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Welcome to the spring edition of Parklands magazine.

Parks are more than grass and trees! Parks like Centennial Parklands can provide an extraordinary range of sporting, recreation, education, cultural and leisure experiences in response to the contemporary needs

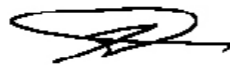
and expectations of its community. Our Parks are also important places for people to connect with others and their surroundings, and have a positive influence on their wellbeing.

When Sir Henry Parkes first opened Centennial Park in 1888 he dubbed it the "People's Park". Recent support for this Park, and of Queens Park and Moore Park has shown that nothing has changed in the intervening 122 years.

The Trust, in conjunction with the Centennial Parklands Foundation, has been actively building practical support in the Parklands through volunteer environmental and educational programs, which resulted in more than 4,000 hours of volunteer work achieved in 2009-10. The equally invaluable funding support by donors has also made a major contribution to our new education facilities (see page 3) and comprehensive tree replacement program (see page 11).

These Parklands are a significant community asset and the Trust will continue to encourage your support. Speaking of support, the Foundation is holding the annual Evergreen Dinner on 21 October 2010. Tickets are now on sale and we would be delighted to see you at this special event (see page 11).

Finally, I would like to thank photographer Peter Solness for his wonderful exhibition as part of the Head On Festival. Peter donated 20 per cent of sales to the Foundation. Thank you, Peter!



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**Reverse Cover:** Simon Poidevin dedicates a tree on Family Tree Day 2010.

Visitor Information

**Car Free Days**

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).  
Next day: Sunday 28 November 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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Healthy Parks  
Healthy People

Why Parks matter

The third global World Parks Day will be celebrated on 18 September 2010. A nice sounding concept, however there is a deeper meaning and focus on this day for communities around the world.

Population is the current issue in Australia. Whether population policy, sustainable population, or a population target is the topic, what is often lost in this debate is the "liveability" of our cities and communities.

One key aspect of liveability within an urban context is the proximity to, and accessibility of, public open space. Public space has diminished rapidly over the past 40 years and with population increases and greater urbanisation and development on the horizon we need to think more about how we look after and retain what public space we have left.

Our parks are a vital part of making a community liveable. They are spaces to live and breathe, spaces to play sport, picnic, exercise or enjoy the company of family and friends. They are vital spaces that can rarely be reclaimed once they are lost.

World Parks Day celebrates this and we should all celebrate as a community. So get out into your nearest park this World Parks Day and reacquaint yourself with why parks matter.



Artist's impression

The Comrie Memorial Fountain

The Comrie Memorial Fountain was originally located on the western side of St James Road opposite Hyde Park, Sydney, partly on the road and partly on the footpath. It was built as a drinking fountain to satisfy the thirst of "man and beast" and opened by Lord Mayor, Alderman Samuel E Lees, on 27 July 1904.

In 1934, it was relocated to Driver Avenue, Moore Park due to concerns about increasing traffic in the immediate vicinity and remained on this site until 1995 when it was dismantled as part of the Eastern Distributor works. For many years prior to its dismantling it had not been functioning as a water fountain.

Since then, the Fountain has been stored in pieces in the Centennial Parklands depot. Over the intervening years, the Trust has developed a relocation strategy and has now approved the funds to undertake the work. The selected location is Federation Way, near the entrance to the Robertson Road Gates. This location is highly suitable due to its urban heritage character and its proximity to the Equestrian Centre. The Trust is hoping the Fountain can once again safely provide water to man, dog and horse.

Celebrate World Parks Day in Centennial Parklands

World Parks Day will be celebrated on Saturday 18 September 2010. World Parks Day highlights the importance and the role of parks and public open space in the everyday lives of the community.

So come to Centennial Parklands to experience and enjoy all that this wonderful space has to offer. Centennial Parklands will be hosting a range of fun family activities and exhibitions where you can talk to our staff. Free pony rides, Ranger programs, dog training exhibitions, carp fishing activities and a whole lot more.

**Saturday 18 September 2010.**  
**Adjacent to the Centennial Parklands Restaurant in Centennial Park.**



Farrier Clive Ogilvy

Appointment of two new licensees

Following a recent public tender, the Trust announced that Pet Wash 2000 - a pet grooming business operated by Brett Featon - has been awarded a three-year licence to provide pet grooming services in Centennial Park. Brett had been involved in a trial over the last 12 months and proved a popular addition to the Parklands and its dog-owning community.

In a separate process, Clive Ogilvy has been re-appointed to operate the Farrier business at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre for a further three years. Clive has been the main Farrier for clients at the Equestrian Centre for the last 10 years and the Trust is delighted to have the continuity of his professional services.

Education Precinct celebrates its first year of operation

This spring marks the first 12 months of operation for the Education Precinct, successfully providing a much needed headquarters from which to focus education, visitor and volunteer programs. Since it opened in September 2009, the Precinct has been the venue for about 90 school excursions and is the main meeting point for the Ranger-led school holiday programs. It has also been used by a variety of other groups including local councils, private birthday parties, Parklands volunteers and community groups.

The most recent addition to the Precinct is the development of resources to assist in composting and sustainability education programs. Six new "eco boxes" representing different ecological communities ranging from rainforest to arid zones have been completed. With detailed information panels and glass doors displaying root growth, this is an exciting new installation to support a range of hands-on school excursions that come to the Parklands.

Four new composting bays and worm farms have also been established for education purposes. The City of Sydney recently used these facilities to run a composting workshop. Michael Neville, Waste Education Coordinator for the City

of Sydney, said: 'The Precinct was a great venue. It suited us really well and was an excellent space for our purposes having indoor and outdoor spaces.'

The Precinct's Learning Centre is available for hire to community and private users. **For enquiries please phone (02) 9339 6699.**



Have your say on Car Free Day

Car Free Days are a long standing and popular event held on the last Sunday of each season. The Trust conducted an on-site survey at our last Car Free Day. We are interested in your views and feedback and we invite you to complete a short online survey at **www.centennialparklands.com.au**. Each respondent will have a chance to win a great prize of four Moonlight Cinema tickets to the value of \$100.











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