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Moore Park Trust

Spring has sprung and what a glorious sight it is to behold in the Centennial Parklands.

In addition to the flowering plants, new growth and the spring babies of resident animals, Park-users will experience a range of cultural events which have been planned as part of the Centenary of Federation celebrations.

ParkFest, an exciting one-day multicultural festival will take place on Sunday, October 14. The festival will be an exciting merging of diverse cultures from all over the world brought together in celebration with food, wine, song, dance, story telling and other entertainment. The day also marks the official opening of The Avenue of Nations, the grandly restored Parkes Drive.

To officially dedicate The Avenue, a specially designed interpretive sculpture will be unveiled. Called *Hand upon Hand*, the sculpture, featuring hanging shells crafted

from bronze and engraved with words celebrating Australian society, has been created to symbolise the unity and diversity of cultural backgrounds in Australia.

ParkFest and the interpretive piece officially dedicating The Avenue of Nations have been made possible by the Commonwealth Government's Federation Fund grant.

The Park is rich with history and an important element of this will come to life when the Superintendent's Residence, built in 1892, will open to the public for the first time in history. The heritage-listed building is being lovingly restored with the first stage of its restoration opening on September 29 with the special exhibition, *Portrait of a Park*.

In addition to an exciting calendar of cultural activities, people can also enjoy the wonderful selection of spring blooms that will be out. I encourage you to view the

spectacular Olympic-themed floral display in the Column Garden and Frog Hollow, courtesy of seeds donated to the Park from the Japanese National Olympic Committee.

On the planning front, the Trust has been putting in an enormous amount of effort into public consultation for its Draft Transport Access and Parking Plan and Moore Park South Master Plan.

We are currently reviewing the many submissions received and considering the issues raised. A report on the outcomes of these draft plans will be published in the next issue of Parklands. It's important to note that no final decisions have been made and won't be made until after the consultation process and after discussions with Government.

On behalf of the Trust I hope you will be able to enjoy some of the many wonderful activities planned for Centennial Park this spring. ■

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Parkbench

COME WHAT MAY

As the saying goes, when it rains it pours. Extraordinarily high rainfall was recorded during May this year with 375.6 mm of rain falling over 17 days of the month. In comparison, in May 2000 only 52.2mm of rain fell over 10 days. Despite the inconvenience of flooding in some areas of the park, Ranger Brian Page explains that, "A good spell of rain is always welcome in the park. It helps to reduce the rabbit population and at the same time helps the flora to grow." We look forward to a blooming spring as a result of it.

TRANSPORT ACCESS & PARKING IMPROVEMENTS - UPDATE

The Draft Transport Access & Parking Plan addressing issues such as vehicle circulation, cycle ways and pedestrian links, was on public exhibition during July and August. The exhibition has provoked a great deal of interest in how the Centennial Parklands are currently used and has given park users the opportunity to express their opinions on how it should be used in the future. With the numerous and varied uses of the Parklands, it is inevitable that there are conflicts between user groups. The challenge for the Trust is to manage these sometimes conflicting uses, whilst providing a comfortable and enjoyable parkland environment.

The Trust is currently reviewing the many submissions received; it is collating the issues raised and will be providing comments on how they will be addressed in the final Plan. A summary will be made available on the Trust's website www.cp.nsw.gov.au. The summer edition of Parklands is to run a major feature on the outcome of this Plan.

MOORE PARK SOUTH MASTER PLAN - UPDATE

The Moore Park South Draft Master Plan set to improve facilities in Moore Park South (the area including the Golf Course, ES Marks Athletics Field and the historic Toll House), has been developed through public consultation throughout 2001. It was on public exhibition for further public comment during July. Submissions are currently being reviewed and the issues raised in the submissions are being collated. The issues raised will be addressed in the final Master Plan.

A summary will be made available on our website www.cp.nsw.gov.au. The summer edition of Parklands is to run a major feature on the outcomes of this Plan.

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

In March 2000, Centennial Parklands were listed on the State Heritage Register as a 'heritage item and place of considerable heritage significance'. To assist in the long-term preservation of the Parklands' heritage, a Conservation Management Plan is being prepared.

A Statement of Significance is currently being finalised which will provide detail on the natural and cultural heritage of the Parklands and form the basis of the Conservation Management Plan.

The public are invited to attend an Open Day on October 14. The Open Day will include a presentation from the consultants, Conybeare Morrison & Partners, and will provide an opportunity for members of the public to find out more about the heritage significance of Centennial Parklands and the aims of the Conservation Management Plan.

There will be another opportunity later in the process for further public consultation and comment on the draft Plan. Friends will be notified once a firm date is set. For further information on the Conservation Management Plan, please contact:

Centennial Parklands Conservation Management Plan

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AU REVOIR TO CIRQUE DE SOLEIL

After twisting, spinning, leaping, clowning, playing and bending their way into the hearts of the Sydney spectators, the circus has now packed up and left town. The magnetic and enchanting entourage certainly brightened up the Winter season in Moore Park and warmed the souls of the more than 210,000 people fortunate enough to see the show. We look forward to the big top and all its tricks visiting Sydney again in the future. ■

A Celebration of Diversity

ParkFest

An exciting and evocative one-day festival celebrating Australia's rich, cultural mix and to mark the official opening of the restored Parkes Drive - The Avenue of Nations - has been organised for Sunday, October 14, from 10am-4pm.

Appropriately named "ParkFest" the festival is a free family day bringing together cultures from around the world with song, dance, food, drink and other entertainment.

Parkes Drive at Frog Hollow and the Brazilian Fields will be set up as a number of 'village greens'.

Organiser Sharna St Leon says this will create a community atmosphere. "There will be central meeting places where people may congregate at communal tables and enjoy a selection of foods from a wide range of countries, taste wine and beers from international regions, and enjoy a variety of entertainment," she says.

ParkFest, funded by the Commonwealth Government's Federation Fund grant, will include the official opening of the Avenue of Nations at 12 noon, to commemorate Australia's rich multiculturalism.

This will include the unveiling of *Hand upon Hand*, a specially designed sculpture celebrating communication and connection between cultures. (see page 7 for full story)

The festival will feature many exciting events on the day.

Everyone is invited to gather beneath the story telling tree and listen to the tales told by parkrangers, indigenous people,

and members of the public. The tales will celebrate unity, diversity and place, and take people on a magical journey.

And what is a festival without music? Whether it's the strains of a Spanish guitar or a solo mandolin player, the rousing sounds of a massed choir or the passion and romance evoked by Italian love songs, the music organised for the festival will only heighten the colourful and exotic atmosphere.

Let's not forget that where there's music, there's dancing. So bring along your dancing shoes and prepare to join in crescendo of dance - whether it's the samba, the tango or the flamenco.

A special feature of the day will be the interesting variety of international games. "There will be many games from different cultures which you will be able to get involved in," says Sharna.

These free activities include Indonesian village children's games, traditional English picnic games, an Italian bocce competition and a large Spanish board game.

Members of the Spanish community will also be running craft workshops where you can make fajas, huge paper effigies.

A football game is also being planned, and will include football clinics, and special appearances by football stars.

A myriad of nationalities from around the world will be joining in on the festivities from African, Spanish, Indonesian and Italian communities to Greek, Turkish, Fijian and Mexican.

This exciting merging of cultures will open up new worlds to all that attend. You can learn about different cultures and experience traditional and contemporary cuisine from all corners of the globe. Try Turkish ice cream, delicious paella prepared in the traditional Spanish way, Moroccan street food, aromatic coffees from Around the world and a plethora of other exciting foods and beverages. A menu of international wines and beers will also be on offer.

For more information contact (02) 9339 6699 or visit our website www.cp.nsw.gov.au.

Photo: Courtesy of Tourism NSW



ParkFest, a celebration of song, dance, music and food for the whole family.

Photo: Courtesy of Tourism NSW



Photo: Jeff Ambler

An Art Gallery Outdoors...



The artful Centennial Park.

After an absence of six years, the hugely successful outdoor art exhibition - Artful Park - is returning to the Parklands in late November and early December as part of Centenary of Federation celebrations.

This time around the exhibition is being staged by the Trust in association with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA).

Sarah Dinning, Manager Marketing and Community Relations, Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, says the Trust is thrilled to be working with the MCA.

"We entered into the partnership with the MCA because we wanted to access some of Australia's most exciting young artists," she says.

Elizabeth Ann Macgregor, MCA Director, says the institution is equally pleased to be working with the Trust. "We are always keen to work with organisations to introduce the work of contemporary Australian artists to new audiences."

Artists invited to exhibit in Artful Park have been drawn from past MCA exhibitions with a selection of finalists from the Helen Lempriere National Sculpture Award.

"The contemporary works engage in a visual dialogue with this unique environment, as well as relate to Federation themes," Sarah says. "These artists are exploring contemporary concerns, and ideas of cultural differences and journeys seem to regularly recur."

The selected artists come from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds.

The works can be seen in the northern section of the Park, within the triangle of Paddington Gates, Woollahra Gates and the Trust Administration Building, from Friday, 30 November to Sunday, 9 December.

During the exhibition there will be free guided tours of the installations, a self-guided treasure trail for children and a number of workshops for children and adults.

The event is one of the many cultural projects in the Park made possible by the Commonwealth Government's Federation Fund grant.

"In the past the outdoor exhibition has been very well received by the general public and arts community. I'd love to see it become an annual or biannual event," Sarah says. ■

Follow the Blue Line

In September 2000, the best marathon runners in the world followed Sydney's blue line from North Sydney, through Centennial Park to Olympic glory at Homebush Bay.

Sunday, 28 October will see the glory rekindled when thousands of runners and wheelchair participants take the blue line route again in the Flora Sydney Marathon. More than 5000 entrants are expected to take part in the marathon which covers 42.19 kms from North Sydney to the finish line at Sydney Athletic Centre at Homebush Bay. The event also incorporates the

Sunday Telegraph Bridge Run, a 10 km run that finishes at Fox Studios. This race is expected to attract more than 10,000 entrants.

These are exciting events for Centennial Parklands as the marathoners will trace the blue line through Centennial Park before heading back onto Sydney's streets for their journey to Homebush.

Setting off from North Sydney at 7am (wheelchair participants at 6.50am), the first marathoners will enter the park at around 7.09am through the Northern

Gates at Robertson Road. From here they will do a circuit of Grand Drive detouring down Dickens and Parkes Drives before exiting the Southern Gate at Robertson Road.

The park offers plenty of great vantage points so make sure you get there early.

The 10km Bridge Run will bypass Centennial Park to finish at Fox Oval at Fox Studios.

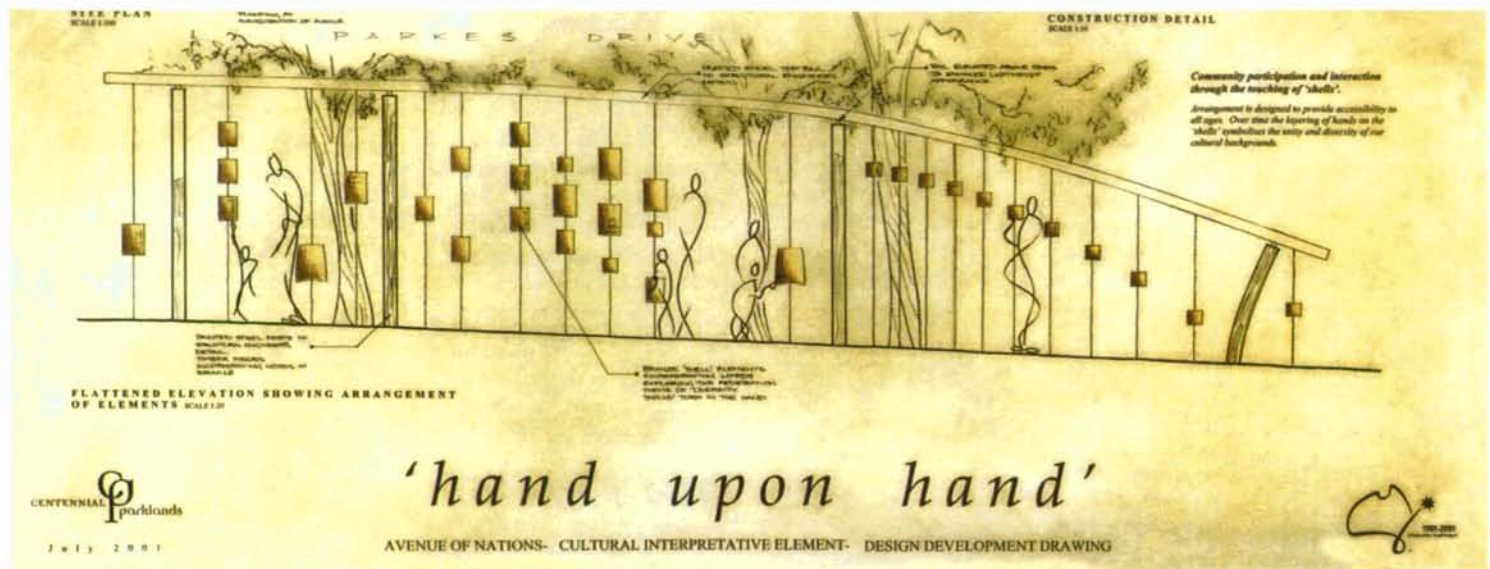
Centennial Park will be closed to vehicles on the morning of the race but will reopen after 10.30am.

For more information on the race and entry forms phone 1800 647 699 or visit www.athletics.org.au Entry forms are also available in the *Sunday Telegraph*. Entries close on 1 October. ■



Olympic marathoners trace the blue line through Centennial Park during the Sydney Olympic 2000 women's marathon last year.

Hand upon Hand...



A vehicle for communication and connection between cultures, Hand upon Hand.

To represent the message of the revitalised Avenue of Nations, an interpretative piece has been created which explores the Federation theme, "One nation from diverse backgrounds".

Designed by Gillian Smart, Landscape Architect for Centennial Parklands, the sculpture, "Hand upon Hand", was developed as a vehicle for communication, a connection, between cultures. It features a series of hanging

shells crafted from bronze, with selected words celebrating Australian society, engraved on them.

The simple lightweight piece is integrated into the surrounding landscape, amongst the trees, and enriched by the play of light and shadow. The composition of shells hanging at different levels, invites the public to touch and turn them.

Gillian said "In the 19th century people strove for the physical and

economic unification of separate colonies. Today our challenge lies in the spiritual dimension, in achieving acceptance and respect between cultures. The way we communicate this message is significant – not as a monument, but as a living testimony – and this project is symbolic of the journey of the individual and the nation.

"Hand upon Hand is interactive and tactile, and encourages unity through experience. Over time and

use, the layering of hands on the shells will enhance its meaning, and reinforce the unity and diversity of our cultural backgrounds," Gillian says.

Designed to be revisited, the work will create a memorable and ongoing link with the community. As children grow they will be able to touch and read the shells which were previously out of reach. And as the children grow, so do the trees in The Avenue of Nations, and so does the nation. ■

Avenue of Nations Flourishes

The newly restored Parkes Drive is being officially unveiled on Sunday, October 14, to coincide with the Parklands one-day festival of diversity, ParkFest.

Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy this official ceremony and full day of festivity, food and fun.

The newly dedicated Avenue of Nations will pay tribute to the many nationalities that make up Australian society.

The Centenary of Federation project, funded by the Commonwealth Government's

Federation Fund grant, was completed in mid-July.

Peter Nowland, Centennial Parklands Landscape Architect, says restoration of Parkes Drive included the planting of more than 170 Kauri Pine trees (*Agathis australis*) which replaced the original fungus-affected Canary Island Date Palm.

"The Kauri Pine was chosen as it had the same form and character as the Palm," he says. "It has an interesting and strange character to it. It's an ancient tree which is not often used."



Newly planted kauri pines are a feature in the Avenue of Nations.

The Pines were planted in such a way to recreate the magnificent colonnade effect of the Palms, once a well-known landmark along Parkes Drive.

Peter said the \$500,000 project also involved tidying up the area in terms of edging, mulching, putting tree guards in place and restoring the surrounding lawns. ■

Spring Feature

Blooming Marvellous

The luscious sight of a wide variety of spring flowerings and new growth is a high-point in the appearance of Centennial Park this time of year.

Trust Arborist Ted Hoare suggests keeping an eye out for the African Tulip trees, the Cape Chestnuts, Willows, American Cottonwoods, Wattles, Silky Oaks and Holm Oaks.

The African Tulip trees (*Spathoda campanulata*), growing near the café forecourt, boast large, orange, bell-shaped flowers, and the Cape Chestnuts (*Calodendrum capense*), planted near Centennial Square, feature showy pink spider-like flowers.

Willows (*Salix spp.*) in the Musgrave Pond area are evolving into a stunning leafy green virtually overnight, and a range of Wattles can be seen flowering across Carrington Hill. On the Darley Road side of Musgrave Avenue you can catch the golden-yellow blooms of the Silky Oak (*Grevillea robusta*).

The canopy of Holm Oak (*Quercus ilex*), one of the main species along Grand Drive, and also found in Federation Valley, transforms over three to four weeks from a buttery-yellow colour to pale grey, then a range of greens.

The Parkland gardens also overflow with a gorgeous array of spring blooms. In the Column

Garden visual delights include the luminous purple flowers of the Mist Flower, masses of white flowers of the May Bush, and splashes of coral-red flowers of the African Daisy.

Don't miss the Column and Rose Gardens spectacular pink and white flowering fruit trees; showy, tall white flowers with yellow centres of the Shasta Daisy; and the tall spikes of unusual purple and white flowers of the Oyster Plant.

The Rose Garden and Frog Hollow also feature pretty orange and pink lantern-like flowering shrubs, the Chinese Lantern; and at the Randwick Gates entrance, the



Willows (*Salix spp.*)

Gymea Lily is bound to impress. Huge and magnificent deep-red flowers sit atop stems up to six metres high. The treasure trove of flowering plants continues... why not amble through the Park and discover some more? ■

Spring Babies



Centennial Park will be the birthplace of many new creatures this Spring, including the Tawny Frogmouth, Grey Headed Flying Fox, Pacific Black Duck, Purple Swamphen, Dusky Moorhen, Ibis and Brushtail Possums.

The Tawny Frogmouth, often mistaken as an owl because of its nocturnal habits, lays eggs in September. These take two weeks to incubate and then hatch in early October.

Colin Cheshire, Park Ranger, said the Frogmouths usually have one or two babies, in primitive style nests that consist of just a few twigs.

"One of the two breeding pairs in the Park live near Grand Drive between Ash Paddock Bushland and the children's cycle track, and the other, on the southern shores of Lily Pond. Here it's usually in one particular Paper-bark tree, east

of the white pedestrian bridge. As they are a speckly-grey colour they are camouflaged, and difficult to spot," he said.

The Grey Headed Flying Fox usually gives birth to one young,

which is carried by its mother for four to five weeks. The Flying Fox live in bat colonies in Gordon on the North Shore, and the Royal Botanic Gardens in the city, but travels to Centennial Park at dusk to feed on Paper-bark blossoms and figs.

Around the ponds in the Park, Pacific Black Duck ducklings waddle, and Purple Swamphens and Dusky Moorhens nest.

Brushtail Possums breed in spring and the babies might be seen hanging on the mother's back.

Although it's exciting to see the baby animals in their habitats, it's important to not intrude.

If a member of the public sees anyone behaving in a threatening manner, Colin requests they alert a ranger. ■



Turning Japanese

The Japanese National Olympic Committee gave a gift of thousands of seeds to SOCOG last September as a gesture of peace. These were passed on to the Trust in recognition of the important role the Parklands played in the Games.

The Trust, in turn, handed the seeds to Sarah Clancy, Acting Senior Horticulturalist and Kyla Hargreaves, Acting Supervisor of Horticulture, who put their heads together to decide what to do with them.

While the seeds - *Dianthus*, Snapdragons, Marigolds, Field Poppies, Forget-me-nots and Canterbury Bells - germinated in a nursery, the horticultural team came up with the idea of planting them in the Column Garden and Frog Hollow as part of an Olympic-theme display.

"While 4000 pink, red, white and bi-coloured *Dianthus* were planted

as borders around perennial displays in Frog Hollow, we decided the display in the Column Garden should be based on the Olympic theme," Kyla says.

The flaming cauldron with water at its base, one of the most memorable emblems of the Games, was recreated in the Garden with a mass of red *Salvia* surrounded by Forget-me-nots. Other beds were planted with Snapdragons and Poppies, representing the spectators, and the two most popular events - the swimming and the track and field - were symbolised by large, rectangular beds of blue, mauve and white Canterbury Bells, with borders of red Marigolds.

So, although the Olympics took place in Sydney a year ago, the legacy of hosting the world's premier sporting event, flowers on. The display should look its most impressive towards the end of September. ■



The Olympic-themed flower bed at Column Garden.

Bringing Alcatraz expertise to the Park

Centennial Parklands and Parks and Leisure Australia recently co-hosted a business breakfast with special guest Brian O'Neill, the Director of the largest urban national park in the world, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). The park is home to the infamous Alcatraz.

Brian focussed on growing and managing volunteer groups in Parks, and gave valuable insight into ways to best harness the contribution volunteers make.

Following the breakfast, Brian spent the remainder of the morning in the Park, having an informal discussion with Trust chairman, Annette O'Neill and Parkland staff on a wide range of issues that affect Parks all over the world. ■



Peter Duncan, Director, Centennial Parklands (left) and Annette O'Neill, Trust Chairman (right) greet Brian O'Neill during his recent visit.

A Historical Window Opens in the Park

Perched on a hill, adjacent to the Paddington Gates, the Superintendent's Residence has always stood as a protector overlooking the Parklands. Built before the turn of the century in 1892, the residence has bore witness to the first organised football games, the Park before the car, the death of Queen Victoria, the Bubonic Plague and Julian Clary getting changed! This is a building that is on the Heritage List and with its modest beauty, history and wisdom, we can see why.

The residence is timeless; made of sandstone taken directly from site, with an ornate wooden facade, a white picket fence and surrounded by camellias. The interior is a collection of marble fireplaces, picture rails and high ceilings. In need of repair, the Trust and heritage consultants are working together to renovate the building and preserve its integrity. On completion, the Superintendent's Residence will open to the public for the first time in history.



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Afternoon Tea

at Centennial Parklands Restaurant

- **Selection of Tea from Mariage Freres**

- **Tea Sandwiches**

Smoked Salmon
Cucumber
Chicken and Celery

- **Pastries**

Raspberry or Strawberry Tartlet
Chocolate Éclair and Scones with
Housemade Jam and Cream



\$22.00 per head (GST Inclusive)

Sunday 3pm to 4.30pm

Starting Sunday 27th May 2001

Booking Essential: Phone 02 9360 3355

Corner Parkes and Grand Drive, Centennial Park

From 29 September for six months, the Superintendent's Residence is housing the exhibition "Portrait of a Park". The exhibition recently featured at the Museum of Sydney, is a sensitive and eclectic collection of black and white photographs by Wendy McDougall and Brendan Read. The photographs document the contemporary uses of the park and are displayed alongside original material that explores the full history of the English-style parkland.

The Superintendent's Residence is the perfect venue for photographs featuring people of the park. Over the centuries, the building has been home to a string of gardeners, rangers, foremen and superintendents. Each guest has left their mark and shared one common interest – a passion for the Park.

Ranger Brian Page and his family

lived in the residence from 1995–1999. "It was a wonderful experience for us to live in such a unique building and location. Surprisingly, we were never short of visitors, we often cared for injured fauna and lost children, one of whom we entertained for five hours. However, our most unusual visitor was probably Julian Clary who knocked on the door needing somewhere to change for an interview in the park!"

When asked about the Residence being opened to the public, Brian said "I hope that everyone enjoys visiting this special piece of park history as much as I did living there."

The exhibition is open for up to six months starting 29 September. Entry is free. Open daily during school holidays 10am–4pm from 29 September to 14 October. Thereafter open every Wednesday and weekends. ■

A Link Between the Trust and the Community

Phillip Black, Community Consultative Committee Chair 2000 & 2001

The Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee (CCC) has just completed its seventh year of operation. The CCC is an advisory body through which the community may inform the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust of the type of services and planning expected, and plays a vital role in providing a direct link between the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust and the community.

Established in 1994, the CCC provides "an effective procedure for community consultation concerning the activities and policies pursued by the Trust". The 10 members of the Committee are appointed by the Trust on the recommendation of the Park Director. Members are appointed for a period of two years and are eligible for re-appointment, but can only serve two consecutive terms. At the end of 2001 two members will be retiring leaving two Committee vacancies (see the box for details) and interested community representatives are invited to nominate.

The aim of the Committee is to represent a diversity of community viewpoints and park user concerns. It is not a requirement that a consensus be reached among members on the issues discussed as the Committee is consultative and has no decision making role.

The Committee's functions include:

- identifying and communicating community concerns
- suggesting how these concerns might be addressed
- providing feedback on the level of park user service
- evaluating level of service provided
- advising on possible new or modified services



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- commenting on Parkland projects, proposals and policies
- providing community stakeholders with information about the Parklands

Committee meetings focus on issues relating directly to the Parklands and their management. Issues discussed in the last couple of years have been:

- sport user needs
- children's playgrounds upgrade
- disabled access
- toilet block maintenance
- dogs in the Parklands
- natural and built heritage protection
- events in the Parklands
- the Tree Master Plan
- flora and fauna protection
- transport, parking and access planning
- the Moore Park South Master Plan
- utilising volunteers
- development impact in and around the Parklands

The Committee membership represents a broad range of community groups, including disabled, heritage, distant park users, environmentalist, sporting users, local business, as well as precinct groups. To date 29 community representatives have volunteered to serve on this Committee.

Community representatives willing to nominate for the Committee should have some link with a community group in order to be able to collect community knowledge and to be able to pass information from the Trust into the community for feedback.

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act also requires members of the Committee to have a sound knowledge of the Parklands. Members must also be prepared to work with a committee, suggest agenda items and commit to attending meetings that are held every six to eight weeks.

This Committee is an important avenue through which community consultation is sought by Parkland managers. Serving on the Committee is one way to make a voluntary commitment that contributes to the managing of the Centennial Parklands. ■

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE CCC

There are two vacancies coming up for the CCC in December. Anyone interested in running for a position on the CCC should register their interest by calling 9339 6699 or emailing ccc@cp.nsw.gov.au and they will be sent an information package when recruitment starts in October. ■

SPRING Calendar

SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER • NOVEMBER

• Bookings and enquiries
☎ 9339 6699
(unless otherwise stated)
• In case of rain please call to
confirm event is proceeding

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2 Sunday

CAR FREE DAY

Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the first Sunday of spring in Centennial Park. Disabled access via Musgrave Avenue Gates. 9am–5pm.

5 Wednesday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

A special children's tour of the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. Find out where the horses live, what they eat and how to care for them. Includes a short pony ride. Wear covered shoes. 10–11am. \$8 per child (2–5 years), adults free. Meet Equestrian Centre Gates, corner Lang and Cook Rds. *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

13 Thursday

THE AMAZING BUG HUNT ☺

Peer under leaves, rocks and bark in the hunt for amazing bugs! Test your bug catching skills to find butterflies, worms and ants and examine them under the magnifying glass. Decorate your own bug-hunting bag, make some bug antennae and play the Spider Web Game. 10–11am. \$8 per child (2–5 years), adults free. Meet Learners Cycleway. *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

14 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

A chance to see the wild nightlife of Centennial Park. Join Rangers spotlighting possums, flying foxes and lots of other night creatures. Bring a torch. 6–7pm. \$8.50 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

16 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

Centennial Park is a haven for birds, supporting more than 150 different species. Join early morning birdwatchers to spot both land and waterbirds and enjoy a light breakfast by the ponds. Bring binoculars. 7.30–9.30am. \$12 per person. Includes breakfast. Meet Musgrave Ave Gates. *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

29/9 – 14/10

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESIDENCE

Daily 10am–3pm. See the Museum of Sydney Portrait of a Park Exhibition. This exhibition of black-and-white images by Wendy McDougall and Brendan Read explores the history and contemporary identity of Centennial Park.

30 Sunday

PRIMADONNA PONY RIDES ☺

Ride the Primadonna Ponies who will be dressed and decorated especially for Spring school holidays! Hand-led 10 minute rides for children. 10am–3pm. \$8.50 per ride. Meet Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Park Café. *Bookings not required.*



RECIPE

Grilled Asparagus Salad

With the change in season comes all the sights and smells of the fantastic array of fruits and vegetables that we are so lucky to have in Australia. It's hard to beat the aroma of fresh lightly cooked asparagus coming off the grill. So now is the time to enjoy the delights of spring with this wonderfully simple but oh so delicious salad, courtesy of the Centennial Park Restaurant head chef.

Ingredients

- 16 medium size asparagus spears
- 2 large handfuls of rocket leaves
- 2 tablespoons of toasted almonds
- 4 pieces of bocconcini
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- zest and juice of 1 lemon
- olive oil for grilling and dressing

Serves 4

Method

Wash and peel asparagus then brush very lightly with olive oil, salt, pepper and a clove of crushed garlic. Make sure not to over oil or it will catch fire on the grill.

Grill asparagus till just tender and serve topped with the rocket leaves, toasted almonds and sliced bocconcini cheese. Drizzle the olive oil and lemon over the top and there you have the perfect light spring lunch. ■

OCTOBER 2001



1 Monday

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SHOW ☺

Get really close to live Australian animals such as possums, bats, snakes, lizards and frogs with wildlife expert Anthony Stimson. Meet Superintendents Residence, Paddington Gates, cnr Oxford St and Lang Rd. 10.30–11.30am. \$8 per child, adults free. *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

FIVE DAY CHILDREN'S TENNIS CAMP

Children aged 5–15 years will learn basic skills and matchplay. Great fun. 8.30–4pm daily. \$110 per child. *Parklands Sport Centre Bookings* ☎ (02) 9662 7033.

2 Tuesday

THE AMAZING BUG HUNT ☺

10.30–11.30am. See 13 September.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30–7.30pm. See 14 September.

CAMOUFLAGED CRITTERS ☺

Uncover the hidden lives of animals in Centennial Park. Rangers will reveal how animals use colour, shape and size to camouflage themselves in their environment. Build a creature and design a disguise to camouflage it from predators or prey. Meet Shelter Pavilion. 2–3.30pm. \$9 per child (5–10 years). *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

TWO-DAY HORSE RIDING CAMP ☺

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

3 Wednesday

THE AMAZING BUG HUNT ☺

10.30–11.30am. See 13 September.

JUNIOR BIRDWATCHERS ☺

Grab your binoculars for an afternoon birdwatching tour of Centennial Park. Identify land and water birds and assist Rangers in counting common species. Meet Musgrave Ave Gates. 1.30–3.30pm \$12 per child (7–12 years). *Bookings essential* ☎ (02) 9339 6699.

4 Thursday

THE AMAZING BUG HUNT ☺

10.30–11.30am. See 13 September.

CAMOUFLAGED CRITTERS ☺

2–3.30pm. See 2 October.

TWO-DAY HORSE RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm. See 2 October.

5 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30–7.30pm. See 14 September.

7 Sunday

PRIMADONNA PONY RIDES ☺

10am–3pm. See 30 September.

8 Monday

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SHOW ☺

10.30–11.30am. See 1 October.

FIVE DAY CHILDREN'S TENNIS CAMP

8.30–4pm daily. See 1 October.

9 Tuesday

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SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

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10 Wednesday

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JUNIOR BIRDWATCHERS ☺

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11 Thursday

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CAMOUFLAGED CRITTERS ☺

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TWO-DAY HORSE RIDING CAMP ☺

10am–3pm. See 2 October.

12 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

6.30–7.30pm. See 14 September.

14 Sunday

ParkFest

10am–4pm. Centennial Park will burst into a cacophony of music, song, dance, merriment and mouthwatering delights to celebrate Australia's rich, cultural mix in a one-day multi-cultural spectacular.

18 Thursday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

10–11am. See 5 September.

28 Sunday

SYDNEY MARATHON & 10KM RUN

7–10.30 am. Watch marathoners run the blue line through Centennial Park on route to Homebush Bay in the Flora Sydney Marathon. The event also incorporates the *Sunday Telegraph* 10km Bridge Run which finishes at Fox Studios. Park gates will be closed to vehicles. Gates reopen after 10.30am.

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2 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

7.45–8.45pm. See 14 September.

11 Sunday

BIRDWATCHERS BREAKFAST ☺

7.30–9.30am. See 16 September

14 Wednesday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

10–11am. See 5 September.

31 Wednesday

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN ☺

On the evening of Wednesday 31 October, large and little monsters are invited to possess the Centennial Parklands restaurant, for another fearful night of spooky Halloween devilishness. Don your spookiest attire and prizes will be given to the most feared child and fanciful family.

Kids can enjoy Spooky Ghost Chicken with Witches Fingers or a "Plate of Worms with Blood Sauce". If that doesn't finish you, "Killer Banana Sundaes" will!

Adults can feast on Bruschetta with Goats Cheese, Wild Rocket and Semi-dried Tomatoes; Wild Mushroom Risotto; Grilled Tuna Steak with Lemon Caper Butter and Rosemary Potatoes.

A special discounted price will apply for *Friends of Centennial Parklands*.
Fiendish Feast: 5.30–8pm
Dinner: 5.30–7pm
Spooky Games: 7–8pm

For further details and bookings, call the Centennial Parklands Restaurant on ☎(02) 9360 3355.

27 Tuesday

THE AMAZING BUG HUNT ☺

10–11am. See 13 September.

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

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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 Café.

☎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 378 from Central and 380 from Circular Quay run services to Centennial Park. Phone 131 500 for timetable details.
- Car: main gates to Centennial Park open sunrise to sunset. Car Free Days are held on the first Sunday in March, June, September and December. A 30km speed limit applies on all roads in Centennial Park.

Friends of Centennial Parklands

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

☎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

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Modern Australian à 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 Café

Specialising in light meals and snacks, the Café offers open air eating in our 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.

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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 packs of more than 15. Hire available from:

- Centennial Park Cycles: ☎9398 5027 (bikes & blades)
- Woolys 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 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 Parklands' *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 recatan 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. 8.30am-3pm.

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 6621

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