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Welcome to this spring issue of *Parklands*.

We have a wonderful program of activities and events to look forward to over the next few months.

Celebrating the second anniversary of Sydney 2000, we will all perhaps experience a little nostalgia as the legacy event, the Flora Sydney Marathon hugging the famous 'blue line', passes our door and into Fox Studios on 15 September.

We are delighted to invite you all to share our Open Day on 13 October. This is a time for us to celebrate so much of what we do together as a community.

We are proud to welcome Livid 2002 to Moore Park in October, and look forward to the return of Parklife in November.

We are privileged to have so many talented and dedicated people who are part of our consultative

committees and volunteer groups working on many different projects within the Parklands. All this tremendous effort combined with the long-term planning, capital investment and asset management carried out by the Trust ensures that Centennial Parklands remains the People's Park in Sydney both now and for future generations.

On our Open Day in October you will be brought up to date with all the developments we are involved in and the challenges they present over the next five years. Much of this is outlined in this issue of *Parklands*.

The Open Day will also give you the opportunity to see the Draft Conservation Management Plan which will continue to be on public display for seven weeks before its presentation to the Heritage Council and ultimately for approval by the Government.

We are well into the Park Improvement Program and in this

issue of *Parklands* we will be detailing the challenges and opportunities this presents us. The Café Playground is well underway, major work on Randwick and Busby's ponds begins in September, and the tree planting program will continue.

The Program is concentrating on the core values of the Parklands: improving facilities of the park environment; access and transport; leisure facilities; improved visitor information services; heritage conservation; and managing utilities and services.

I invite you to join us on Sunday October 13. It will be another opportunity for you to see what we are doing, get involved in feedback and become part of the future of the Park. All in all we are in for a very busy few months and I hope that you enjoy the spring activity in the Parklands over the following months. ■

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Parkbench

THE NEW PLAYGROUND WILL BE READY FOR OPEN DAY

The playground beside the Centennial Parklands Café is to have a new look and location by the Open Day on 13 October. It is currently being relocated south of the existing playground on the Parade Grounds behind the restaurant and next to the big fig tree.

Gillian Smart, Landscape Architect says, "Its new location is conveniently adjacent to the toilet block at the rear of the restaurant, and being positioned next to the large fig will mean more shade. Most importantly, being further away from Grand Drive it will offer children a safer environment to play in".

There will be some fantastic new equipment for exploration and innovative play. A shaded sandpit, state-of-the-art spinning wheel, slides and a swings feature. The current toilets will be upgraded and the existing women's toilet will be relocated to the current men's toilet so it is directly adjacent to the playground.

Not forgetting the carers, comfortable seating and a grassy sitting area has been incorporated into the playground's design overlooking the site.

An upgrade of the playground near the Learners Cycle Way is also anticipated for this season. ■



Discover the Parklands on Open Day



The CMP will preserve the Parklands' heritage of yesterday for tomorrow's generations. Head gardener James Jones (left) and Director of the Botanic Gardens Charles Moore (right) oversee the development of the Parklands, 1887

FORECOURT CAFÉ OPEN AND OPERATING

The forecourt area that sits squarely between the Centennial Parklands Café and Restaurant has recently undergone an upgrade. During June, the area was closed for building work and is now up and running with a new-look forecourt combining an extended indoor area to be shared by both the Café and Restaurant patrons, and an all access toilet and changing facility.

Café patrons can now choose to sit indoors during the daytime, and at night the area serves as a front-of-house reception area for functions held at the Restaurant. Previously for pre-dinner drinks at the Restaurant, tables had to be moved around for this requirement. With the Restaurant now open for evening sittings on Friday and Saturday night and available for functions on request, this area has made a tremendous difference to the flexibility of the venue. ■

OPEN DAY IN CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

Come along on Sunday, 13 October, to Centennial Parklands' open day.

The Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates will be the main venue for the day with staff on hand to discuss the various plans, policies and activities we are currently working on. These include the Conservation Management Plan, Traffic and Access, Ponds Restoration, Moore Park South Masterplan, the new dog policy and playgrounds.

There will be fun things for everyone with Ranger education activities, guided walks, pony rides and an Aboriginal dance activity explaining the importance of our ponds. 10am–3pm. Information call (02) 9339 6699. ■

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN – HAVE YOUR SAY

The second public consultation period of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) is being launched as part of the Parklands'

Open Day on 13 October. During this period, the Draft Plan will be placed on exhibition until 30 November at the Superintendent's Residence (Wednesday and Weekends 10am – 3pm), the Administration Building (behind Centennial Parklands Café, weekdays 8.30am – 5pm), local councils and on the Parklands website www.cp.nsw.gov.au.

The aim of the CMP is to provide direction on the heritage conservation and management of the various natural, Indigenous and cultural attributes of the Parklands. Following the consideration of the public input and issues raised during this consultation period, the CMP will be endorsed by the Trust and forwarded to the Heritage Council for approval of the final plan in early 2003.

Once the Conservation Management Plan is officially approved at a Ministerial level, it will become one of the first such plans for heritage parks around the world. Furthermore, its implementation will ensure that future generations are able to enjoy the experience the Parklands' heritage represents. ■

Park Improvement Program

The tranquillity of the restored Duck Pond

SECURING THE FUTURE

In the winter issue of Parklands we mentioned the Park Improvement Program that the Trust was developing. The issue heralded the restoration of Busby's and Randwick ponds and stages five and six of the ponds restoration program marks the first major investment of the 2002-2009 improvement plans. Other improvements already under-way include a new playground near the Café with accessible parking and upgraded male and female toilet amenities.

The success of stages one to four of the ponds program, which was commenced in 1997, can be seen in these photos. It indicates what we can look forward to once the Busby's and Randwick ponds work is complete.

Key works will include reconstruction of eroded edges, creating sandy beaches to provide turtle habitats; island improvements, including removal of pest habitat; aquatic planting and stormwater inlet and outlet improvements. Silt build-ups will be removed and aquatic plants introduced.

Ultimately the main objective of this work is to create designs that are beautiful, functional and robust, in keeping with the

Parklands' history and its natural and cultural significance.

Continual investment in the assets of the park is crucial. A strategic framework of activity in the form of a Park Improvement Program has been designed to take place over the next seven years at a cost of \$50 million, much of which will be generated by the Trust with Government assistance.

There are six arms to the strategic framework for work in the future. They are designed to:

- conserve the park environment
- conserve heritage;
- improve transport and access;
- improve leisure facilities
- improve utilities and services; and
- upgrade information services.

These works come under the umbrella of asset management. There is a comprehensive program of upgrades and improvements planned which have resulted from extensive consultation over the past two years. As well the Parklands will have an increase of at least 25% in maintenance works over the next four years to cover long-term catch-up maintenance. This catch-up maintenance will cover areas such as the horse trails, roads, paths and general landscape which suffers from the massive visitation of over 5 million visits per year.



Hills Weeping Figs – Ficus microcarpa var. hillii have been planted at Moore Park East this year as part of the tree planting program

Other projects included in the program are the annual tree master plan planting; and towards the end of 2003, we will see improvements to basic amenities, such as the equestrian centre, heritage buildings and most importantly restoration and replacement of signage, stormwater drainage and lighting.

While the framework of activities ensures this rich asset will be upgraded and conserved for future generations, the implementation phase will always present certain challenges to park users. We are excited about the program and as each phase commences we will provide updates. When projects are finished, we can all enjoy the

benefits of a program that enhances and protects our highly valued Parklands to secure them for future generations.

THE PONDS WORK

The restoration of Busby's and Randwick ponds is the largest project in the Parklands over the coming year and there will be a lot of disruption as the work is carried out. Some inconvenience is inevitable. Here we outline what you can expect.

Randwick gates will be the dedicated access for the trucks entering the park. A temporary road to the Randwick Pond edge will pass through the equestrian ground, a small portion of which will be fenced off. For environmental and safety considerations the perimeter of the construction site will be fenced with a 1.8 metre high chain wire fence. Work will take place Monday to Friday. Mission Fields, the construction compound throughout the job, will undergo full restoration on completion.

Access to Grand Drive will not be affected, but there will be temporary and partial road control points during the construction period. Full details will be posted at the site once tendering for the project is complete. ■

A Big Thank You

The year 2001 was 'The Year of the Volunteer' and marked the beginning of Centennial Parklands Volunteer Program. Coordinated by Senior Ranger Rachel Ely, the Program has proved to be a huge success with both individuals and corporations helping the Parklands grow from strength to strength.

"It is great to have companies coming into the Park, and as part of the program we hope to develop our relationship with local businesses," says Rachel. "We recently had a team from Westpac helping out with planting and litter collection. Although a cliché, many hands do make light work and the Westpac team probably achieved a week's work in a single day. As you can imagine, with 365 hectares of Parklands to look after, this kind of help is invaluable."

Besides corporate involvement, there are now 15 highly skilled individuals enrolled on the

Volunteers Program. One of their main duties is to assist at the Superintendent's Residence on Wednesdays and weekends. "Each volunteer is central to the running of this project and the progression of the Parklands as a whole," says Rachel. "Their participation means that we can now offer the public a weekend information centre, as well as an exhibition space for everyone to enjoy. These results are amazing and with the development of the project, who knows what we can achieve."

Most importantly, the Volunteer Program not only benefits the Parklands, but also encourages volunteers to grow from their experience. "Volunteering can be great fun and

for corporations it is an excellent form of team-building. However, what most volunteers tend to cherish is the community spirit and the satisfaction of giving something back," Rachel said.

As Volunteer Allan Kauter says, "I live close to the Parklands and have always enjoyed being a regular visitor. The reason I became a volunteer was because I wanted to become part of the Parklands and to give something back. I wanted to repay some of the enjoyment that the Parklands has given to me over the years." ■

The Westpac team lend a hand



A CCC Farewell and Welcome



Farewell Patricia Meagher (left) and welcome Susette Dixon (right)

The Centennial and Moore Park Trust would like to say farewell and a big thank you to Patricia Meagher for the dedication and commitment she brought to the table during her four years as a member of the Parklands' Community Consultative Committee (CCC). Among her successes as part of the CCC, Patricia helped to establish the highly beneficial Volunteer Program in 2001 which has enabled the exhibition space, information centre and historic Superintendent's Residence to be put on the visitor's map.

As a Horticultural Researcher for the Plant Sciences branch of the Royal Botanic Gardens, combined with her education in urban horticulture, Patricia's expertise and advice over the years have proved to be invaluable to the Parklands. In particular she has provided tremendous input to the development of the Parklands' Vegetation Management Plan for the York Road Bushland.

In Patricia's place the Trust is delighted to welcome local resident Susette Dixon. Susette is no stranger to the Trust. Her passion for dog walking in the Parklands led her to become the dog owners' representative on the Parklands' Companion Animal Reference Group (CARG) set up by the Trust in 2001. As a member of CARG, Susette has already proved to be of great assistance in the groups' advice to the Parklands on the recently updated dog policy and dog brochure.

The Trust looks forward to Susette joining the team and benefiting from her expertise and enthusiasm in September 2002. ■

Waste

STOP! THINK BEFORE YOU THROW THAT BOTTLE TOP OR CIGARETTE BUTT!



Guess the number

It took just one afternoon of sunshine and a hotly contested game of sport, and what you see in this picture is what Parklands staff collected from the site!

Guess the number of cigarette butts, bottle tops and ring pulls in the picture and you can win yourself a spot on one of our dusk Spotlight Prowls (see below for details on how to enter). Did you know that just three cigarette butts are sufficient to kill earthworms in a volume of soil about the size of an average fish tank?

Annually, 2000 tonnes of rubbish is removed from the Parklands which comes at both an environmental and financial cost. The

Parklands receives local stormwater, so all rubbish and pollutants from the surrounding suburbs are swept into the ponds. It is possible to filter some of these contaminants with traps, but it costs \$100,000 a year to remove the waste from them. On top of this \$332,000 a year is spent removing general rubbish that people have discarded in the Parklands.

This spectacular parkland is one of Sydney's premier attractions. But are we being responsible with our waste?

With the introduction of the co-mingled recycling service, Centennial Parklands is working hard to eliminate gross pollutants

— bottles, polystyrene cups and plastic bags.

Sadly, the things that get through into the water system can be a hazard to wildlife. Those little ring pulls often end up around the birds' necks. They cannot eat and despite rescue attempts, often die of starvation.

During the waste audit conducted recently, it was found that local businesses and residents had been dumping their waste on the periphery of the park.

Please do not use the park as a dumping ground, use the co-mingled waste system, and pick up after our beloved pooches. Dog dropping bags are on many of the waste disposal units and are marked on the map in the Centennial Parklands' dog brochure. To receive a dog brochure phone: (02) 9339 6699.

To enter the competition, send your answer by 30 September us at info@cp.nsw.gov.au, fax (02) 9332 2148 or Locked Bag 15, Paddington, NSW 2021. The winner will be announced in the next issue of Parklands. ■

The Musk Duck

During spring, Centennial Parklands becomes a dynamic stage for birdlife. With a cast of thousands, there are spectacular breeding performances with young chicks making their debut. Bird enthusiast Trevor Waller of the Cumberland Bird Observers Club and Birding NSW, invites us to take a closer look at the action.

Most birds' minds turn to breeding during spring, and the all-year resident, Musk Duck, is no exception. Usually found on deep, fresh water in southwestern and southeastern Australia, the Musk Duck is a dark, freckled, diving duck,

with a stiff tail and grey triangular bill. Seldom seen flying and clumsy on land, they are like a duck to water, swimming low and diving underwater to feed on aquatic invertebrates. As territorial birds they dine alone, and will even defend their piece of water against birds much larger than themselves!

The male Musk Duck is renowned for its pendulous lobe under its bill. An integral prop to a colourful courtship display, the male raises its bill, inflates the lobe and arches its tail feathers over its back to attract the female. Holding this dramatic pose, it uses its feet to splash water sideways with a 'plonk' while simultaneously giving a deep grunt and a persistent piercing whistle.

Following a successful courtship, Musk Ducks lay their eggs amongst dense and submerged clumps of reeds. They bend and trample down reeds to make a water-level platform with a shallow bowl, which they line with grass and down. Around and above the nest, they weave a domed hood to form a camouflage and engineering masterpiece.

To see Musk Ducks in the Parklands, look around Busby's Pond, Randwick Pond and Duck Pond. If you get the chance to see the male performing his courtship display you will enjoy every minute as Musk Ducks are some of the best spring entertainers!

Trevor Waller will be guiding a Birdwatchers Breakfast at the Parklands on Sunday, 24 November. For bookings and further information call (02) 9339 6699.



Trevor Waller – on the lookout for spring activity



The Musk Duck, renowned for its pendulous lobe

For information on the Cumberland Bird Observers Club call (02) 9639 8549 or visit www.cboc.org.au and for Birding NSW visit www.ozemail.com.au/~nswbirds or call (02) 9439 1981. ■



Effi Salmon with one of her favourite critters Barney

Effi Salmon is a professional dog walker, as proudly displayed on her t-shirt. Having walked dogs professionally for ten years now, the Parklands has become Effi's second home, visiting "every day except Sundays", she explains.

Effi quite literally lives and breathes the dog world, she eats her lunch in one hand and being a responsible dog owner, has a doggy bag in the other.

Person in the Park Effi Salmon

The dogs are so excited to be here in the Park with Effi. They are dribbling, bounding, sniffing and grinning from floppy ear to ear. They all love her, you can tell, and they are equally loved back, despite the individual quirkiness and sometimes revolting habits that Effi points out. She introduces Parklands to them as if going round the table of a large family. Each one has an anecdote: "That's James the Dalmatian who is having a break from the hair salon and Soondong the Labrador is the one covered in mud. Ironically he is named after the Korean word for tranquillity. Sooty is the bionic dog with the metal-pinned leg and Barney the cuddly-bear Spoodle along with Ambrose the furry footed Springer, whose owner is walking with me, are the best double act you have ever seen."

Working it out in dog years, Effi realises that she has been coming to the Park for over 17 years. "I used to come here when Onion was a pup, my dear old friend that has since passed away. "That's what is so special about this Park, there are special places where I can remember my old dog friends" she says.

Effi really appreciates that Centennial Parklands is one of the few places where the authorities have recognised the importance and need for the off-leash socialisation of dogs. "In a large dog-populated area, it is a great safe area for us to walk the dogs and we are really glad that they have developed it. I have also read the new dog brochure and it is very clear and informative for all dog walkers." But Effi is concerned that some dog owners spoil it for everybody. "It is very

disheartening when each day you end up picking up for both your own dogs and other people's."

Besides coming to the Park for dog walking, Effi's other passion is photography. "I love the various views in the Park and enjoy taking photographs of them changing at different times of the year and day. My favourite is the gum tree area off Carrington Drive, from there you can see right down into the valley. Sometimes you can be there and it is so quiet you could swear you were miles from anywhere."

Effi is a member of the Dog Walkers & Professional Pet Minders Association (DAPPA Inc.) A representative of DAPPA sits on Centennial Parklands Companion Animals Reference Group. For a copy of the new dog brochure please call (02) 9339 6699. ■

A day in the life of...

Gillian Smart

– Landscape Architect

Gillian Smart has been described 'as a creative angel that touches lives with her creative genius'. What informs the touch and the handiwork of this talented artisan is the diversity of landscapes, moods, requirements and environment of Centennial Parklands. After eight years at the Parklands, some of Gillian's most well-loved projects are the Restaurant Forecourt, the egg-shaped bollards at the Robertson Road entrance, the decorative railing at the Duck Pond, and most recently, the interactive sculpture next to the Café entitled 'Hand Upon Hand'.

Designing for the Parklands is a life she loves and one where the environment is both her palette and her playground. "Designing is all about decision making, satisfying the needs of extremely diverse park users alongside functionality and cultural determinants - a constant balancing act and challenge," she says.

We are fortunate to have Gillian.

Her career could have taken her in many directions after gaining a degree in Landscape Architecture.

How did you end up working with Centennial Parklands?

Throughout my career I have worked in both the private and public sector. I love working in the Parklands because I enjoy creating things that are non-exclusive and can be shared and experienced by everyone.

What elements influence how you arrive at a design?

For me a large part of the design process is about thinking. There are many aspects to design. Functionality is important – this means making the right judgements about how people will use a place and includes things like access, scale and an understanding of what makes people feel comfortable.

On a deeper level, my design often incorporates many layers, part of which is the 'storytelling' of our culture. When you lose those stories we lose our connections



The creative angel Gillian Smart alongside 'Hand Upon Hand'

with the land, our past and our cultural identity. I think it is an important element of my role to maintain those connections. A bollard for example can be a modern functional object, whilst at the same time portraying a Victorian flavour.

Most importantly, design can be humorous, exuberant, thoughtful, informing and engaging.

What do you feel has been your most interesting project?

I really enjoyed working on the sculpture, 'Hand upon Hand' because of its spiritual dimension. It communicates at many different levels to all ages and cultures in

society. It was also an opportunity to work alongside the contemporary poet Adam Aitken whose words encapsulated the celebration of Australian diversity.

What is your favourite aspect of the job?

I get a tremendous amount of satisfaction after a project is completed and I see people using and exploring it in the way I had envisaged. This is my own personal gauge of success.

What is your greatest achievement?

The Café Forecourt is one of my favourite projects because I really feel like the public have embraced this area and it has become intrinsic to the Parklands' cultural landscape.

Do you have a favourite area in the park?

I don't have a single favourite area, but what I love about the Parklands is the diverse areas that can suit your different moods. You can go and sit in solitude in a pine forest and smell the pine needles or you can ride around with a bunch of cyclists.

What's your favourite flower?

The flowers on the African Tulip Trees that I planted at the Café Forecourt, they have big brilliant, rich, orange flowers and when you see that colour against the blue sky, it is just spectacular. ■

A Sweet Smell in Time

When the Jonquils start flowering in all their scented beauty, it is a welcome sign that the cold of winter is drawing to an end and the warmth of spring is on our doorstep. Jonquils are chirpy flowers, standing proudly in their yellow and creamy coloured skirts with a perfume that can happily fill a room for days. Along with their close relative the Daffodil, Jonquils are dear to everyone's hearts and often a nostalgic reminder of a cherished memory or loved one.

To bring some nostalgia and a touch of spring to your garden this year, Senior Horticulturist Sarah Clancy has a few handy hints.

"The great thing about Jonquils is that they are very rewarding.

Considering how magnificent and scented their display is, they are surprisingly low maintenance. As long as you follow a few basic points, they will come up looking glorious year after year".

Sarah says:

- Plant the Jonquil bulbs in autumn, 10-15 cms down in well-drained and preferably rich soil. If you have left it too late, buy them as potted colour at the beginning of spring.
- Plant the bulbs in full sun or part shade.
- Water them well during their active growing period, as soon as the shoots start emerging from the ground.
- After the plant has finished flowering, feed it with a liquid fertiliser. This helps with nutrient storage for the following year's growth.
- When the leaves start dying back stop watering the plant.
- Leave the bulbs undisturbed for a couple of years and allow them to multiply. If in following years the flowering starts decreasing or the clumps become crowded, it may be time to lift and divide the bulbs.
- Lifting should take place during the autumn season. Just literally lift and divide up the bulbets into separate plants and re-plant them with plenty of space between them. ■



Narcissus jonquilla – low maintenance with great rewards

Colourful Creations

Make sure that you don't miss the stunning annual displays in the *Parklands* this spring. The horticultural team has spread its magic over 21 flowerbeds leaving the Column Garden and Frog Hollow awash with colour and vibrancy.

"The patterns and colours are very exciting this season," says Senior

Horticulturist Sarah Clancy. "In the Column Garden we have taken the theme of day and night and designed contrasting coloured beds of pansies. In half of the beds we have planted radiating shapes with fiery sun-reds and oranges and in the other half we have created moonbeam swirls in true blues, purples and whites. The juxtaposition

of the two is very dramatic."

Down in Frog Hollow there are nine flowerbeds of annuals, which are bursting with the English Daisy, *Bellis perennis*. "Compared to the Column Garden, these beds have a much lighter Spring Meadow feel to them, but nevertheless, they are just as striking and lively with a mixed

palette of red, pink and white."

The annual displays are well worth a detour from the Grand Drive circuit down through Parkes Drive, and if you are unsure of their location, pick up a map from the Centennial Parklands Cafe, the Administration Building or the Superintendent's Residence (see the back page for directions and opening hours). ■

Colourful creations in the Column Garden



Picture This

Fancy yourself as a dab hand with shutters and exposures? If so, then enter our Photography Competition, which will be judged by professional photographer, Ian Lever.

Ian has been working as a photographer for over 35 years, with a portfolio ranging from landscape to food and portraiture to wildlife. Having spent ten of those years photographing for the Parklands, Ian has explored every patch of grass through his lens. Ian regards Centennial Park as a great playground to exercise his creativity, the fruits of which we enjoy on a regular basis in *Parklands*.

Over the years, Ian has continually captured the essence of the

landscape and wildlife of Centennial Parklands, and it is now your opportunity to encapsulate your favourite bird, tree or 'little bit of heaven' in the Parklands.

The competition has a category for both adults and children. The prize for children will be a My Little Ponies activity and the prize for adults will be a guided walk. Both winners will be announced and their works published in the next edition of *Parklands*.

Capture the essence of the Parklands



All photographs must be in print form (black and white or colour) with your name, age category, phone number and address on the back. Entries must be received by October 15 and sent to Community Relations Centennial Parklands, Locked Bag 15, Paddington, NSW 2021. Unfortunately your photographs cannot be returned so please make a copy.

On September 22, Ian will be holding a workshop - *Capturing Biodiversity*, for adults to learn some of the finer points of photography, composition, lighting, mood and much else besides. All booking details can be found in the Calendar on pages 14 and 15. ■



Macca performs his age-old craft in his ten gallon hat.

"Horse sense is the thing a horse has, which keeps it from betting on people," attributed to WC Fields.

Dave McConville, known around here as "Macca", the Farrier at the Equestrian Centre, might well agree.

As this photo shows, the RAS may have moved from Centennial Parklands, but the one thing that has remained the same is the age-old art of shoeing horses.

Macca knows a thing or two about horses and horse handling. He should, in the 35 odd years since growing up with horses on a property near Scone, he has shod in excess of 15,000 horses. That's 60,000 hoofs.

Macca's been here for about six years and has had the opportunity

to work on horses stabled at the Equestrian Centre as well as racehorses from nearby Randwick Racecourse. "There's big money involved in the racing industry. Working with horses whose winnings are \$5 - \$7 million, there is obviously much at

stake. The technology involved in shoeing race horses is top of the line. If I was working in the country, I wouldn't get to do a lot of this kind of work", says Macca.

Any problem with stride, feet, action or bones Macca can pick up just by watching a horse, and address it with the design of a shoe.

"It is quite a science, really, shoeing horses," he says enthusiastically. "These days a Master Farrier is just as qualified about a horse from the knee down, if not more so, than a vet.

"It is a four year course at Scone TAFE or Western Sydney University, and should be done with an apprenticeship to older farriers. Wiley old fellas with great experience, both with horses and their shoes."

Macca The Farrier

His horsemanship is all in how he communicates with them. You work with the natural instincts of the horse and gain its trust and respect through kind, not through force. "I don't get into wars with horses I respect them and they respect me. Let's face it, there is 500kg of it and 80kg of me - you can't win".

Macca lives in Maroubra with his wife Sharon, who is also mad about horses, and they keep their steeds at Malabar. On weekends they try to get out of the city and go to horse shows, rodeos and eventing. "You have to get out of the city, it helps keep you sane".

Macca recalls the last show they went to at Como when they had trouble getting away. "Someone was having trouble loading their horse and they heard I was

around. I helped load it pretty quickly then someone else saw what I had done and asked if I would help them. This went on for three hours, with all sorts of people asking me to help them.

"When we were leaving, Sharon said, 'that's it. Next time we go to a show, I am dressing you in a rock and roll t-shirt and shorts and you can walk around with a stuffed dog under your arms. Then we can get away on time'." His face lights up with a wide smile and he laughs.

If you want to catch him at work, just pop into the Equestrian Centre and look out for the man in the ten-gallon hat. That'll be Macca! ■

Royal Show, Sydney 1926, Panorama of Showground. © RAS Heritage Centre



Grilled Baby Octopus Salad with butter beans, asparagus & cherry tomatoes

With the evenings getting lighter, the days getting warmer and the spring babies being born, Centennial Parklands is the ideal place for enjoying spring. Whether it's lunch, afternoon tea, or dinner, Centennial Parklands Restaurant provides the perfect window onto this changeable spring vista.

This season, Executive Chef David Noonan has once again demonstrated his talents, with a menu that is as appetising, light and various as spring. Try this one for starters...

Ingredients

(Makes 4 portions)

500 gr. baby octopus
Octopus Marinade
2 cloves of crushed garlic
1 sprig of rosemary picked and chopped
25 ml of olive oil
4 chillies seeded and finely chopped

Vegetables

4 x 8 asparagus spears
4 x 12 butter beans
4 x 12 cherry tomatoes
4 x 12 rocket leaves

Dressing

25 ml balsamic vinegar
75 ml extra virgin olive oil

Method

Combine the octopus marinade ingredients. Clean the baby octopus and marinate it for 30 minutes.

Trim the asparagus spears using only the top 10 cm of the spear and blanch in boiling water until just cooked. Cool the asparagus under cold water and drain on a paper towel.

Cut the top and bottom of the butter beans. Cook in boiling water then refresh in cold water and drain on a paper towel.

Season the cherry tomatoes with salt, pepper and olive oil. Place them in a really hot pan and blister the skins for 30 seconds. Allow to cool in the pan. Wash and prepare the rocket leaves.



Mix together the balsamic vinegar and olive oil to make a dressing.

Finally, grill the octopus on the barbecue or grill then present with vegetables and rocket leaves with the dressing drizzled over the top.

To make a reservation at Centennial Parklands Restaurant phone (02) 9360 3355. ■

Events

Avoid the fuss and catch the bus!

14/9 EMERGE FUN RUN 2002

Emerge Fun Run 2002 "creating jobs, for a better future", kicks off our packed calendar for the season on Saturday, 14 September.

For the past few years, Hillsong and Shire Christian Centre churches have raised money for hurting families in East Timor.

This year, the money raised will go to our own local community, by expanding Emerge's Micro Enterprise assistance programs throughout Sydney, particularly aimed at low income Indigenous communities in suburbs like Redfern, Waterloo and Sutherland.

We are expecting 1,000 participants on the day. Registration begins at 9.30am and the Fun Run starts at 10.30am.

Phone (02) 9578 3633 or visit www.emergefunrun.com for details. ■

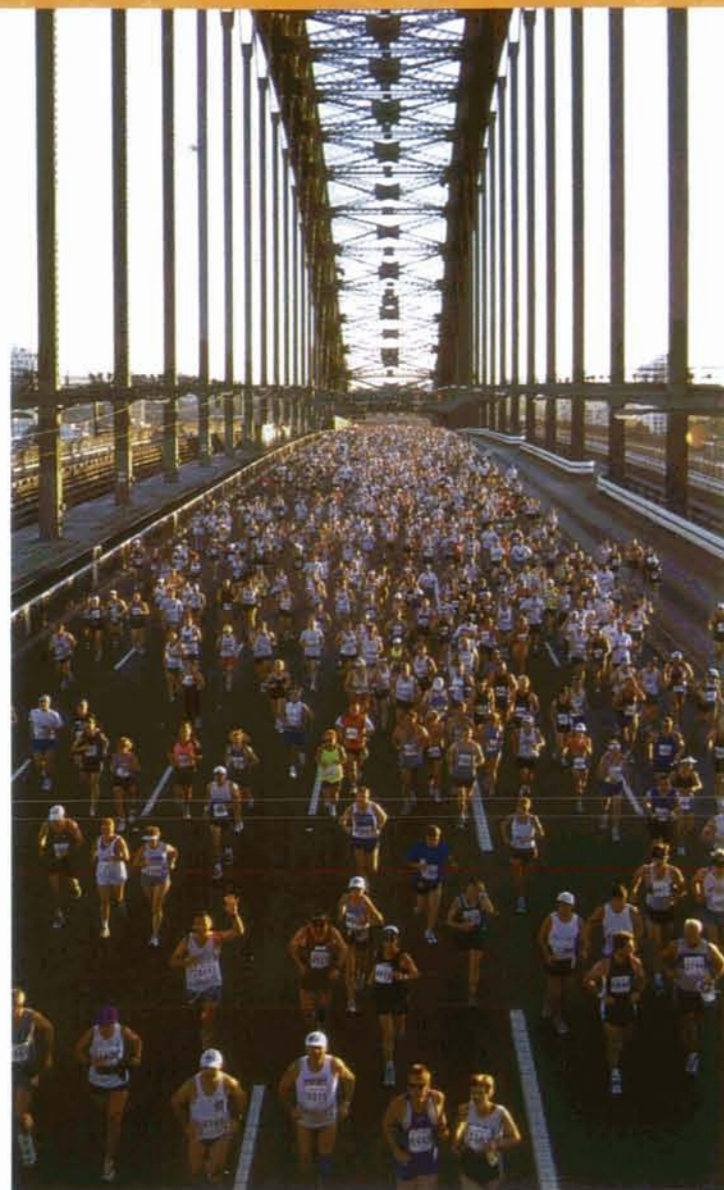
6/10 PARKLIFE 4

The lure and romance of this picturesque location is once again the major drawcard for Parklife 4, the dance event of the year.

For the first time, on Sunday, 6 October between 1.00pm and 9.00pm, Parklife will have two stages and will feature a line up of top national and international DJs headlining Mark Farina.

The magazine, Revolver said of Parklife 3 "Sunshine, sexy bods and Centennial Park. Parklife was a match made in heaven!" Says it all! So line up for Parklife 4.

For further information contact Fuzzy Marketing on (02) 9267 5510 or visit www.fuzzy.com.au. ■



15/9 FLORA SYDNEY MARATHON

Centennial Parklands once more will be part of the 2000 Sydney Games legacy event, with the Flora Sydney Marathon on Sunday, 15 September.

Closely following the famous 'blue line' the marathon commences at North Sydney, flashes across the Harbour Bridge, and heads out to Moore Park.

Ten kilometre runners finish at Fox Studios and the diehard marathon competitors continue out to Olympic Boulevard at Homebush Bay.

All race enquiries can be obtained on www.sydney-marathon.org or by phoning (02) 8907 9460. ■

The Flora Sydney Marathon at rush hour

20/10 WALK TO CURE DIABETES

The park will be full of entertainment on Sunday 20 October when the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation conducts its annual fundraiser, Walk to Cure Diabetes. There will be stage entertainment, food and drink and much more. Diabetes affects over 100,000 Australians and carries a constant threat of devastating complications. Bring your work mates, families and friends. Kick off from the Brazilian Fields at Centennial Park and follow the spectacular 5km



A step in the right direction: Walk to Cure Diabetes

circuit. Registrations for the event, begin at 8.30 am and the walk starts at 10am. Register through

the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on (02) 9966 0400 or visit www.jdrf.org.au. ■

20/10 LIVID 2002

On Sunday, 20 October, Moore Park is set to blast off with the arrival of Australia's longest and biggest running music and arts festival, the LIVID Festival. LIVID 2002 in its 16th anniversary will rock to the sounds and beat of some of the world's biggest acts.

A top line up of international and local acts that drive the music of today's youth is headed up by Australia's Powderfinger and features the British likely lads

Oasis. Updates on the line-up, including many of the dance acts can be found on www.livid.com.au.

LIVID 2002 will also include the Main Stage, Triple J Big Top, Loudmouth Stage (presented by Blunt Mag), Annex, LIVID Arts, Pepsi Max Team, DC Shoes Skate Demo, LIVID Animation Film Festival, market stalls and International Food Fair.

Tickets \$88.00 plus booking fee from Ticketek and selected record stores. ■

Big smiles at LIVID



The Proud Open and Out Footballers Association will be going for gold at the Gay Games

25/10 ~ 9/11 SYDNEY 2002 GAY GAMES VI

From 25 October to 9 November 2002, Sydney will host the Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI, Sport & Cultural Festival for the first time in the Southern Hemisphere since the inception of the Gay Games in 1982. The spectacular opening ceremony will take place in the Aussie Stadium on 2 November, marking the beginning of the Sports Festival. The Parklands will host the touch rugby, cycling,

tennis, netball and golf. Fox Studios will be the venue for five fantastic dance parties throughout the week, as well as staging the unique free Closing Ceremony extravaganza called Corroboree on 9 November.

The Trust regards the Sydney 2002 Gay Games as a major event on our calendar and welcomes the participants and spectators from over 70 countries throughout the world to Centennial Parklands. Details of the Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI Sporting and Cultural Festival are on www.sydney2002.org.au. ■



Teams battle it out at the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge®

13/11 2002 JPMORGAN CHASE CORPORATE CHALLENGE®

The competition will be hot when employees of corporations, businesses and financial institutions battle it out in this spectacular team event, the 2002 JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge® on Wednesday,

13 November at 6.30pm in Centennial Park. This event is part of a worldwide series of 17 races staged across four countries that make up the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge® Series.

In 2001, the Series attracted a

record 220,020 entries worldwide, an average of over 11,000 per event.

For further information or to request an entry pack, please call (02) 9439 6060 / 1800 100 039 or visit www.jpmorganchasecc.com. ■

Friends of the Parklands

FRIENDS - APPLICATION FORM

If you love Centennial Parklands, strengthen that relationship by becoming a *Friend*. Join *Friends* and contribute to the preservation of the precious Parklands of Centennial, Moore and Queens parks. It's a practical way of making a difference. *Friends of Centennial Parklands* enjoy the benefit of being closely associated with Sydney's favourite Parklands as well as:

- 10% discount at Centennial Parklands Restaurant and Café
- Discounted Ranger-led activities, horticultural workshops and other events
- Discounts on selected Centennial Parklands concerts and events
- Quality keyring and membership certificate
- *Parklands* magazine posted four times a year
- Exclusive *Friends* events including the annual Christmas party.

Plus you will be helping to support the future of Sydney's grandest 19th century public park, dedicated to the people by Sir Henry Parkes in 1888.

Membership Category

☐ Single (1 year) --- \$55 (inc. GST)

☐ Family (1 year) --- \$99 (inc. GST)

Name: Mrs/Ms/Miss/Mr _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: home _____
business _____

Email: _____

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed
(cheques payable to Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust)
OR

Please charge \$ _____
to my ☐ Bankcard ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

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Send to: *Friends of Centennial Parklands*
Locked Bag 15
PADDINGTON NSW 2021
Phone: (02) 9339 6699
Fax: (02) 9332 2148

Bound in History

As 'Friends of Centennial Parklands', we gather in our hats and comfy shoes on a glorious June day, to hunt down some of the Parklands most unique and historical sites. History enthusiast and former Trustee, and Chair of the Parklands' Community Consultative Committee, Philip Black leads us on a fascinating journey through the Parklands ending in the unveiling of one of the nine original stones that marked the boundary of Sydney in the 1830s.

Starting on the lawn of the picturesque Superintendent's Residence, Philip greets us with a potted history of the Parklands and an overview of the 1892 colonial-style Residence. Sweeping down to Parkes Drive, Philip conjures up a vision of the late 1800s when 31 statues stood proudly in this Victorian-style park. With a bleak history of the gradual vandalism and removal of the statues, our group takes time to appreciate the

1996 statue of Colonial Premier, Sir Henry Parkes who still welcomes us to the Parklands from his plinth each day.

Imagining the top-hatted carriages clip-clopping down Grand Drive, our heads turn to the tree-canopy for a description of the little known complexities of the Grand Drive plantings under the instruction of the Botanic Garden Directors Charles Moore (1887) and Joseph Maiden (1896).

At the Robertson Road Gates, Phillip introduces us to the Busby's Bore Commemorative Cairn. Erected in 1888, the Cairn marks Geologist, John Busby's engineering masterpiece, a 3.6 km water bore of 1827 that remained the major water supply to Sydney for over 30 years.

Our next stop is the Parklands' most contemporary heritage feature, Federation Way, with its eight-metre gate standing at the

helm. Constructed for the Centenary of Federation, the Way completes history in its reinstatement of the ceremonial drive that was planned and initiated but never completed back in 1887. For our penultimate stop we wander into the grounds of the sandstone Randwick Toll Gate House built in 1860. It is here that we learn that as a city we have been paying road tolls since 1802!

With sore feet, from the now not so comfy shoes, we arrive on the corner of Cleveland Street and South Dowling Street for well-earned refreshments and the unveiling of the Boundary Stone. Phillip Black's speech reveals that the Stone is the oldest heritage feature in the Parklands, dating from 1833, only 45 years after British settlement. Having spent most of the 20th Century in a misplaced location, the stone has now been placed to where it was originally set on orders from NSW Governor, Major-General Richard

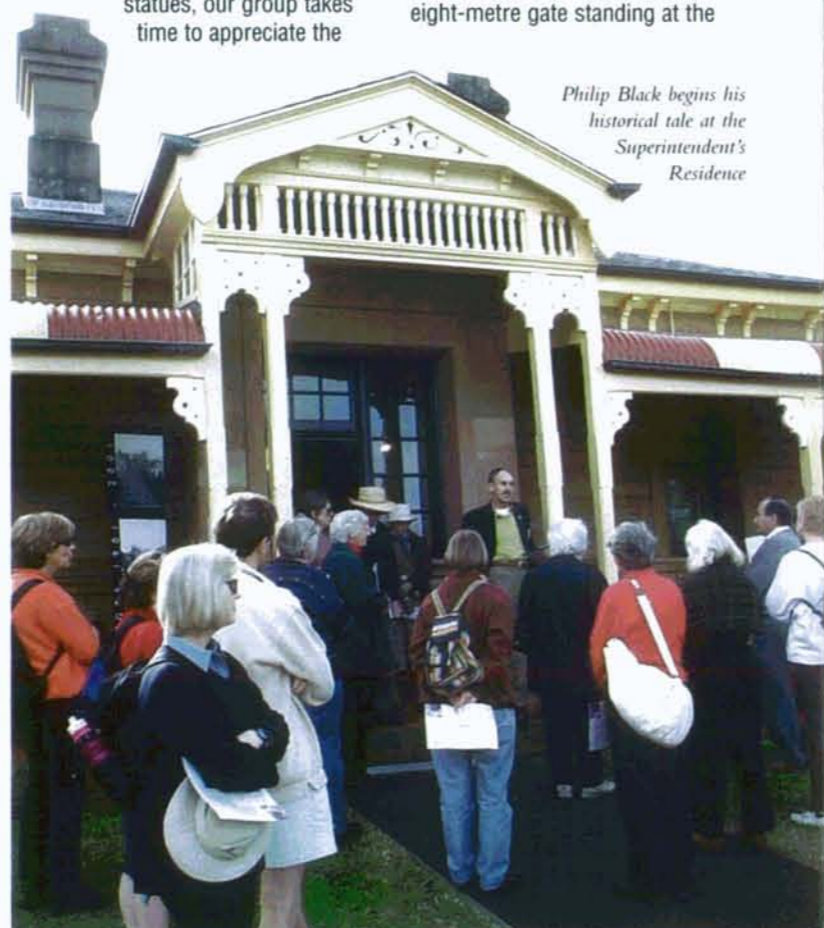
Bourke. On this day, we look on as Phillip Black unveils the Boundary Stone and unfolds a new chapter of history in the Parklands.

Phillip Black's heritage walk is now available as a fact sheet and self-guided walk. Phone (02) 9339 6699 for more information.

NEW FRIENDS

As an acknowledgement of their support, we welcome the following new *Friends* of Centennial Parklands.

Mr Darcy William Clancy
F MacDonald
Mr Sam Malouf
Mr Max & Mrs Kate Koch
Mrs Llama Woodward
Ms Sarah Booth
Ms Fiona Morrison
Mr Raymond Robinson
Mrs Angela Spanos
Mr Chris Alefantis ■



Philip Black begins his historical tale at the Superintendent's Residence



There are lots of interesting things to see in Birds Bats and Bees

Go Creature Crazy in the Parklands

Whether they have two, four or six legs, with scales, feathers or fur, the chances are the Education Rangers have met them, and are about to introduce them to us these School Holidays. Full of animal magic, the spring Escape and Explore Program brings the animal world to life, with a miscellany of music, dance, craft and close encounters.

Centennial Parklands' Senior Ranger, Rachel Ely, believes that this program is the most exciting ever. "Besides our ranger-led educational activities, we are fortunate to have a number of high profile educational performers and animal experts joining us", she says. "We have the Yidaki Didg & Dance performers looking at native

animals through Aboriginal music and dance and the Puppetaria's creative animal Puppet Making Workshops. Once again Anthony Stimson will return with his furry friends for the well-loved Australian Wildlife Show, and for the first time, Anthony's Rapt in Reptiles will give children a slippery experience they will never forget!"

The ranger-led activities this season will encourage children to take a closer look at animals and see them as part of a greater environmental picture. In Birds Bats and Bees 2-5 year olds will discover that these creatures are essential to the pollination of flora, and in Home Sweet Home

5-8 year olds will peek into the animal kingdom and build them some new homes.

Notable on the program is an activity for all the family. As Rachel says, "Realising the pressures of busy families today, we have designed Wildlife Wanderers, with a self-guided kit that allows families to explore the Parklands' wildlife at a time when they can all be together".

Children's activities are available all season and the Escape and Explore Holiday Program runs September 28-October 13 2002. Bookings are essential (02) 9339 6699. ■



Dare to be there

A Spectdracular Supper

It's creeping towards Halloween again, the only night of fright when mortals go underground and immortals rise from six feet under! Why not dare to stay above ground this year and share your table with an array of ghosts and beasts at the Friends of Centennial Parklands Halloween Dinner.

Having become an annual favourite, Centennial Parklands Restaurant is now the master at playing the Halloween Dinner host for all the family. On Thursday, 31 October, the restaurant will open its doors to a ghoulish world with spooky ranger-led games, a spine-tingling prize draw and the most frighteningly delicious menu: A menu to die for, that will whet both big and small monster's appetites.

Children can devour a 'plate of worms and blood sauce', wrestle with 'spooky chicken with witches fingers' and gnaw at a 'sea monster plate with Jolly Roger fingers'. Be sure to approach the 'Killer Banana Sundaes' with caution. As for adults, there are certainly more treats than tricks in store, with a choice of delectable

entrees, main courses and desserts fit for a mummified king or queen.

When the clock strikes 7pm, the Dark Rangers of the Parklands will slip out of the shadows and whisk the children into the depths of the Park for a concoction of gory games and gruesome stories.

Spectdracular Supper:
5.30pm-8pm

(Dinner 5.30-7pm,
Gory Games 7-8pm)

Children: 2 Courses: \$20

Adults: 2 Courses: \$40

3 Courses: \$50

Bring a torch and dress to scare.

Friends of Centennial Parklands receive a 10% discount on presenting their membership card. All prices include GST and activities.

Call the Centennial Parklands Restaurant on (02) 9360 3355 to make a reservation. Parking is available at the Restaurant, entry via Paddington Gates. ■

SPRING Calendar

SEPT • OCT • NOV

ALL SPRING

**CHANGES 1901 – 2001
SOUTH SYDNEY -
A RETROSPECTIVE**

Walk through the doors of the historic Superintendent's Residence and find yourself in the year 1901. Travel on a photographic journey through South Sydney showing the transformation of well-known locations over the last century. This is a nostalgic exhibition not to be missed.

Located next to Paddington Gates. Admission Free. Open every Wednesday and weekends from 10am–3pm. General Park information also available.

**ESCAPE AND EXPLORE
HOLIDAY PROGRAM
28 SEPT – 13 OCT**

**ALL HOLIDAYS -
WILDLIFE WANDERERS**

Discover Centennial Park these school holidays with the family! Pick up a self-guided map and 'Wildlife Wanderer Kit' from the Rangers and follow the clues to find out about the Park's animal life. Try your hand at identifying some of the Park's waterbirds, search for nestboxes and hunt for minibeasts. \$5 per kit. Available 9am–5pm weekdays from Administration Building (behind Centennial Parklands Café) and 10am–3pm weekends from Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings not required.

Bookings

Bookings and advance payment are required for all Escape and Explore activities. Numbers are strictly limited and places will not be held without payment.

Bookings can be made by phoning (02) 9339 6699 or by visiting the Park Administration Building during normal business hours.

Cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to the activity may not receive a full refund.

In case of rain, please call to confirm the activity is proceeding. A full refund will be given if an activity is cancelled due to wet weather.

☺ Indicates discount for *Friends of Centennial Parklands*. Please present your *Friends* keyring or membership card to secure a discount. Discount is 10% unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 2002

1 Sunday

CAR FREE DAY

Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the first Sunday of spring in the peaceful surroundings of Centennial Park. Accessible entry via Musgrave Avenue Gates (adjacent to toilets, barbecues and picnic facilities) 9am–5pm.

2 Monday

HORSE TALK INFORMATION EVENING

The first Monday of every month, Papillon Riding Stables offers a free, informal, information evening, covering all horse issues for horse lovers. 6pm–8pm. Bookings essential 0407 224 938.

6 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

A chance to see the wild nightlife of Centennial Park. Join Rangers spotlighting possums, flying foxes and lots of other night creatures. All ages. Bring torch. 6.15pm–7.15pm. \$8.50 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

11 Wednesday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

A special children's tour of the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. Find out where the horses live, what they eat and how to care for them. Includes a short pony ride. Wear covered shoes. 10am–11am. \$9 per child (2–5 years), adults free. Meet Equestrian Centre Gates, cnr Lang and Cook Roads. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

14 Saturday

EMERGE FUN RUN 2002

The Hillsong and Shire Christian Centre churches have united to raise money for "creating jobs, for a better future". The dollars raised will go towards expanding the Emerge Micro Assistance Programs that offer financial support, business training, and mentoring to underprivileged families in Sydney. 9.30am registration, 10.30am start. Loch Avenue South. Information (02) 9578 3622 or www.emergefunrun.com.

15 Sunday

2002 FLORA SYDNEY MARATHON

Incorporating The Sunday Telegraph 10k Bridge Run. From 7am, cheer on runners as they follow the legendary blue line through Sydney. The 10km run will finish at Fox Studios and the more ambitious runners will travel through Centennial Park to complete their enduring 42km at Homebush. Information phone (02) 8907 9460 or www.sydneymarathon.org.

17 Tuesday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES ☺

Join the Rangers to discover the vital role these animals play in pollinating flowers and spreading seeds. Play the pollination game and decorate a flower pot 10am–11am. \$8 per child (2–5 years), adults free. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

22 Sunday

CAPTURING BIODIVERSITY ☺

Celebrate Biodiversity Month way by capturing the diverse animals and plants in one of Sydney's best-loved parks on film. Join photographer Ian Lever for this practical photography workshop. For adults. Bring own camera (SLR preferred) and 2 rolls of 24-exposure film. Includes light breakfast. 8am–10am. \$12 per person. Meet Administration Building, behind Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings essential. (02) 9339 6699.

24 Tuesday

SYDNEY ROOSTERS LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY

Cheer on year 3–6 boys and girls at the Roosters district schools, tag football competition. 9am–2.30pm. Parade Ground. Information 0411 159 451.

25 Wednesday

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

Saddle up for some holiday fun. Children 5 years and over will enjoy park rides, lessons, decorating ponies and mounted games. 10am–3pm. \$180 per camp (including morning tea and lunch). Moore Park Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 8747.

28 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

The only place where kids can jump into the saddle so close to the city! Hand-led, 10-minute rides for children. 10am–3pm. \$8.50 per ride.

Tickets at Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings not required.

29 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

10am–3pm See 28 September

30 SEPTEMBER

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

Children aged 5–15 can have fun and games this holiday by learning tennis skills and matchplay. Sausage sizzle and prizes on the last day. 9am–3pm. \$120 (or \$35 per day). Centennial Parklands Sports Centre. Information (02) 9662 7033 or www.parklands.citysearch.com.au.

OCTOBER 2002

1 Tuesday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES ☺

10–11am See 17 September

HOME SWEET HOME ☺

Many creatures call Centennial Parklands home. Discover the places these animals live and see if you can find them in their natural habitat. Help Rangers construct some nestboxes for the Parklands' trees. 2pm–3.30pm. \$9 per child (5–8 years). Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30–7.30pm See 6 September

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

Children can put their feet in the stirrups and enjoy three days of horsemanship. Informative and great fun. Individual and group lessons also available. 9am–3pm. \$270 per camp (lunch included). Papillon Riding Stables. Bookings 0407 224 938.

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm See 25 September

2 Wednesday

YIDAKI DIDG & DANCE ☺

Come along to the Yidaki Didg and Dance performance to discover more about our native Australian animals through the eyes of the Aboriginal people. Join in to learn some traditional music and dance moves. Children over 5 years. 10am–11.30am. \$12 per child. Meet Belvedere, cnr Loch and Broome Avenues. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP ☺

Meet some puppet friends and enjoy the chance to create your very own animal puppet at this one-hour workshop hosted by the Puppeteeria. 1pm–2pm or 2.30pm–3.30pm. \$8 per child (5–10 years). Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

For a riding experience of a lifetime, jump into the saddle and join the expedition at Centennial Stables. \$250 per camp (including lunches and tea). 10am–4pm. Bookings (02) 9360 5650.

3 Thursday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES ☺

10am–11am See 17 September

HOME SWEET HOME ☺

2pm–3.30pm. See 1 October

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm See 25 September

4 Friday

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP ☺

1pm–2pm or 2.30pm–3.30pm See 2 October

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30pm–7.30pm See 6 September

5 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

10am–3pm See 28 September

6 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

10am–3pm See 28 September

PARKLIFE 4

A perfect setting, a perfect crowd and perfect music. For the first time this event will have two stages in the middle of Centennial Park featuring a line up of top international DJ's headed by Mark Farina. 1pm–9pm. Centennial Square. (02) 9267 5510 or www.fuzzy.com.au.

7 Monday

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

9am–3pm See 30 September

8 Tuesday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES J

10am–11am See 17 September

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SHOW ☺

Get really close to live Australian animals such as possums, bats and birds during this amazing show with wildlife expert Anthony Stimson. All ages. 10am–11am. \$8 per child. Meet Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates, cnr Oxford Street and Lang Road. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

HOME SWEET HOME ☺

2pm–3.30pm. See 1 October

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30pm–7.30pm See 6 September

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

PAPILLON STABLES
9am–3pm See 1 October

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

CENTENNIAL STABLES
10am–4pm See 2 October

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm See 25 September
9 Wednesday

YIDAKI DIDG & DANCE ☺

10am–11.30am See 2 October

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP ☺

1–2pm or 2.30–3.30pm
See 2 October

10 Thursday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES ☺

10am–11am See 17 September

RAPT IN REPTILES ☺

Get rapt in reptiles during this one-hour close up look at some of Australia's amazing snakes and lizards. Children over 5 years. 10am–11am. \$8 per child. Meet Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates, cnr Oxford Street and Lang Road. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

HOME SWEET HOME ☺

2am–3.30pm See 1 October

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm See 25 September
11 Friday

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP ☺

1pm–2pm or 2.30–3.30pm
See 2 October

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30pm–7.30pm See 6 September

12 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

10am–3pm See 28 September

13 Sunday

OPEN DAY IN CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

Enjoy a day in the park and meet our staff to discuss the various plans, policies and activities we are currently working on. These include the Conservation Management Plan, Traffic and Access, Ponds Restoration, Moore Park South Masterplan, the new dog policy and playgrounds. There will be fun things for everyone with Ranger education activities, guided walks, pony rides and an Aboriginal dance activity explaining the importance of our ponds. Superintendent's Residence. 10am–3pm. Information phone (02) 9339 6699.

20 Sunday

THE WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Take a step in the right direction and help raise awareness of Diabetes, proceeds to help support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Starting at the Brazilian Fields, up to 10,000 people will walk a picturesque 5km circuit. Entertainment, prizes, food and drink stands. 9am–1pm. Information phone (02) 9966 0400 or www.jdrf.org.au.

LIVID 2002

The Livid Festival is Australia's largest and longest running single event music and arts festival in Australia. Heralding its 16th anniversary and for the first time in Sydney, Livid brings Australia's biggest act Powderfinger and the UK likely lads Oasis to the stage. 12noon–10pm. Information www.livid.com.au.

31 Thursday

THE SPECDRACULAR SUPPER ☺

Having become an annual favourite, Centennial Parklands Restaurant is now the master at playing the Halloween host for the Friends of Centennial Parklands. The restaurant will open its doors to a ghoulish world with spooky ranger-led games, a spine-tingling prize draw and the most frighteningly delicious menu. 5.30pm–8pm. Bookings (02) 9360 3355.

NOVEMBER 2002

1 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

7.45am–8.45pm See 6 September

3 Sunday – 7 Thursday

SYDNEY 2002 GAY GAMES

VI-TOUCH RUGBY

From 25 October–9 November, 13,000 participants from over 70 countries will gather in the sparkling city of Sydney to celebrate gay sport and culture. Cheer on the home teams as they battle for gold on the Parade Grounds of Centennial Park. 8am–6pm. Information www.sydney2002.org.au.

6 Wednesday – 8 Friday

SYDNEY 2002 GAY GAMES

VI-CYCLING

During the Gay Games there are an amazing 31 sports and 11 cultural events taking place – from Wrestling to Ballroom Dancing. Centennial Park is hosting the cycling, so come on down and catch a glimpse of the cyclists as they zoom past. 7.30am–2.30pm. Information www.sydney2002.org.au.

13 Wednesday

2002 JPMORGAN CHASE CORPORATE CHALLENGE®

The competition will be hot when employees of corporations, businesses and financial institutions battle it out in this spectacular 5.6km team event. 6.30pm Parade Grounds. Information phone (02) 9439 6060 / 1800 100 039 or www.jpmorganchasecc.com.

14 Thursday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

10am–11am See 11 September

20 Wednesday

BIRDS, BATS AND BEES ☺

10am–11am See 17 September

24 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

Join this early morning guided tour to spot some of the Parklands migratory and resident land and water birds. For adults. Bring binoculars. Includes light breakfast. 7.30am–9.30am. \$12 per person. Meet Musgrave Ave. Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

Centennial Parklands *User's Guide*

QUICK GUIDE

First Aid and Emergency

24 hour Ranger service, 7 days.

☎(02)9746 2164 or (02)9746 0444

Administration

8.30am-5pm Monday-Friday. Located behind Centennial Parklands Café.

☎(02)9339 6699 Fax: (02)9332 2148

Superintendent's Residence

Located at Paddington Gates, Oxford Street. Open Wednesdays and weekends (10am-3pm)

How to Get Here

- **By Bus:** easily accessible by bus. Route 339 from City stations and 355 from Bondi Junction run regular services to Moore Park. Route 378 from Central and 380 from Circular Quay run services to Centennial Park. Phone 131 500 for timetable details.
- **Car:** main gates to Centennial Park open sunrise to sunset. Car Free Days are held on the first Sunday in March, June, September and December. A 30km speed limit applies on all roads in Centennial Park.

Friends of Centennial Parklands

More than a group of park lovers, the Friends are an important association of like-minded people committed to preserving the Parklands' history and culture.

☎(02)9339 6699

Community Consultative Committee

Meets approximately every six weeks. Committee members can be contacted via Centennial Parklands administration. ☎(02)9339 6699 email: ccc@cp.nsw.gov.au web: www.cp.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/community

Park Information

Information, maps and brochures are available from the Administration Building (behind the Café) or the Superintendent's Residence near Paddington Gates, Wednesdays and weekends (10am-3pm)

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Modern Australian à la carte restaurant offering a full wine list. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. 8.30am-3pm. Open for dinner 6pm-9pm Friday and Saturday. Also available for weddings and function hire.

☎(02)9360 3355

Centennial Parklands Café

Specialising in light meals and snacks, the Café offers open air eating in our award-winning forecourt. Open 7 days, 8am-5pm. ☎(02)9380 6922

Centennial Parklands Kiosk

Located next to the Duck Pond, the Kiosk serves sandwiches, light meals, coffee, cold drinks and ice cream. Open Weekends and Public Holidays, 8am-sunset.

Centennial Parklands Children's Centre

Long day care centre for babies to pre-schoolers. ☎(02)9663 1200

Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre

Formerly the historic Sydney Showgrounds stables, now a world-class Equestrian Centre offering 270 stables, a lunging yard, arenas, veterinarian, agistment providers and riding schools.

☎(02)9332 2809

Moore Park Golf Club

Public 18 hole golf course in the heart of the Eastern Suburbs. Includes Golf Pro Shop and one of the largest driving ranges in Australia.

☎(02)9663 3791

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Tennis, basketball and netball courts available for casual or regular use.

☎(02)9662 7033

THINGS TO DO

Cycling & Roller Blading

A 4km cycling and roller blading track follows the perimeter of Grand Drive. A Learner's Cycleway for children is also available (cycling only). Cyclists are not permitted to ride in packs of more than 15. Hire available from:

- Centennial Park Cycles: ☎(02)9398 5027 (bikes & blades)
- Woolys Wheels: ☎(02)9331 2671 (bikes)
- Bondi Boards & Blades: ☎(02)9369 2212 (blades)
- Total Skate: ☎(02)9380 6356 (blades)

Dog Walking

Dogs can be exercised off leash, but under control in Centennial Park outside Grand Drive, and in Moore and Queens Parks. Dogs must be on a lead inside the Grand Drive circles. For safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the horse or cycle track, roads, equestrian grounds, children's playgrounds, Learner's Cycleway, in ponds, wildlife areas or on sporting fields when in use. Dogs must be kept 10 metres from BBQs, the Café and Restaurant and the Federation Pavilion.

Jogging & Walking

A 3.6km jogging track is available around Grand Drive. Self-guided walking trails are located at Lachlan Swamp and the Duck Pond. Guided walks held regularly each season. Guided walks bookings: ☎(02)9339 6699

Horse Riding

Centennial Park is one of the few remaining parks in the world offering inner-city horse riding, with a 3.6km circular horse track and some 2 hectares of fenced equestrian grounds. Horse hire available from:

- Budapest Riding School ☎0419 231 391
- Centennial Stables ☎(02)9360 5650
- Eastside Riding Academy ☎(02)9360 7521
- Moore Park Training ☎(02)9360 8747
- Papillon Riding Stables ☎(02)8356 9866

Picnics & BBQs

The Parklands offer unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. Also five BBQ locations in Centennial Park and one in Queens Park. Access to picnic areas and BBQs operates on a first-in basis. Bookings required for groups of 50 or over. Bookings: ☎(02)9339 6699

Children's Activities

Ranger-led birthday parties, toddler activities, holiday activities and school excursions are available as part of the Parkland's *Escape and Explore Program*. ☎(02)9339 6699

BOOK A SPACE FOR PLAYING OR ENTERTAINING

Playing Fields

Playing fields in Centennial, Moore and Queens Parks are available for team sports, including cricket, soccer, hockey, rugby and touch-football. Also available is ES Marks Athletics Field featuring an international standard 400 metre recatan running track, shot put, discus, javelin, long high & triple jump facilities. Bookings: ☎(02)9339 6699

Centennial Square

Surrounded by trees and designed for marquees, this site caters for 50 to 1200 people. Located next to one of Centennial Park's historic ponds on the eastern side of the Park. Perfect for weddings, launches and events. Bookings: ☎(02)9339 6699

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Available for weddings and function hire. 8.30am-3pm. Bookings: ☎(02)9360 3355

Events

Submissions from the public are welcome for activities and events that support the Parklands' cultural policy. Enquiries: ☎(02)9339 6615 or ☎(02)9339 6635

Filming & Photography

Centennial Parklands offers a versatile range of locations for commercial filming and photography at competitive rates. Enquiries: ☎(02)9339 6699

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