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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

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

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.

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

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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.sydneytapezeschool.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 Philip 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.



MasterChef LIVE and Taste of Sydney

Centennial Parklands plays host to a culinary double act over the next three months.

From Friday 10–Sunday 12 December 2010, Australia's most popular TV series MasterChef Australia goes live for three days with the biggest ever line up of Australian chefs at one event! **MasterChef Live** will be held for three action packed days at the Hordern Pavilion, the Royal Hall of Industries and in Moore Park itself.

See Gary, George and Matt, plus contestants Adam and Marion, live on stage for a 60 minute cooking spectacular and then spend the rest of the day in Australia's first Festival of Cooking.

Learn new tips, tricks and recipes from the professionals including Mark Best, Donna Hay, Neil Perry, Kylie Kwong, Peter Gilmore, Tony Bilson, Giovanni Pilu, Justin North and many more.

Join in master classes, cookery schools and shop from hundreds of providores and producers. And for budding cheflings a whole dedicated Junior MasterChef area including a herb garden, kids cookery school and demos from the likes of Anna Gare and Guillaume Brahimi.

For more information visit www.masterchefliveaustralia.com

Then in March, Centennial Park will again play host to Sydney's ultimate restaurant event, **Taste of Sydney**, held from Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 March 2011.



Taste of Sydney is the perfect recipe for gourmet glamour, entertaining and inspiration.

Over four days, visitors will be able to create their ultimate degustation from some of Sydney's finest restaurants while they sip, sample and graze their way through the festival. Take part in wine tastings and tutorials, learn from the experts in one of the many cooking demonstrations or have a glass of wine with your favourite chef.

For ticketing information, offers and festival announcements visit www.tasteofsydney.com.au.



When good trees go bad

It is always confronting to see a seemingly good tree being removed, and if you've spent any time in Centennial Parklands recently, you might think all is well. But the worrying fact is that many of the trees are in decline.

Centennial Parklands is fortunate to feature more than 15,000 trees across the entire Parklands area. As with many urban park environments, many of these trees will reach their limits and naturally decline. These trees are usually removed in accordance with the Centennial Parklands Tree Master Plan, and are generally replaced with mature stock of a similar species.

Occasionally, visitors to the Parklands will notice staff or tree contractors undertaking work on trees that may appear to be perfectly healthy. Sometimes as a result of severe weather or structural damage, Trust arborists determine particular trees to be unsafe and in worst cases, call for trees to be removed.

One such example of this was the recent removal of a Sydney Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus saligna*) in the vicinity of Grand Drive. This large tree was a prominent feature of this area of the Parklands, and featured amongst several trees of similar size and species. Following some particularly strong winds at the beginning of August, a routine inspection by our arborists found a severe structural fault in one of the major branches and the decision was made to remove this tree for public safety. The size of the fault, as well as the hazardous potential for its failure, made any repair impossible.



A severe structural fault is not always apparent to an untrained eye

Another example was the recent removal of a series of Hills figs (*Ficus microcarpa* var. *hillii*) that were removed from the Driver Avenue area of Moore Park. These trees had been identified as either hollow, diseased or featuring poorly developed branch structure. The trees were removed and almost immediately replaced with Hills figs that had been ordered five years before.

Current estimates are that up to 60 per cent of the Parklands' 15,000 trees will need to be replaced over the next 40 years. This means around 180-200 new trees have to be planted each year as part of a Parklands-wide Tree Replacement Program.

It costs a lot of money to replace a tree, however there is a very real way that you can help. The Centennial Parklands Foundation plays a major role in raising money to support tree purchasing and establishment programs. You can make a general donation to the Foundation, adopt a tree or support one of our Tree Replacement Programs. For more information visit www.yourparklands.org.au.

Steve Corbett farewells Centennial Parklands

After six years as Director and Chief Executive of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, Steve Corbett has moved on to a role with the ACT Government.

During his tenure, the Trust saw an increase of \$190 million in the asset base of Centennial Parklands to \$788 million and a 48% increase in total revenue with the Trust now in a position to raise 92 per cent of its annual operating budget.

He oversaw more than \$40 million of capital works improvements including the redeveloped restaurant and numerous other Park improvement projects. This period was also marked by the blossoming of the Centennial Parklands Foundation – raising more than \$3 million for Parklands projects.

Steve's period of office was not without its challenges, including the Equine Influenza outbreak in 2007 and supporting the venue arrangements for World Youth Day in 2009.

Most recently he further enhanced Centennial Parklands international standing through the co-hosting of the 2010 Parks Forum Biennial International Conference in Sydney and supported the Golden Oldies World Rugby Festival held in the Parklands.

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Chair, John Walker says: 'I wish Steve all the best in his new role as Director City Services for

the ACT. He takes with him a wealth of industry experience, from both his time here at Centennial Parklands and from previous roles in public domain management. On behalf of the Trustees I'd like to thank him for his six years of service to the Parklands.'



Moonlight Cinema goes 3D!

If there's one thing worth getting excited about after a long, chilly winter, it's the summer season of Moonlight Cinema in Centennial Park.

The impressive movie line-up includes the big summer blockbusters, old cult favourites, exclusive preview screenings as well as classic films.

The season kicks off on 9 December with a preview of *Tamara Drewe*, an adaptation of Posy Simmonds' novel starring Bond girl Gemma Arterton.

However the big news is that this year Moonlight Cinema will be screening 3D films for the first time! Nowhere else can you see this summer's hottest 3D flicks under the stars, including films like *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1*, *The Last Airbender* and *Tron: Legacy*. Tickets are sure to sell fast, so don't wait for the gates to open. You can book tickets online or join the Moonlight Movie Club.

Other flicks this season include the Facebook-spawned movie *The Social Network*, Ron Howard's latest *The Dilemma*, Harrison Ford in *Morning Glory* and Cher in *Burlesque*.

It's going to be another great summer of memorable movie-going under the stars. You can see the full film program and book your tickets at www.moonlight.com.au.



Volunteers united!

Centennial Parklands has recently formed a major partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia.

Centennial Parklands and Conservation Volunteers Australia have signed a two-year volunteering partnership that will result in local and overseas volunteers providing environmental improvement projects across the Parklands.



Centennial Parklands volunteers proudly showing their new uniform

Marianna Preston, Acting Director and Chief Executive for the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (Trust) said: 'This new partnership will result in over 2,000 volunteer hours provided on environmental projects across Centennial Parklands – projects that could not otherwise be completed.'

'Volunteering is rapidly growing in popularity and importance for the Trust and we welcome this partnership with one of the community's most respected volunteer organisations.'

'This new partnership with Conservation Volunteers will bring skills, expertise and a larger group of volunteers to complement our existing volunteer programs.'



From left: Stuart Dutton (Trust), Diana Saucedo (Conservation Volunteers), Mat Lewis (Conservation Volunteers) and Steve Corbett (Trust) at the signing of the agreement

As part of the agreement, Conservation Volunteers have relocated their Sydney headquarters to the newly refurbished Martin Road Rangers Residence in Centennial Park, bringing life back to this heritage building. The Residence was built in 1898 as accommodation for the then Park Foreman and had been used continuously as accommodation for Park staff and Rangers until 2008.

Diana Saucedo, Regional Manager for Conservation Volunteers, said: 'Conservation Volunteers Australia sees this partnership as a great opportunity to build on, and showcase what the organisation has achieved to date across Australia. Coming to one of the most

popular parklands in Australia will allow us to assist in some of the most high profile environmental conservation works in Sydney and attract a wide range of local and international volunteers.'

'We already attract around 12,000 volunteers a year from across Australia, New Zealand, and around the world, but see this as one of those iconic volunteer opportunities that will be keenly sought after.'

Open House

After the partnership was announced, Conservation Volunteers held an official Open House where their new office, the Rangers Residence, was opened up for the Volunteers and office staff to view. As Diana said: 'The partnership with Centennial Parklands is a new era for Conservation Volunteers in Sydney. Previously it was difficult for volunteers to find us, but our new central location in one of Sydney's best loved parks will help to raise our profile and get more people involved in caring for their local environment.'

She went on to note that the new location and the project sites Centennial Park has to offer was also important for the organisation's corporate partners, many of whom regularly have staff participate in volunteering days.

About Conservation Volunteers Australia

Conservation Volunteers recruits and manages teams of volunteers from Australia, New Zealand and around the world to work on important environmental and wildlife conservation projects. Founded in 1982 in Ballarat, Victoria as the Australian Trust for Conservation Volunteers, the organisation has grown to become the largest practical conservation organisation in Australasia with offices in every capital city and many regional centres across Australia and New Zealand.

Each year the organisation completes more than 2,000 conservation projects lasting anywhere from one day to many months, resulting in positive environmental outcomes, increased community participation, valuable conservation skills and awareness. Through partnerships with landholders, Conservation Volunteers assist in urban, regional and remote projects including tree planting, seed collection, endangered species protection, weed control, flora and fauna surveys, walking track construction, fencing and environmental monitoring.

Conservation Volunteers Australia has also been recognised by many awards including the United Nations Environment Program - the Global 500 Honour Roll for Environmental Achievement.

Parklands Volunteers

Centennial Parklands has a dedicated and growing group of volunteers that actively contribute to environmental projects in the Parklands. Volunteers contribute approximately 4,400 hours per year of invaluable support.

The Bush Regeneration Group volunteers began in February 2004 and are involved in the regeneration of two remnants of endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub (ESBS) located on York Road, Queens Park and the Bird Sanctuary, Centennial Park.

A team of 20 volunteers assist professional bush regenerators with a range of tasks including manual weed removal, construction of fauna hides, dumped rubbish removal and the relocation of organic debris.



Local schools participate in regular planting days

It provides the opportunity for volunteers to learn correct regeneration procedures, the ecology of ESBS and how to identify invasive weed species.

Another group of volunteers, **The Growing Group**, began in September 2009 when the nursery in the newly opened Education Precinct became operational. Volunteers focus on propagating plant species, including ESBS as well exotic species from the Parklands' horticultural displays.



Conservation Volunteers for Clean Up Australia Day

There are many other special interest volunteer groups that operate in areas such as water quality management, bird watching/counting, archiving and visitor information services.

The Parklands also provides opportunities for the broader community to get involved in *ad hoc* volunteer activities, such as Clean Up Australia Day. Local schools are regularly invited to participate in planting days and Corporate Volunteer programs, involving team-building, planting, weeding and mulching also make a valuable contribution to the Parklands.

Why not become a volunteer today?

Centennial Parklands and Conservation Volunteers are always looking for anyone with a love of the outdoors and an interest in the environment.

You can find out about upcoming Conservation Volunteers projects in your area by visiting **www.conservationvolunteers.com.au** or call the Sydney office on (02) 9663 0020.

For specific Centennial Parklands projects you can sign up directly at **www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers** or call (02) 9339 6699.

Twitchers Corner

Australian Raven by Trevor Waller

The adult Australian Raven is a large glossy-black bird with a white eye. They have long shaggy feathers that hang from the throat that fan out when the bird calls. The bill is black and slightly longer than the head and there is a small area of bare black skin at the base of the bill. The tail is long and slender with a rounded tip.

A juvenile bird has a dark eye and the bare skin around the base of the bill is pink. As the bird gets older the eye becomes brown and eventually white. This process takes about three years to complete. In flight the wings are long and slender. Their call is a very distinctive and loud "aah-aah-aah-aaaahh" with the last note drawn out and descending.

They are usually found in woodlands, open farmland, urban areas, parks and gardens and rubbish dumps. They are mainly carnivorous and will eat the eggs of other birds, as well as insects, small animals and carrion.

Breeding takes place between July and October. The rough bowl shaped stick nest is usually placed high in a vertical fork in the canopy of a tree. Other structures such as a power pole may also be used. It is lined with soft grass and other soft material. They lay 4-5 eggs and the female will sit on them for about 20 days. The male bird will feed the female at the nest while she incubates the eggs. Once the juveniles leave the nest they form nomadic flocks with other unmated birds.

All the big black "crows" you see in the Parklands are Australian Ravens. They usually hang around in pairs and can be seen anywhere in the Parklands.



Australian Raven

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, and conducts the Parklands Birdwatcher's Breakfasts each season. There will be two Birdwatcher's Breakfast this summer: Sunday 16 January and Sunday 20 February 2011. Please visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson for details.

Tree of the Season

Weeping Lilli Pilli

The weeping Lilli Pilli (*Waterhousia floribunda*) is a medium to large tree native to northern New South Wales through to Queensland. An evergreen tree, this Lilli Pilli can often reach heights of up to 20 metres in cultivation, with a similar canopy spread.



A recently planted weeping Lilli Pilli

The Waterhousia is a similar tree to the Lilli Pilli of the *Acmena* genus, another popular native species used in parks and gardens throughout South-Eastern Australia. Both of these trees feature dark green, glossy foliage and tolerate similar environments. The Waterhousia has come into favour, as its fruits are less likely to be problematic on paved areas. The small, white fruits generally follow prolific summer flowering, in which masses of white flowers cover the tree.

The tree is ideally suited to soils with adequate moisture and the tree tolerates part shade. Waterhousia's can also be clipped and maintained as a hedge.

Where can it be found in the Parklands?

Waterhousia has recently been introduced into Centennial Parklands, in particular around the Lily Pond off Parkes Drive.

One specimen in particular has been planted in close proximity to where a much loved Paperbark once stood. This tree was removed after being struck by lightning. The Lilli Pilli will make a fine replacement.

Juicy facts about Spiders!

Summer sees the return of all the insects, bugs, spiders and other invertebrates that call Centennial Parklands home. You might think we're crazy, but in our opinion there is nothing better than spotlighting a Garden Orb Weaving Spider busily spinning her new web at night.

Did you know that spiders can't chew or swallow? This means they can only eat liquid lunches! To do this they inject their prey with poison using their fangs. The poison turns the insides of the insect to a watery goop and the spider just sucks it up. The insect will often look normal...except their body is empty!

Web-spinning spiders will wrap their prey in a web and then crush it with their teeth. Then they pour digestive juices over the body and liquefy it. Perfect for sucking up!



This summer come and learn some more juicy facts about spiders at **Wildlife Workshop: Spiders and their Webs** (Monday 10 January 2011), or join one of our popular **Spotlight Prowls**.

Bookings are essential, call (02) 9339 6699 or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au

Craft: Make a Baby Dinosaur

Most baby dinosaurs started off as an embryo inside an egg, and with just a bit of preparation, you can make this gorgeous baby dinosaur coming out of its shell. Alternatively, come along to our pre-schooler program **Digging for Dinosaurs** on Wednesday 12 January or Monday 24 January, where you can make this craft and learn a whole lot more!

You will need:

- Green and yellow felt
- An egg carton
- A polystyrene ball or a large fluffy ball
- Two googly eyes
- Colouring-in textas
- A small piece of black wool
- Leaves/twigs/grass from garden
- Glue
- Two small pom poms



Method:

- Cut out one egg shell from your carton
- Cut out a square of green felt that is much bigger than the egg shell
- Glue your egg shell to the green felt
- Colour in your white ball (body) any colour you like but purple dinosaurs look awesome!
- Cut out small triangles of yellow felt and stick on head
- Stick on googly eyes and the piece of wool as a mouth
- Glue pom poms to the side of body to make arms
- Glue twigs/grass/leaves to the base (green felt)

Competition: Bridge Building Competition

Everybody has a favourite bridge. Some bridges, like the Sydney Harbour Bridge, have become synonymous with the city. Some bridges are famous in art. Here in Centennial Parklands we have a few small bridges, including the picturesque bridge over Lily Pond.

On Thursday 6 January we are running a special school holiday program to learn all about bridges. Using recycled materials, and all our problem solving skills, we will design a bridge to span Frog Hollow. If you would like to win a double pass, all you have to do is research the lengths of the following spectacular bridges:

Harbour Bridge (Australia): _____ (in kms)

Golden Gate Bridge (USA): _____ (in kms)

Lily Pond Bridge (Centennial Park): _____ (in paces!)

Entries must be received by COB Friday 31 December 2010. Entrants must be between 6 and 12 years of age, one entry per person. Winners will be contacted on Monday 3 January 2011.

Entries can be sent to info@centennialparklands.com.au or drop it into the Visitor Information Counter next to the café (open seven days a week). Be sure to include your name, date of birth, address and phone number with your entry.

Congratulations to Chelsea Parker-Burton who was the winner of the Springtime Fairies competition.



Lily Pond Bridge

Ask a Ranger

Can I bring my own BBQ to the Park?

There are a number of free public BBQs spread across Centennial Parklands. They operate on a first-in basis and cannot be reserved without permission of the Trust. Locate them using our online interactive map or refer to our map guide brochure.

You can bring in your own portable BBQ (ie. with legs) as well as portable picnic equipment. However portable BBQs that sit on the grass are strictly prohibited. Please remember that during periods of total fire ban there are no BBQs permitted at all.

Why are there boxes in our trees?

We have a large population of possums living in Centennial Park. Possums usually live in tree hollows but it takes around 100 years for those hollows to form. Because we don't have enough hollows we put boxes up in the trees for them to live in! Find out more about these and other animal hideaways at our **Tremendous Treehouses** program for pre-schoolers being run on Monday 10 January and Monday 18 January, 2011.

The seven most beautiful leaves in Centennial Parklands



1. Leave a donation



2. Leave a tree



3. Leave as a Friend



4. Leave as a sponsor



5. Leave a bench



6. Leave as a volunteer



7. Leave a bequest

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
Web: www.yourparklands.org.au

Centennial Parklands Foundation

Another Evergreen success

Last year's Evergreen Dinner was a hard act to follow but the addition of Pure Events on board made this annual fundraiser a night to remember. Centennial Parklands Dining was transformed into a magical enclave with guests entering via massive wrought iron gates flanked by pillars topped with flaming cauldrons. The restaurant and grounds were awash with a red glow and candlelight flickering from a sea of hurricane lamps, while stone balustrades bordered the terrace creating a warm and inviting environment. Brazilian Capoeira dancers kept the heat up with their rhythmic drumming and energetic dance routines.



Guests enjoyed the food and wine while the auctioneer took bids for many items including this hand-painted surfboard

Centennial Parklands Dining Head Chef Darren Foots worked his magic in the kitchen and cooked a wonderful meal using fresh produce from local suppliers. The sumptuous meal was matched with some fine Robert Stein wines.

James O'Loghlin was once again an entertaining MC while Auctioneer Justin Miller conducted a rapid and successful auction. The live and silent auctions were great fun – even Darren Foots was auctioned off with the bidder winning his services to prepare an eight-course degustation meal for eight people.

The Evergreen Dinner 2010 raised \$80,000 which will be used to support educational and environmental projects across the Parklands. Sarah Whyte and the Board of the Foundation are extremely grateful for the generosity of the sponsors and supporters and would like to thank everyone who came and made the evening such a great success.

Principal Sponsor: Centennial Parklands Dining

Event Partners: Robert Stein/Mudgee, Cascade/Liquid Ideas, Vodka O, Pure Events, Innovative Production Services, Stedmans, Vitamin X, House of Tickets

Live Auction Prizes kindly donated by Stephen Evans, Let's Go Surfing, Darren Foots/Centennial Parklands Dining, MasterChef Live, Gillie & Marc Schattner, Moore Park Golf/PGA Links, Martyn Cook Antiques

Silent Auction Prizes kindly donated by Parks Victoria, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, Sydney Theatre Company, Axle Whitehead, Taronga Zoo, Pure Events, Michael Cartwright, Sydney Swans/Bondi Picture Framing, Cricket NSW, State Theatre, Wildwood Designs

Raffle Prizes kindly donated by Pilates a Go Go, Swiss Grand Resort and Spa, Luna Park, Beads of the Mist, Stewart & Gordon Hair Specialists, Chilterns Catering, Hoyts, Lyric Theatre

Gift Bags kindly donated by Raffaello, Tic Tac, Two Inspire

New Benefactors

Colin Brown	The Humble Family
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The McLaren Family	Nabil and Maud Gazal and Family



Look outside the (Christmas) box!

This Christmas the Foundation encourages you to look outside the box for a gift that is truly unique and lasting. It's not easy to wrap a tree or a possum, but these gifts will help the Foundation continue its work to ensure the Parklands environment continues to be enjoyed by this and future generations.

- **Sponsor an animal** – includes a certificate, fact sheet with photo and a free Parklands activity.
- **Dedicate a tree** – a thoughtful gift that lasts a lifetime.
- **Bench dedications** – for the person who loves to sit and reflect.
- **Friends membership** – comes with two free Moonlight Cinema tickets if you join before 31 January 2011.

Visit www.yourparklands.org.au for more details or call the Foundation on (02) 9339 6699 and we'll help with your gift arrangements.



Friends of Centennial Parklands

Join now and get Moonlight tickets on us

If you join as a *Friend of Centennial Parklands* by 31 January 2011 you will receive a free double pass to Moonlight Cinema, valued at \$36. *Friends* membership costs only \$55 (for single) or \$99 (for family). There is a huge season of movies to choose from, so sign up quick and take your pick!

This summer Moonlight Cinema features an impressive line-up of films, including some in 3D! There are family movies such as *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1* (3D), and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, or cult classics such as *Grease* and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. You could enjoy a girls' night out watching *Eat Pray Love* or *Breakfast at Tiffany's* or see a new release such as Ron Howard's *The Dilemma* or George Clooney in *The American* and much, much more.



There are lots of other great reasons to join as a *Friend*. You can enjoy 20% off most school holiday activities, 10% discount at Centennial Parklands Dining and many more discounts and benefits.

Find out more at www.friends.net.au or call (02) 9339 6699.

Volunteers

Volunteers in the Gardens

Volunteers will be working alongside Trust horticultural staff to rejuvenate the formal garden beds, including those beside the Café. Summer is Sydney's peak growing period and volunteers will be busy propagating for the first plant sale in the New Year. Become a fan of the Parklands Facebook page to ensure you get first notice of this exciting sale! www.centennialparklands.com.au/facebook

Could you survive the Corporate Survivor Challenge?



21 volunteers from ANZ Transactive recently participated in a three hour volunteer activity with a difference! A seemingly simply task of rowing to Busby Pond's islands for weeding and litter removal, became a team building challenge. Participants had to think laterally, use problem solving skills and work as a team to reach their goal and win the challenge. Without giving the game away, it's quite difficult to row without paddles!

This is just one of many different corporate volunteer programs available. Contact us to find out more.

For more information on our volunteer programs, please call (02) 9339 6699 or visit www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers.



Is it the hand of a Goddess?

Whilst volunteer activities at Centennial Parklands aren't routine, once in a while something pops up unexpectedly. This was the case during the September Bush Regeneration session. Much to their surprise volunteers found what is suspected to be a hand from the Statue of Diana the Huntress, which was one of 30 statues that adorned Centennial Park c1890s. Diana, Goddess of the Hunt, was also the Protectress of Children and the daughter of Zeus. The hand, along with the statue's torso, is being conserved by Centennial Parklands for potential restoration.

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