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Welcome to the summer edition of *Parklands* magazine.

Another busy year in Centennial Parklands comes to an end. With our busy lives, we often forget to stop and reflect on the many milestones and activities that have occurred over the past 12 months.

We started with a big Aussie barbecue on Australia Day and a highly enjoyable dog photography competition, with Reggie the miniature Daschund taking top prize. Official recognition came from the International Game Fish Association in February for the angling world record carp caught here in Centennial Park. Meantime, March saw the highly successful Taste of Sydney return,

while celebrity chef Jamie Oliver brought his live show to the Parklands. Musically, the Good Vibrations Festival sold out again and rock band Wolfmother chose to shoot their latest film clip in Centennial Park.

Major sports field upgrades were completed across the Parklands including new irrigation installations, turfing and resurfacing, while a new shared cycleway was opened in Moore Park to link up the Eastern Suburbs cycle network with the City of Sydney's cycle network. Essential upgrades across Moore Park Golf and repair work at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre were also completed, ensuring these important recreational facilities were safe and available to patrons.

Football World Cup fever came to Centennial Park when 32 teams from corporations across Sydney battled it out for the Corporate World Cup in May.

Mid-year saw some of the most challenging and yet uplifting periods for the Parklands, as speculation about the future of Moore Park resulted in enormous community support for the retention of this valuable public space. An announcement has just been made on this matter (see page 3).

National Tree Day saw over 5,000 trees, shrubs and grasses planted at Moore Park, while a range of charitable events were held for the Cancer Council NSW, Guide Dog Association, Leukaemia Foundation and the Centennial Parklands Foundation.

Businesses across the Parklands continued to thrive, with Centennial Parklands Dining introducing a popular new kids club and hosting successful events and functions throughout the year. Pet Wash 2000 was awarded a three-year tender for pet grooming services in Centennial Park, and the Hordern Pavilion packed out regularly for the surprise success of the year, Roller Derby.

In late 2010 the Parklands played host to the world's largest international rugby festival with over 4,000 players from 17 countries competing in the Golden Oldies event. Restoration work began on the Charles Dickens Statue, Comrie Fountain and the We Won statue, and the Trust signed a major partnership arrangement with Conservation Volunteers Australia (see pages 6-7).

While not exhaustive, this snapshot demonstrates the range of activities and opportunities these Parklands provide all year round. This is why Centennial Parklands is such a valuable public asset and why we still continue to seek your support. Enjoy summer.

Marianna Preston
A/Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Come and try trapeze in the Park!

Have you ever wondered what it feels like to fly? Have you ever wanted to experience the rush and adrenaline of swinging eight metres above the ground and being caught mid-air? Why not give it a go this summer and come along to Sydney Trapeze School located in Centennial Park's Brazilian Fields. Operating seven days a week from Monday 6 December 2010 to Sunday 30 January 2011 (closed 25-26 December) the school will offer Flying Trapeze classes for all levels in a safe, fun and motivating environment.

The flying trapeze is great for all ages, shapes and sizes. There are up to four classes a day from between 8.00 am to 8.00 pm. For more details visit www.sydneytrapezeschool.com.



Centennial Parklands Café – now taking bookings

In recognition of the ever-increasing popularity of the relaxed, informal dining space, Centennial Parklands Café has now expanded, almost doubling in size. The heritage-listed dining room, which previously housed the more formal restaurant, has become a part of the Café. It is now open for breakfast, brunch and lunch—as well as for event hire. For reservations please call (02) 9380 9350.

Moore Park East retained

The NSW Premier has recently confirmed that ownership and management of Moore Park will remain with the Trust and that \$5.3 million will be made available to facilitate better management of people and traffic flows during major events. Trust Chair John Walker warmly welcomed the announcement: 'I am very confident the series of measures that Premier Keneally has announced will lead to a significant improvement in the movement of traffic and people attending events in the precinct.' www.centennialparklands.com.au.



Duck Pond at Night, 2010 by Peter Solness

Free Photography Exhibition now open on weekends

Following the success of the Head On Photo Festival a new, and free, weekend photo exhibition has opened at the Superintendents Residence, Centennial Park, open every weekend until Sunday 30 January 2011 (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day). The Exhibition features the stunning photography of award winning night photographer Peter Solness, including his Illuminated Landscape series and his celebrated nocturnal landscapes of Sydney's bushland, coastal walks and Centennial Park itself.

The Exhibition also includes works from previous Head On Portrait Prize Exhibitions, Australia's most critically acclaimed photographic portrait exhibition, and the work of invited photographers, starting with Sydney photographers Tim Hixson, Sally Mayman, Charles McKean, Steven Godbee and Phillip Quirk, in which each artist uniquely interprets the character and beauty of our built and natural environment. All artwork at the Exhibition is on sale, with 20 per cent of all sales being donated by the photographer to the Centennial Parklands Foundation.

Go Play

From 18 December 2010 parents can find hundreds of school holiday activities online through a new website called *Go Play*, an initiative of Communities NSW. *Go Play* is a school holiday diary featuring a variety of art, culture, sport and recreational activities available around NSW for kids of all ages. It brings together, in one convenient website, a wide range of affordable and free State Government-run holiday activities and ideas.

Kids will have fun discovering something new at a museum or gallery, develop their sporting skills or simply "go play". Activities range from star gazing at the Sydney Observatory, to Bollywood dancing at Rosehill, cricket and surfing clinics on the North Coast and, of course, a range of activities at Centennial Parklands!

Go Play has family-friendly information including availability of baby change tables, cafés, disabled and pram access, plus an integrated transport planner. Visit www.goplay.nsw.gov.au from 18 December and rejuvenate your holidays!



Conservation works to "We Won"

Conservation works to the "We Won" statue at Canon Triangle commenced in November 2010. The conservator initially concentrated on the statue's bronze work including protective waxing, general repair and replacement of brass rings. This will be followed by work to the statue's surrounds including replacement of the cracked trachyte step and bitumen surface, and cleaning its granite plinth. The work is expected to be completed prior to Christmas. "We Won" was sculptured by Tommaso Sani. The subject matter was specific to Centennial Park and its satirical approach was typical of Sani, a controversial Florentine-born sculptor who lived in Leichhardt and was well known in Sydney in the 1880s.



Visitor Information

Car Free Days

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).
Next day: Sunday 27 February 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

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.

Parklands Office

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

Information boards containing maps and brochures are conveniently placed at most entry gates and main thoroughfares throughout the Parklands.

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