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Welcome to the summer edition of *Parklands* magazine.

Centennial Parklands is a real hive of activity this summer, perhaps even more than in previous years. New projects are well underway and our events calendar is full of wonderful new experiences.

Like all international standard urban parklands we have a responsibility to provide active and passive recreation spaces which balance the needs of a very complex community – from dog walkers to cyclists, from horse riders to picnickers, from football matches to Tai Chi. Responding to these diverse requirements is what our team at the Parklands do best.

Throughout Sydney, local parks have not kept up with the demand of users today for diversity in active and passive recreation. Sydneysiders are now favouring the smaller houses or apartments of the inner suburbs and using parks as their backyards.

The best example of this is the new development at Green Square, which will bring another 40,000 residents to this medium and high density dwelling adjacent to Moore Park. Our job will be to plan ahead to provide those people, and the rest of Sydney, with a mix of sports fields, outdoor venues, recreational opportunities and quiet green space that meets their changing needs.

At present the Parklands are 94% self-funded. Our revenue from the Golf Course, Fox Studios, The Entertainment Quarter and other key licensees covers much of the operating costs of the Parklands; this leaves little for the development and creation of new recreational spaces, or the overhaul of the larger elements of our aging and historical assets.

State Government grants remain important, such as the recent allocation of more than \$950,000 to the replacement of the E.S. Marks Athletics track.

The Parklands still needs your help to fund new initiatives and the Foundation is a great way to contribute. Become a *Member of the Foundation*, volunteer for some of our ongoing projects, or make a bequest.

Your contribution will be going to New South Wales' most important urban parklands.

Summer is our busiest time of year. Come for a picnic, find a cool grove to sit in, or join me at the Moonlight Cinema. I look forward to seeing you out there.



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



Carp fishing in Centennial Park is a great experience and great fun! Your organisation can participate as Corporate Volunteers.

Contact Mark Secombe on (02) 9339 6699 for more details on this exciting program.

Visitor Information

Centennial Park Gate Times

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

Contact Us

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.

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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Summer in Centennial Parklands

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A scene from Cocktails in the Park – a very successful event for the Foundation.

New artisan and designer markets

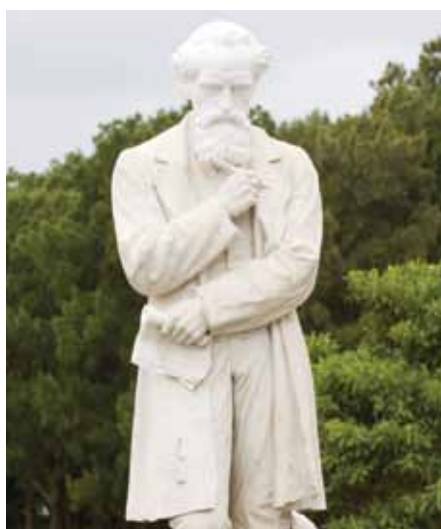
Commencing on Sunday 26 February 2012, for a six month trial, Federation Valley will be the venue for a new artisan and designer market. The Centennial Park Markets will be held on the last Sunday of each month from 9.00 am–3.00 pm.

The Centennial Park Markets are dedicated to supporting the work of Australian artisans and designers. During the day you can enjoy watching craftspeople demonstrate their skills, attend art workshops, crafts demonstrations, wellbeing workshops and watch musical performances. For more details visit www.centennialparkmarket.com.au



Charles Dickens 200th birthday!

A small event will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2012 to celebrate 200 years since Charles Dickens was born. The gathering will be held at the recently unveiled statue of the great writer. The event is being organised by the Dickens Society of NSW with special guest and patron Miriam Margolyes. For more information visit www.dickenssydney.com or phone 0413 290 480.



The official unveiling of Comrie Memorial Fountain

Water for humans, horses and dogs!

Wednesday 2 November 2011 saw the official unveiling of a very special and much loved heritage asset – the Comrie Memorial Fountain. Restored to its original glory, with new sustainable water features, the historic Comrie Memorial Fountain was unveiled by John Walker, Chair of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

Guests, including community representatives and local historians, enjoyed an Italian-inspired café streetscape as the historic Sydney feature was unveiled. Commissioned in 1903, it was dismantled as part of Eastern Distributor works in 1995. The Fountain is one of its kind and features a central water feature and drinking facilities for humans, horses and dogs.

At the unveiling, John Walker acknowledged that cost had been a prohibitive factor in returning the Fountain to the Parklands. He said: 'The Trust would like to recognise the partnership funding from the Centenary Stonework Program of NSW Public Works, as well as the hard working and skilled staff at the Government Architect's Office and Heritage Services, Musecape, Jordans NSW, Opal Lighting, Stone Mason & Artist and Crawford's Casting.'

Mr Walker also thanked the Centennial Parklands Foundation for its financial commitment to help get a number of elements of the project across the line. He said: 'The Trustees of Centennial Parklands are very proud that they have been able to add to the heritage canvas of the city by enabling this restoration and hope that the community continues to enjoy it for many years to come.'

12 months to go... the countdown is on!

In 2013 Centennial Park will celebrate 125 years since its official opening. On Australia Day in 1888 a tree planting ceremony, attended by some 40,000 spectators, was officiated by Charles Moore, then Director of the Sydney Botanic Gardens from 1848-1896. Guests of note included Lord and Lady Carrington, the later who planted the first tree (a Cooks Pine), and a collection of "Governors and notables". Prior to this ceremony, the Park was largely transformed by hundreds of unemployed men enlisted to turn swamps, scrub and rock into the grand park we know today.

Centennial Park has a distinctive and special place in Australian history and culture and the Trust is currently developing a range of programs to celebrate this important milestone.



Charles Moore

A labour of love

Volunteer Archivist, Christine Shergold, has spent nearly two years sorting and cataloguing over a thousand historical images of the Parklands.

Every Saturday morning Christine Shergold disappears into the dark climate-controlled recesses of the Centennial Parklands Historical Archive Room to inspect, sort and catalogue a somewhat rogue collection of archival material!

Christine knows the difficulties of archiving and was not daunted by the challenges that the Parklands collection presented her with. She is a qualified librarian and archivist, having worked with the State Records Authority of NSW for 37 years.

Christine has just finalised a major project that involved cataloguing and digitising a collection referred to as the Historical Images collection. 'In many cases there were multiple copies of images, negatives that had become separated from their image, not to mention incomplete references,' she said.

Most of the images are from libraries such as the State Library of NSW and the National Library of Australia. Many depict scenes of the Federation of the Commonwealth in 1901. However there are also fascinating images from various military-style events, such as the "Scene at the Review of the American Fleet", taken in August 1908 and owned by the Australian War Memorial.



Christine Shergold at work in the Historical Archive Room

'Archival work is a slow process, however it can be pretty exciting,' says Christine. She recalls the time when she discovered an interesting black and white image in a 1970

Centennial Park Study. She was determined to track it down! 'The scene showed a man on a horseback with a beautiful vista in the background. I couldn't find the image itself, but a few months into my investigations, Waverley Council donated a lot of images to our collection. To my delight, it included a colour postcard of that same image! It was a very happy moment.' (see image inset)

The Historical Images collection is very diverse and includes mostly photographs from 1887 to 1951, however other items include publications, banners, mounted pictures, memorabilia from various exhibitions, and various "Park finds" such as glass bottles!

Says Kim Ellis, Director and Chief Executive of the Trust: 'We are extremely grateful to Christine for all her hard work and dedication over the last two years. Her work will enable us to easily find and use images that define the Parklands' character not to mention our rich history. Christine is one of many volunteers that gift us with their enthusiasm and professional expertise for which we are thankful.'

Open Nights at E.S. Marks

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, the floodlights go on and the E.S. Marks Athletics Field becomes a hive of training activity.

The E.S. Marks Athletics Field, with its covered stand seating over 1,000 people and a 400 metre recatan running track around its main field, is regularly hired out for major events, such as school athletics carnivals and soccer matches.

However on Open Nights, E.S. Marks is turned over to the general public from 3.30 pm to 8.30 pm for casual training. Individuals, fitness trainers, small athletics groups and children all turn up to run laps and practice field events in an unstructured, leisurely environment.



The entry cost is \$5 per person (\$3.50 for concession) and there are toilets, change rooms and first aid available at every Open Night. The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust's Sport and Recreation Officer, Ben Gauci said: 'Last year over 9,700 people trained at the E.S. Marks Open Nights. It's a very friendly and fun night.'

Several organisations regularly use the Open Nights to train their staff for various sporting endeavours. Open Nights also attract charity event participants, school students, fitness trainers and even NRL referees!

Equipment is not supplied, but you can bring your own discus, javelin and hurdles and use the designated areas. E.S. Marks is situated on Boronia Street, off Anzac Parade and is well served by public transport.

New track scheduled for E.S. Marks

Centennial Parklands has been recently allocated funds of \$967,000 from the NSW Government towards the replacement of the E.S. Marks Athletics track. We are currently developing a detailed scope of the project including consultation with athletics users. The replacement of the track with a similar synthetic surface is to be delivered in 2012.

Start spreading the news...

If there's one thing worth getting excited about after a long, chilly winter, it's the highly anticipated return of Moonlight Cinema for another season of memorable movie-going under the stars.

For its summer season, from 8 December 2011 to 25 March 2012, the Belvedere Amphitheatre will be transformed into the ultimate outdoor cinema experience, showcasing an extensive schedule of classic, cult and new release films. With an average of one preview screening a week, Moonlight Cinema is the place to see this summer's big releases first.

Blockbuster fans will be lining up for the newest instalment in the hugely successful franchise *Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol* and the latest escapades of super-sleuth *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows*. Daniel Craig stars in the Hollywood remake of Scandinavian sensation *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*.

Based on the children's novel and stage adaptation of the same name, Steven Spielberg's *Warhorse* follows the story of young Albert and his quest to save his horse Joey when he is sold to the cavalry and sent to the trenches of World War I.

There's some great Australian fare with *A Few Best Men* from the makers of *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* and starring Olivia Newton-John; and families will love *Happy Feet 2* and *Puss in Boots* from the clever folk who created the *Shrek* movies. A couple of fantastic previews for the whole family include *Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked* and *The Muppet* previews.



Moonlight Cinema

This year Moonlight Cinema will be offering "Discount Wednesdays" where general admission tickets are only \$12 and Gold Grass tickets are reduced to \$25. Gold Grass tickets, normally \$33, include a reserved beanbag in the VIP roped off area.

Also new this year is a great range of New York-style street food and a full bar on site. Yummy tacos, gourmet hot dog bar and icy cold carafes of fruity sangria - everything you need for a great dining experience under the stars! You can also book gourmet picnic hampers along with your tickets online.

There is no better place to see the movie stars than under the real stars! **Visit www.moonlight.com.au for screening information, discount tickets via the Moonlight Movie Club and gift vouchers purchases.**

Orienteering comes to the Park

Centennial Parklands is developing a dedicated orienteering course that will make the fun sport of orienteering more accessible.

Orienteering is all about finding one's way through bushland using a detailed map, usually with the help of a compass. The sport is played by people of all ages and physical abilities and can be enjoyed as a competitive sport or recreational fun.

An orienteering course involves visiting a number of locations in the bush in the correct order. These locations, called controls, are marked with orange and white flags. These controls are usually set up at track junctions, creek bends, and boulders.

In conjunction with Orienteering NSW and the Uringa Orienteering Club, the Trust is looking to develop a permanent orienteering course in Centennial Parklands. When the controls are put in place you may come across them at various junctions throughout the Parklands.

Mark Read, Manager Visitor Programs said: 'The locations have been carefully chosen to minimise the visual impact, avoid mown areas and event sites and we've tried to group them with other service points, such as water taps and amenities.'

'The sport of orienteering has been enjoyed in the Parklands for a very long time, but hasn't ever been formalised, like many other sports in the Parklands,' Mark said.

Uringa Orienteers, a Sydney-based orienteering club, have been regular users of the Park for years. In fact their first orienteering map was developed in 1972! Their map has been in almost continuous use since then and has been updated thirteen times.

Most events in New South Wales are organised by one of fourteen clubs affiliated with Orienteering NSW. Although you don't have to be a member of a club to participate in orienteering events, there are benefits for being part of a club. See www.nsw.orienteering.asn.au for information on orienteering or www.uringa.nsw.orienteering.asn.au for information on Uringa Orienteers.



How can you help?

The Centennial Parklands Foundation are raising \$5,000 to support and finalise this project and place the control points in-situ. You can support this project by donating to the Foundation. Call (02) 9339 6699 for more information on how you can be involved.

Top 10

...things to do in Centennial Parklands this summer!



1 Fly like a bird!

Sydney Trapeze School is back at Centennial Park until Sunday 19 February 2012. You can book in for a 2-hour beginners class and experience the thrill of the flying trapeze. With the magnificent backdrop of the Park and fresh air all around, your sweaty palms and nervous anticipation will be blown away on a breeze! The Trapeze is suitable for children over 11 years so it can be a great family experience for families with older children. www.sydneytrapezeschool.com



2 Re-cycle, re-use and go green this Christmas

Want to reduce your waste impact on the earth this Christmas? You and your family can make your own special Christmas decorations together without going to the shops. Make your own unique ornaments and wrapping paper using natural resources from the Park and recycled materials. There are three activities designed for all age ranges, including pre-schoolers, school age children and a family program. Bookings are essential. Adults come for free.

www.centennialparklands.com.au

4 There's a lot you can learn about trees

Centennial Parklands Senior Arborist, Ted Hoare, has been working at the Parklands for over 25 years. He knows just about everything there is to know about trees and he's passionate about them. He is also passionate about preserving the planting heritage that was created by the founders of Centennial Park - Joseph Maiden and Sir Henry Parkes. Join him on Sunday 19 February for a free guided walk through Centennial Park. He'll talk about the origin and features of trees, and future planting directions. www.centennialparklands.com.au

5 Dogs reign supreme

We all know that Centennial Parklands is a great place to walk your dog. The off-leash areas, broadly speaking being outside of Centennial Park's Grand Drive, are dog-heaven. You can also get your dog washed and groomed at Centennial Park, just off Grand Drive near the Federation Pavilion. But wait, there's more! Now you can show your loyal pet some extra love down at The Entertainment Quarter's Pet Themed Markets. Held every second Sunday of the month at EQ's Village Markets, it includes some fun adventure activities for your pooch, plus the latest in pet toys and food.

www.doggroomerssydney.com.au and www.eqmoorepark.com.au
Pet Markets: 11 Dec and 12 Feb



3 Improve your drive ... or just smack a ball for the fun of it!

The Moore Park Golf driving range is one of the largest driving ranges in the southern hemisphere. It is open seven days-a-week from 6.00 am to 10.00 pm (excluding Mondays when they close the range from 6.00 am to 10.00 am for essential maintenance). For just \$13.50 you can get a bucket of 55 balls and go for it! It's a great way to give it a swing without going on the course. Although if you prefer being on the course but have limited time, why not squeeze in a round before work? You can play 'the Back Eight' between 6.00 am to 7.15 am, seven days a week. Bookings essential www.mooreparkgolf.com.au



6 Well... actually horses reign supreme

There aren't many urban parks in the world that offer horse riding in the mix. It's a delightful sight to see the horses trotting around Grand Drive, many with beginner students, tourists, or young children going for their first ride on little ponies. There are five riding schools at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre offering everything from Park Rides through to lessons in various riding disciplines, such as dressage and jumping. You can hire horses at any time during the day, but a twilight ride, just as the sun is setting and the Park is cooling down, is magical. www.cpequestrian.com.au



9 You supply the food, we'll supply the view

You can't go past a picnic or BBQ in the Parklands. In Centennial Park there are six free electric BBQs in our most popular spots: Model Yacht Pond, Oxford St Playground, Musgrave Avenue, Ash Paddock, Learner's Cycleway and Paperbark Grove. Plus there is one in Queens Park and one in Moore Park. Bring along a football, a cricket set and perhaps a kite, and you are set for a traditional Aussie picnic in the great outdoors!

10 Or we can supply the food and the view!

Centennial Parklands Dining boasts elegant dining rooms, sundrenched decks, outdoor terraces, floor-to-ceiling windows and unsurpassed views over rolling green lawns. Enjoy great food and wine as you catch-up with friends, or celebrate something special. Plus every second Tuesday the venue hosts its popular CP Dining Kids Club. Kids enjoy a range of free activities while adults can enjoy their meal, snack or coffee at either the Café or the Kiosk. www.cpdining.com.au



Have you got a Top 10 in Centennial Parklands? Share it with us on Facebook www.facebook.com/centennial.park.sydney

7 Twilight Movie Magic

Another twilight sensation is the Moonlight Cinema, returning again to Centennial Park. Kicking off its season on Thursday 8 December and running through to 25 March 2012, Moonlight Cinema is well known for its range of classic, cult and cutting-edge films presented in the Belvedere Amphitheatre, Centennial Park. There are movies for the family, movies for the romantics and movies for the discerning! It's hard to pick just one, so come to many! www.moonlight.com.au

8 Get on ya bike!

It's only a 3.8 kilometre circuit around Grand Drive so you should lap it at least twice! Bring your own bike, or you can rent one at Centennial Park Cycles, located off Grand Drive near the Federation Pavilion. They have a huge range, including mountain bikes, "comfort" bikes, tagalongs, child carriers, 2 and 4 seater pedal cars, even tandem bikes! From as little as \$15 per hour, this is great family fun and a great way to keep fit and healthy. www.cyclehire.com.au



Twitchers Corner

The Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

With its fine powder grey upper parts and white underside the **Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike** is a handsome looking bird. The black on the face extends back behind the dark eyes and down onto the upper breast. Their tail has black edges with a white tip. The black in the face of a juvenile is reduced to a thin stripe through the eye extending behind the eye.

In flight they have a distinctive pattern that is undulating with short periods during which the wings are held closed. They show their most recognisable characteristic when they land. As they land on a branch they "shuffle" their wings by lifting first one then the other wing up off the body repeatedly. This gives them their other name of Shufflewing. When you see this behaviour you can be sure you are looking at a Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike.

The call is a rolling churring that is quite musical, and also very recognisable. They sit on exposed branches from which they drop to the ground to feed on insects and other invertebrates, as well as eating fruit. This species can be found throughout Australia in rainforests, woodlands, forests, parks and gardens. They are found in small family groups but also in quite large flocks.

Breeding can take place throughout the year but is mostly from August to January. The nest is small for the bird's size and is made from fine twigs, bark fibre and leaves bound together with spider webs to form a shallow saucer shape. Both sexes share in the building and incubation duties. The female lays two eggs.

Black-faced Cuckoo-shrikes can be found anywhere in the Parklands and if you look out for its distinctive flight, or listen for the call, you might see it land and do the shuffle for you.



Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike

By Trevor Waller

Trevor 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. This summer Trevor's popular Birdwatching Breakfast will be held on Sunday 5 February. To reserve your place call (02) 9339 6699 or for more information visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson



Tree of the season

Tulip tree

The **Tulip tree** (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) is a large deciduous tree, which can often reach heights of up to 30 metres in cultivation with a trunk diameter of 1.2–1.8 metres, growing rapidly in good conditions. Tulip trees prefer deep rich soil with plenty of moisture; they also require lots of room due to their large size. A native of South East Canada to mid-western USA it was first recorded by the plant collector Carl Linnaeus in the 1700s and is now a popular feature in many large parks and gardens.

Tulip trees can be easily recognised by their four lobed leaves, which have a notch at the apex. Both the common name, Tulip tree, and the botanic name, *Liriodendron tulipifera*, are attributed to the species due to the flowers which resemble a tulip with greenish yellow petals and a distinctive orange marking near the base.

These flowers can be seen at the branch tips in summer. In addition to the flowers, the leaves turn bright yellow in autumn providing interest throughout much of the year.

Where can it be found in the Parklands?

About ten young Tulip trees have been planted at



The four lobed leaf of the Tulip tree

the tip of One More Shot Pond, in the Musgrave Avenue area of Centennial Park. Musgrave has been established as an area of primarily deciduous trees, to which the Tulip tree is well suited. The crown of these young trees has a pyramid shape, however this will change to a broader columnar form with age.

First introduced into Centennial Park in 2007 they have since become well established and grown quickly. However their real majesty won't be seen until they reach the massive proportions for which they are renowned.

By Toby Holyhead

Toby has been working with Centennial Parklands as an arborist in urban forestry – involved in tree establishment, preservation and care – for four years. Prior to this he worked in the United Kingdom for fourteen years as a professional arborist in the private sector and large parks and gardens.



Tennis Camps: fun, social, instructive

Children's tennis camps provide one of the most important opportunities for junior tennis development. Your child need not to be a budding tennis prodigy, they simply need to show an interest in the sport, and a willingness to attend the camp. The beauty of a kids' tennis camp is they combine holiday entertainment and fun, in a safe and active learning environment.

The most effective way to introduce a child to the game is to enable social learning, whereby kids learn with and from each other and their coach. Children don't want to stand in line with fifteen other kids for ten minutes, only to hit one ball and go back to the end of the line!

They need to be actively engaged and involved in their own learning process, so it is important that the coach uses a variety of activities to ensure a balance between fun and learning.

One of the strokes that can be difficult for children to master is the Double Hand Backhand Topspin Groundstroke. To effectively teach this stroke, coaches must break it down into stages, and then allow kids to practice it together in a fun and interesting way.

This is a very technical stroke where four stages need to be taught: preparation, backswing, forward swing and impact/recovery. Sounds



Tennis camp fun!

complicated? It could be, but if coaches explain and demonstrate this stroke in a simple and clear manner to kids (for example "over the bridge" and "under the bridge"), and then use fun activities to practice and hone such skills, kids will learn good technique and have fun in the process.

The greatest achievement is when a coach can communicate their knowledge and skills, and have the kids controlling the ball and wanting to learn more because they really enjoyed it.

By Mateusz (Mat) Rabenda, Head Coach, Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre is located on the corner of Anzac Parade and Lang Rd, Moore Park. With 11 flood lit courts they cater for casual and permanent court hire, private or group lessons, social, competitions, holiday camps and corporate days. www.parklandssportscentre.citysearch.com.au tennis@parklandssports.com
Ph: (02) 9662 7033



Fruit, glorious fruit

With over 15 years professional kitchen experience, Head Chef at Centennial Parklands Dining, Dwight Peters, anticipates summer's abundant fresh produce every year.

The warmer months of December, January and February lay way to some of the most vibrant and nutrient-rich fruit available all year round. Characterised by vibrant colours and heavenly sweet flavours, summer fruits lend themselves to a plethora of sweet and savoury dishes.

Dwight recommends using fruit in savoury dishes like mango chicken; roast duck with plum sauce; and watermelon, feta and olive salad (see recipe to right) – and to create delicious summer desserts like Eaton mess with fresh berries; peach crumble; or a fresh fruit salad with mint and mascarpone.



Summer fruit simplicity

Watermelon, feta and olive salad

Combine 1x sliced Spanish onion, 1-2 tbsp lime juice, 1.5 kg watermelon (cut into large cubes), 250 gm feta (cut into small cubes), flat leaf parsley and mint.

Arrange on a platter and top with pitted black olives, freshly ground black pepper and a generous splash of extra-virgin olive oil. Serves 4.

Summer fruits checklist

Apricots	Oranges (Valencia)	Blackberries	Peaches	
Blueberries	Pineapples	Cherries	Plums	Grapes
Raspberries	Honeydew	Rockmelon	Mangoes	
Strawberries	Nectarines	Watermelon		

By Dwight Peters, Head Chef, Centennial Parklands Dining

Centennial Parklands Dining is open seven days a week, and is available for corporate and private events all year round. Book now for your Christmas party or end of year celebration.

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Funding Priorities for 2012

The Centennial Parklands Foundation was established with the aim of ensuring that the natural environment provided by Centennial Parklands continues to be enjoyed now and by generations in the future.



With this aim in mind, the Foundation has agreed to financially support a range of projects within the Parklands in 2012:

- The ongoing Tree Replacement program
- An ongoing commitment to support the protection of the endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub remnants within the Parklands
- The installation of an Orienteering Course for use by school and community groups
- The funding of the salary for a part-time Environmental Officer
- A bench installation program
- The restoration of the Diana the Huntress statue

Total funding committed to these projects is \$465,000.

Golf Day: 'an embarrassing success'

The inaugural Centennial Parklands Foundation Golf Day was played at Moore Park Golf to raise funds for the Foundation and to showcase the facilities at Moore Park Golf.

Feedback from the corporate teams who took part in the day was unanimously glowing – the weather was perfect, the course at Moore Park was presented to perfection and the competition was fierce. Further prestige was added to the day with the participation of AFL dual Geelong premiership winning captain Tom Harley and Radio 2UE personality John Stanley.

The winning team for the Ambrose Format was Accident & Health International Underwriting

with team members Peter Banks, Josh Eves, Angus MacDougal and a rather embarrassed Executive Officer of the Centennial Parklands Foundation, Peter Hadfield.

Prize winners received some magnificent golfing equipment from Callaway and the superb lunch served at Moore Park Golf for the presentation was complemented with equally superb wines from Grant Burge Wines.

'It was a great first event for the Foundation and it will only get better in future years', said Peter Hadfield. 'I suggest that golfers keep their eye out for the event next year'.



The winning team

Wining and Dining under the Wishing Tree

Three hundred people were wined and dined at Centennial Parklands Foundation's inaugural Cocktails in the Park, created by the newly formed Foundation Events Committee.

With the magnificent support of Centennial Parklands Dining and their generous suppliers, supporters of the Foundation, old and new, were provided with a night to remember.

Sunrise Weekend reporter James Tobin was a passionate MC, the Kambala School Band warmed the crowd on arrival and the featured entertainer, Matt Corby of Australian Idol fame, provided a preview of his newly released album. DJ Bambalama provided the finishing touches to allow guests to dance the night away.

The "Wishing Tree", a 5.5 metre high Taxodium, was the centrepiece of the venue and the full moon capped a glorious vista over the Parklands from the alfresco dining stations located around Centennial Parklands Dining.

Funds raised were allocated to the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub program and the Parklands Tree Replacement program.

Visit www.yourparklands.org.au/ cocktails for more details and pictorial coverage of Cocktails in the Park.



Contact the Foundation

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Our thanks to the Kambala School Band who performed for guests at the Cocktails in the Park event

Membership program in full swing



As detailed in the last issue of *Parklands* magazine, the *Friends of Centennial Parklands* program has been replaced with a *Members of the Centennial Parklands Foundation* program. This new *Membership* program allows us to focus and funnel support into programs and outcomes that matter – to you, to us and to the whole community.

One of the most exciting features is the funding of a specific project through membership fees each year. In 2011-12, membership fees will be directed into an Energy Efficiency Program that aims to reduce Centennial Parklands' carbon footprint by 30% - that's 375 tonnes of carbon dioxide saved from entering the atmosphere each year! All delivered simply through your membership fees alone.

The administration costs associated with running this new *Membership* program are significant less than those of the former *Friends* program, which ensures that the majority of your financial contributions are spent on environmental and educational programs.

We encourage existing and lapsed *Friends* to renew as a Member. Please visit www.yourparklands.org.au for more information.

Column Garden Premium Benches



After the Rose Garden Dedicated Premium Benches were quickly snapped up, the Foundation has planned construction of four more Premium Benches in the adjacent Column Garden. The benches will also have a premium finish and are fixed to a sandstone base.

Dedicating a bench is an ideal gift for the person who loves to sit, listen and reflect or simply to acknowledge your own special place in the Parklands. The Column Garden is one of the most popular locations in the Parklands.

Volunteers

Corporate weekenders

Not only are community volunteers reaping the rewards of volunteer participation but our corporate partners are revisiting in numbers. Over the last 12 months we have been developing and refining Corporate Volunteer opportunities and have packaged up the perfect blend of volunteering and team building activities.

Corporate Weekenders is a new program where staff can bring their families and work together for a great cause. As Haley, age 9, said: 'I had a really good time and I am proud of myself because I like it when I help the environment.'

Thanks CVA for 2,000+ hours of volunteering

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) and the Trust formed a partnership in October 2010. In the past year Conservation Volunteers have carried out 2,150 hours of volunteering with an impressive in kind value of \$53,750.

Their conservation activities included a clean up at the Fly Casting Pond after major floods, with follow up litter collection. At Sandstone Ridge, they helped remove a large amount of Paddy's Lucerne. At the Guriwal Trail they have been involved in the ongoing restoration through weed removal and regeneration of native plants.

For more information on our volunteer programs, please visit www.yourparklands.org.au/volunteers or call Mark Secombe on (02) 9339 6699.



Volunteer Growing Group

Jolly Christmas Plant Sale – Ho Ho HO!

On Saturday 17 December the Volunteer Growing Group will be holding their Christmas Plant Sale at the Nursery. In addition to plants propagated from Centennial Park stock, the team has produced a supply of high quality kitchen herbs in decorative pots – the perfect Christmas gift.

Money raised is used to benefit the Parklands through supporting volunteer activities. We would like to thank Altra Nursery at Peakhurst for their donation of 1,000 reusable pots.

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Funding Priorities

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