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Autumn 2010



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## Welcome to the autumn edition of *Parklands magazine*.

Each time I walk or drive around the Parklands I see a great snapshot of people enjoying life.

It is an idyllic scene, however Centennial

Parklands may be a victim of being too popular. It provides numerous sports fields, yet cannot possibly keep up with increased sports user demands. It provides waterways and trees for over 140 species of birds and other fauna, yet many trees need to be replaced and its ponds need cleaner local stormwater. It provides health and social benefits for the community in a global city, yet it has and continues to face many difficult challenges throughout its history.

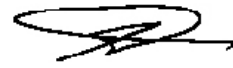
Our feature story on pages 8-9 shows how some of these external influences of 100 years ago dramatically impacted and shaped the Park.

While the Trust is the guardian of the Parklands, it recognises the need for your help. The Centennial Parklands Foundation was established to provide the opportunity to raise much needed funds for environmental and educational work across

the Parklands through the community.

Consider this, if everyone who visited the Parklands donated just \$1 a year, we would be able to make many environmental improvements such as plant hundreds of trees, further restore and improve cleanliness of our ponds and better conserve of our heritage. We would be able to provide greater educational opportunities for the children of this and future generations.

Visit [www.yourparklands.org.au](http://www.yourparklands.org.au) today and support the Parklands that supports you.



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## Healthy Parks Healthy People

### Physical activity and cancer

Did you realise Centennial Parklands can help reduce your risk of cancer?

Being physically active is one of the most important things you can do to reduce your risk of cancer. People who are physically active may also lower their risk of bowel, breast, lung, pancreatic and ovarian cancers.

Australia's National Physical Activity Guidelines recommend that you should undertake at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity (like walking) on most, if not every day of the week.

For cancer prevention, scientific evidence suggests the more physical activity the better. Research now suggests that 60 minutes or more of moderate activity or 30 minutes or more of vigorous activity daily may be best to reduce your risk of cancer. If you have a medical condition or are unsure about your health, ask your doctor's advice before starting vigorous activities.

Walking is great exercise and you can get all the space for walking you need in Centennial Parklands!

A good target for walking is around 10,000 steps a day (you can stop in at our Visitor Information Counter to buy a pedometer if you haven't got one!).

**Information taken from:**  
[www.cancercouncil.com.au](http://www.cancercouncil.com.au)

## Meet Reggie!

Congratulations to Jo Bayley for her picture of Reggie which won our recent photographic competition. Reggie now becomes the 'Doggy Face' of the Parklands and will feature on our forthcoming Dogs in the Parklands brochure. There were a host of fantastic entries, and you can see them all right now on our Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney](http://www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney). We would like to thank all entrants for their wonderful contributions!



## Relay For Life

The Eastern Suburbs of Sydney once again joins forces with the Cancer Council NSW and Centennial Parklands to host the second Eastern Suburbs Relay For Life from 15-16 May 2010. This unique event is an opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate those who have survived cancer, and to honour those who have not. The inaugural Relay For Life held in 2009 saw over 40 teams registering for the event and raising over \$107,000.

Relay is not a race, but an opportunity for people who want to make a difference to walk together over the weekend and through the night. To participate you can either create your own team or join a team. You can even join the Centennial Parklands team which will be made up of staff, *Friends* and benefactors. For further information on Relay For Life visit [www.relayforlife.org.au](http://www.relayforlife.org.au).

## Repair of York Rd Gates

The Trust recently spent \$75,000 restoring the historic pedestrian gate and adjacent stone and iron palisade boundary fence located at the northern end of York Road. The project involved the replacement of the bullnose stone as well as the galvanisation treatment of the iron gate and fencing. This is part of the Trust's ongoing Stone Restoration Program, which has also included the Griffins statue restoration, to maintain the stone structures within the Parklands.



## Sports fields ready for winter



The Trust is on track with its sports field upgrades ready for the start of the winter playing season commencing in March 2010. The Brazilian Fields have already had a major upgrade to the irrigation system.

Upgrades are also on track for the four Queens Park playing fields (numbers 23, 24, 30 and 31) which have been re-levelled and fully re-turfed. A total of \$400,000 was spent upgrading our sports fields for improved playability and performance.

## Visitor Information

### Car Free Days

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).  
Next day: Sunday 30 May 2010

### Centennial Park Gate Times

Centennial Park is accessible to vehicles between sunrise and sunset. Musgrave Ave Gates are closed permanently to cars.

### Contact Us

**i** Visitor Information Counter

Located adjacent to the Kiosk, off Banksia Way. Opening hours Monday to Friday: 9.00 am-4.00 pm Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays: 10.00 am-3.00 pm.

**i** Parklands Office

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

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

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## 30 years feeding the Park!

Renowned for their great service and great food, after over 30 years of running the Mobile Food Van, Janet and Robert Carafa have retired.

Janet Carafa was just 18 when she started working in her husband Robert's business operating the weekend Mobile Food Van opposite the Duck Pond in Centennial Park. She never imagined that her part-time job would last 30 years, let alone become such an intimate and integral part of her life.

Their business has always been a family affair. Janet worked through her four pregnancies and her children, now 20, 17, 15 and 12 years have at various times worked in the Food Van to help out. After 10 years of operation, and when Robert's weekday job became more consuming, they decided to bring in a partner to the business. Their niece, Diana Portella, took on the role working side-by-side with Janet every weekend – rain, hail or shine - for 20 years.

"Many a time I felt like throwing the towel in as I would have much rather preferred to have been at home with our young family," says Janet. "I clearly remember the day I was feeling a little low and a customer presented us with the book 'Through the Gates: Life in Sydney's Centennial Park' as a gift. This detailed historical and pictorial record also included a two page article on our business. I was blown away to be included in such a book."

She believes the longevity of their success has come from sheer hard work and dedication to high standards of service and food.



Local customers at the Mobile Food Van

"One of the main reasons I'll miss the business is the regulars who frequent the Food Van on weekends," she says. "I have met some amazing people from every walk of life. Every weekend we saw familiar faces, some of which we will continue to see."

"The decision to retire has been filled with emotion. The Park has played an enormous role in our life. We have been blessed with reliable hardworking staff and without them our business would not have run so smoothly. I would also like to thank our many customers, many of whom were like our friends, for their continued support over the years."

Janet says the years have flown by, but her new philosophy is that "life's here to be lived on weekends" and she is looking forward to spending more time with her family at home as well as enjoying the Park on weekends as a visitor! The family business is continuing in the more than capable hands of Diana and husband, Andrew.

*The Mobile Food Van, located in the middle of Centennial Park, is open on weekends and public holidays from 8.00 am to sunset.*

## Parklands launches Facebook and Twitter service

Our online community continues to grow – so join us today!

If there is one comment our staff hear more often than any other, it is: 'I didn't realise that was available in Centennial Parklands.'

To increase our communication with Park users, and to complement our more traditional brochures and websites, Centennial Parklands has launched its new **Facebook** site and **Twitter** service. If you have no idea what these are, then hopefully the following provides a useful insight.

Facebook is an online portal that allows people in often diverse locations to connect, share and interact online. The Centennial Parklands Facebook site is an easy way to keep up-to-date with happenings, engage with other Park visitors, or to share your photos and experiences. For example, we have amateur birdwatchers posting beautiful photos, discussions about dogs and

cycling as well as questions (and answers!) about our resident wildlife. So visit [www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney](http://www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney) and become one of our fans.

Twitter is a short messaging service that is used to broadcast updates, events, breaking news or promotions to anyone who chooses to 'follow' the person or organisation. Consider it similar to an SMS message that goes out to a network rather than an individual.

Each broadcast is called a 'tweet', and Centennial Parklands sends regular tweets to notify Park visitors and the community about upcoming activities, programs and events, offers and promotions, changes in Parklands access as well as links to our businesses. So visit [www.twitter.com/cent\\_parklands](http://www.twitter.com/cent_parklands) and follow us today.



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## Taste of Sydney returns in March 2010 to tantalise your tastebuds

Sydney's finest chefs will again be showcasing their signature dishes to sample.

The beautiful surrounds of Centennial Park will play host to Taste of Sydney for its second year. Last year's inaugural event was a huge success, with thousands of Sydney-siders exploring the many different and exciting cuisines on offer while enjoying the outdoor experience.

This year will feature 50 of the city's most tempting dishes from ARIA, Guillaume at Bennelong, Marque and Four in Hand will join Pilu at Freshwater, Restaurant Balzac, Longrain Restaurant & Bar, Danks Street Depot, Flying Fish, Restaurant Assiette, Bird Cow Fish, Berowra Waters Inn, Four in Hand, Jonah's at Whale Beach and Buon Ricordo.

One hundred top end boutique food and drink suppliers have also been invited to Taste of Sydney, offering the opportunity to learn about, sample and buy authentic local produce.

### Special Offers

Taste of Sydney is pleased to extend these three great offers:

- **Become a Facebook Fan** and get two General Entry tickets for \$45 (a saving of \$10) - valid for all sessions
- **Existing Facebook Fans** can save \$10 on a Premium Long Lunch - valid for Friday 11.00 am-4.00 pm only
- **Friends of Centennial Parklands and local residents** can book three VIP tickets and get the fourth ticket free (save \$120!) - valid for all sessions

For more information on these offers and how to redeem, please visit [www.centennialparklands.com.au/resources/competitions](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/resources/competitions).



Patrons enjoying Taste of Sydney

Taste of Sydney also offers the Taste Wine Experience, James Squire Beer Masterclasses, gourmet tips from the Australian Gourmet Traveller Taste Kitchen and the chance to meet one of Australia's most renowned chefs at the Chef's Table.

Taste of Sydney takes place from Thursday 11 March to Sunday 14 March 2010 at Brazilian Fields in Centennial Park. Visit [www.tastefestivals.com.au](http://www.tastefestivals.com.au) for more information about session times, Taste currency and what's on.

### Live jazz and animal farms at Centennial Parklands Dining

Looking for something to do before or after you've been to a Taste of Sydney session? Kids will love the animal farm and adults can listen to live jazz while enjoying nibbles and drinks from the café.

#### Friday 12 March 2010

3.00 pm – 5.00 pm - Animal Farm

#### Saturday 13 March 2010

10.00 am – 12.00 pm - Animal Farm

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Live jazz for café patrons only

#### Sunday 13 March 2010

10.00 am – 12.00 pm - Animal Farm

3.00 pm – 6.00 pm - Live jazz for café patrons only

## Welcome to four new CCC members

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is instrumental in providing a forum for communication, input and relationship building between the Trust and the Parklands' constituents. We welcome and profile our newest members.

Three new members and a new Chair have been appointed to the Centennial Parklands CCC. They each have a long connection with the Parklands and bring commitment and enthusiasm to the CCC.

**Frances Meagher, BA Dip Ed** was appointed to the Community Consultative Committee in February 2008 and was recently elected Chair for a two year term. She is actively involved in extensive fundraising projects and is a great believer in the community having a voice.

**Giles Edmonds, MA (Cantab), MSc, Dip Comm** has lived close to Centennial Park for the past 25 years and uses many of its facilities. Giles is particularly interested in ensuring that the Parklands continues to provide access to a wide variety of the community and remain financially strong.



New CCC Chair,  
Fran Meagher

### Melinda Hayton, BA (Hons) Opera Studies

has been a local resident for 15 years and uses the Parklands daily. She has been involved in community work since she was 16 and has extensive experience in market and social research and community development.

**Rosemary Kingsford, B Sc Dip Ed** is experienced in representing community groups and is a life-long resident of Randwick municipality. She teaches at the Hospital School within Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick, and believes the Parklands offers a peaceful and calming environment to weary Sydneysiders.

For more information about the CCC, please visit [www.centennialparklands.com.au/cc](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/cc).



# A tale of two decades

100 years ago the second decade of the 20th century started sombrely in Centennial Park, when 100,000 people gathered in May 1910 to pay tribute to the late King Edward VII, known as “The Peacemaker”.



Crowds gather at the memorial service for King Edward VII on the day of his funeral, 20 May 1910, courtesy of Mitchell Library

None in the Park that day could have imagined that four years later they would be plunged into the nightmare of World War I which impacted on every Australian and changed Australia forever. The Park, for its part, was thrust into a challenging period of austerity and consolidation. As the second decade of the 21st century begins, the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust is planning for emerging new challenges with confidence, while retaining the flexibility to meet whatever unexpected activities or issues emerge.

## “Great gathering in Centennial Park. An impressive scene.”

This was how New Zealand’s Colonist newspaper reported the State memorial service in Centennial Park on 20 May 1910 upon the death of King Edward VII. More than 100,000 people attended the ceremony, on the historic spot where the Australian Commonwealth had been inaugurated only ten years before.

The report continued: “The day was beautifully fine, and business was entirely suspended. The city during the forenoon was a citadel of silence, all the public buildings and business houses being draped in black and purple. At noon the train traffic stopped for five minutes, and the quietude in the city was profound.”

The ceremony in Centennial Park was presided over by the State Governor and included members of the Ministry, the High Court and Supreme Court benches and other notables.

“Amid the soft rumbling of muffled drums the Union Jack was hoisted to the mast-head, and as the massed bands opened

Chopin’s Funeral March, the flag was dropped to half-mast. The Primate delivered an address, and the Liedertafel sang *The Long a Day Closes* and *In Memoriam*.

“The great concourse listened with impressive stillness. Then 400 children clad in white sang *Nearer My God to Thee* and *Abide With Me* with thrilling effect. The Philharmonic Society rendered *Blest Are the Departed* and *Brother, Thou Art Gone*. Before the religious service was concluded the *Dead March in Saul* was played, and the ceremony ended with the *Last Post*.”

King Edward VII had reigned just nine years. Born in 1841, the eldest son of Queen Victoria, he became King upon her death in 1901. The Edwardian period was the last brief summer of Britain’s global ascendancy. The assured and confident dominance of the Empire’s leisurely aristocratic and monied classes would not survive the impending catastrophe of World War I (1914–1918).

## 1910-1919 Park Superintendents: W Hardie (1910-11) and James Dawes (1911-23)

1910	Rose Garden laid out
1910	Gathering for the mourning of the death of King Edward VII
1912	Flower gardens laid out
1914	Centennial Park closed at night
1914-18	World War I
1917	Troops use the Park for parade drill
1917	Tennis on top of reservoirs ceased
1918	Change of administration to Agricultural Department
1918	Thanksgiving service in the Park for the end of the War
1919	Whole of Centennial Park declared a bird sanctuary

## From development to maintenance

Paul Ashton and Kate Blackmore in their book *Centennial Park: A History* note that the turbulent decade 1910-19 forced an important shift in emphasis by Park management, from development to maintenance.

The Park had been in strong development mode for about thirty years but the demands on manpower of World War I meant management was forced into a holding operation for much of the decade. The Park did manage to continue to evolve in interesting ways, however. The history timeline in the Centennial Parklands Conservation Management Plan shows the Rose Garden was created in 1910, and by 1912 the Park was producing 150,000 plants a year to create new ornamental plantings around the northern shores of the main lakes and along the central roadways. They became a focus for the Park and a popular destination for recreational visitors.

## Peace, but no rest

Two weeks after World War I came to an end on 11 November 1918, a huge open-air Thanksgiving Service took place in Centennial Park. The event was a “profoundly impressive occasion” attended by Lady Davidson (the organiser) and her husband, then-NSW Governor Sir Walter Davidson, leading representatives of all religious denominations, members of patriotic organisations and a large number of war workers and other citizens.

As *Centennial Park: A History* records: “...a lone Anzac playing the Last Post signalled another nationally important outcome of the War. Born at Gallipoli, the legend of ‘The Digger’ was being baptised on the Park’s grand lawns as it was throughout Australia.”

Though post-war Centennial Park was extremely popular for its “repose and beauty”, 1918 and beyond was another difficult period for management. Conditions were extremely dry and much vegetation was killed or badly damaged. Then-Park Superintendent James Dawes recorded several grass fires, a number of which were “wantonly caused by gangs of larrikins who seemed to frequent the Park in ever greater numbers”.

The Department of Agriculture took over Centennial Park in 1918 but continuing shortages of labour and funds meant staff could “barely manage to clean up and develop existing improvements”.

A tragic decade closed with the Parklands struggling to regain a sense of steady improvement and purpose.



Tennis on the Reservoir ceased in 1917

## Fast forward to 2010...

The decade 2010-19 will bring many challenges and, as in 1910, not all can be foreseen. But this time around the Parklands is as prepared as it possibly can be.

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust has developed a 10-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) 2010-2019 which is central to the delivery of the Trust’s statutory and service obligations and a key component of ensuring a sustainable Parklands.

The CIP comes off the back of the highly successful Park Improvement Plan (PIP), a seven-year capital investment program that ran from 2003-2009. This Plan marshalled \$49.5 million under an agreed co-funding model with the NSW Government for capital works and other improvements. The Trust itself provided approximately \$16 million of this expenditure over the seven years.

Factors that will shape many of the key challenges of the coming decade are already apparent.

Centennial Parklands is one of the world’s most used urban parklands and is the largest open space in the region – an area of high population density and low provision of parks and gardens. The green space areas of the Parklands presently receive more than six million visits a year, and the Entertainment Precinct in Moore Park a further five million. Visitation is growing annually. Moreover, many of the Parkland’s assets are old, and this – in the context of heavy and increasing use – requires a substantial commitment to ongoing asset investment, to meet NSW Government priorities and the statutory requirements of the *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act*.

## A decade of optimism ahead

These demands are recognised and understood and the decade opens with great optimism and enthusiasm. The initial CIP funding program commits \$17.4 million co-funded over four years.

The Trust’s business model ensures effective and responsive management of a \$740 million asset for the people of NSW, with only a small impost on government funds for operating costs each year. The Trust is committed to managing the Parklands in an environmentally, socially and sustainable way, while ensuring equity of access for all users to a diverse range of sporting, recreational, educational and cultural experiences.

Let the decade begin!



## Twitchers Corner

Spotted Dove by Trevor Waller

The **Spotted Dove** is a large dove introduced to Australia in the late 1800s from south-east Asia. They have been very successful since then with a growing population mainly on the east coast of Australia, as well as south-western Western Australia. This is mainly due to human influences on their food source. As our cities grow we create more suitable habitat for them to live and feed in.

The head is pale grey and the back is brown. The black hind neck has white spots and is their most distinctive feature. They have a light pinkish brown breast that grades to white in the underbelly.

During the breeding season males display by flying vertically into the air from a prominent perch, then gliding down on stiff outstretched wings. During this flight the white tips of the outer tail feathers show well. Their call is a low mellow coo-coo-cook and is quite distinctive. They feed on the ground where they eat grass and herb seeds as well as grain.

Their usual habitat is commonly near humans in cultivated areas, gardens with trees and shrubs. Other places they are found are wheat silos, agricultural areas, suburban parks and open woodlands. They are rarely found in natural undisturbed bush land.

Breeding can take place throughout the year but is usually from September to January. Their nest is a sparse platform constructed of twigs and grass stems placed quite high in shrubs, dense trees as well as level ledges and surfaces in buildings. They lay 2 - 3 white eggs and incubate them for about two weeks. The young birds leave the nest after about 15 days and do not have the spotted neck patch.



Spotted Dove

You should be able to find this species in most places around the Parklands.

*Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with more than 15 years behind the binoculars. He is a member of various bird watching clubs in Sydney, including Birds Australia, and conducts the Parklands Birdwatcher's Breakfasts each season. The next Birdwatcher's Breakfast will be held on Sunday 9 May 2010. Please visit*

**[www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson)** for details.

## Plant of the Season

Native Pine Grove – a new planting in Centennial Park

In November 2009, Centennial Parklands completed the planting of the Native Pine Grove, adjacent to Jervis Road Gates. This area features a group planting of Wollemi Pines (*Wollemia nobilis*), a historic tree species re-discovered in 1994 and only recently introduced to the Parklands. The planting theme also includes a collection of trees belonging to the **Araucariaceae** family of plants, mainly the Bunya Pine, Hoop Pine and Kauri Pine.



The Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) is a large tree native to south east Queensland. It is recognisable by the long, pendulous branches and thick trunk. Bunya Pines feature dark green foliage and bear large cones through January and February. These cones can weigh up to seven kilograms once the tree is mature. There are several semi-mature species of Bunya within the Park, most notably a specimen near Busby's Pond.

The Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamia*) is another Araucaria species native to south-east Queensland that is capable of reaching heights of up to 50 metres. It has dark green foliage on flat to ascending branches and bears fruit only occasionally. Hoop Pines feature extensively throughout the Park, with many impressive specimens.

The Queensland Kauri Pine (*Agathis robusta*) is another species of tree that originates from Queensland, but has been widely planted within the Parklands and numerous other parks in Sydney. They can easily get to heights of up to 45 metres, with large trunks that feature intricate bark patterns. The leaves are a mid-green in colour, going darker as the tree matures. One example of Kauri Pines within the Parklands is the avenue of trees that run the length of Parkes Drive.

**These plantings were made possible through a generous donation from the Henry Pollack Foundation and facilitated by the Centennial Parklands Foundation.**

## The secret life of Swans

Every family is different and none more so than that of the Black Swan.

Traditional families have one mum and one dad, but some families have one mum, or two mums, or one dad or two dads. Some families have grandparents or carers instead of parents. There are so many different combinations but they all have one thing in common—every family is loved and cared for by strong adults.

Black Swans also have some of the most complex behavioural and social relationships and scientists are working hard to learn more about it. One thing we do know is that they pair up for life, no matter how that pair is made up. In Centennial Park a Black Swan family will usually have about 5 cygnets (or babies), and then the adult swans spend all their time finding food, teaching them to swim and most importantly keeping them safe. A cygnet could not survive without its family.



We will be delving into the mysterious world of the Black Swan in our new holiday programs **Sophie the Swan and Wildlife Workshop: The Secret Life of Swans**. Come along and learn all about these fascinating birds.

## Competition

Mothers Day is on Sunday 9 May, so we are taking the time to remember some of the mothers living in Centennial Park. Match the name of the animal with the name of its baby for your chance to win one of three passes to either Sophie the Swan or a Wildlife Workshop.

Mum's Name	Baby's Name
Bat	Caterpillar
Butterfly	Cygnets
Dragonfly	Duckling
Duck	Elver
Eel	Fingerling
Fish	Hatchling
Frog	Joey
Possum	Nymph
Spider	Pup
Swan	Spiderling
Turtle	Tadpole

Email your entry to **[info@centennialparklands.com.au](mailto:info@centennialparklands.com.au)** or drop it into the Visitor Information Counter next to the café (open 7 days a week) before 2 April 2010. Be sure to include your name, age and phone number with your entry. All correct entries will go into the draw. Full terms and conditions at **[www.centennialparklands.com.au](http://www.centennialparklands.com.au)**.

Congratulations to Erin Kara, winner of last season's competition.

## Make your own Mothers Day Card

Use the Park as your inspiration! The colours and textures found in nature are amazing...just like Mum! You could even write that inside the card!

### You will need:

- Recycled cardboard and paper
- Strong glue and/or double sided tape
- Ribbons
- Textas and glitter
- Scissors

### To make:

- Walk through the Park and collect different bits of nature. Look for items that are on the ground. Remember, don't break them off the tree. Pick up items with interesting colours and textures like leaves and bark.
- Cut recycled cardboard and paper into different shapes and sizes. You could use old wrapping paper, cereal boxes, even junk mail.
- Get creative and start sticking!
- And mostly importantly...write a special message telling your Mum how much you love her.

Want to do more? Come to our **Natural Card Making Workshop** on 7 April 2010 and raid the Ranger's craft supplies!



## Ask a Ranger

What should I do if I lose someone, find a lost child, or get lost in the Parklands myself?

Centennial Parklands is a large public space and from time to time some parents or guardians report lost children. If you experience temporarily losing a child in Centennial Parklands - stay calm, stop and look out for a Ranger. Or if you have a mobile you can call our emergency number 0412 718 611. All Centennial Parklands Rangers wear uniforms and carry a two-way radio and mobile phone. You can stop them at any time to speak to them—their vehicles are easily recognisable. If near the Parklands Visitor Information Counter adjacent to CP Dining, you can also report lost children to our staff at that location.

**What do the Rangers do when someone is reported as lost in the Parklands?**

Every report of lost children is a serious matter for Centennial Parklands. Once a report is made, all Rangers and security staff on duty can be mobilised quickly and in most instances children are found in a matter of minutes.



# GET INVOLVED

## The seven most beautiful leaves in Centennial Parklands



1. Leave a donation



2. Leave a tree



3. Leave as a *Friend*



4. Leave as a sponsor



5. Leave a bench



6. Leave as a volunteer



7. Leave a bequest

## Foundation

### Be part of our Inner Circle tree project

The very first tree has been planted in our exciting new Inner Circle tree project. The project aims to plant 102 semi-mature trees around the inside of Centennial Park's Grand Drive, arguably one of Australia's grandest avenues.

This new planting will minimise the effects of inevitable tree loss around Grand Drive in Centennial Park. A mix of native and exotic tree species have been carefully selected to add diversity and thrive in the area in which they will be planted.



The Inner Circle will form a dramatic new avenue, mirroring the old plantings and creating a significant visual impact.

With only a limited number of trees on offer, don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of this historic planting.

Find out more by reading our Prospectus or calling the Foundation. We would love to welcome you to our Inner Circle.

### Foundation secures funding for Community Building Partnership Program

The Foundation has been offered funding of \$100,000 as part of the NSW Government's Community Building Partnership program. This grant will be used to fund infrastructure components of the Education Precinct for use by school students and community groups. It will also help build our relationship with the local Aboriginal community, through proposed Aboriginal traineeships that promote career development within the environmental/community service fields.

The aim of the NSW Government's \$35 million Community Building Partnership program is to support local jobs, stimulate growth and improve community, social, recreational and environmental facilities throughout NSW.



### Contact the Foundation

To find out more about any of these stories, or to make a donation:

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Web: [www.yourparklands.org.au](http://www.yourparklands.org.au)

### New Benefactors

Kesler and De Sousa Family

Adam Glowka and Diana Dlugosz

Margaret Butler

Claude and Maryanne Gauchat

Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc.

Family of Anne and Ken Ross



Above: Volunteers in Centennial Parklands

### Endowment Fund established

The Trust has committed up to \$200,000 to enable the establishment of an Endowment Fund. This will be met by the Foundation on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis from donations and bequests received.

This initial contribution is the first step in building a substantial fund, from which interest earned will be available in future years for suitable environmental and education projects. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of the Trust in providing the initial funding and now invites you to contribute to the Endowment Fund by making a donation or a bequest.



## Friends

### Football Development Clinic exclusive offer for Friends!

As a bonus to Friends of Centennial Parklands, we've managed to arrange for some elite soccer coaches from Football Development Australia to come to Centennial Park and run a soccer skills clinic for the children of Friends!

FDA's team of International Coaches will be running a Pre Season Skills Clinic at Centennial Park on Monday 22 March 2010 from 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm.

To book on this session, visit [www.footballdevelopment.com.au](http://www.footballdevelopment.com.au). The session will cost Friends only \$10 per child. Your child can even invite a friend of theirs to take up the \$10 offer as well! Spaces are limited, so get in quick.

Proceeds from this clinic will go to the Centennial Parklands Foundation.



## Volunteers

### Fishing Program a huge success

What's so attractive about volunteer fishing? Is it the social interaction, the opportunity to learn from the professionals, or to give back to the community? One of our junior carp fishermen, Jordan, says his environmental studies at school motivated him to help us improve the Park's ponds.

The Parklands public volunteer carp removal fishing program is currently full but there are other opportunities include providing corporate volunteers and organisations supporting people with disabilities the opportunity to fish the ponds.

The Trust would like to thank Tony Steiner for his ongoing coordination of the "Grass Roots" carp removal activities. Tony generous support is making a major contribution to improving water quality within Centennial Park.

### A warm welcome to Lucy Pryor

The Trust welcomes Lucy Pryor who has taken on a new role as Volunteer Administrator. This role will ensure the smooth running and co-ordination of all our varied volunteer programs.

Lucy says her earliest memories of the Parklands are "cycling around the Park on the back of Mum's bike". Now Lucy says she is "determined to help an already incredibly motivated team of volunteers keep the dream alive for the future. Read more about Lucy at [www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers](http://www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers).



Volunteer Tony Steiner

### Stunning photography by Dominic and Daphne Gonzalvez

Our volunteers are a talented group of people! Dominic and Daphne Gonzalvez put together a stunning selection of images for the enjoyment of our staff.

We thought it was so good we have put it on our website. To see their slideshow, visit our Volunteers News page at [www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers/volunteer\\_news](http://www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers/volunteer_news).



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