubs in Sydney, including Birds Australia, and conducts the Parklands Birdwatcher's Breakfasts each season. The next Birdwatcher's Breakfast will be held on Sunday 4 May 2008. Please visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson for details.

The Travelling Barista

Business Profile



The Travelling Barista

Gourmet coffee is a multi-billion dollar industry that achieved glamour status in the late '90s. Then came the development of domed snap-on travelling lids which, combined with the fast-paced lifestyle of the modern era, gave rise to the mobile coffee craze – the social phenomenon of "latte commuting".

Michael Coster, known as the Travelling Barista, was one of the first people to bring this mobile coffee phenomenon to Sydney nearly a decade ago. Now his mobile van with customised trimmings is to regularly service visitors to Queens Park and Moore Park.

Says Michael: 'Coffee is not the only thing on the menu. Our sandwiches, salads, wraps, pies and sausages rolls are legendary and fresh every day. Our cakes, muffins and slices add a sweet touch. We also serve smoothies and juices and there's nothing like a milkshake to quench a child's thirst.'

The Travelling Barista operates on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, from 8.00 am to sunset. In Moore Park it will be located at the Robertson Road fields behind the Parklands Sports Centre (near the netball/basketball courts). In Queens Park it will be alternating between the children's playground off Darley Rd, and a location near the amenities building off Baronga Avenue.

This mobile facility also removes the need for additional buildings to provide refreshments in the Parklands.

Says Michael: 'If you're in the Moore or Queens Park areas, please drop by. I look forward to having a chat and a cuppa with you.'

Plant of the Season

Imperial bromeliad (red form)

The Imperial bromeliad (*Alcantarea imperialis*) is a native of the mountains of Teresópolis of Rio de Janeiro at an elevation of 1,500 metres forming a large rosette clump that grows on rock face and cliffs.

The genus *Alcantarea* was named after the Dom Pedro de Alcantara, second Emperor of Brazil, and includes approximately 20 species distributed throughout eastern Brazil growing on exposed rock outcrops.

The red form, is a popular garden and collectors plant with a rosette of tough and leathery slightly ribbed leaves with a waxy surface, growing to a span of 1.5 metres.

The plant derives water and nutrients from its tightly packed leaves that trap and hold water and organic matter. The

roots also take up nutrients as organic matter accumulates around the plant.

Over 10 years the bromeliad can be expected to produce annual white flowers which can reach a height of 2.5 metres.

The Imperial bromeliad grows best in full sun in well drained soil, does well in pots and can be established on rocks.

Where can it be seen?

Over the autumn months you can see specimens of this magnificent flower growing in the Column Garden island displays.



The Imperial bromeliad (red form)

Native Watch

Pouched Coral Fern

By Frank Hemming

Pouched Coral Fern (*Gleichenia dicarpa*) is one of approximately 10 species in the genus *Gleichenia*. Found throughout the coast and tablelands of NSW, it also occurs in Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, New Zealand, New Caledonia and the Philippines.

As with other *Gleichenia* species, the fronds have a distinctive and delicate appearance due to their narrow segments. The fronds arise from an underground stem (rhizome), may grow to 2 metres in length and branch repeatedly. Look for the growth bud at the end of each fork. Pouched Coral Fern gets its common name from one of its distinctive features – the final segments of the fronds are folded over into tiny pouches.

Pouched Coral Fern is found in damp and often sunny situations, especially around swamps and streams but also cliff bases and margins of wetter forests. It sometimes forms dense thickets which provide hiding places for small birds such as Superb Fairy-wrens.



Pouched Coral Fern

Where can it be seen?

In the Parklands it occurs in patches in the Lachlan Swamp where it forms part of the understorey of the swamp forest, especially on the northern margins but also in other parts. Smaller clumps occur along the streams south of Busbys Pond.

Frank Hemming is curator of the John T. Waterhouse Herbarium at the School of Biological, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of New South Wales.

Share your photos on our new website



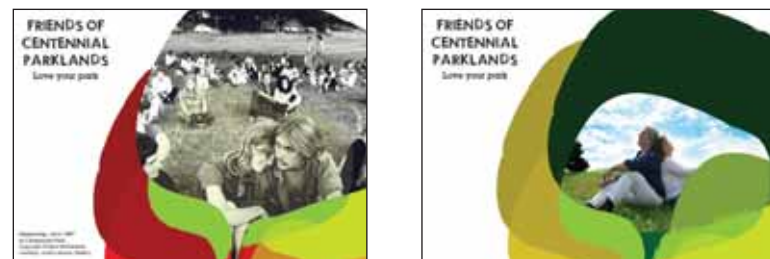
Friends can submit photos on the new website

Centennial Parklands recently redesigned its new website at www.centennialparklands.com.au. In addition to the great new look and improved navigation, *Friends of Centennial Parklands* have access to a special members-only feature.

Friends are invited to upload photographs of Centennial Parklands to be featured on the new home page. These photos can be of anything in the Parklands setting: your favourite spots, your pets, your mates, your recreational pursuits or the beautiful diversity of the Parklands' flora and fauna.

We are currently developing a new dedicated *Friends* website that will be launched shortly and more members-only online features are planned. In the meantime, visit www.friends.net.au and upload a photograph today! It's a great opportunity to share your favourite Parklands moments with the rest of the world.

New discounts and benefits for *Friends*



Two new postcards promoting *Friends*

Have you fully looked into what you can get with your *Friends* membership card? New discounts and benefits are coming online all the time.

Did you know that *Friends* get a 20% discount on the **United Healthy Living Program**? This eight week program is designed to provide you with the optimal health and lifestyle tools to refocus your mind, enhance your energy levels and improve your movement. The next two courses will run on Mondays from 5 May and Wednesdays from 7 May 2008.

Being a *Friend* is good for you and great for the Parklands. Make sure you get the most out of your membership, including 20% discounts on all school holiday activities, 20% off bike hire, cheaper coffee and discounted portrait photography sittings to name a few. Visit www.friends.net.au for a complete listing of discounts and benefits.

Not a *Friend* yet?

It's easy, affordable and – most importantly – directly helps the Parklands. From just \$55 a year, or \$99 a year for a family, you can enjoy savings on a range of activities and social events, while knowing that your support and membership contribution directly assists the work of the Centennial Parklands Foundation in funding environmental and educational projects. Visit www.friends.net.au or phone (02) 9339 6699 to join today.

Healthy Parks Healthy People

New brochure makes walking the eastern suburbs even better

Walking is one of life's great pleasures and research has consistently demonstrated that



The new walking brochure

spending time in parks has a beneficial impact upon your mental and physical wellbeing. For these reasons alone, Centennial Parklands is a wonderful stand-alone destination for recreation and relaxation.

The Parklands now features prominently in an initiative by the Sydney Coastal Councils Group and the Department of Planning,

to encourage the community to get out and discover the wider eastern suburbs by foot.

The new Harbour Bridge to South Head and Clovelly walking map is available free from the Parklands Office (Monday to Friday) or the Visitors Centre (weekends). The brochure features a comprehensive guide, suggested walking routes with times and distances, and provides a number of long or short walks to suit your availability and fitness.

The Federation Track, a seven kilometre walk from Rushcutters Bay to Waverley Cemetery, takes in Centennial Park, including Federation Valley, and Queens Park and gives walkers some of the most spectacular Parklands scenes.

So whether you've spent 50 years exploring the eastern suburbs by foot, or only have time to explore it for just 50 minutes, you'll benefit from picking up this great new brochure.

Healthy Parks Healthy People is an initiative of the **Sydney Parks Group** and includes the **Botanic Gardens Trust; Centennial Parklands; Department of Planning; Department of Environment & Conservation - Parks & Wildlife; Parramatta Park Trust; Sydney Harbour Federation Trust; and Sydney Olympic Park Authority. Supported by University of Technology, Sydney and the University of Western Sydney.**

Visit www.healthyparkshealthypeople.com

Foundation

Green Corps

Following the success of the 2007 program the Foundation, in partnership with Greening Australia (NSW), has secured a second Green Corps project for the Parklands. From February 2008 the Green Corps team will undertake works including carp removal, pond riparian zone restoration and culturally significant tree plantings within Queens Park.

Green Corps is an Australian Government program offering young people the opportunity to be paid while receiving accredited training working on six month environment and heritage projects.

Tree Transplant Appeal

Sir Henry Parkes opened Centennial Park in 1888, bringing to fruition an extraordinary vision. Parkes was instrumental in setting aside 890 acres of land on the fringe of a growing metropolis so that future generations might have room to move, fresh air to breathe and a space to play. 120 years later, there is a unique opportunity for similarly far-sighted and public-spirited individuals to continue this vision by supporting special projects as part of the Foundation's Tree Transplant Appeal. These include:

- **The Grand Drive Inner Ring project** which will see over 100 semi-mature trees planted over a three year period to form a completely new avenue of trees that will enhance the existing avenues of figs, oaks and pines planted along Grand Drive at the turn of last century. This is the first major tree planting project to be undertaken since the Parkes Drive Palm avenues were replaced with the successful Kauri Pine (*Agathis robusta*) plantings in 2000.
- **The Wollemi Pine Grove.** The Wollemi Pine (*Wollemi nobilis*) is one of the most significant botanical discoveries in recent memory. A grove of rare Australian pines is proposed adjacent to the Jervois Avenue Gates, dominated by the Wollemi Pine and supplemented by close relatives including the:
 - Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwilli*)
 - Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*)
 - Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*)
 - Cook Pine (*Araucaria columnaris*)

For more information on these special projects, please email foundation@centennialparklands.com.au or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/foundation or call (02) 9339 6633.

New benefactors

Peter, Bianca and Bronte Walker
Dr Sian Graham
Ms Gillian Graham
Friends of Guy Morrison
Renee Pollack Foundation
Dr Craig Wilson
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New Mardi Gras
The Crowe family

The Whittaker family
The Spencer family
The Irwin family
The Horsfall family
Mr Keith Rodger
Bruno de Oliva
Susan Hedrick
Michelle Neill
Justin Bull
Kevin Finch

Volunteers

Calling for a volunteer archivist



Historical images like this one need to be catalogued

Centennial Parklands has a significant collection of historical information gathered over the past 197 years and stored on site. We are seeking the voluntary assistance of an experienced archivist to bring some formality

to this outstanding resource. If you possess the relevant knowledge and experience, and are retired or otherwise free to assist us cataloguing this historic material perhaps one day a week, we would like to hear from you.

When the task is completed the Trust hopes to make much of this information available on its website for students and the general public. Please email Volunteer Coordinator Lyn Walker on volunteers@centennialparklands.com.au if you are interested in helping on this exciting and rewarding project.

Vale

All at Centennial Parklands were sad to hear of the recent death of long time volunteer Fay Brown. Fay was involved for many years in customer service at the Visitor Centre, and as a member of the Bush Regeneration team. Her devotion to the Parklands was an inspiration and she will be greatly missed.

Well done!


Ruth White, a long time volunteer customer service person at the Visitor Centre, has retired. Ruth gave her time and her dedication to the Park she loved. Her's was one of the wonderful, passionate faces the Parklands loves to present to its visitors. We hope Ruth will continue to enjoy the Parklands ambience for many years to come.

Visitor Information

Please refer to the map insert for locations.

HOW TO GET HERE

5 km from the Sydney CBD. Easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike or on foot.

 Regular buses from Circular Quay, Central Stn, Bondi Jn Stn and surrounding suburbs. Trains to Central and Bondi Jn, both a 30-40 minute walk to the Parklands. www.131500.info

 Cycle lanes along Darley Rd, Alison Rd, Anzac Pde, South Dowling St, Cleveland St and Federation Way.

CAR FREE DAYS

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).

Next day: 24 February 2008

CENTENNIAL PARK GATE TIMES

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

Primary Gates (Paddington, Woollahra, Randwick & Robertson Entry Rd)

March* to April 6.00 am–6.00 pm

May to August 6.30 am–5.30 pm

September to October 6.00 am–6.00 pm

November to March ** 6.00 am–8.00 pm

* After daylight saving ** During daylight saving

Secondary Gates (York Rd, Jervois Ave and Robertson Exit Rd)

Weekdays 9.00 am–4.00 pm

Weekends as per Primary Gates

Govett St Gates

Weekdays 9.00 am–Primary Gate closing time

Weekends as per Primary Gates

FOOD OUTLETS

Parade Grounds Café

Cnr Grand & Parkes Drive, Centennial Park (adjacent to playground). Open 7 days. 7.30 am–5.00 pm (02) 9380 9350 (temporary facility until winter 2008). www.trippaswhite.com.au

Centennial Park Mobile Food Van E5

Light meals, sandwiches, cold drinks, gelato and espresso. Open weekends and public holidays, 8.00 am–sunset.

The Travelling Barista C4 H5

Sandwiches, wraps, cakes and coffee. Open weekends and public holidays, 8.00 am–sunset, at Moore Park and Queens Park.

Moore Park Golf Patio Bar B3

Overlooking the first tee, the outdoor patio bar serves light meals and drinks. Open 7 days, 7.30 am–7.30 pm (Mon to Wed), 7.30 am–6.00 pm (Thu to Fri), 7.30 am–5.00 pm (Sat to Sun) (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

The Long Apron at Moore Park Golf B3

This bar and restaurant serves quality meals and a full variety of wine and beers. Open Wed to Sun, Noon–5.00 pm (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

BBQs and Picnics

Free BBQs. First-in first served basis. BYO portable BBQs with legs permitted (except during total fire bans), portable picnic equipment permitted. Bookings required for groups of 50 or more. BBQs located at **A3 D5 D6 E2 E3 G4 G5 H5**

Cycling and Rollerblading

3.8 km cycle/rollerblade lane on Grand Dr, Centennial Park. Cycle lanes along Darley Rd, Alison Rd, Anzac Pde, South Dowling St, Cleveland St and Federation Way. Off-road cycling circuit for children at Learners Cycleway. Helmets required. **D5**

Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire F3

Cnr Hamilton & Grand Drs, in Centennial Park 0401 357 419

Centennial Park Cycles G6

50 Clovelly Rd, Randwick (02) 9398 5027

Wildlife Watching

Spot birds, turtles, invertebrates and possums within natural environments. Ideal locations at **D4 E5 F4**. Please do not feed the animals.

Playgrounds

There are five playgrounds catering for a range of age groups. **A2 D5 E2 E3 H5**

Dog Walking

On and off leash dog walking areas. BYO dog tidy bags to pick up after your dog. Pick up the Dogs in the Parklands brochure or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au

SPORT AND FACILITY HIRE

Quality sports grounds and facilities for hire for casual one-off bookings or seasonal competitions. (02) 9339 6699

ES Marks Athletics Field B5

For hire for training or carnivals. 400 m running track, floodlit field and covered stand with seating for 1000 people. Casual public training, Tue, Wed & Thu, 3.30 pm–8.30 pm. (02) 9339 6699 www.centennialparklands.com.au/sports

Moore Park Tennis Courts B3

Tennis court hire, coaching, social competitions, racquet and ball sales and ball machine hire. Four floodlit courts. Open 7 days, 7.00 am–10.00 pm. 0412 123 456

Parklands Sports Centre C4


Tennis court hire, coaching, school holiday camps and competitions. 11 floodlit courts. Open 7 days, 9.00 am–10.00 pm (summer & Mon to Thu in winter) 9.00 am–6.00 pm (Fri in winter) 8.00 am–6.00 pm (winter weekends) (02) 9662 7033


Moore Park Golf B3


Par 70, 18-hole Group One Championship public access golf course. All weather, day-night Driving Range, Putting and Chipping greens, Pro Shop and School of Golf. Membership now available. (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

Horse Riding C4 D5

3.6 km horse track; 3.5 ha of fenced grounds featuring showjumping, dressage, lunging and turf hacking; Equestrian Centre with covered arenas, hot and cold wash bays and sand rolls. Riding schools offer lessons, horse hire, pony camps, pony parties, pony leads and guided park rides. Stabling available. (02) 9332 2809 www.cpequestrian.com.au

 Budapest Riding School 0419 231 391 budapestridingschool@aapt.net.au

 Centennial Stables (02) 9360 5650 www.centennialstables.com.au

 Eastside Riding Academy (02) 9360 7521 www.eastsideriding.com.au

 Moore Park Riding Stables (02) 9360 8747 www.mooreparkstables.com.au

 Papillon Riding Stables (02) 8356 9866 or 0407 224 938 www.papillonriding.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Ranger-guided educational excursions, children's birthday parties, guided tours and workshops, school holiday activities, vacation care programs as well as sports camps, concerts, festivals and events. (02) 9339 6699 www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Quarter D3

Located adjacent to the Fox Professional Studios, this is a hub for events, concerts, shows, movies, Farmers markets, bars and dining. (02) 8117 6700 www.eqmoorepark.com.au

Hordern Pavilion and Royal Hall of Industries C3


www.playbillvenues.com


Moonlight Cinema G2

www.moonlight.com.au

CONTACT US

Centennial Parklands is managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

 Parklands Office (behind Café), Mon to Fri, 8.30 am–5.00 pm. **E3**

 Visitor Centre, Paddington Gates, weekends 10.00 am–3.00 pm. **E2**

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