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I joined several hundred other smiling people to celebrate Australia Day 2007 on January 26 in Centennial Park as part of a unique event called *Look Up and Smile*. The grass on the Parade Grounds was transformed into a giant temporary painting of the National Australia Day Council's symbolic map of Australia.

We were honoured and delighted to be also joined by the 2007 Australian of the Year, Professor Tim Flannery and Young Australian of the Year, Tanya Major at the event. It was an appropriate setting for nationally significant Australia Day events within the Parklands, especially as Centennial Park was the site of the historic declaration of Australia's Federation in 1901. To read more about this event, see the article on page 5.

While the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust continues to maintain these Parklands of national significance for the people of NSW, it also has to provide for the needs of the local community. The recently released draft Open Space Strategy prepared by the City of Sydney Council highlights the key role that major State Government regional open space such as Centennial Parklands has for the City of Sydney's community.

With the substantial residential redevelopment on the western boundary of the Parklands bringing an additional 40,000 people or more over the next few years, it is clear that the Trust and the Council will need to continue to work closely together to ensure sustainable open space with recreational opportunities for the local and broader community. The Trust has taken the opportunity to provide feedback to the Council on the Strategy.



Steve Corbett
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Parklands



Parkbench

Carrington Drive reverts to two-way

Following the completion of this year's Moonlight Cinema season on 11 March 2007, Carrington Drive will revert back to two-way traffic flow. Alterations to the line marking and signage will be undertaken and the directional change will take place by mid-March. The two-way traffic situation will stay in place until the commencement of the next Moonlight Cinema season in December 2007.

AFL kicks on at Bat and Ball

The Bat and Ball area in Moore Park will continue as an AFL ground following a six-month trial period. The field, which is available for training



AFL field at Bat and Ball

and competition, will help to ease the ever-growing demand for field hire and the increasing popularity of AFL in the Eastern Suburbs. Jason McPherson from AFL (NSW/ACT) has commended the Trust's decision to create the field. 'I watched hundreds of kids walking away from the SCG after a Swans game,

kicking goals through the posts at Bat and Ball, thinking they were Barry Hall – it was fantastic!', said Jason. The field is available for hire by clubs, individuals and community groups throughout the year. For more information visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/sports or call (02) 9339 6699.

New shared pathway for Queens Park



Location of new shared path

During February 2007, the first section of a new shared cycle/pedestrian pathway was constructed in Queens Park. Linking the amenities building on Baronga Ave with the junction of Manning St and Queens Park Rd, this path provides equal access for all Park patrons. The Trust is liaising with Waverley Council and the RTA to extend this shared pathway through to the intersection of York and Darley Rds to establish a direct link between Centennial and Queens Parks. This work forms part of the Queens Park Master Plan.

The Trust appreciates the financial support by Waverley Council in this first stage of works.

The Farmyard comes to town

Following a successful season at the Entertainment Quarter, Bowral Farmyard Friends are bringing a bit of the country to the city by establishing a Farmyard Nursery in Centennial Park. This popular attraction will operate adjacent to the Paddington Playground, beside the Visitor Centre at the Paddington Gates. Kids of all ages will be able to enter the nursery enclosure to interact and feed the menagerie of rabbits, piglets, calf, lambs and goats. The Farmyard Nursery will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; and fortnightly on Sundays until 27 May 2007. Visits cost \$5.00 per child. For more information visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whats_on or call (02) 9339 6699.



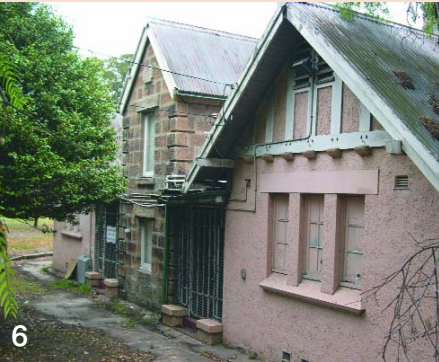
Kids delight in Farmyard fun

Pesticide Use Notification Plan

In accordance with the requirements of the *Pesticides Regulation 1995*, Centennial Parklands has developed a Pesticide Use Notification Plan to ensure the community is notified when pesticides are used on Trust lands. The Pesticide Notification Plan incorporates the use of prominently displayed temporary signs at specific locations prior to the pesticide application commencing. These signs will remain at the site for the remainder of the business day following application of the pesticide. Information regarding the use of pesticides will also be placed on the Centennial Parklands website and be updated every three months. For a copy of Centennial Parklands Pesticide Notification Plan, visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au or contact Paul Tracey, Manager Horticulture Estate, on (02) 9339 6699.

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Station weathers the hands of time

Restoration works undertaken in Centennial Park's Bird Sanctuary last year uncovered the presence of a disassembled weather station. An assessment of the ageing structure revealed it as the only surviving example of a rarer type of weather station known as a 'round house'. The survival of this round house is a tribute to the history of meteorological practice and standards in Australia during the first half of the 1900s. Only two locations in NSW housed this style of weather station—Centennial Park and Sydney's Observatory Hill (where it was known as a 'shade house'). The only other specimen in Australia was an octagonal version situated at the West Terrace site of the Adelaide Observatory (demolished in 1951). Research shows that Centennial Park's weather station was built in c1907.

It recorded temperatures at a location adjacent to the current Parklands Office from January 1907 until 30 November 1972. In 1968 an alternative measurement device known as a Stevenson Screen was built nearby and after four years of parallel measurements, the round house was decommissioned. Temperature measurements using the Stevenson Screen continued until 1975. Since then, rainfall is the only weather measurement recorded at Centennial Park. Records indicate that the round house in Centennial Park was disassembled during the late 1970s or early 1980s and placed within the Bird Sanctuary. Following the discovery of its unique historic significance, the remains of the weather station have been securely relocated to a storage area.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation will be seeking funding to restore this unique piece of history.



Historic round house weather station

Refreshing new look for Restaurant

The current licence on the Centennial Parklands Restaurant and Café is due to expire in April 2007. In anticipation of this change, the Trust has undergone a comprehensive tender process to seek a

new licensee to operate the facility. Final negotiations are currently underway and the successful new proponent will soon be announced. The current restaurant and café were

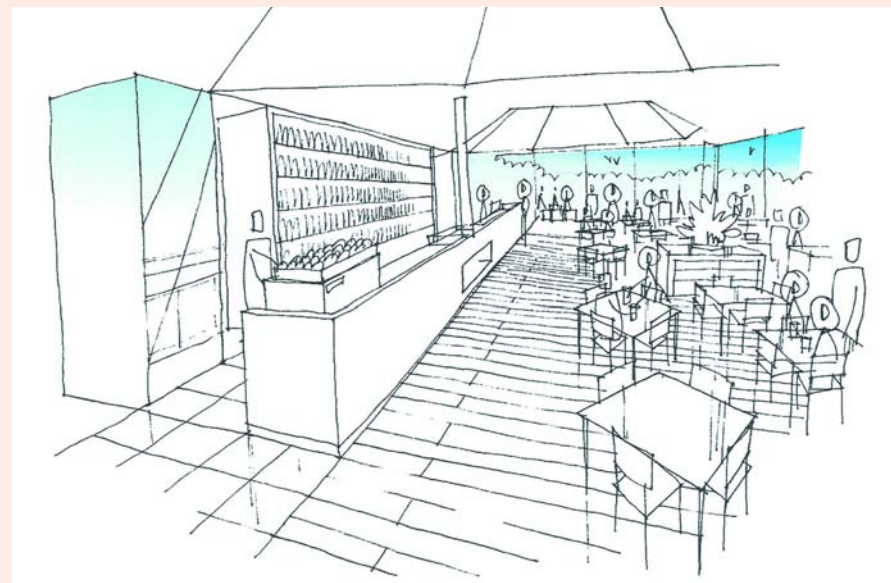
originally built 20 years ago. As the current lease is coming to an end, Centennial Parklands considered it timely to upgrade the facility to enable the successful proponent to provide a high quality experience for patrons.

The existing building will be refurbished to provide an enhanced restaurant, café and kiosk to cater for a wide variety of visitors.

The upgrade is currently in conceptual form. The plans will be reviewed to include fit out works once the successful proponent is confirmed.

The work will commence in April 2007 and is expected to be completed by autumn 2008. A temporary café will be established during the project to provide a take-away service for Parklands visitors.

For the latest updates on this project, visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/media or call (02) 9339 6699.



Concept drawings of the proposed new restaurant

Celebrities raise \$80,000 in touch football match



Celebrities participate in touch football match

A mixed group of sporting celebrities and well-known media personalities in a friendly touch football tournament. Over 350 spectators saw the likes of West Tigers player Benji Marshall, former Australian cricketer Brendon Julian, NBL legend Steve Carfino and Fox Sports presenter Lee Furlong go head-to-head. The event raised more than \$80,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation and gave a \$5,000 donation to the McGrath Foundation in memory of Belinda Emmett.

For the second year running, the Charity Media Challenge was hosted in Moore Park to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Held on Sunday, 26 November, the event attracted a

Crowds smile for Australia Day

Clear, sunny skies welcomed almost 400 participants to Centennial Park's Parade Grounds to celebrate Australia Day in spectacular style. As part of a nation-wide effort to celebrate Australian values, *Look Up and Smile* encouraged the community



Look Up and Smile

to participate in an historic snapshot of the nation being photographed *en masse* at events around the country. As part of this event organised by the National Australia Day Council, an enormous map of Australia was painted onto the grass of the Parade Grounds using special biodegradable vegetable dye and gatherers were encouraged to wear

white clothing to contribute to the effect of the large-scale imagery. Along with those enjoying the festivities, Professor Tim Flannery and Tanya Major attended the event, making their first public appearances in NSW as the newly announced 2007 Australian and Young Australian of the Year.

Showcasing Art in the Park



Artwork on display at Art in the Park

Scores of Park visitors and passers-by admired a diverse display of original artworks as part of Art in the Park – Centennial Parklands newest cultural offering. Set in the delightful garden of the historic Superintendent's Residence, about 20 professional and emerging artists showcased their art, ranging from oils and acrylics on canvas, sculpture, ceramics, photography and handmade jewellery. Local artists, including Indigenous artists from rural areas, shared stories about the inspirations that drive their work in the relaxed Parklands setting. Art in the Park will be held on the first Sunday of each month and is a charming way to appreciate a high standard of artwork in the Park's picturesque outdoor environment.

Polo in the Park returns



Horse and rider take to the pitch

After a four-year break, the majestic sport of Polo returned to Centennial Park on 9 December 2006. The glamorous crowd were dressed in their most fashionable attire, enjoying the ideal setting of the Mission Fields and revelling in the spectacle of this athletic and fast-paced sport. From their pitch-side vantage point, the 1,200 spectators enjoyed the comfort of catered marquees, whilst receiving a crash-course on the basics of polo from the commentary team. The event's charity raffle raised funds for the Australian Cancer Research Foundation with numerous well-known Sydney socialites vying for the fantastic prizes.

A tale of two tolls

Tucked away in the corner of Moore Park, beneath a large Port Jackson fig, sits an original 1860s sandstone toll house. This humble building highlights a fascinating era in Sydney's social heritage and reveals a significant snapshot into our city's colonial past. Its existence today, within the land managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, is of exceptional significance—both as a structure and the time period it represents—and has been the focus of a draft conservation management plan. The plan will provide the Trust with a breadth of history and opportunity from which future plans for the building can evolve.

The collection of tolls on Sydney's early roads was an British concept adopted by the Colony. As is still the case today, the system required road users to pay a fee which was then used for road maintenance—a critical revenue making enterprise as the settlement expanded its population and infrastructure.

Toll bars were usually installed at the junctions of key thoroughfares and typically, a toll house was built nearby to provide a home for the toll collector and his family. The toll houses were usually simple structures, often featuring bay windows to allow the collector a clear view of any approaching traffic. They were usually designed by the Government architect of the day.

The recent study commissioned by the Trust has revealed that there were two toll houses on the land now known as Centennial Parklands. The first was located in at the intersection of Anzac Pde (formerly Randwick Rd) and Alison Rd on a small triangular pocket of land now called Tay Reserve. The second was located in Moore Park at the intersection of Anzac Pde and Cleveland St, adjacent to the Moore Park Golf Club—where it still exists today.

Records relating to the toll house in Randwick are scant, however the history



View of Moore Park toll house

and use of the Moore Park building has been well documented.

The Moore Park toll house is the only surviving metropolitan toll house and the only two-storey toll house among at least five surviving examples in NSW. It is considered a rare example of the toll houses built in the 1800s and provides and insight into the early governments administration of the of the day.

In its original sandstone form, it is representative of Victorian, gothic-style architecture, featuring a T-shaped configuration with a central bay to allow a line of sight for the oncoming traffic. Additions made to the building in 1920s were characteristic of Inter-War bungalow style of architecture. These included the installation of dressing rooms and toilet facilities. Further additions included a rectangular depot building and a fuel depot building in the mid 1900s.

This toll house collected tolls from travellers journeying between Sydney

and La Perouse or Randwick Racecourse. The Government Gazette dated 13 December 1861 published a statement from the then Governor John Young, declaring that '...I appoint and direct that the Randwick Road, at the intersection of the old Botany Road, and the continuation of Cleveland Street be a place at which Toll shall be demanded, levied and taken...'

Legislation set the amount which could be charged for tolls. At this location, a toll of one farthing was charged for the



Watercolour of Randwick toll house by Samuel Elyard (Mitchell Library)



Moore Park toll house showing original sandstone building between recent extensions

transportation of sheep, lambs, pigs and goats, whilst cattle, horses, carts, drays, wagons and coaches attracted a fee of up to one shilling.

Of what little is known about the Randwick toll house, it appears in was built in 1849. Tolls were charged until 1894—the location being a key source of revenue on race days at Randwick Racecourse. There was a charge of tuppence per horse, sixpence for a horse and cart, one farthing for rural traffic including lambs, pigs and goats, and a ha'penny for oxen.

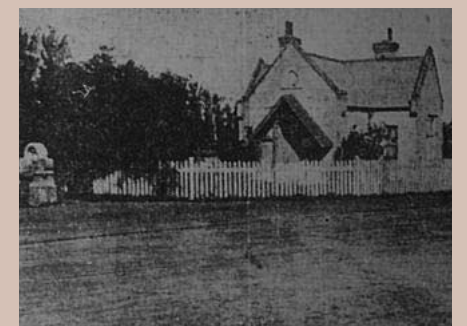
The Randwick toll house was staffed by Aboriginal gatekeeper King Billy Timberly. He is believed to be the first Indigenous person officially employed on land now part of the Parklands. Records show that the Randwick toll house was demolished in 1909.

Despite being in close proximity to each other, it seems that tolls were charged at both the Randwick and Moore Park sites for a period of 30 years, although there is no historic information to explain this practice.

The introduction of the rail system in the 1870s led to the decline of the toll house. Road use declined and traffic congestion made the collection of tolls inefficient and frustrating for road users. Consequently, the toll system was abolished in 1877.

Following the cessation of toll collections at Moore Park in 1890, the toll house was transformed into a club house for golfers at Moore Park Golf course, which opened in 1913. It is not known how the building was used in the interim. A new golf house was constructed in 1926, relegating the toll house as a depot.

Today, the fabric of the building remains intact and it is used a storage facility.



Randwick toll house c.1890s (Mitchell Library)

The Trust will be considering the options outlined in the Conservation Management Plan to investigate opportunities to conserve and interpret the cultural heritage of this unique building.

'...I appoint and direct that the Randwick Road, at the intersection of the old Botany Road, and the continuation of Cleveland Street be a place at which Toll shall be demanded, levied and taken...'

Twitcher's Corner

Australian (Nankeen) kestrel

By Trevor Waller



Australian (Nankeen) kestrel

Hovering over the wide open fields and grassy areas of the Parklands is where you might see an Australian (Nankeen) kestrel. The smallest falcon in Australia, it can hover skilfully into the wind using quick shallow wingbeats to keep its body held horizontal while searching the ground for prey.

The black band near the tip of the tail can be seen when the bird hovers. The upper parts are a rich rufous (nankeen) with black wingtips and the underparts are whitish with black streaking. Males have a grey crown and tail and the female (pictured) has a rufous crown and tail. A dark tear drop mark under the eyes is quite distinctive.

Kestrels are found throughout Australia and favour open woodlands, grasslands, heaths, farmlands, roadsides and coastal dunes. They perch on prominent dead trees, fences or telephone poles. Their flight is varied and indirect, often involving hovering and gliding. When they find prey they drop suddenly to the ground to feed. They mainly feed on small ground-dwelling vertebrates and insects. The bill is well suited to eating prey and has a sharp down curved point on the upper mandible for tearing.

Breeding can take place at almost any time but commonly from August to December. The nest is usually in a tree hollow or on a cliff ledge, but large disused stick nests or human structures such as building ledges are also used. The female lays a clutch of 3 to 4 eggs and does most of the incubation duties, with the male bringing food during this time. The eggs hatch after about a month and the chicks leave the nest after about another month. The Parklands provides an oasis for kestrels in the heart of the city.

Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with over ten years behind the binoculars. He is a member of various bird watching clubs in Sydney, including Birds Australia, and conducts the Parklands Birdwatcher's Breakfasts each season. For details, visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whats_on or call (02) 9339 6699.

A Walk in the Park with Ian Thom



Ian Thom, with Sir Henry Parkes' statue

As the great, great grandson of Sir Henry Parkes, Ian Thom shares a unique relationship with Centennial Parklands, as a place to celebrate family traditions and to delight in the landscape established by his much respected ancestor.

Favourite aspect of Centennial Parklands history?

I worked with the Parklands to install the bronze statue of Sir Henry which replaced the marble one, which was destroyed in a University prank in the 1970s. This statue was unveiled by the Premier Bob Carr and myself on the centenary of Sir Henry Parkes' death. To coincide with the event I organised a family reunion of Henry's descendants and prepared a 12 m wide family tree showing over 460 descendants. Approximately 120 of them turned up on the day, some of whom I had not previously met. Others that I had not traced came to the event because of the publicity. Many travelled from interstate to be there. If I made the chart again today it would be even larger as I have now found 518 descendants

Who would you most like to take for a walk in Centennial Parklands and why?

My grandchildren. They love the Lachlan Swamp/Lachlan Reserve area. It is our favourite place as they love riding their bikes and playing hide and seek there. It is hard to believe that this was the source of Sydney's water once the Tank Stream became polluted. The nearby Duck Pond always fascinates the grandchildren with its variety of birdlife. The fact that it is near the mobile food van where they can get an ice cream probably helps them to like the area. I want them to grow up knowing the Park and appreciating its beauty.

Best part of autumn?

The changing colours of the autumn trees against the ever green native trees makes a lovely contrast. I am keen on photography and love getting photos of reflections on still water although I have not been there early enough to get photos like Wendy McCarthy's ones with the rising mist. Perhaps I will do that one day.

Most memorable experience in Centennial Parklands?

Being a Foundation Friend I already had a Port Jackson fig tree planted in Parkes Drive, but the best experience was to have my family to share in the planting of our own 'family tree', a Sydney red gum near Sir Henry Parkes' statue, last National Tree Day. We monitor its progress on every visit and look forward to looking back on our photos to see whether the grandchildren have grown faster than the tree. It should last for generations and it gives my children and grandchildren a continuing link with this wonderful Park.

Tree of the Season

Queensland firewheel tree

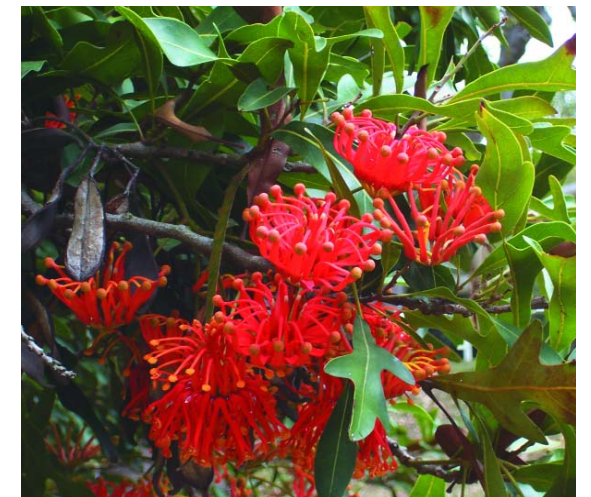
The Queensland firewheel tree (*Stenocarpus sinuatus*) is one of a small genus of evergreen trees belonging to the Protea family. A native of northern NSW and Queensland, this tree grows successfully along the east coast of Australia, as far south as Melbourne.

It grows to a height of 20 m or more, with a single conical trunk which broadens with age. The lower branches tend to be horizontal but ascending towards the apex. It is a very well-known ornamental tree and a popular choice for home gardeners, responding well to the high humidity in the Sydney area.

The green, lobed leaves are similar to those of maple trees, featuring five main veins which are yellowish-green and prominent on the underside of the leaf.

One of this tree's most outstanding features is its distinct autumn foliage—a highlight of the autumn season. Its leaves change colour, ranging from yellow, orange, ruby-red and crimson. The timing of the colour change and the variation in hue differ from tree to tree, adding an unpredictable feature to the seasonal display.

Its profuse bright red and orange flowers create a spectacular display from summer to autumn. Shaped like the spokes of a wheel before they open, these symmetrical blossoms may be up to 10 cm in diameter and are highly attractive.



The spoke-shaped flowers of the Queensland firewheel tree

The best place to view the Queensland firewheel tree within Centennial Parklands is in Frog Hollow, between the Café and Busbys Pond. Planted in a stand beside the sandstone water culvert, these mature trees were originally planted in commemoration of the past presidents of Rotary.

Game, Set, Match

The Parklands Sports Centre has been operating at Moore Park for the past 12 years. Incorporating nine synthetic grass courts and two hard courts, the centre caters for casual and permanent court hire, and offers tennis lessons, competitions, holiday camps and corporate days.

Manager Karen Callaghan believes that the Centre's convenient location between the CBD and the Eastern Suburbs makes it a handy place for people wanting to have a casual hit or a serious game. 'Having 11 floodlit courts means people can use the facilities until 10.00 pm at night after work or until 7.00 pm on weekends,' says Karen, 'and the courts were resurfaced less than 12 months ago, so they are in top condition'.

Former Australian junior tennis champion, Natalie Tanevska along with new French coach Alexandre Blanc are available for private or group coaching sessions, allowing people to work on their technique or refine their skills. The Centre also runs tennis camps during school holiday periods which are great fun for kids of all ages wanting to get into the great sport of tennis.

The Centre is located on the corner of Anzac Pde and Lang Rd, opposite the Entertainment Quarter. Racquet hire is also available. For more information, please visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/sports or call (02) 9662 7033.



School Holiday Camps at the Centre

Healthy Parks

Historic Hunters



European red fox

Introduced into Australia for recreational hunting in 1855, the European red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) has become one of the country's most widespread introduced species. Foxes are found in urban environments at higher densities than in rural environments, and to the surprise of many locals, the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney is no exception.

Despite becoming established in an alien landscape, these sleek and stunning mammals retain their natural predatory instincts, feeding upon a range of native and non-native animals such as possums, rats, frogs, lizards and birds. They are hunters and scavengers, sometimes storing food in a cache during plentiful times in preparedness for future needs.

It is not known exactly when fox populations became established in Centennial Parklands, but they have survived in the area due to a plentiful food supply. They are regularly sighted in areas of dense vegetation, usually at night when they are more active. During late spring, cubs have also been spotted indicating the presence of established family territories.

Due to their impact on native animal populations, a number of control techniques such as habitat modification, have been employed in Centennial Parklands. This limits the number of suitable den sites and aims to minimise the effect of foxes on our Australian fauna.

Beyond the boundaries of Centennial Parklands, urban foxes scavenge upon free food such as dog or cat food, domestic fruit trees, rubbish and commercial waste from restaurants and supermarkets.

To assist Centennial Parklands to control foxes, Environment Officer, John Martin, is asking Park visitors and local residents to notify the Parklands of any fox sightings and to limit any den sites or free food that may be available in backyards.

Healthy People

Fly Fishers celebrate 100 years

Fly fishing and casting is one the oldest surviving recreational pursuits known to humans. The Macedonians, several centuries BC, fished with flies made from wool and feathers in much the same way flies are made today. Rods are depicted in Egyptian drawings dated 2000 BC and the Chinese had developed cane rods and silk lines for their sport fishing by 400 BC. The fifth edition of the *Compleat Angler* was published in 1676 and describes fishing tactics for trout and the details of rods, reels and lines, which were made by braiding horse hair.

In Australia, the art of fly fishing has been pursued since the arrival of the First Fleet and accordingly, has a heritage as rich and as old



Fly fishermen cast off

as cricket or rugby. As far as records show, Fly Casting Pond was dedicated for this purpose during the initial establishment of Centennial Park in 1888 and used for fly casting from the 1890s onwards.

The NSW Rodfishers Society formed in 1904 and in 1907 hosted the first formal Fly Casting Competition in Australia at Centennial Park's Fly Casting Pond. This year, the society will be celebrating 100 years of fly casting in Centennial Parklands with a Centenary Festival. Held at Fly Casting Pond from 9 to 11 June, the festival will showcase accuracy and distance casting which will decide the National Champions for 2007 and will feature displays and demonstrations of all sorts of tackle and related outdoor equipment.

The weekend will be an entertaining outing for all the family. Visitors will be invited to try fly casting under the supervision of experienced tutors and discuss with club representatives the various beginners programs available.

Fly casting is a sport for everyone. Kevin Laughton, who will compete in this year's Championship event, first competed as a thirteen year old in 1949, winning his first competition in 1950. He has gone on to win three national championships, 25 state championships and medals for Australia in World Championships.

For further information, call James Gilchrist on 0425 276 946, David Screen on 0408 130 372 or visit www.sydneflyrodders.com.au

Support National Tree Day



Mr Graeme Black and his dedicated tree

Sunday, 29 July is National Tree Day.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation will be hosting a special planting day and offering people the opportunity to adopt a tree and dedicate it to a family member or friend or make a general donation towards the tree transplant program at Centennial Parklands.

Up to 60% of the Parklands 16,000 trees will need to be replaced over the next forty years. This is a huge project and we really need your help!

The time has come for a renewed commitment to Centennial Parklands for future generations. As Sydney grows, so do the demands on the much-loved Parklands.

Advanced trees are available for adoption at \$5,000 or you could make a donation to help contribute to the transplant program and ensure the sustainable beauty of the Parklands.

For more information, please call (02) 9339 6699 or email foundation@cp.nsw.gov.au

Foundation gives young people a head start



Green Corps recruits Nathan and Luke restore pond habitats

The Centennial Parklands Foundation has secured Centennial Parklands as a host for the Green Corps Young Australians for the Environment project – a youth initiative of the Australian Government administered by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations. Run by Greening Australia, this program offers young people the opportunity to get paid and receive accredited training while working on environmental and heritage projects.

The ten participants, aged 17-20 years, commenced the six-month program in November 2006 and will undertake three major projects in Centennial Parklands, whilst also receiving a formal qualification in Conservation and Land Management:

- The construction of a nursery - including the propagation of Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub species
- Pond bank restoration - the landscaping of pond banks within Centennial Park to enhance water quality and wildlife habitat.
- European carp removal project

So far, the team have undertaken safety training and have begun removing targeted weed species and planting a total of 1,500 new seedlings around Fly Casting Pond.

Health takes to the skies

As part of the *Healthy Parks Healthy People* program, Centennial Parklands will be hosting a Flight Day on Sunday, 22 April. This free event is open to people of all ages to bring along their own kites or model gliders and fly them under the clear, autumn skies. Professional kite and model glider flyers will be on hand throughout the day to provide guidance and flying tips. A range of kites and gliders will also be on sale for those wishing to take up this fun pastime. Flight Day will be held from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Centennial Park's Parade Grounds, adjacent to the Café. For more information, call (02) 9339 6699 or visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whats_on

*Healthy Parks
Healthy People*



Model gliders take flight

Thank you to our generous benefactors!

Mr Gilles & Mrs Sue Kryger
Mr Graeme Black
Mr Adrian Chiodo
Mrs Betty Dacres-Mannings

Mrs Joan Sarfaty
Mr John Turnbull
Mr Nick & Mrs Kathryn Greiner


Please contact the Centennial Parklands Foundation on (02) 9339 6699 if you would like to help us by making a donation or adopting a tree.

Visitor Information

Please refer to the map insert on page 6 for locations.

HOW TO GET HERE

5 km from the Sydney CBD. Easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike or on foot.

 Regular buses from Circular Quay, Central Stn, Bondi Jn Stn and surrounding suburbs. Trains to Central and Bondi Jn, both a 30-40 minute walk to the Parklands. www.131500.com.au

 Cycle lanes along Darley Rd, Alison Rd, Anzac Pde, South Dowling St, Cleveland St and Federation Way.

CAR FREE DAY

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August & November).

CENTENNIAL PARK GATE TIMES

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

Primary Gates (Paddington, Woollahra, Randwick & Robertson Rd (entry))

March* to April 6.00 am–6.00 pm

May to August 6.30 am–5.30 pm

September to October 6.00 am–6.00 pm

November to March ** 6.00 am–8.00 pm

* After daylight saving

** During daylight saving

Secondary Gates (York Rd, Jervois Ave and Robertson Rd exit)

Weekdays 9.00 am–4.00 pm

Weekends as for Primary Gates

Govett St Gates

Weekdays 9.00 am–Primary Gate closing time

Weekends as for Primary Gates

FOOD OUTLETS

Centennial Parklands Restaurant E3

This fully-licensed restaurant offers fine views with fine Modern Australian food. Open 7 days, 8.30 am–2.30 pm. (02) 9360 3355 www.landmarkvenues.com.au (until 31 Mar)

Centennial Parklands Café E3

Light meals and snacks served in the open air forecourt. Open 7 days, 8.00 am–4.30 pm (weekdays), 8.00 am–5.00 pm (weekends) (02) 9380 6922 (until 31 Mar)

Centennial Park Mobile Food Van E5

Light meals, sandwiches, cold drinks, gelato and espresso. Open weekends & public holidays, 8.00 am–sunset.

Moore Park Golf Patio Bar B3

Overlooking the first tee, the outdoor Patio Bar serves light food and drinks. Open 7 days, 7.30 am–4.00 pm (Mon to Wed), 7.30 am–8.00 pm (Thu to Fri), 7.30 am–6.00 pm (Sat to Sun) (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

The Bistro at Moore Park Golf B3

The Bistro serves quality meals and a full variety of wine and beers. Open Wed to Sun, Noon–5.00pm (Wed to Thu), Noon–7.00pm (Fri to Sun) (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

BBQs and Picnics

Unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. Free BBQs. First-in first served basis.

BYO portable BBQs with legs permitted (except during total fire bans), portable picnic equipment permitted. Bookings required for groups of 50 or over. BBQs located at A3 D5 D6 E2 E3 G4 G5 H5

Cycling and Rollerblading

3.8 km cycle/rollerblade lane on Grand Dr, Centennial Park. Cycle lanes along Darley Rd, Alison Rd, Anzac Pde, South Dowling St, Cleveland St and Federation Way. Off-road cycling circuit for children at Learners Cycleway. D5

Helmets required. Three-wheel pedal cars not permitted in Centennial Park. Four-wheel pedal cars permitted.

Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire F3

Cnr Hamilton & Grand Drs, Centennial Park 0401 357 419

Centennial Park Cycles G6

50 Clovelly Rd, Randwick (02) 9398 5027

Woolys Wheels

82 Oxford St, Paddington (02) 9331 2671 www.woolyswheels.com

Wildlife Watching

Spot birds, turtles, invertebrates and possums within diverse natural environments. Ideal locations at D4 E5 F4. Please do not feed animals.

Playgrounds

Five playgrounds catering for a range of age groups. A2 D5 E2 E3 H5.

Dog Walking

On and off leash dog walking areas. BYO dog tidy bags to pick up after your dog.

SPORT AND FACILITY HIRE

Quality sports grounds and facilities for hire for casual one-off bookings or seasonal competitions. (02) 9339 6699

ES Marks Athletics Field B5

400 m running track, floodlit field and covered stand with seating for 1000 people. Changing rooms, toilets, First Aid Room, Officials Room (with PA system) and Meeting Room. Casual public training, Tue, Wed & Thu, 3.30 pm–8.30 pm. For hire for training or carnivals. (02) 9339 6699 www.cp.nsw.gov.au/sports

Golf, Horse Riding and Tennis hire available via licensed operators:

Moore Park Tennis Courts B3

Tennis court hire, coaching, social competitions, racquet and ball sales and ball machine hire. Four floodlit courts. Open 7 days, 7.00 am–10.00 pm. 0412 123 456

Parklands Sports Centre C4


Tennis court hire, coaching, school holiday camps and competitions. 11 floodlit courts. Open 7 days, 9.00 am–10.00 pm (summer & Mon to Thu in winter) 9.00 am–6.00 pm (Fri in winter) 8.00 am–6.00 pm (winter weekends) (02) 9662 7033

Moore Park Golf B3

Par 70, 18-hole Group One Championship golf course. All weather, day-night Driving Range, Putting and Chipping Greens, Pro Shop and Golf Academy. (02) 9663 1064 www.mooreparkgolf.com.au

Horse Riding C4 D5

3.6 km horse track, 3.5 ha of fenced grounds featuring showjumping, dressage, lunging and turf hacking, Equestrian Centre with covered arenas, hot and cold wash bays and sand rolls. Riding schools offer lessons, horse hire, pony camps, pony parties, pony leads and guided park rides. Stabling available. (02) 9332 2809 www.cpequestrian.com.au

 Budapest Riding School 0419 231 391 budapestridingschool@aapt.net.au

 Centennial Stables (02) 9360 5650 www.centennialstables.com.au

 Eastside Riding Academy (02) 9360 7521 www.eastsideriding.com.au

 Moore Park Riding Stables (02) 9360 8747 www.mooreparkstables.com.au

 Papillon Riding Stables (02) 8356 9866 or 0407 224 938 www.papillonriding.com.au

WHAT'S ON

Ranger-guided educational excursions, children's birthday parties, guided tours and workshops, school holiday activities, vacation care programs as well as sports camps, concerts, festivals and events. (02) 9339 6699 www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whats_on

FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Locations available for commercial filming and photography. (02) 9339 6699 www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues

EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS


Locations available for private and public functions and events. (02) 9339 6699 www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues


FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS

See insert on Page 6. (02) 9339 6699 www.cp.nsw.gov.au/foundation_and_friends

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