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MILESTONES FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM

The year 2000 is almost upon us, and is going to be a major year in the history of Centennial Parklands – one packed with events, opportunities and challenges.

The Parklands are playing a significant role in the Sydney 2000 Games with the Olympic and Paralympic road cycling and marathon events taking place here. The Olympics will be followed by Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001.

Preparations for these events are well advanced. I am delighted to advise that the venue agreement with the Olympic Coordination Authority has been finalised. The agreement will ensure maximum enjoyment of the Olympic events with minimal disruption to

park users and the local community.

This summer many old favourites are returning to the Parklands. We are pleased to welcome back Circus Oz, celebrating its 21st birthday with a season in Moore Park. We are also very happy to be staging the fourth season of Moonlight Cinema, which has been immensely popular with the community in the past. And we are welcoming a one night only jazz event – Big, Bold and Brassy – with James Morrison, Don Burrows and Monica Trapaga.

The Trust encourages attractive events that interact with and complement the park as a living asset. The recent Hermes International Showjumping was one such event, professionally run and one that maintained the integrity of the area beautifully.

In an important milestone in the countdown to 2001, Pat Farmer will run into Centennial Park on 12 December, as he completes his run around Australia to raise awareness of the Centenary of Federation. It is fitting that Pat, a landscape gardener, ends his run at not only Australia's birthplace, but also at a significant landscape which is getting special attention in the lead up to the Federation celebrations.

We are also looking forward to the completion of the Eastern Distributor, which will open for use in December. Rotary will be holding a charity walk through the Distributor – TunnelWalk2 – on Saturday 18 December. As a special benefit, we are offering all *Friends of the Parklands* the chance to join the walk for free (see page 13). Following the walk, people will be able to enjoy entertainment and amusements in Moore Park.

The completion of the Eastern Distributor marks the beginning of the restoration of Moore Park West. This will be conducted by the Trust with funding from the RTA. Areas affected by construction works will be returned to general access and passive recreation by mid-2000 and playing fields by 2001.

During the last three months I have met many of the Parklands' *Friends* and surrounding community groups. As the festive season approaches I look forward to meeting more of you at the *Friends* Christmas party and other summer events.

The end of a year always encourages contemplation and reflection. The end of a century is even more reason for us to rejoice in the rich natural asset that was set aside by past generations. As we turn our minds to the milestones of the coming year, the simple pleasures of the Centennial Parklands continue to capture our hearts.

The Trust looks forward to your use and enjoyment of the Parklands over the Christmas and New Year holidays and throughout 2000.

Peter Duncan

Director, Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Parkbench

New bus services

Sydney Buses has introduced new regular bus services to Moore Park – making it easier than ever to get to the Parklands by public transport. The 339 (City to Clovelly) service now operates from Sydney Central Station every 15 minutes weekdays and 20 minutes on weekends. The service runs from all of the city's major train stations, travelling to Moore Park via Central, Town Hall and Wynyard.

You can also catch a shuttle service from Bondi Junction station – Route 355 – which runs every 30 minutes to Lang Road and stops near Centennial Park's Robertson Road gates and the newly opened Fox Studios Australia. And now there's a convenient Moore Park Link rail/bus ticket that gets you to and from Moore Park using one ticket. All good reasons to jump on a bus and avoid the fuss! Call 131 500 for timetable details.

Regulations update

Centennial Park's first regulations came into force on 23 August 1889. They included a prohibition on depasturing "any horses, cattle, sheep or stock of any kind in the Park without proper authority" and stated that "all goats found therein may be destroyed by any employee or police constable".

While goats no longer enter the Park on fear of death, Parkland users should be aware that regulations apply to matters such as parking, conducting commercial activities without written

permission, and the management of animals, including horses and dogs. Key regulations are on signs in locations throughout the Parklands, including near the Cafe on Grand Drive in Centennial Park.

In order to keep pace with the times, the Trust conducts five-yearly reviews of its regulations and has just implemented a series of amendments. The changes follow broad community consultation and are in line with the *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983*. They include new provisions on scalping and illegal hawking and vending; increased penalty rates to make law

enforcement more effective and reflect the impact of offences; inclusion of an Equestrian Centre Code of Conduct; and minor changes to the Trust's Community Consultative Committee to

allow for wider community representation.

The regulations help to protect the natural setting of the Parklands and assist park visitors by reducing conflicts and promoting a safe environment. The full regulations are on our website (www.cp.nsw.gov.au). For further information contact our Rangers on (02) 9339 6699.

Waste busters

Work has begun on a new stormwater gross pollutant trap (GPT) at the Model Yacht Pond in the eastern corner of Centennial Park. The trap is part of the Trust's \$6.5 million overhaul of the

Model Yacht Pond, removing 95 per cent of litter and pollutants down to the size of a matchstick.

The new trap should be finished by Christmas.

Talking about trees

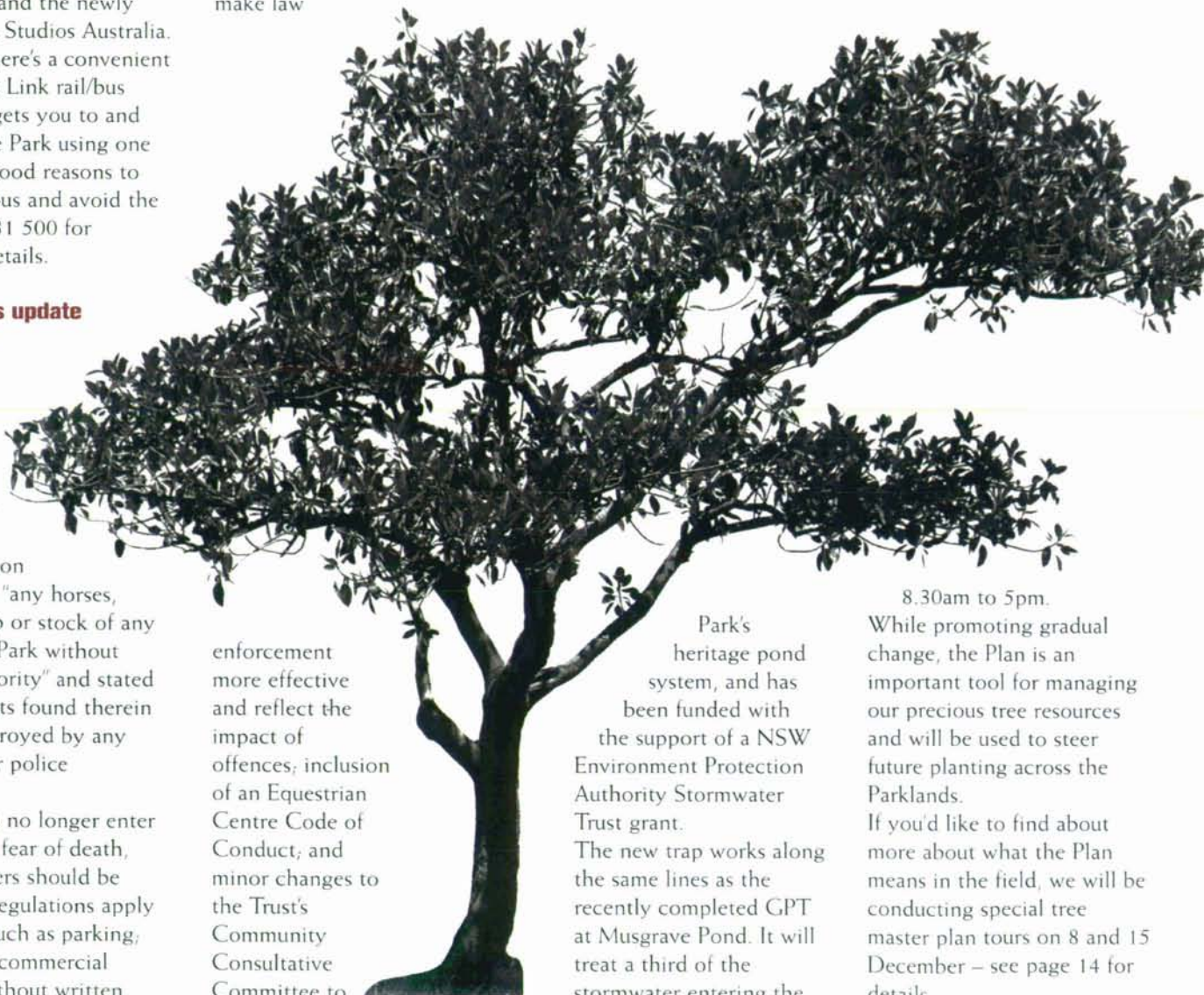
As outlined in our Spring edition of *Parklands*, the Trust has recently completed its first Tree Master Plan. The Plan will conserve the existing trees and integrate new plantings to guarantee the heritage of the Parklands. We're interested in your views on the draft Plan. It will be on public display at the Trust office (behind the cafe) until 17 December. You can view it weekdays from

8.30am to 5pm.

While promoting gradual change, the Plan is an important tool for managing our precious tree resources and will be used to steer future planting across the Parklands.

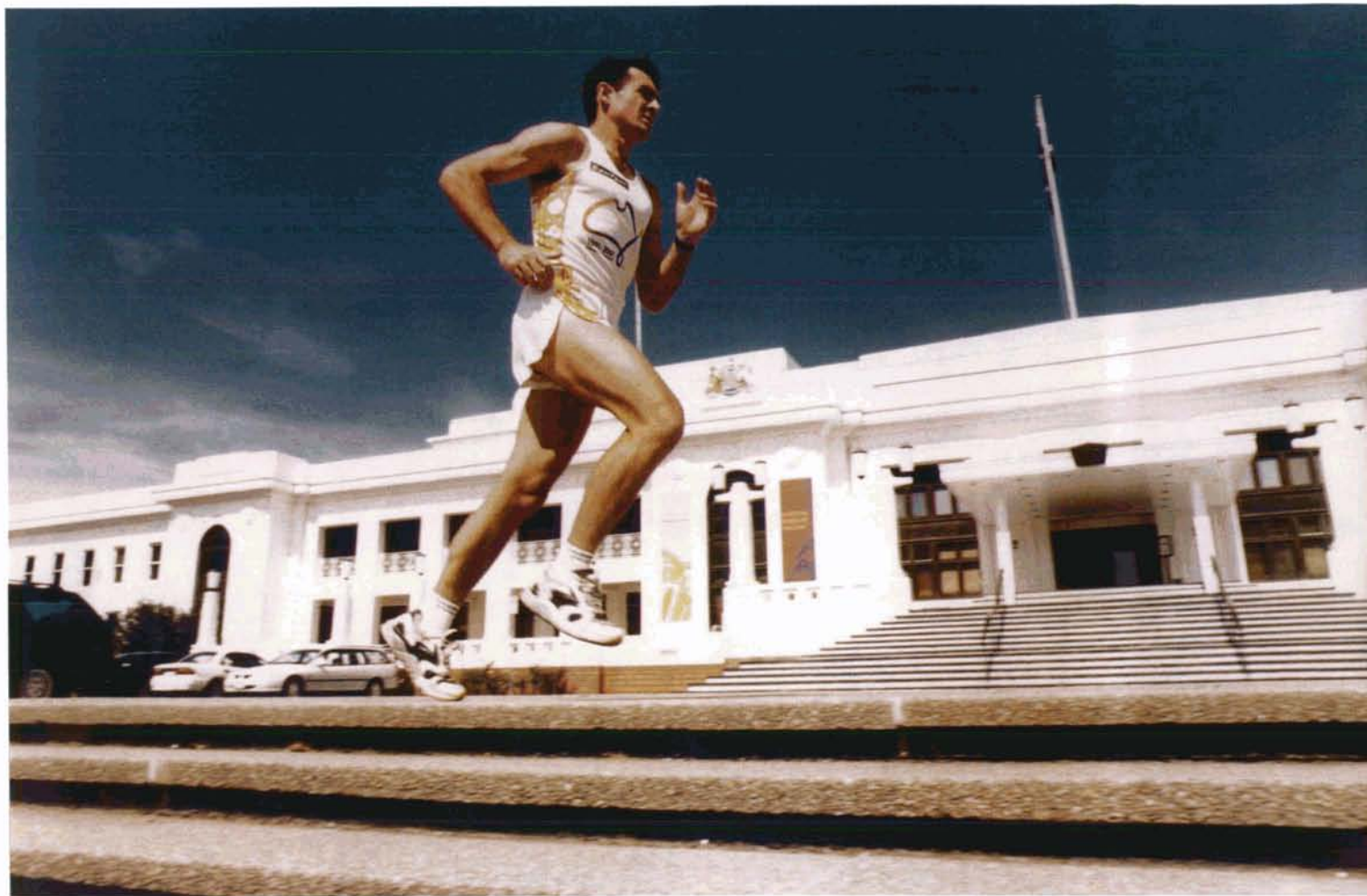
If you'd like to find out more about what the Plan means in the field, we will be conducting special tree master plan tours on 8 and 15 December – see page 14 for details.

Park's heritage pond system, and has been funded with the support of a NSW Environment Protection Authority Stormwater Trust grant. The new trap works along the same lines as the recently completed GPT at Musgrave Pond. It will treat a third of the stormwater entering the



A run for nationhood

On 12 December 1999, ultra marathon runner Pat Farmer will sprint through the gates of Centennial Park and run to Federation Valley, the place where Australia first became a nation. By Georgina Gale.



Pat Farmer began his epic run for the Centenary of Federation at Parliament House, Canberra on 31 May 1999.

The run will see the completion of his non-stop, seven-month, 14,500-kilometre marathon around Australia, in honour of the Centenary of Federation.

Pat Farmer is a landscape gardener with a passion for Australia. He prides himself on being an average Australian who takes on exceptional challenges.

Farmer left Canberra on 31 May on his symbolic journey around the country with the aim of spreading the message of the Centenary of Federation across the nation.

Travelling an average distance of 80 kilometres a day, he has been carrying the message of the anniversary of the birth of the nation to community

groups throughout Australia. Whilst doing so, he has been amazed and uplifted by the level of public interest in the run.

"Public support has been incredible. I think we've touched on a subject that everyone cares about. There's been a lot of national pride. The response to the run from people, just ordinary people, has been incredible," he says.

This, the last run of Farmer's amazing career as an ultra marathon runner, will see him attempt to break numerous records set by Ron Grant in 1983.

It will also see him run the entire distance around Australia, including Tasmania – a feat that has never been achieved before. And he looks set to

achieve his goal.

"It looks like we'll take at least a month, maybe a month and a half off the world record," he predicts.

Pat Farmer has had a long successful career, regularly completing marathons in honour of important causes.

For this, his last run, he wanted to run for a cause that would touch all Australians.

"During the last 16 to 17 years, I've raced all around the world and I've seen how lucky we are in Australia," he says.

"I've always been very patriotic and I thought that for my last run, I needed something really big. So when we went through the history books we found that in 1900, Donald Mackay cycled

around Australia in honour of Federation.

"It made me think that there could be a great historical link if I did a run in honour of the Centenary of Federation in 2001," he says.

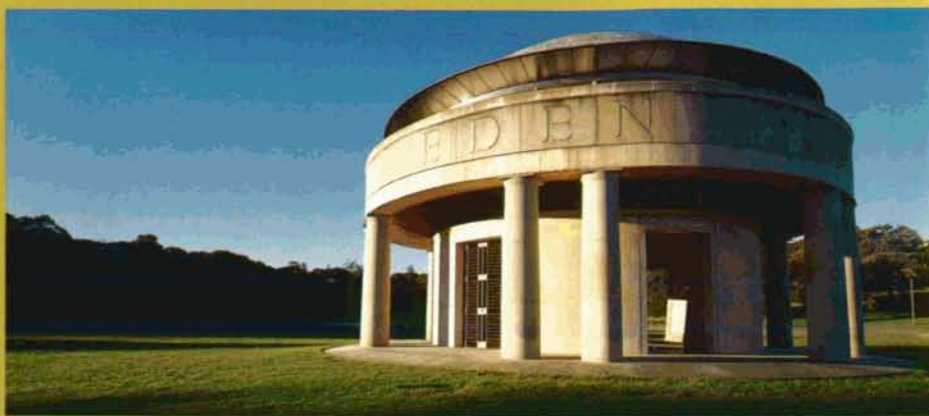
"I feel passionately about the Centenary of Federation. This run is not about giving everyone a history lesson, it's about promoting the Australian spirit."

Pat Farmer believes that the Centenary of Federation should be celebrated by Australians everywhere. Like Donald Mackay before him, his journey around the nation will enable him to promote the importance of the celebrations. His decision to finish his run in Centennial Park highlights the significant role that the park played in the Federation of Australia. Originally planned for 1 January 2000 as a one year countdown to the Centenary of Federation celebrations in Centennial Park, Pat will now run into the Park three weeks ahead of schedule thanks to his record-setting pace.

On January 1, 1901 Centennial Park provided the backdrop for the inauguration of the Federation of Australia, when over 60,000 people representing each of the six States saw Lord Hopetoun sworn in as Australia's first Governor General. Then the nation's first Parliamentary Cabinet, led by Edmund Barton as Prime Minister, took their oaths of office.

You are invited to Centennial Park to join Pat as he completes his historic feat. Pat is expected to run into the Park around midday on 12 December.

See newspapers for details or call (02) 9339 6699.



The restoration project will address the Federation monument as well as the surrounding landscape.

A grand vision for Federation

With only a year to go before the Centenary of Federation, work has begun on several projects intended to add beauty, grace and a sense of history to the lush oasis known as 'the people's park'.

The first of these is a \$1.6 million project to ensure Federation Valley – the original site of the Federation ceremony – is maintained, refurbished and enhanced in time for the Federation commemorations in 2001.

Architect Alex Tzannes, who designed the 1988 Bicentennial Dome to house the Federation site, is working with park staff to create a vision that embraces the landscape, the history and existing amenities.

The work will be conducted in three stages, beginning in January 2000. The Trust expects to complete the project in time for the Sydney Olympics in September 2000. The works mean that starting January construction areas in Federation Valley will be fenced for the safety of park visitors, and that dogs will need to be on leads in this area.

According to Peter Nowland, Landscape Services Co-ordinator, a substantial part of the Federation Valley budget will be used to repair and refurbish the pavilion itself. The rest of the money will be used to plant more trees, irrigate and improve the quality of the landscape.

"The artwork which lies under the

dome of the monument is a montage of 1440 vitreous enamelled steel panels, created by the artist Imants Tillers. Special care will be taken to restore this artwork, which Tillers designed as a space where viewers could contemplate the origins of the Federated nation,"

Peter says.

"Light is reflected onto the work from both the central overhead oculus and from water in tiled trough concealed behind the inscribed sandstone freeze. This too, will be restored."

Peter Nowland explains

that the landscape works – stage two of the project – will restore the environmental qualities of the Valley.

"Large areas of the Valley will be re-turfed. In many ways the popularity of the Valley has worked against the quality of the landscape, and it is important that we bring it in line with the area's national heritage significance."

"As part of the re-turfing we will be adding a seasonal fescue grass to enrich the magnificence of the vista. The new grass will be seeded in with the existing turf to provide a changing pattern of colour to match the seasons," Peter says.

Finally, to create something that will capture the history of the site and simultaneously capture the imagination of the parklands' visitors, the project involves adding new interpretive elements to the Valley to explain its connection to the Federation story.

"As part of the re-turfing we will be adding seasonal fescue grass to enrich the magnificence of the vista..."

Olympic preparations well on track



September and October 2000 will represent major milestones for the Centennial Parklands, when they become an open air venue for the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Centennial Parklands has been chosen as a perfect backdrop for the Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games road cycling and marathon events. During the competition visitors will get the chance to see some of Sydney's most beautiful parkland areas, sharing their magnificence with billions of viewers worldwide.

The Trust has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Olympic Co-ordination Authority

(OCA) covering the Olympic and Paralympic events.

Trust Director, Peter Duncan, says a huge amount of planning and detailed thought has gone into the agreement. Major goals are to protect the integrity of the Parklands, minimise the costs to the Trust, and make sure regular park users experience minimal inconvenience. It will also ensure timely and complete restoration of the Parklands.

"The extraordinary amount of pre-planning involved in the agreement will

enable us to deliver the Olympic events with minimal disruption to our daily routine and maximum enjoyment to athletes and spectators, both here and throughout the world.

"The Venue Agreement has covered all the issues of protection and restoration of the Parklands, protection of our licensees and contractors, and park users. We believe the agreement respects the Park as a major asset to the local community," Peter says.

"Unlike other areas of Sydney, this will be very much a parkland setting for events. It will not be dominated by grandstands. We are not expecting people to flood to the Parklands during the Olympics, but it will provide an area for respite, as a counterpoint to the expanse of activities elsewhere in Sydney.

"As well as the opportunity to attend an outdoor event, we will be offering visitors the type of experience Australians love – a picnic in the park, a walk in these splendid surroundings and the chance to try a good Australian BBQ."

Peter explained that the OCA has been particularly mindful of the Trust's need to continue maintenance work in the Parklands, as well as achieving restoration of any affected areas in time for the Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001.

Mr Bob Adby, an Olympic Co-ordination Authority Executive Director, has been responsible for negotiations between the OCA and the Trust.

"The OCA has been working very closely with the Trust to safeguard the Parklands and the interests of the users of the Parklands," Mr Adby said.

"During key Games events such as road cycling and the marathons, the Parklands can provide easy access to become a focal point for the local community to enjoy the ambience of events.

"The agreement ensures that access to this recreational site will be ensured at all times, and that set-up, staging and devolution of events will be conducted in a manner which is sympathetic to the everyday users of the Parklands.

"All costs of the impacts of the Olympic and Paralympic events on the Parklands will be financed via Olympic funds...there will be absolutely no financial impost upon the normal operating resources of the Trust.

"OCA will be working closely with the Trust to ensure that the Parklands are maintained to a high standard

during the events and that they are speedily restored after their completion," Mr Adby said.

The road cycling events for the Olympics will take place in and around Centennial Parklands. Generally they will encompass Moore Park, Alison Road, Darley Road, Queens Park, Centennial Park and Bronte. The Paralympic road cycling will be contained within Centennial Park.

The marathon will come down Anzac Parade, and runners will run a circuit of Grand Drive in Centennial Park before heading on to Randwick. It returns along Anzac Parade before heading into the City and out to Homebush Bay.

Driver Avenue in Moore Park will be the main focus for the temporary infrastructure associated with the Games, with broadcasting areas, camera positions and athlete and ticketed spectator facilities. It will also contain the start and finish line.

Some temporary infrastructure such as barricades and camera positions will also be erected in Centennial Park. The limited amount of infrastructure in the Park means faster, less complicated restoration and less impact on the preparations for the Centenary of Federation celebrations.

While it is difficult to anticipate just how many people will come to the Parklands for the Olympic events, Parklands staff view the events as important opportunities to test planning for dealing with large crowds in the lead up to Federation celebrations, when crowds of over 100,000 people are expected.

Trust Operations Manager, Andrew Ferris, sees the events as a great vehicle

for generating international interest in Centennial Parklands and giving locals access to the Olympics.

"The Parklands have a strong historical connection with sporting activities such as cycling, jogging, walking and fitness in general, so it is very exciting to have these Olympic events here," he says.

"We are particularly proud of our association with disabled athletes.

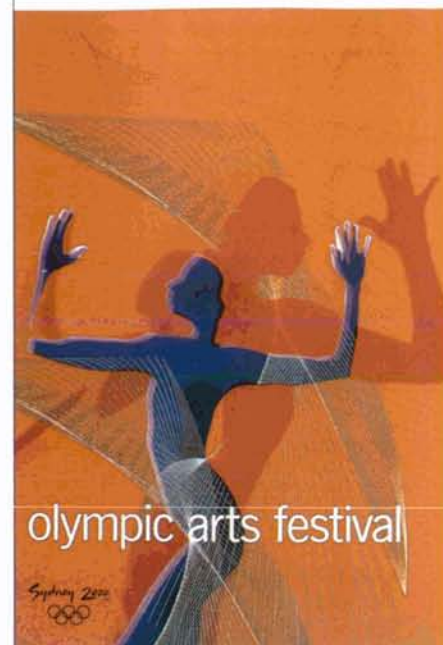


Louise Sauvage – world number one female Paralympic road and track racer – trains regularly in Centennial Park and is expected to compete in the Parklands during the Paralympic Games.

Centennial Park has a well established history in wheelchair cycling, and has hosted Australia's premier wheelchair event, the Summer Down Under Road and Track racing. Louise Sauvage, a well-known and high profile wheelchair athlete trains regularly in the Park."

As Andrew Ferris says, the Olympics will leave a legacy of memories as well as some tangible reminders of the events.

"One piece of history the Olympics will leave behind is a line painted on the roads tracing the route of the marathon, which will be used by runners to navigate the route and measure distance. Park users in the future will be able to recall the 2000 Olympic marathon and follow in the footsteps of some of the world's greatest athletes."



World music comes to Centennial Park

Adding to its already solid reputation as a cultural playground, Centennial Park will host the largest event of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Arts Festival.

Taking place over two days and nights on the weekend leading up to the Olympics, *Hemispheres*, will be a massive outdoor celebration of international music and culture. ABC Radio Triple J's Jaclyn Hall together with IMC will bring the cream of local and international talent for this musical feast. *Hemispheres* will feature two outdoor stages, a big top, and a spectacular sound and lighting show.

Tickets for *Hemispheres* on 9 and 10 September 2000 are \$66 for a day pass and \$110 for a weekend pass. For more details contact the Sydney 2000 Games Information Service on 13 63 63.

Sydney 2000 Olympic and Paralympic Games events in Centennial Parklands*

Road cycling

Olympic Training	25 September
Olympic events	26, 27, 30 September
Paralympic Training	12 October
Paralympic events	25-27 October

Marathon

Test event	30 April
Olympic events	24 September, 1 October
Paralympic event	29 October

*Correct at time of publication – dates may be subject to change

A pictorial journey of discovery

For more than five years photographers Wendy McDougall and Brendan Read have been capturing unique glimpses of Centennial Parklands on film in the hope of creating a book documenting the beauty, life and magic of Sydney's favourite parks.



W. McDougall

Parks are at the heart of cities around the world. They are like enormous magnets – attracting lovers, travellers, joggers, walkers, revellers, the homeless, workers, the young and old, people from all walks of life seeking contemplation or a peaceful moment, a place where children can run free with their kites or kick a football, a place where nature gives comfort and reminds us of the beauty of the seasons.

So begins Wendy McDougall's proposal for a black and white photography book on Centennial Parklands, 'Portrait of a Park'.

"The project began as a simple idea of documenting a beautiful place," Wendy says. "With the forthcoming Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001 it soon grew into a timely project that will compliment and commemorate the birthplace of this historic event."

Wendy's passion for the project is

unmistakable. She has been working on the book for more than five years in her spare time. Two years ago she invited her friend Brendan Read to join her in the venture. Together they offer an impressive track record in professional photography.

Wendy began her photographic career in 1979 and has been freelancing in the arts and entertainment industry ever since. She has photographed artists such as INXS, Crowded House, Diesel and Russell Crowe to Ben Elton, Tom Jones and Bob Geldof. She has exhibited her work in seven solo exhibitions and 26 group shows.

Brendan has a background working on newspapers, his last posting being with the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Weekend. He is now freelancing for clients such as the Australia Day Council and NSW Tourism.



B. Read

Landscapes, animals, picnics, sporting events, architecture, cyclists and plant life are just a few of the subjects that will feature in the book.

"Centennial Parklands celebrate much of Sydney's life and, as such, offer us a glimpse into the city's heartland.

"Black and white photographs have an evocative essence to them and have been chosen as a style to allow the imagination to run wild. The book will be a joy to look at for those days when you can't be there in real life," Wendy says.

While photography for the book is well progressed, Wendy and Brendan are still looking for major sponsors to help with financing.



"The interest in the book has been fantastic, and a lot of people have helped on the way, but we need some commitment on the financial side.

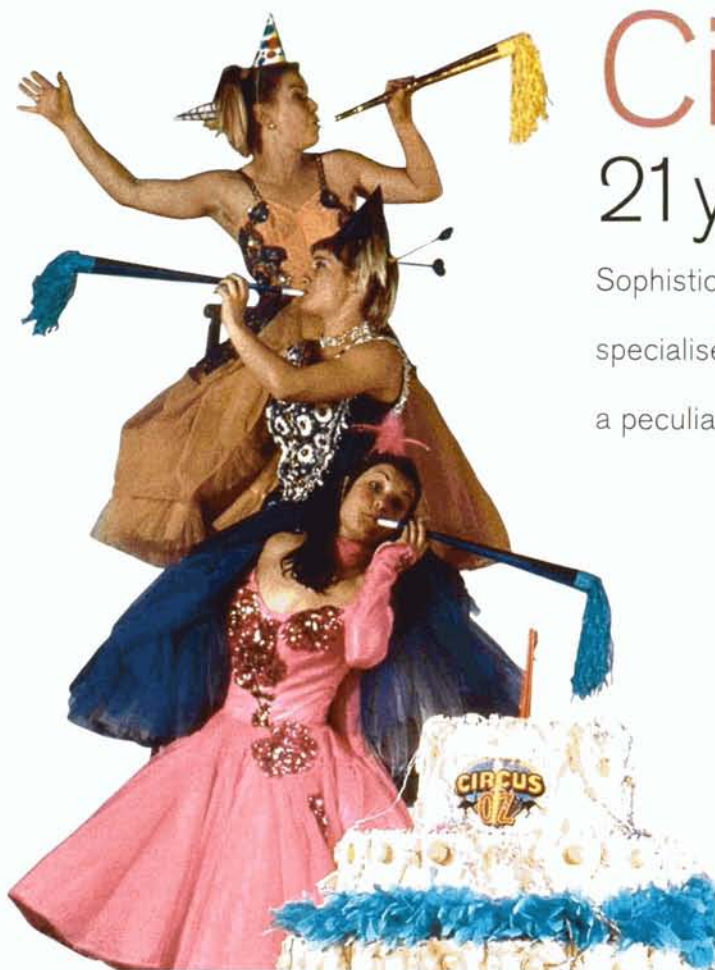
"Centennial Parklands is an Australian treasure. The book will be a quality project and we always envisaged a great Australian company wanting to be associated with it."

Anyone interested in sponsoring the book can contact Wendy by phone or fax on (02) 9315 8060 or Brendan on (02) 9319 0999.

Meanwhile, if you see a couple of snap happy people next time you visit the Parklands, don't be shy, you could find yourself on the pages of history in this beautiful pictorial book.

Be part of history!

As part of the photography for 'Portrait of a Park' Wendy and Brendan will be assembling a gathering in Centennial Parklands for what they hope will be Sydney's biggest group photo. Watch for details in the next issue of *Parklands*.



Circus Oz – 21 years and still sizzling!

Sophisticated, highly skilled and 100% human, Circus Oz specialises in acts of strength, daring and grace, combined with a peculiar irreverence and crazy humour.

Circus Oz will greet the new millennium by returning to Sydney for a 21st birthday celebration season. Australia's own multi-talented troupe will be bringing their own special magic back to Moore Park for a five week season in January and February 2000.

Under the Big Top you can expect to see tightrope walking, human fountain statues, chains from the ceiling, machines on fire, high speed swing, hanging from fingernails, wiry bodies, strong women, beautiful men and fabulous live music. It is a show that will appeal to the whole family.

Mike Finch, Artistic Director of Circus Oz describes the company as "a big new remix of completely idiosyncratic weirdos working together doing the completely improbable. The show will be fast, funky, sexy, stupid,

parkland perspectives



The original statue of former NSW Premier Sir Henry Parkes, on the corner of Parkes and Hamilton Drives in Centennial Park, was made from marble. It was destroyed by vandals using dynamite late one night in 1971.

The 8 foot bronze replacement was unveiled in 1996 by the current Premier, Bob Carr.

Created by sculptor Alan Somerville, the statue was first produced in wax before going to a foundry to be bronzed.

The statue sits at the apex of the Park's opening ceremony site, and greets visitors at the location where Sir Henry so aptly dubbed Centennial Park "the people's park".



muscly, brainy and quite entertaining too. A show you can relate to while having your socks blown off".

Credited with being the first contemporary circus in a now significant international industry, Circus Oz has well and truly come of age. A major innovator in the field of physical theatre, Circus Oz has contributed radically to the Australian and international cultural landscape.

Since Circus Oz last performed in Sydney in 1997, they have enjoyed a sold-out and critically acclaimed season on Broadway in New York, an extended seven week season in Munich,

Germany and performed at the Singapore Arts Festival. They have also held seasons in Melbourne, Hobart, Adelaide and Perth, and conducted extensive tours throughout Western Australia, South Australia, the Northern Territory, Queensland, New South Wales and Tasmania.

During the 1999 Melbourne season, Circus Oz recorded the highest audience attendance in 21 years and was equally applauded by the critics. Lee Christofis from *The Australian* described the shows as "... explosive, irreverent and sexy" and Palz Vaughan from the *Herald Sun* said "The 21st Birthday Show of Circus Oz is a fabulous mixture of

humour, danger, daring pathos, politics, sexiness and silly business.

Go and see it."

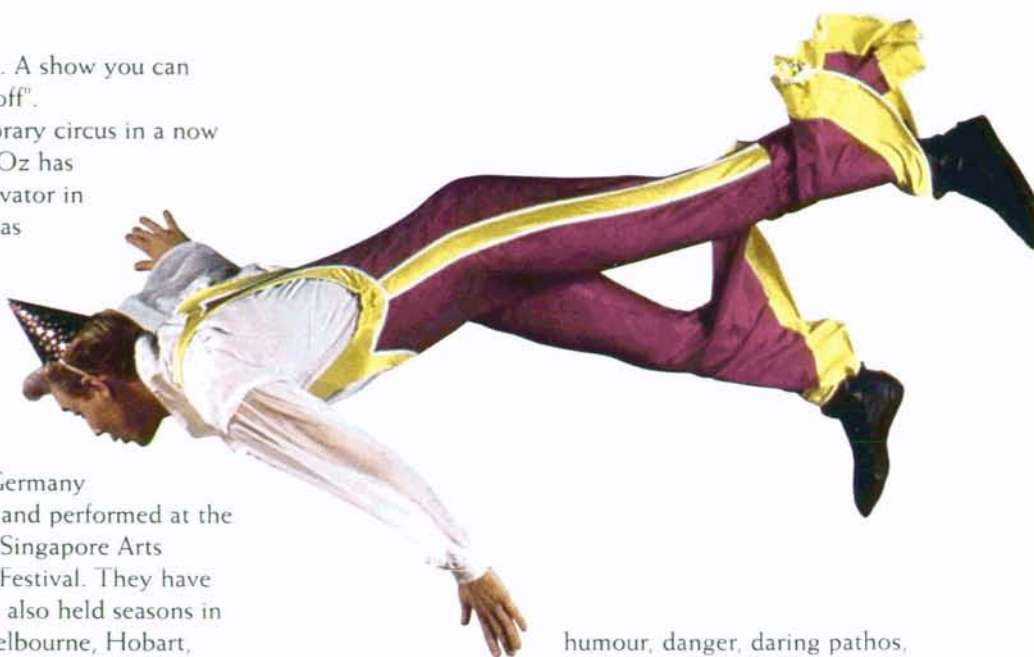
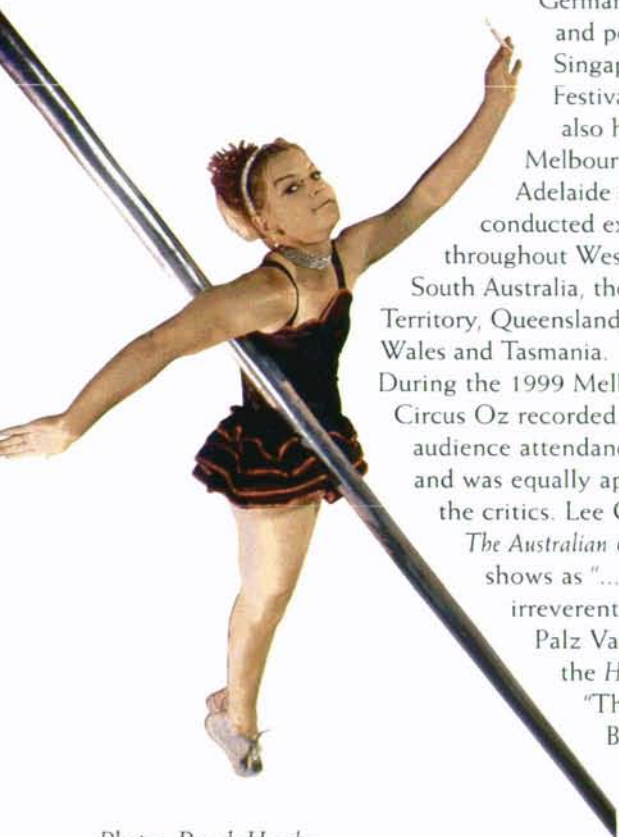
Mike Finch says Circus Oz is thrilled to be returning to its favourite home in Sydney – Moore Park. "For the 2000 season Circus Oz will be erecting a brand new blue and yellow Big Top on the corner of Anzac Parade and Lang Road. The Italian-made tent is only just off the boat and this will be its inaugural season."

The Circus Oz 2000 Sydney season is from Tuesday 4 January until Sunday 6 February 2000. Tickets can be booked through Ticketek on (02) 9266 4800 or up to one hour before the show at the Circus Oz Big Top Box Office.

As part of the 21st Birthday celebrations, Circus Oz are offering Friends of Centennial Parklands a reduced ticket price during the first week of the Circus Oz season. For the special price of \$30 for adult tickets (normally \$39), be one of the first people to see Circus Oz before they sell out! Tickets are available for evening shows at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4 January, Friday 7 January and Saturday 8 January and matinees on Saturday 8 January and Sunday 9 January.

Book through the Friends of the Parklands on (02) 9339 6699.

Photos: Ponch Hawks



Last swing of the century

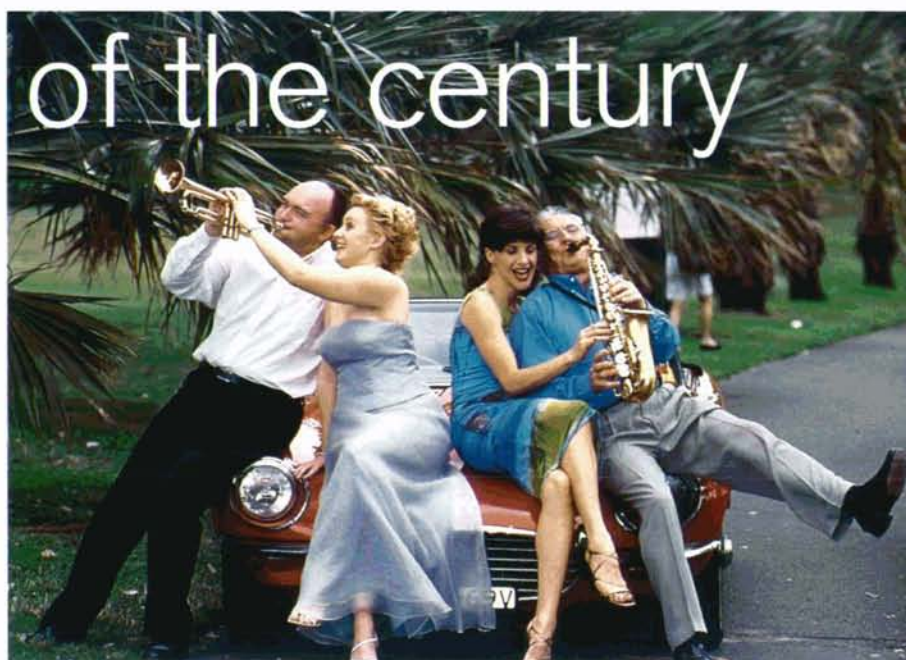
For one night only, Centennial Park will swing to the sounds of the big band era, brought to life by jazz legend James Morrison.

Joined by special guests Don Burrows, Emma Pask and Monica Trapaga, James has programmed an evening of jazz favourites, including tributes to Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw.

Picnic under the stars as you take a trip down memory lane – surrounded by the beauty of Centennial Park.

The concert starts at 7.30pm on Saturday 11 December, with picnicking kicking off at 6.00pm.

Tickets are \$35.90/\$29.90 (plus booking fee) and can be purchased from Ticketek on (02) 9266 4868.



"take as much interest in it as if by your own hands you had planted the flowers...and if you thus rise to the full appreciation of this great beauty and your great privileges, the park will be one of the grandest adornments of this beautiful country." Sir Henry Parkes, 1888

Friends of the Parklands

Friends – Application Form

Become a Friend of Centennial Parklands and enjoy these benefits:

- membership key ring
- Parklands Magazine posted 4 times a year
- 10% discount at Centennial Parklands Restaurant
- free Ranger guided walks and other Friends' activities
- quality membership certificate
- discounts on selected Parklands events

Plus you will be helping to support the future of Sydney's grandest 19th century public park, dedicated to the people by Sir Henry Parkes in 1888.

Membership category

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☐ Family (1 year).....\$90

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JOIN NOW TO GET MOONLIGHT BONUS

Become a Friend this December and you could get the added bonus of a double pass to Moonlight Cinema in Centennial Park!

The first five new members to join in December 1999 will get a double pass (valued at \$25) as part of their membership – it's that easy.*

The double pass can be used on the night of your choice, giving you the chance to see classic movies such as *Casablanca*, *North by North West* or *Blade Runner* for free.

You'll also enjoy Friends year-long benefits, including discounts on events, Friends activities and 10 per cent off meals at Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

A Friends membership is a Christmas gift that lasts all year and helps to support Sydney's favourite parks.

To become a Friend simply fill in the membership form on this page and mail or fax it to the Trust.

*Judges decision is final – bonuses will be allocated to the first 5 new Friend memberships based on date of processing by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

FRIENDS ANNUAL FESTIVE CELEBRATION

The festive season is here and we're inviting all our Friends to join us for a special celebration at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre on Thursday 9 December.

The party is being held in the historic C Pavilion, the Parklands' newest venue which was formerly the home of the Carlton Clydesdale team. With imposing five metre high entrance doors, soaring ceilings, cobble stone and timber floors, coach lights and brass fittings, C Pavilion evokes the atmosphere of a historic stables.

The event will give Friends a chance to enjoy the recently refurbished Equestrian Centre, with tours of the venue and free pony rides for children.

Friends will also have the opportunity to meet each other and ponder the achievements of the past year as we head into the new millennium.

The night is being hosted by Lady Susie Martin, Patron of the Friends of Centennial Parklands and Trust Director, Peter Duncan.

We hope to see all our Friends there.

CIRCUS OZ FRIENDS BIRTHDAY OFFER

Circus Oz turns 21 this year. In their usual unconventional style they've decided to celebrate by giving presents away – and our Friends are the lucky recipients!

As part of their birthday celebrations Circus Oz are offering Friends of the Parklands \$9 off the regular price of tickets during the first week of their Sydney season, starting Tuesday 4 January.

See page 11 for full details. To take up this special offer please book your tickets by calling (02) 9339 6699 before Friday 31 December.

BIG BOLD AND BRASSY FRIENDS DEAL

A reminder to all our Friends to take advantage of the special discount rate for Big Bold and Brassy in Centennial Parklands on Saturday 11 December.

Friends of the Parklands can receive \$6 off the regular price of tickets. All seating is unreserved picnic style. Hampers can also be purchased on the night.

To obtain your special Friends of the Parklands discount phone (02) 9339 6699. For general information phone the Concert Info Line 1800 675 875.

WALK THE TUNNEL FOR FREE!

Be one of the first people to walk through the soon-to-open Eastern Distributor Tunnel from Woolloomooloo to Moore Park on Saturday 18 December.

Friends of the Parklands can join the tunnel walk for free! All you need to do is reserve you Tunnelwalk2 tickets by phoning (02) 9339 6699 by 13 December.

The walk is being organised by Rotary International, and follows the success of Harbour TunnelWalks. Tickets for the event are being sold at \$5 for Adults and \$15 for Families – so don't miss out on this special offer to join around 60,000 people as they walk Sydney's newest tunnel.

The walk takes between 45 minutes and an hour, with the first group starting at 8am and the last group leaving at 3pm.

After the walk there will be festivities in Moore Park with live entertainment and attractions for all ages.

Summer Seafood Sensations



Daylight savings and hot balmy weather will be the perfect accompaniment for a feast of summer seafood at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

What better way to start the year 2000 than with a seafood feast and a relaxing night in the Park?

The best of summer seafood will feature at our next Friends' dinner on Wednesday January 13 at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

The menu begins with a choice of entrees including Marinated Pickled Red Fish Salad with Potato and Sweet Onion Pickle, Vietnamese Prawn Salad, Grilled Baby Octopus on Braised Eggplant Peppers, Basil and Ligurian Olives, Smoked Salmon Blini with Sauce Verte and Salmon Roe, and Fried Zucchini Flowers stuffed with Bocconcini Pesto on Grilled Sardines (pictured).

Chef David Noonan has put together a special selection of mains offering the choice between Coriander Pasta with Crab Meat and Sauce Vierge, Roasted Blue Eye Cod with Asparagus Salad and Watercress Mayonnaise, Whole Baked Snapper with Thyme Lemon Caper and Burnt Butter, Sri Lankan Fish Curry with Jasmine

Rice and Mango Relish and Braised Vegetable Targine with Cous Cous and Pickled Lemon.

Then be tempted by deserts capturing the tastes of summer – including Summer Berries with Raspberry Curd and Sable, Chocolate Parfait, Passionfruit Bavories, and a selection of Australian Cheese with Walnut Bread Muscatels and Dried Fruits.

The evening begins at 6.30pm sharp with a talk in keeping with the summer theme.

Tables can be booked from 6.30 to 9.30pm. Menu enquiries and bookings (essential) can be made directly to the Centennial Parklands Restaurant on (02) 9360 3355.

Parking is available at the Restaurant, entry via Paddington Gates. Please present your Friends' keyring on the evening to receive your special discount.

Spoil yourself with this special night of seafood indulgence – you deserve it!

Dinner (including talk)
 2 courses: Friends \$35, Guests \$42
 3 courses: Friends \$40, Guests \$47

summer events

ALL SUMMER LONG

1 December–14 February (except Mondays)

EPSON MOONLIGHT CINEMA

Enjoy your favourite movies under the stars in Centennial Park. Including *Shakespeare in Love*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and *Life is Beautiful*. Bookings Ticketmaster 136 100. Screening details 1900 933 899

4 January–6 February

CIRCUS OZ

Circus Oz turns 21 and returns to Moore Park with a new show featuring an exciting mix of high energy acrobatics. Bookings Ticketek (02) 9266 4800

DECEMBER

8 Wednesday

MY LITTLE PONIES – Toddlers

Tour through the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. Find out where the horses live, and jump into the saddle for a pony ride too! 10–11am. \$7 per child, adults free. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

TREE MASTER PLAN TOURS

Join the Parklands' planners and arborists, on a guided walk of Centennial Park's majestic trees and hear about the Trust's recently completed Tree Master Plan. 10am–Noon. \$8 per person. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699



9 Thursday

INCY WINCY SPIDERS – Toddlers

Follow the Rangers and spy on some spiders. Play the Web Game and make a Spider Safety Kit. 10–11am. \$7 per child, adults free. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

11 Saturday

BIG BOLD & BRASSY

For one evening only you can hear the sound of Jazz supreme. James Morrison and guests Monica Trapaga, Emma Pask and Don Burrows, while you picnic in Centennial Park. Bookings Ticketek (02) 9266 4868. Concert Info line 1800 675 875. Friends of the Parklands discounts (02) 9339 6699



12 Sunday

PAT FARMER FEDERATION RUN

Join ultra-marathon runner Pat Farmer as he completes his record breaking run around Australia to promote awareness of the Centenary of Federation. Pat is expected to complete his run in Centennial Park around midday. See newspapers for details or phone (02) 9339 6699.

15 Wednesday

TREE MASTER PLAN TOURS

See 8 December. 10–12 Noon. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

JANUARY

7 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 3 December. 8.30–9.30pm. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

13 Thursday

SUMMER SEAFOOD DINNER

Spoil yourself with a summer seafood feast. The evening begins at 6.30pm with a talk by a special guest speaker. *Friends of the Parklands* \$35 (2 courses) \$40 (3 courses). Others \$40/\$47. Bookings essential Centennial Parklands Restaurant (02) 9361 6288

22 Saturday

THE SOUND OF BATS

Join bat specialist Dr Roger Coles from the University of Sydney and search the night skies of Centennial Park using sonar detection equipment. 7.30–10.45pm. \$25 per person (\$22 for *Friends of the Parklands*). Bring a torch. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

25 Tuesday

THE SOUND OF BATS

See 22 January. 7.30–10.45pm. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699



28 Friday

THE SOUND OF BATS

See 22 January. 7.30–10.45pm. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

30 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST

Stroll through Centennial Park with bird enthusiast Trevor Waller and discover a range of native and exotic bird life. BYO binoculars. Includes light breakfast. 8.30–10.30am. \$8 per person. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

FEBRUARY

4 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 3 December. 8.30–9.30pm. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

10 Thursday

INCY WINCY SPIDERS Toddlers

See 9 January. 10–11am. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

14 Monday

VALENTINES DAY DINNER AND MOVIE SPECIAL

Begin your evening with a meal at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant then wander up to Moonlight Cinema, collect your champagne and desert and watch *Breakfast at Tiffany's* under the stars. Cost \$110 per couple (includes cinema, champagne and three course meal). Bookings Centennial Parklands Restaurant (02) 9360 3355

16 Wednesday

TED'S TREE TOUR

Join Ted Hoare, the Parklands' Senior Arborist, on a guided walk of Centennial Park's majestic trees. 9.30–11.30am. \$8 per person. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

23 Wednesday

MY LITTLE PONIES

See 8 December. 10–11am. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

Bookings for Centennial Parklands events are only confirmed on receipt of payment

In case of rain, please call to confirm event is proceeding. A full refund will be given if an activity is cancelled due to wet weather.

Escape and Explore School Holiday Program

Bookings are essential for all School Holidays activities and can be made by calling (02) 9339 6699

Please note that numbers are limited. Activities are only confirmed on receipt of payment. Places will not be held without payment in full. Cancellations less than 48 hours prior to the activity may not receive a full refund.

Toddlers activities for 2–5 years and Children's activities for 6–12 years (unless otherwise stated).

In case of rain, please call to confirm event is proceeding. A full refund will be given if an activity is cancelled due to wet weather.

JANUARY

5 Wednesday

CICADA SINGALONG – Toddlers

What is a Greengrocer, or a Black Prince? Discover the colourful world of cicadas, and make a special cicada drum to join in the Cicada Singalong. 10–11am. \$7 per child, adults free.

WORM FARMING – Children

The Parklands are wriggling with worms! Find out why worms are so important and build a worm farm to recycle your household food scraps. 2–3.30pm. \$8 per child.



6 Thursday

CANDLE CRAFT – Children

Collect seeds, gumnuts, bark and flowers with the Rangers and make your own hand decorated candles. 10–11.30am. \$8 per child



BANKSIA BEASTS – Toddlers

Can you find the banksias hiding among the trees? Turn your banksia into your favourite beast with some colourful paint, eyes and glitter. 2–3pm. \$7 per child, adults free.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL – All ages

Join the Rangers spotlighting possums, flying foxes and other creatures of the night. Bring your own torch. 8.30–9.30pm. \$6 per person.

10 Monday

JUNIOR RANGERS – 8–12 years

Calling all Junior Rangers! Patrol the Parklands in your own hand decorated Junior Ranger t-shirts, survey insect populations, and plant native shrubs. Bring a packed lunch. 10am–3pm. \$30 per child.

11 Tuesday

MINI RANGERS – Toddlers

Find out what it's like to be a Ranger. Help with bush regeneration, clean up patrol and seed feeder construction. 10–11am. \$7 per child, adults free.

TREE TREASURES – Children

Collect as many tree treasures as you can find and win a prize! Follow the Rangers to search the trees for seed pods, leaf skeletons, pine needles or maybe even a nest. 2–3.30pm. \$8 per child.



12 Wednesday

BANKSIA BEASTS

See 6 January. 10–11am

CANDLE CRAFT

See 6 January. 2–3.30pm

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 6 January. 8.30–9.30pm

13 Thursday

JUNIOR RANGERS

See 10 January. 10am–3pm



16 Sunday

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SHOW

– All ages

You can peek at a possum, or even smile at a crocodile during this native animal show with wildlife expert Anthony Stimson. Bring a rug. 11am–12noon. \$7 per person.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 6 January. 8.30–9.30pm.

17 Monday

MINI RANGERS

See 11 January. 10–11am.

WORM FARMING

See 5 January. 2–3.30pm

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 6 January. 8.30–9.30pm

18 Tuesday

JUNIOR RANGERS

See 10 January. 10am–3pm

19 Wednesday

TREE TREASURES

See 11 January. 10–11.30am

CICADA SINGALONG

See 5 January. 2–3pm.

20 Thursday

BANKSIA BEASTS

See 6 January. 2–3pm

21 Friday

CICADA SINGALONG

See 5 January. 10–11am

MINI RANGERS

See 11 January. 2–3pm.

SPOTLIGHT PROWL

See 6 January. 8.30–9.30pm

Centennial Parklands – User's Guide

PARKLAND OPERATIONS

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 Cafe.
Phone 9339 6699, fax 9332 2148

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

DINING & REFRESHMENTS

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.

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.

SPORT AND RELAXATION

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)
- Woollys Wheels: 9331 2671 (bikes)
- Bondi Boards & Blades: 9369 2212 (blades)
- Total Skate: 9380 6356 (blades)

Horse Riding

Centennial Park is one of the few remaining parks in the world offering inner-city horse riding, with a 3.6 km 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

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

Jogging & Walks

A 3.6 km 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

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. 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.

Children's Activities

Ranger-led Birthday Parties, toddler activities, Holiday activities and School Excursions are available as part of the Parkland's *Escape and Explore Program*.
9339 6641 or 9339 6645

FACILITIES

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

ES Marks Athletics Field

International standard 400 metre recatan running track, shot put, discus, javelin, long, high & triple jump facilities available. Quality change rooms, first aid rooms and a meeting room also available. 9339 6620

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Tennis, basketball and netball courts available for casual or regular use.
9662 7033

Playing Fields

Playing fields in Centennial, Moore and Queens Parks are available for team sports, including cricket, soccer, hockey, rugby and touch-football.
Bookings: 9339 6620

Centennial Parklands Children's Centre

Long day care centre for babies to pre-schoolers. 9663 1200

FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

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 6613

C Pavilion

Originally built as home for the Carlton Clydesdale Team, C Pavilion captures the spirit of a historic stables with function and exhibition space facilities. Holds up to 500 people.
Bookings: 9339 6613

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.
Bookings: 9339 6621

TRANSPORT

Public Transport – easily accessible by bus. Route 339 from City stations and 355 from Bondi Junction run regular services to Moore Park.
Phone 131 500 for timetable details.

Car – main gates to Centennial Park open 6.00am to 8.00pm during Summer. 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.



Back cover: *The Federation Star* – a new variety of Flannel Flower grown to represent the Centenary of Federation in NSW. (photo: Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney) See page 4 for stories on Federation celebrations in the Parklands.

Front Cover: *We Won* (detail). Cast in 1893 by Italian sculptor Tommaso Sani, the *We Won* statue pays tribute to the sport of rugby league. The bronze pedestal shows four scenes of a match being played by hordes of cherubs, including this female cherub who is trumpeting the beginning of the game. The statue sits on top of the ceremonial triangle opposite the cafe in Centennial Park.


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