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statue unveiled

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Area 2 upgrades

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Welcome to the autumn edition of Parklands magazine.

In February I was appointed as the new Director and Chief Executive of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. This is a position that comes with great responsibility, both to the community surrounding the Parklands and to the millions of people who use these wonderful resources. I will be working to ensure we achieve the balance of access, revenue generation and preservation that is essential to the future of these scarce public assets.

Centennial Parklands is a place of national significance, an outstanding public space that

is loved locally and admired internationally. The Parklands balance a rich history with a contemporary outlook – a space that reflects the community we live in.

Last month I was on hand to celebrate the unveiling of the restored Charles Dickens statue, and then within days I saw 27,000 patrons attend the Good Vibrations music festival. At both events I was impressed with the professionalism and dedication of our Parklands team. It is this tradition that I intend to build on over the coming years – a respect for the past, while ensuring these Parklands remain relevant and reflect the needs of the community. I will continue to look for new sources of revenue to support the maintenance and operation of the Parklands and I will work with Sarah Whyte and her team to ensure that the valuable contribution made by the Centennial Parklands Foundation is supported.

One of our immediate challenges will be the sporting and entertainment precinct at Moore Park East. We now have an opportunity and the political support to make a change for the better.

In November the Premier announced that \$5.3 million would be invested in traffic and transport improvements in Moore Park East to improve access, reduce congestion and ensure pedestrian safety during major events. Whilst we have commenced design, the funding is subject to agreement

to a Moore Park East integrated ticketing proposal. The Trust supports the proposal and I will work with government and precinct partners to implement the plan.

February also saw the commencement of the Area 2 refurbishment project in Moore Park East. These 4.5 hectares opposite the Hordern Pavilion are used for events and event parking, and the grass has badly worn over time. We will provide new turf, irrigation, and improved drainage, making it a more attractive site for both events and daily Park users. These works will cost the Trust over \$1.4 million to complete.

Autumn is one of the best times of year in our Parks – the changing of the leaves, the cooler days, and the chance to wear a scarf again. My thanks to Marianna Preston for so capably looking after the Trust over the summer months prior to my appointment and I look forward to seeing you out there.

Kim Ellis
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Visitor Information

Car Free Days

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).
Next day: Sunday 29 May 2011

Centennial Park Gate Times

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

Contact Us

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

i Parklands Office

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

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

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Cover: The restored Charles Dickens statue returns to Centennial Parklands

Reverse Cover: Family Tree Day in Centennial Park

Do The Right Thing Use The Right Bin

The Trust has received funding from the Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF) of the Australian Food and Grocery Council to install new public recycling systems across the Parklands. In March 2011, 360 new bins and new waste and recycling metal signs were installed, carrying the well known call to action to 'Do The Right Thing Use The Right Bin'.

The PSF works with government and industry partners across Australia to deliver recycling, litter reduction and education programs on behalf of its members, Australia's major beverage companies and their packaging suppliers. The Trust is grateful to the PSF for its support. It is hoped that the new bins and refreshed signage will improve recycling rates and lower the contamination in bins across the Parklands. Visit www.afgc.org.au/psf to find out more about the PSF.



One photo a week

Announcing a new photographic project for 2011...and there will be prizes! By the end of the year we want the Centennial Parklands website homepage to feature 52 user-generated photos. That's one photo for every week this year! Amateur photographers are encouraged to get involved. Show us the Parklands you see through your lens.

Photos must be taken in Centennial Parklands during 2011. You can submit them by posting on our Facebook wall: www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney or email to: online@centennialparklands.com.au



Off Road Cycling is off limits

Centennial Park has a proud history of cycling. Its dedicated track around Grand Drive is one of the most popular cycling circuits in Sydney. However off-road cycling is against Trust regulations (Regulation 21.2.d) for environmental and safety reasons.

The major problem associated with off-road cycling is rapid soil erosion. The soil in the Parklands is very sandy and the plants that grow on it are very delicate. Combined with heavy rain, soil erosion has a serious effect on the Parklands environment including damage to our ponds, the creation of hazardous surfaces and blocked drains with the potential for flooding. Serious erosion from off-road cycling has been observed across the Parklands, in particular between the Paddington and Robertson Road Gates, where improvised tracks carved out by mountain bike wheels have destroyed the grass covering.

Off-road cycling also causes conflicts between other Park visitors using the grass areas for passive recreation, dog walking and relaxing. So if you are cycling in Centennial Park, please keep to the marked left lane on Grand Drive and leave the grass areas to regrow naturally.

\$5.3 million for Moore Park

The Trust is a member of the Project Group established to oversee a \$5.3 million improvement package for Moore Park East. The package includes a range of capital works to improve access, reduce congestion and ensure pedestrian safety during major events. Some of these initiatives include new fencing, signs and lighting across the Precinct as well as changes to road layouts and other traffic management measures. The design for a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge over Anzac Parade is also included in the package.

The package is contingent on the implementation of an integrated ticketing program for events at the Precinct, including Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Football Stadium and Centennial Parklands. The Trust looks forward to working with the Project Group to facilitate this project for the benefit of the 1.4 million people that attend events in the Precinct each year.



Boom gate at Moore Park Golf



A boom gate is now operating at the entrance to Moore Park Golf car park. Parking will remain free of charge for Moore Park Golf facility patrons who are playing a round of golf, using the driving range facilities, attending a golf lesson, attending a function at the Golf House, or spending \$30 or more at the Pro Shop or Golf House. Other car park users will be charged \$25 if parked for more than one hour. Please see www.mooreparkgolf.com.au for more details.

Golf patrons will also notice the Pro Shop has recently had a \$75K makeover, including new carpet and painting. The shop has also been cleverly remodelled to provide more space for merchandise, more space in the dressing room and more space on the counter!

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Welcome Peter Hadfield

Family Tree Day

Stories of dedication

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