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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER ISSUE OF *PARKLANDS*.

This season sees the opening of a wonderful new exhibition, *The Spaces Between*, which is being displayed in the Superintendent's Residence in Centennial Park. The exhibition is an exploration of Sydney's iconic parks, gardens and public open spaces. It features historical and contemporary photographs and artefacts and explores the history, diversity and benefits of our city's myriad public parks. Please take the time to come along and wander through this great exhibition.

We are saying goodbye to Centennial Parklands' Director, Peter Duncan who has accepted the position of Managing Director of State Forests. Peter has overseen many programs while

with the Parklands and in this issue, he tells of some of the highlights he has experienced while working here.

Centennial Parklands was the venue for many popular events during spring. This year the Sydney Morning Herald held its inaugural Good Food Month Spring Picnic which was a great success. Although the day began with threatening skies, for the most part the rain held off as picnickers wandered through the stalls. Stallholders included a number of popular food suppliers such as Rowie's Cakes, Simon Johnson and Manna from Heaven, restaurants such as Longrain and Aqua Luna provided a taste from their menus and many other fine food outlets had their goods on display for tasting and for sale.

Other popular events held in the Parklands included the Sydney Marathon, JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge which had an increase in its number of runners yet again this year, Livid Arts Festival, Walk to Cure Diabetes and the Terry Fox Fun Run.

On Sunday 26 October, Centennial Parklands launched the *Healthy Parks Healthy People* initiative which promotes the mental and physical benefits of spending time in parks. You can read more about the launch in this issue.

The results of our Reader Survey are in. *Parklands* is meeting the needs of most of its readers but there were, of course, a number of suggestions about the types of articles and regular features

that could be included. Where possible, we will be trying to implement these in the coming issues.

Many readers asked for more information about the future direction of Centennial Parklands. In this issue you can find out more about the implementation of the Park Improvement Plan.

I hope many of you have the chance to enjoy the long summer days and evenings in Centennial Parklands. ■

Marlene Krasovitsy
Acting Director

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Parkbench

COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Ms Jill Anderson has completed her term this year as both Chair of the Community Consultative Committee and Trustee of the Board. Jill has been on the Community Consultative Committee for four years and a trustee for two years.

Jill is sad to be leaving. She says, 'I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on both bodies. The Parklands is such a wonderful asset that I, along with so many other people, enjoy.' One of Jill's greatest joys has been the opportunity to play an active role in planning, advising and providing input into the Parklands operations and its future directions.

The Trust thanks Jill for her valuable contribution while Chair and Trustee and wishes her well for the future.

The Trust is pleased to welcome Ms Yvette Pietsch as the new Chair of the Community Consultative Committee.



Jill Anderson

QUEEN'S PARK MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION CLOSED

The consultation period for the Queens Park Master Plan has now closed. The Trust would like to thank all those who lodged submissions regarding the proposals. Consideration will now be given to the many submissions received and commence the process of amending the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust's Plan of Management.



ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

Annual reports are the key medium by which public sector agencies discharge their accountability to the Parliament, the Government and the general community. Each organisation is required to prepare and present to Parliament an annual report containing both financial and non-financial information on their operational activities.

If you wish to view Centennial Parklands Annual Report 2002 – 2003, it is now available on our website at www.cp.nsw.gov.

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REGULATION REVIEW

In 2004, Centennial Parklands' regulations will be updated. We are currently reviewing the regulations and will be seeking community input early in 2004. The regulations cover items such as the use of Centennial Parklands, penalties for damaging Trust lands, breaching speed limits and the role and function of the Community Consultative Committee. ■

Historic Sandstone Piers Restored

Four sandstone piers, dating back to 1868, were reinstated in Moore Park near the corner of Anzac Parade and Moore Park Road. The historic piers were restored by Centennial Parklands following deterioration and decay from traffic pollution over many years.

The original suite of piers comprised six elaborately carved sandstone columns joined by sandstone fencing. The remaining piers are remnants of the original grand entrance to Moore Park and are a major contribution to the 19th century character of Centennial Parklands.

The piers were originally installed as a gateway to what was then known as Moore's Park. Moore's Park was named after Charles Moore, the Mayor of the City of Sydney, who was instrumental in persuading the

Council to set aside the land, previously known as Sydney Common. The Charles Moore that Moore Park is named after is often confused with Charles Moore, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens who was instrumental in the many plantings we see in the Parklands today.

The piers are constructed from Pymont yellowblock sandstone and were carved in sections to allow for assembly on site. Little is known of the designer of the piers however Sydney City Council records confirm that stonemasons and day labourers were registered as employees on many civic projects such as this.

The western piers were removed during construction of the Eastern Distributor in 1998 and the eastern piers were removed earlier this year. Restoration of the piers was



carried out by stonemasons from the Department of Commerce, formerly the Department of Public Works.

These beautiful examples of the craftsmanship of the period

have exceptional local heritage significance. Their reinstatement echos the original intent to provide a grand statement at the entrance to Moore Park. ■

STAYING HEALTHY IS A WALK IN THE PARK

Thousands of people celebrated the beginning of Daylight Saving on Sunday 26 October by spending their extra hour of sunshine at the Healthy Parks Healthy People launch – a free celebration of Sydney's much-loved parks.

The event was hosted by Centennial Parklands and was warmly received by members of the public. John Niland, Chair of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, officially launched the *Healthy Parks Healthy People* initiative at the event.

Visitors browsed marquees featuring information on Sydney's parks and enjoyed a great range of free healthy activities. There was everything from yoga classes and frisbee lessons to gourmet cooking demonstrations. Players from

the Sydney Swans shared footy tips, and Parramatta Power showed eager kids some soccer secrets. Soccer clinics were run throughout the day and proved very popular with younger visitors.

In addition to these more physical pursuits, there were also performances by students from Sydney Girls High, a Welcome to Country by Garrabarra Dancers and contemporary tap dancing from Beats per Minute.

Centennial Parklands' marquee featured information on the Draft Queens Park Master Plan as well as information on the new Centennial Parklands Conservation Management Plan. Parklands' staff were on hand to answer questions from the public regarding all aspects

of the three parks which comprise the Parklands – Centennial Park, Queens Park and Moore Park.

Healthy Parks Healthy People is an ongoing initiative encompassing visitor research, events, education and the promotion of park.

Visitor research was conducted at the launch, and nine out of ten of those surveyed said they would come to a similar *Healthy Parks Healthy People* event in the future. Participating organisations included Centennial Parklands, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Parramatta Park Trust, Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, Sydney Olympic Park Authority, NSW Department of Infrastructure,



Planning & Natural Resources as well as NSW Department of Health, Department of Tourism and Sport & Recreation and The Asthma Foundation of Australia.

It was a fun day enjoyed by everyone who came along. ■

Farewell from the Director

Peter Duncan is saying farewell to Centennial Parklands. After four years as its Director, he has taken up the position of Managing Director, State Forests. Peter says while he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at the Parklands, he is looking forward to this new challenge.

'I am honoured to have been a part of Centennial Parklands which is not only a national and international icon but also dearly loved by its many visitors.' Peter said. 'I was fortunate to have had the opportunity to build on the wonderful achievements of my predecessors.'

During his time with the Parklands, Peter's dedication and commitment to the future sustainability of the Parklands

has been acknowledged by the Trust, the community, and the staff who worked with him. His leadership in the industry also led to Centennial Parklands being awarded Organisation of the Year in 2002.

Peter oversaw many key programs and events whilst working with Centennial Parklands. These included the Park Improvement Program, Corporate Business Strategy, Conservation Management Plan, the Olympic Games events, Centenary of Federation, Tree Master Plan, Federation Garden plans, Bob Dylan and Santana concerts, the inaugural Open Day and the Transport and Access and Moore Park South Master Plans.

Peter says 'These programs will provide Centennial Parklands with the basis for a solid, sustainable and viable future and have contributed to the great improvements already being implemented in the Parklands today.'

Peter also took a lead role in improving communications with the community and stakeholders. This approach combined with strong and sound business practices has seen a great improvement in the Parklands standing in government, in the community and in industry.

'I am proud to have been involved during a time of so many achievements by the management and staff and under the guidance and direction of the Trust with the

support of the Community Consultative Committee.' Peter said. 'I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody well in their continued efforts to protect, promote and enhance these beautiful urban parklands for future generations to enjoy.'

Peter's dedication and commitment will be his legacy to the future of Centennial Parklands. ■



The Spaces Between

An exciting new exhibition opened in December at the Superintendent's Residence in Centennial Park. The Spaces Between is an exploration of Sydney's iconic parks, gardens and public open spaces. It features historical and contemporary photographs and artefacts and explores the history, diversity and benefits of our city's myriad public parks.

Sydney's parks are central to the city's life and identity. Their emergence and diversification have mirrored our society's ever-changing needs and values. The development of our parks reflects our evolving understanding of democracy and citizenship, nature and history, health, recreation and well-being in Australia's busiest metropolis.

Some of Sydney's most undesirable places have, over time, become our most cherished parks. From cultivated gardens to wilderness areas, these leftovers of urban expansion are the places in which people choose to rest, play and ponder.

The physical and social benefits of parks for the working classes have been widely accepted since the nineteenth century. In the 1880s in Sydney a significant government objective was 'a supply of pure and fresh air' that would ensure a healthy and, consequently, a vigorous and intelligent community. Parks were perceived as the lungs of the city which could cleanse the worst aspects of urban existence while providing a lush haven within the masonry metropolis.

Although many areas of dedicated parklands have been



engulfed by the tide of urban expansion, Sydney's significant network of open spaces remains a legacy to a belief in the 'recuperative forces which ever radiate from Nature'.

This exhibition explores the history, diversity and benefits of our city's myriad public parks. These are the spaces between the city and suburb, between home and the workplace, between the past, present and the future. It will open at the

Superintendents Residence in Centennial Park in December 2003 and run until October 2004. The Residence is open 10.00am to 3.00pm Wednesday and weekends. Contributors include Centennial Parklands, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Royal Botanic Gardens, Parramatta Park Trust, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, Sydney Harbour Federation Trust and the University of New South Wales. ■

Twitcher's Corner

BY TREVOR WALLER

Summer is the time when there are many bird species with young fledglings just out of the nest. The **Silver Gull** is one that shows its new plumage off well. When the birds are very young they have a black bill, eyes and legs. Their wings are mottled buff and brown with black on the wing tip with small white spots. As they get older their bill and legs get more and more red until the bill and legs are completely red. Their eyes also

change to be white with a black pupil and a red eye ring. The feathers over the back and wings also change during this time, becoming less mottled, losing the buff and brown colours, and finally showing the clean silver-grey back and wings of an adult bird. In adult plumage they also have a clean white tail. You can tell by the colour of the plumage and the bill, eyes and legs that the bird in the photo is an adult.

The Silver Gull is the only small gull in Australia and is found in diverse habitats ranging from the surf and cliffs of ocean coasts to offshore islands, inland rivers, lakes, temporary floodwaters, ponds and rubbish dumps. They are very opportunistic and adaptable and so are able to flourish wherever there is a supply of food and somewhere to breed. They nest in colonies on the ground in a shallow scrape lined with vegetation. They lay



two to three eggs and both male and female birds share nest preparation, incubation and feeding duties.

The best place to see these gulls in Centennial Parklands is at Duck Pond. See if you can tell the age of the birds by studying their body colours. ■

Person in the Park — Ian Lever

Many regular readers know his work well although they may not know who he is. Ian Lever has been taking photographs of Centennial Parklands for many years and is responsible for most of the beautiful images displayed in *Parklands* and other Centennial Parklands publications. Ian has lived in the Queens Park area for the past 21 years and loves coming to the park. He has used the park for many activities as his children were growing up. He says 'My kids have played

soccer here, had picnics and walked the dog. In fact, I taught my children how to ride their bikes here.'

Ian began photography at the age of 20. Starting out using black and white film, his early works recorded beach and harbour scenes. He then moved to cityscapes and now does a variety of photography work including images of the Parklands.

Ian has photographed many people and places including recently at a dinner, the Sultan of

Brunei. His work has been featured on a record cover, on the cover of the year 2000 UNICEF calendar highlighting 22 artists from around the world and in a Higher School Certificate art book. Ian said 'I now get emails from school children asking any number of questions about myself and my work.'

Ian describes his emotion on entering the park as one of 'peace'. He says 'It slows me down. I take a deep breath and look around. My favourite spot is around Duck Pond.' ■



POPULAR SPRING EVENTS RETURN TO THE PARKLANDS

Spring saw a regular stream of special events take place in Centennial Parklands including the Flora Sydney Marathon, Hillsong Emerge Fun Run; Livid; Walk to Cure Diabetes and Parklife. Each of these events has become an annual fixture on the Spring calendar.

The Sydney Morning Herald's Spring Picnic, one of two brand new events this season, was a popular event held in September

with approximately 8,000 people enjoying the wide range of gourmet delights on offer in the relaxed ambience of Centennial Park.

Safety is always an important consideration when planning events. Although maximum effort is made not to disrupt general access to the Parklands, some traffic diversions and road closures must be implemented to facilitate the successful

operation of the fundraising walks and runs in Centennial Parklands. Events which required these measures ranged from the first Terry Fox Run event in Sydney with 700 participants to the increasingly popular Walk To Cure Diabetes which attracted a crowd of 12,000. The high profile competitive JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge this year involved some 4,800 runners representing 235 company



teams and also required road closures to facilitate the extensive infrastructure required for such a large race.

In all, spring was a busy and successful season and we look forward to the next season of events. ■

Equitable Access Plan Brings Changes

Equity of access is fundamental to a people's park and with this in mind, Centennial Parklands has embarked on a review of special needs access. Research was undertaken as part of the development of an Equitable Access Plan which will look at existing access points and develop ways to meet the many and varied needs of park users.

Right of access is one of the major issues faced by Centennial Parklands and the Equitable Access Plan will provide a strategic framework for ensuring the Parklands provides a sound level of access for all. A number of areas have been identified as requiring attention in order to provide information and consultation, equitable access to open space and facilities, enhance links and access points and upgrade and improve basic facilities. These issues will be addressed as part of the Plan.

An access strategy has been prepared to establish a direction for the implementation of new, and upgrade of existing, access arrangements within Centennial Parklands. This strategy proposes a series of access points throughout the Parklands which will establish a base for all park visitors. These points include transport facilities, information, toilets, seating and shelter and are considered of major significance.

Other significant points include accessible parking and accessible paths or viewing points. The viewing points will enable all visitors to experience elements of the Parklands even where the topography or surface makes access difficult beyond a certain point.



Well positioned areas for public and private transport, comprehensive information regarding facilities and specific information covering degrees of difficulty to be encountered will help to encourage confident use of the Parklands by all park users.

In July this year an access audit for the whole of Centennial Parklands was completed. The audit makes a range of recommendations for improving access and facilities for people with a disability. It identifies improvements in toilet facilities and linkages in accessible paths of travel as the major concerns.

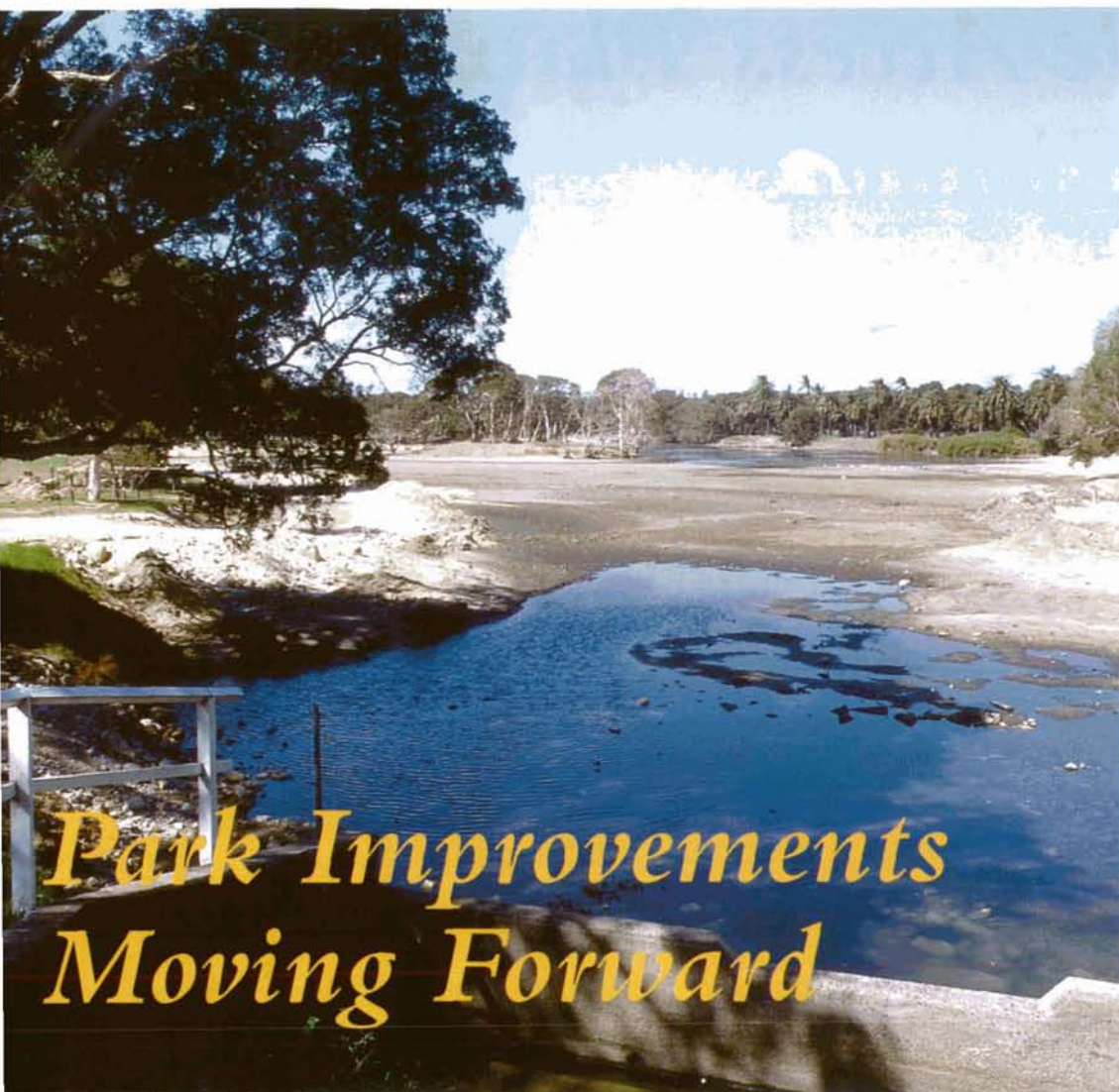
Various issues have been identified and recommendations made to address each issue. Typical issues include paths of travel, signage, parking, toilets, amenities, ramps, stairs and picnic facilities. Identification of these issues as concerns will assist with the planning and programming of future works.

Centennial Parklands' website, literature/printed information and customer service will also be reviewed.

An implementation Plan is currently being prepared to guide the allocation of resources for improvements in access arrangements. Given the broad range of recommendations contained in the access audit it will be necessary to regularly review and prioritise the work to enable implementation to be staged to align with current budgets, works programs and other plans of management. Some of the criteria that will determine the priority of works are:

- Frequency of usage.
- Response to public comment/complaint.
- Incorporation into capital works programs/cost.
- Building upon what is already in place/ease of implementation.
- Sensitivity and balance.
- Scheduled/anticipated events.

Implementation will commence in 2004. Major works will be designed and constructed while minor work will be undertaken as part of ongoing maintenance. ■



Park Improvements Moving Forward

During restoration

Centennial Parklands is one of the most popular parks in Sydney, with over five million visits each year. It has become even more popular as we witness a substantial increase in the surrounding population. Significant residential development at Green Square, along the Bondi Junction Ridge and the Paddington Gate area suggest that new neighbours will see Centennial Parklands as their green space and their backyard. Many visitors come from across the city and from across the country and overseas and the participation load continues to grow. We need to balance the demands that growth produces with the preservation of the character of the Parklands.

To accommodate this growth, the natural and cultural heritage of Centennial Parklands is being conserved and enhanced

under the Park Improvement Plan with this seven-year capital works program, costing \$53 million, beginning this year.

Amanda Bock, Manager Strategic Projects, welcomes the implementation of the Plan, believing Parklands' users will see substantial upgrades of significant facilities over the coming years.

Already many improvements across the Parklands are noticeable with the completion of the Ponds Restoration Project. The Parklands' ponds are of special historical significance as they form part of the stormwater catchment feeding into Botany Bay. Busby's Bore, on the original Sydney common, was colonial Sydney's main water supply after the Tank Stream was found to be polluted and depleted. The area is also important for the local Gadigal clan. Before European settlement the wetlands area was a source

of food, as well as being a resting place for Indigenous people.

Younger Parklands' users and their carers have benefited from the capital works program. The first of the Trust's four existing playgrounds to be redeveloped, the play area near the café. The new area is extremely popular with the young users.

More equipment has been installed in the learners' cycleway. Further upgrades to all playing areas, including Queens Park, are being investigated. Play facilities for older children will be incorporated, too. New park furniture in Queens Park has been placed to provide a wonderful resting place to enjoy the views over the Parklands to the city in the distance. Tree plantings and landscaping will continue to be improved as many of the trees are nearing the end of their life cycle, having been planted between 1890 and 1910. These trees are being replaced

annually, a vital program which will please visitors as well as maintaining the Parklands' landscape for the future.

Sports people are also being considered in the long-term plan. The Mission Fields have been completely returfed. Before laying the 22,000 square metres of turf, drainage and irrigation were introduced. Crushed sandstone was used to raise and even out the level of the playing surface. The fields are now ready for the winter soccer competition. The needs of cricketers have also been recognised in the refurbishment of the playing fields. The original timber post and rail fence design at MacKay Field, traditionally the only marked field in Centennial Park, has been reinstated in keeping with the heritage landscape of the area. The cricket screens have been renewed and lengthened to





After restoration

incorporate the fifth pitch. The surface of the Horse Chicane has been improved and more planting has been introduced. 'The asphalt surface works well and the visual amenity has improved,' Amanda says.

Major work has commenced on Grand Drive, Sydney's first public suburban drive. Tree planting is underway and an upgrade of pavements and parking areas in Grand Drive will start before Christmas and continue through the New Year period. Bollards will be used to regulate parking so that cars do not disturb tree roots. The jogging track and the pedestrian paths will be resurfaced where necessary.

The original Scottish Victorian, gardenesque, avenue planting pattern set out by Charles Moore for Grand Drive will be retained. Moore, director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, struggled to find trees that would survive in

the area because of the difficult growing conditions and poor drainage. The final choice of plantings was perfected by a later director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Joseph Maiden. This unique and complex design uses pairs of Holm oaks and Port Jackson figs to provide an umbrella-like canopy from below with evenly spaced Norfolk Island pines rising above the foliage. When viewed from a distance this ordered plan has a strong rhythmical pattern.

'The restoration of Grand Drive represents a fantastic opportunity to revisit one of the most significant elements of Centennial Parklands,' says Marianna Preston, landscape architect, who is coordinating the design and construction works of Grand Drive.

Improving access and safety has been a major concern in planning for Moore Park East

upgrade. Working with the RTA and STA, Centennial Parklands has increased lighting in the bus station area and vehicle exits and introduced new to identify bus bays clearly. Gates now direct pedestrian flows to ensure the access to the Moore Park playing fields is safe. These gates close off the bus loop road when major events are staged.

Volunteers have been trained to assist in the rehabilitation of the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub site at York Road. Stage one of the renewal, which involved tree removal and fencing, is complete. Various noxious weeds are being removed from the site with the help of volunteers in stage two. Moriah College is also assisting with the rehabilitation. When this is finished, the site will be open to the public. Designated walking tracks will ensure the Scrub is not degraded. The Bird Sanctuary fence has also

been repaired, in order to protect the fragile environment and to protect the remnants of the Banksia Scrub in the Bird Sanctuary.

Key targets of the program are the antiquated amenities blocks and the playground areas. There will be new facilities in some locations, others will be refurbished. 'Some locations will be reviewed and amenities in difficult and inaccessible positions may be removed. Existing features will be enhanced and new bubblers will be installed,' Ms Bock says.

All of these projects will continue to enhance Sydney's premier Parklands while achieving effective environmental, social and economic sustainability. 🌟

Highlights



MOONLIGHT CINEMA

Moonlight Cinema returns to the Centennial Park Amphitheatre for the ultimate outdoor cinema experience, with a few added surprises to make this season the best Moonlighters have ever seen.

The Sydney venue of Moonlight Cinema has undergone a major overhaul including a new screen and sound system and the introduction of 'gold class' style deck chair seatings for those who prefer to lounge back in added comfort. There's still plenty of room for picnic lovers to stretch out with their rugs and baskets and bean bags will again be available for hire.

The 2003/2004 season also sees the introduction of new style of catering and the soothing sounds of local jazz musicians doing their thing as the sun goes down.

Films start at sundown, with tickets available at the cinema gate in Centennial Park or through Ticketek on 9266 4800.

For screening details visit www.moonlight.com.au or check daily papers.

Friday 21 November –
Sunday 29 February

HUNTERS AND CONVICTS ☺

What was Centennial Park before it was a park? What did the area look like, who lived here and what did they do? Will you be the hunter, the convict or perhaps the ranger as you dress up and play a part in the story of Centennial Parklands through the different centuries? 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm. \$9.50 per child (6 – 12 years). Meet Shelter Pavilion. *Bookings essential* (02) 9339 6699.

Tuesday 13 January

CIRCUS OZ

Circus Oz returns to Centennial Parklands – under the canvas, wild and unfettered!

Direct from 42nd Street New York and renown for their absurd humour and death defying antics, Circus Oz is amazing.

Infecting audiences of all ages with a riotous joy, Circus Oz-global gypsies, clowns and galahs, cover the stage and ceiling with swinging stunts and slapstick while grooving to the cranking tunes of the Circus Oz band.

Book at Ticketmaster7 on 136 100 or www.ticketmaster7.com

Wednesday 21 January –
Sunday 22 February

OLD-FASHIONED ART ☺

Have you seen Centennial Parklands beautiful old buildings, ornate fences and majestic fig trees? See them through the eyes of an artist and join art teacher Gillian Redman-Lloyd to learn how to draw these old-fashioned features. 9.30 am – 11.00 am.

\$20 per child (7 – 13 years). All materials provided. Bring hat and drink. Meet Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. *Bookings essential* (02) 9339 6699.

Friday 23 January

GOOD VIBRATIONS SUMMER SOUNDS FESTIVAL

This is a new event for 2004 to indulge the senses in the beautiful surroundings of the Parklands. Good Vibrations Festival combines music, performance, food and fun from around the globe. International acts such as Moloko, Nitin Sawhney and the reggae legend, Lee Scratch Perry will be combined with new and emerging local artists to provide a celebration of contemporary music styles. Exotic vibes abound in this celebration of summer.

Book at Ticketek on 9266 4800 or www.ticketek.com and www.inthemix.com.au

Saturday 31 January

FOOTSTEPS TO FEDERATION ☺

The Federation of Australia took place in Centennial Park over a century ago. Follow in the footsteps of this historic occasion with a ranger-guided tour and capture images of the ceremony that unified the nation during your visit to the Federation Pavilion. For adults. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

\$12 per person. Meet Paddington Gates. *Bookings essential* (02) 9339 6699.

Sunday 15 February

Conservation Management Plan Outcomes

Centennial Parklands has exceptional significance for all Australians. With a diversity of heritage that has been handed down by past generations, it is shaped by present generations to conserve for future generations.

Its heritage does not just consist of buildings, monuments and statues. It is the whole of Centennial Parklands, with all of its natural, Indigenous, cultural and social significance which has led to its heritage listing on the State Heritage Register and the Register of the National Estate. This listing means that special measures are required to ensure its significance is protected and properly managed. An important initiative to ensure the conservation of the Parklands has been the development of Centennial Parklands' Conservation Management Plan.

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) has been developed with community consultation and advice in accordance with the Burra Charter in conjunction with the Australian Natural

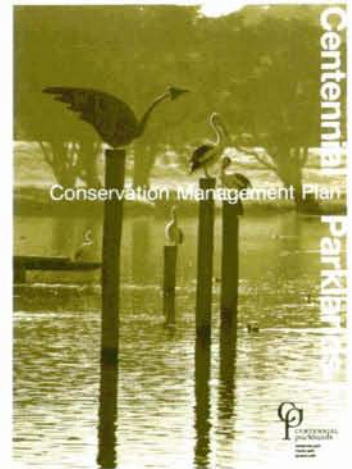
Heritage Charter and various guidelines produced by the NSW Heritage Office.

The CMP provides an overview of Centennial Parklands within its regional and historical context. It highlights the diversity and significance of heritage attributes of the Parklands and provides policies and practical guidance for a balanced approach to conserving and managing this significance. The Natural, Indigenous and Cultural significance of items has also been graded, with set guidelines on the treatment of different gradings.

The CMP provides conservation policies to guide the overall conservation and management of Centennial Parklands' diverse heritage. These policies include the development of management plans for flora and fauna, adequate environmental planning instruments to ensure protection of the environment and visual curtilage of Centennial Parklands, the strengthening of planning

controls to ensure protection of Centennial Parklands' environment and setting and the need to undertake further research and monitoring in certain areas, such as environmental processes and pre-colonial archaeology.

The desire for reconciliation and acknowledgement of the traditional custodians of the land and the desire to foster Indigenous partnerships, representation, training, employment and career development as part of Caring for Country are also important policies recognized in the CMP. It also includes the need to develop a full schedule of maintenance and conservation works and priorities based on condition and significance, improved recording and archival practices, as well as developing strategies for enhanced presentation, interpretation and communication of Centennial Parklands' heritage attributes and the need to integrate the CMP information into Centennial Parklands' asset management and geographic information system (GIS).



The CMP also contains improved procedures for the assessment of impacts on the diverse heritage of Centennial Parklands. These procedures include the consideration of cumulative impacts, with the interests of future generations in mind. The establishment of reference panels to advise Centennial Parklands on heritage and Indigenous matters is recommended in the CMP as part of this process. Community consultation and referral to the relevant authorities continues to be a part of the approvals process. ■

Flower of the Season

An attractive, evergreen, perennial shrub *Heliotropium arborescens* provides purple fragrant flowers from late spring through to autumn. Part of the Borage family, Boraginaceae, *Heliotropium arborescens* can be characterised by its hairy stems, fragrant blossoms and four-sided fruits. This plant is related to Forget Me Nots (*Myosotis spp.*). The genus *Heliotropium* has approximately

250 species widely distributed in areas such as the Mediterranean, North and Central America, with several having been selected for cultivation. Selected cultivars include *Heliotropium arborescens* whose common name is Cherry Pie or Garden Heliotrope, a native of Peru. The name heliotrope refers to the ability of the flowers to follow the sun throughout the day. *Heliotropium arborescens*

prefers warm positions with protection from cold and wind. Soils with good drainage and regular moisture will ensure that this plant provides a lasting fragrant floral display. A light prune immediately following flowering promotes a dense bushy habit. *Heliotropium arborescens* will grow to about 75cm high and have a spread of one metre. This plant can be found at the Rose Garden in Centennial Parklands. ■



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 Cafe
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- 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.

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MUMMIES AND MAYHEM

It was a dark and stormy night and the wind was whistling through the trees. Devils and monsters in all shapes and sizes were emerging from the trees and gathering at a ghoulish grotto in Centennial Parklands.

It was Friday 31 October and the *Friends* Halloween Party was in full swing at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant. The restaurant was crawling with creatures fair and foul with plenty of food for everyone to enjoy.

After dinner, the Rangers gathered the children and the Halloween games began. When everyone let out a blood curling scream, the wind dropped and the air became electric. The children tried not to giggle as they started the 'walk of the zombie' to begin their gruesome activities.

Torches lit the treetops with a circle of light as the ghost stories were told. The wind started to howl again and the circle of light began to shrink as the children all moved in closer to the Rangers.

The toilet paper 'mummy wrap' and 'creepy crawlies treasure hunt' proved favourites with the children. The rain held off long enough for everyone to get back to the safety of the restaurant to show their parents what they'd found and tell stories about how brave they had been.

It was a great night and a wonderful opportunity for our Friends to get together for dinner. Much fun was had by all and the sold-out dinner confirmed the popularity of this event.

The Trust would like to thank Moore Parks Stables, Centennial Stables, Papillon Riding Stables, Ashcroft Tennis Centre, Playbill Venue Management and the Sydney Cricket Ground for their support in providing prizes for best dressed and the lucky door prize draw. ■



Readers Have Their Say

As readers of *Parklands* are aware, Centennial Parklands recently completed a reader survey of *Parklands* magazine. The survey asked readers for their comments on preferences for style, reader segments, editorial and distribution methods as well as their overall satisfaction with the magazine.

By undertaking a regular survey Centennial Parklands continually aims to make the magazine both easy to read and interesting. It seems to be working with almost 90% of readers satisfied with the magazine – many taking time out to read it from cover-to-cover.

Readers noted that they liked most of the existing features included in the magazine and also made a number of suggestions on the things they would like to see. Presentation and style ranked high, and articles on happenings and events, updates on current projects, changes to regulations, and articles on plants were found to be the most interesting. Many readers also expressed an interest in learning more about the history of the Parklands and its architecture.

There were very few elements that readers didn't like. Of these, the recipe had the least relevance to some.

The survey also gives us an opportunity to discover who our readers are. Taking a look at those who responded, overall there was a fair spread of people across the ages and locations. If all surveyed characteristics were considered, a typical reader would be approximately 45 to 50 years of age, with tertiary education qualifications, in full or part-time employment and live within 5kms of Centennial Parklands. The typical reader would also most likely be female.

In keeping with Centennial Parklands environmental values, it is pleasing to note most readers pass on the magazine to colleagues, family and friends or recycle it.

The response to the survey was very pleasing and Centennial Parklands is more than happy to receive any further suggestions for improvement. Please send any feedback to info@cp.nsw.gov.au or post to us at

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Parklands Magazine Reader Survey



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Recipe

POACHED SALMON ON A BED OF GARDEN SALAD WITH VANILLA DILL MAYONNAISE

Serves 4

Ingredients

4 x 150gms salmon fillets
1 litre of water
300mls white wine
5 peppercorns
Juice of 1 lemon
Pinch of salt
New potatoes
1 punnet of cherry tomatoes

1 bunch asparagus
Small red onions
Mixed salad leaves

Dressing

1/2 bunch of dill
Vanilla extract
1 cup of good quality mayonnaise

Method

Steam new potatoes until cooked. Peel and roast red onions in oven at 180°C for approximately 45 minutes until just cooked. Roast cherry tomatoes until just collapsed. Blanch asparagus in boiling water for 1 minute and refresh in cold water. Set aside. Add water, white wine, peppercorns, lemon juice and salt to a saucepan and bring to the boil. Lower heat to a simmer and add salmon fillets. Poach salmon for 6 minutes and remove.

Chop dill and fold into a good quality mayonnaise. Add vanilla extract to taste and mix through.

To assemble, divide mixed salad leaves between 4 plates. Add with steamed new potatoes, confit of cherry tomato, blanched asparagus and roasted red onions. Place salmon on top and spoon over mayonnaise. ■

SUMMER Events 2003/04

DEC • JAN • FEB

AVOID THE FUSS. CATCH THE BUS

ALL SEASON

THE SPACES BETWEEN

This new exhibition at Centennial Parklands explores the history, diversity and benefits of our city's myriad public parks. These are the spaces between the city and suburb, between the workplace and home, between the past, present and future. Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. Open Wednesdays and weekends 10.00 am – 3.00 pm until October 2004.

DECEMBER

5 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

A chance to see the wild nightlife of Centennial Park. Join Rangers spotlighting possums, flying foxes and other night creatures. All ages. Bring torch. 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. \$9 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

7 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

Join this early morning guided tour to spot some of the Parklands' migratory and resident land and water birds. A new meeting point and route will allow the chance to visit some different birdwatching locations. For adults. Bring binoculars. Includes breakfast. 7.30 am – 9.30 am. \$15 per person. Meet Randwick Gates, Darley Road. Finishes at Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

8 Monday

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. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. \$10 per child (2 – 5 years), adults free. Meet Equestrian Centre Gates, corner Lang and Cook Roads. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

9 Tuesday

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

Basic horsemanship, lessons and Park lead for kids. \$270 per child. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. Papillion Riding Stables. Bookings 0407 070 525.

14 Sunday

SNOW SHOWS ON BENT STREET

From 10.00 am. Fox Studios. For more information www.foxstudios.com.au

16 Tuesday

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 9 December

22 Monday

JUNIOR SADDLE CLUB PONY CAMP

Saddle Club Party – Pony leads, mini lessons, grooming, general handling, written and drawing activities. Small snacks provided. Qualified and experienced coaches and staff. Qualified pre-school/early education teacher. 10.00 am – 1.30 pm. \$45. Centennial Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 5650.

THREE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

Coaching, drills, match play and prizes. Chance to win a racquet. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. \$85. Supervision from 8.30 am – 4.00 pm. Bookings (02) 9662 7033.

Until 24 December

SANTA'S KINGDOM

Be part of the carnival atmosphere with food and wine. Don't miss Santa's arrival, a Christmas parade, snow show and other entertainment. Fox Studios. From 10.00 am. For more information visit www.foxstudios.com.au

JANUARY

5 Monday

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

Coaching, drills, match play and prizes. Chance to win a racquet. 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. \$130. Supervision from 8.30 am – 4.00 pm. Parklands Sports Centre. Bookings (02) 9662 7033.

6 Tuesday

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 9 December

10 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. Limited tickets. 10.00 am – 3.00 pm or until sold out. \$9 per ride. Tickets at Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Parklands Café. Weather permitting. Bookings not required.

11 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 10 January

12 Monday

MODEL YACHT WORKSHOP ☺

Build a simple model yacht in this unique workshop and learn the age-old techniques of sailing models on Kippax Lake. All materials included. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. \$18 per child (6 – 12 years). Meet Kippax Lake, Driver Avenue, Moore Park. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

13 Tuesday

HUNTERS AND CONVICTS ☺

What was Centennial Park before it was a park? What did the area look like, who lived here and what did they do? Will you be the hunter, the convict or perhaps the ranger as you dress up and play a part in the story of Centennial Parklands through the different centuries? 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm. \$9.50 per child (6 – 12 years). Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

8.45 pm – 9.45 pm
See 5 December

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 9 December

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP

Join a holiday camp filled with all aspects of horse care, park rides and lessons. Decorate ponies and win ribbons. \$200 per camp. 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Tea and lunch included. Children 5 years and over. Moore Park Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 8747.

HOLIDAY RIDING SUMMER CAMPS

Saddle Club Pony Camps. Suitable for the complete beginner to advanced riding student. Theory, horse management and horse handling. Two riding lessons each day. 9.30 am – 3.30 pm. 7.30 am – 5.30 pm (times to be confirmed when booking). Starting from \$100 per day. Limited places. Centennial Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 5650.

14 Wednesday

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC ☺

'If you go down to the woods today...' Bring your favourite Teddy Bear for a visit to Centennial Park to teach them about some of the oldest things in the park. Invite them to an old-fashioned morning tea picnic and play some old-fashioned games. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. \$8.50 per child (2 – 5 years), adults free, includes morning tea. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

15 Thursday

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC ☺

See 14 January

HUNTERS AND CONVICTS ☺

See 13 January

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 13 January

16 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

8.45 pm – 9.45 pm
See 5 December

17 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 10 January

18 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 10 January

19 Monday

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

See 5 January

20 Tuesday

MODEL YACHT WORKSHOP ☺

See 12 January

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

8.45 pm – 9.45 pm
See 5 December

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22 Thursday

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HUNTERS AND CONVICTS ☺

See 13 January

TWO-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 13 January

23 Friday

OLD-FASHIONED ART ☺

Have you seen Centennial Parklands beautiful old buildings, ornate fences and majestic fig trees? See them through the eyes of an artist and join teacher Gillian Redman-Lloyd to learn how to draw these old-fashioned features. 9.30 am – 11.00 am. \$20 per child (7 – 13 years). All materials provided. Bring hat and drink. Meet Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

8.45 pm – 9.45 pm
See 5 December

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PONY RIDES ☺

See 10 January

25 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 10 January

27 Tuesday

HOLIDAY RIDING SUMMER CAMPS

See 13 January

FEBRUARY

2 Monday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

See 8 December

4 Wednesday

BUSBY'S BORE WALK ☺

Walk the route of Busby's Bore, the underground supply of early Sydney's drinking water, with historian Jon Breen. Visit the source of the bore at Busby's Pond and the memorial cairn in Centennial Park; and see an exclusive viewing of the shaft into Busby's Bore within Fox Studios. For adults. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. \$12 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Finishes at Fox Studios. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

6 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

8.30 pm – 9.30 pm
See 5 December

8 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

See 7 December

15 Sunday

FOOTSTEPS TO FEDERATION ☺

The Federation of Australia took place in Centennial Park over a century ago. Follow in the footsteps of this historic occasion with a ranger-guided tour and capture images of the ceremony that unified the nation during your visit to the Federation Pavilion. For adults. 10.00 am – 11.30 am. \$12.50 per person. Meet Paddington Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

20 Friday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

See 8 December

22 Sunday

INDIGENOUS BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP ☺

Learn the indigenous craft of basket weaving in this half-day workshop for adults. Use sedges and grasses found in Centennial Parklands to weave a basket or animal shape of your choice. 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. \$35 per person, includes morning tea. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

29 Sunday

CAR FREE DAY

Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the last Sunday of Summer in the peaceful surroundings of Centennial Park. Accessible entry via Musgrave Avenue Gates (adjacent to toilets, barbecues and picnic facilities) 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

BOOKING INFORMATION

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 at the 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. ☺ = 10% discount for Friends of Centennial Parklands.

Please present your Friends keyring or membership card to secure a discount. Discount is 10% unless otherwise stated.

Centennial Parklands

User's Guide

QUICK GUIDE

First Aid and Emergency

24 hour Ranger service, 7 days.

☎ 9746 2164 or 9746 0444

Administration

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

☎ 9339 6699 Fax: 9332 2148

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 37B from Central and 330 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 last Sunday in February, May, August and November. 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. ☎ 9339 6699

Community Consultative Committee

Meets approximately every six weeks. Committee members can be contacted via Centennial Parklands administration. ☎ 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 cafe) or the Superintendent's Residence, Wednesdays and weekends (10am-3pm)

FACILITIES AND AMENDMENTS

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Modern Australian a la carte restaurant offering a full wine list. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Also available for weddings and function hire. Open 7 days, 8.30am-3pm. ☎ 9360 3355

Centennial Parklands Cafe

Specialising in light meals and snacks, the Cafe offers open air eating in its award-winning forecourt. Open 7 days, 8am-5pm. ☎ 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. ☎ 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. ☎ 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. 9663 3791

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Tennis, basketball and netball courts available for casual or regular use. ☎ 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 groups of more than 15. Hire available from:

- Centennial Park Cycles: ☎ 9398 5027 (bikes & blades)
- Woollys Wheels: ☎ 9331 2671 (bikes)
- Bondi Boards & Blades: ☎ 9369 2212 (blades)
- Total Skate: ☎ 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 Park. Dogs must be on a lead inside the Grand Drive circle and Federation Valley. For safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the horse or cycle track, roads, equestrian grounds, children's playgrounds, Learner's Cycleway, in ponds or on sporting fields when in use. Dogs must be kept 10 metres from BBQs.

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: ☎ 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:

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

Picnics & BBQs

The Parklands offer unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. Also five free 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: ☎ 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. ☎ 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 running track, shot put, discus, javelin, long high & triple jump facilities. Bookings: ☎ 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: ☎ 9339 6699

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Available for weddings and function hire. Bookings: ☎ 9360 3355

Events

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

Filming & Photography

Centennial Parklands offers a versatile range of locations for commercial filming and photography at competitive rates. Enquiries: ☎ 9339 6635


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