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# VISITOR USE AND ACTIVITIES POLICY CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

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## Objective

To effectively manage the use of lands under the care and management of Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (the Trust) by Parklands visitors.

## Introduction

The Trust recognises the importance of open spaces for the community. The Trust welcomes, supports and provides opportunities for visitors and the community to participate in a variety of activities within the Parklands.

With increasing visitation across the Parklands, the Trust is committed to manage:

- a) Equity of access – e.g., potential conflict between users, management of demand, domination and monopolisation of areas and use of public land.
- b) Impact on facilities – e.g., frequent recreational use causing undue wear and tear to facilities and spaces.
- c) Public safety and liability concerns – e.g. shared paths and diversity of user groups.
- d) Impacts upon nearby residents, stakeholders, and the public – e.g., noise or litter.

This policy responds to the need to balance the use and enjoyment of the Parklands by visitors.

## Aims

In implementing this policy, the Trust aims to:

- Ensure equity of access to the parklands;
- Ensure safety of participants;
- Ensure visitor activities do not impact on turf and facility condition and maintenance;
- Minimise safety and public liability concerns;
- Appropriately manage the parklands to prevent conflicts; and
- Minimise the impact on nearby residents, stakeholders and other parklands users.

## Scope

This policy covers all lands within Centennial Parklands under the care and management of the Trust for all visitor's activities and functions.

This policy excludes leased or tenanted sections of Centennial Parklands as well as defined sporting venues including:

- Moore Park Golf
- Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

- Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre
- E.S. Marks Athletics Field
- Moore Park East High-Performance Facilities (Tramway Oval and Kippax Lake Field).

## Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act & Regulation

The [Centennial Park and Moore Par Trust Act 1983](#) identifies the aims, role and responsibilities of the Trust. The [Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Regulation 2014](#) identifies how the Trust manages the use of Trust lands.

### Permissible activities not requiring approval

The following types of activities are permitted:

- **Socialising & dining** - picnicking, meeting friends & family, having a meal break, visiting one of the parklands café's / restaurants or attending casual social / family gatherings.
- **Recreation** - walking, bird watching, enjoying the environment, meditating, reading, relaxing, drawing, painting, studying, sightseeing, visiting playgrounds, cycling, exercising, jogging, dog walking or rollerblading.

These activities are permissible and do not require prior approval or a booking when:

- The activity is non-sport related and is undertaken by an individual or a private group and there are no commercial operators engaged to deliver goods or services.
- The infrastructure does not exceed one weighted shade structure (maximum 3x3m in size), 2 tables, 30 chairs and a small portable BBQ on legs.

### Permissible activities requiring prior approval

The following types of activities are permitted within the Parklands but must have the prior written approval of the Trust:

- **Sporting activities:** any sporting activities or use of designated sporting facilities.
- **Commercial activities:** any type of commercial operations including selling products and services, operating mobile food vans, any sale of food or beverage, promotional activations, ticketed events or any other type of commercial undertaking.
- **Fundraising activities:** all types of fundraising activities including walkathons, fun runs, charity events including charity stalls and BBQs.
- **Major events and functions:** all community or major events and functions.
- **Wedding activities:** all wedding ceremonies, wedding and engagement photography and organised wedding proposals.
- **Filming & photography activities:** all commercial, student, corporate or professional filming and/or photography activities.

- **Picnics with additional infrastructure and/or use of commercial operators/service providers** e.g., onsite caterers, professional entertainers or photographers, pop-up picnic companies, petting zoos, generators etc.
- **Horse riding activities:** riding a private non-stabled horse in Centennial Parklands will need preapproval from Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre.
- **Races:** foot race, cycle race, horse race, wheelchair race, fun runs, rollerblade run or similar event.

## Activities that are not permissible

The following types of activities are not permitted within the Parklands, these include but are not limited to those defined in the [Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Regulation 2014](#):

- **Motor / Dirt bikes / BMX / Mountain bikes** other than on public roadways and parking bays.
- **Motorised equipment** - fuel and/or battery driven motorised bicycles, scooters, remote control cars or model aircraft, planes, helicopters, drones, or other like equipment.
- **Pegging** of nets, stumps, structures, sunshades, gazebos or other similar items.
- **Hunting** or use of any weapons including imitation firearm.
- **Public demonstration** or display including political advertising matter.
- **Camping** – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Scattering of ashes** – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Lighting fires** or fireworks – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Using starting pistols**, archery, golf (except Moore Park Golf Course), javelin, discus, abseiling, hang gliding, boomerangs, or other like equipment.
- **Swimming or fishing** (including for Carp) in ponds – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Learner driving** – is not permitted in Centennial Park.
- **Feeding wildlife** – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Releasing wildlife** (without prior permission from the Trust).
- **Balloon, confetti, party streamers** – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Attach ropes or slacklines to trees.**
- **Enter land that is situated within any lake**, pond or stream or in any ornamental water (e.g. do not walk in dry ponds).
- **Collect plant material** – is not permitted in the Park.
- **Bringing in soil.**

## **Review**

This policy will be reviewed every two (2) years or as determined by the Trust.

## **Responsibility**

The Senior Manager, Visitor Services is responsible for the overall management of this policy.