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Welcome to Centennial Parklands in winter and to your new-look *Parklands* magazine.

We have recently redesigned this magazine to make it more accessible, contemporary and interactive. We hope you like these changes and continue to enjoy the magazine.

There has been some recent interest in the role of events in the Parklands, and furthermore the beginnings of a community discussion on the role of parks in our community. Are they places of passive recreation only? Or are they integral part of the community and a place of social connection?

We know that in reality parks in our community are, among other roles, a place of exercise and relaxation, wildlife haven, a venue for cultural and artistic expression, a venue for entertainment, sport, weddings, dining and picnicking with family and friends. Each of these activities is as important as the other, as it is the mix of uses that make the parks so important and relevant to the community.

In terms of Centennial Parklands, it not only provides these social and environmental positives, but also plays a key role in the

economic life of the community, with the Parklands generating more than \$60 million in economic benefit to NSW a year. We estimate that business activities in Centennial Parklands supports more than 1,500 equivalent full time jobs.

The extraordinary mix of large scale open space and urban areas such as the entertainment precinct, provides for everyone in the community.

I hope you enjoy winter in the Parklands.

Steve Corbett
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Healthy Parks Healthy People

Your park, your health

Centennial Parklands can, without doubt, help change your life.

Simply taking a walk in a park has been scientifically proven to decrease blood pressure and stress, increase blood circulation and improve your mental and physical wellbeing. But there is so much more the Parklands can do for you.

Experts say that the average person walks just over five kilometres an hour – and that just 30 minutes walking a day is recommended to maintain a healthy lifestyle. By walking just one lap of Centennial Park's Grand Drive (3.7 kilometres) you will easily pass the recommended limit.

For families, it is often easier to keep the kids fit and healthy than you think. Plan to go for a walk in your local park after school a few times a week and always keep a football, bat and ball or frisbee in the car to add some variety to exercise in the park.

For further information on the Healthy Parks Healthy People initiative, visit www.healthyparkshealthypeople.com. For more great ideas for healthy families, visit www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au.



Fly fishermen in Centennial Park

You may have noticed the recent appearance of fly fishermen in Centennial Park. While fishing is still a prohibited activity in Centennial Parklands, the Trust, in partnership with the Sydney Fly Rodders Association, is trialling a European Carp harvesting project to help improve the pond environment.

The European Carp (*Cyprinus carpio*) is a freshwater fish native to Asia, and is considered a pest species in Australia as they degrade the water quality of the ponds and limit the opportunity for native fish populations to become established.

Results to date have been very positive – the Fly Rodders even picked up an Australian record along the way!



Annual Fees and Charges Review

Each year the Trust reviews fees and charges covering a diverse range of facilities and services, such as: Moore Park Golf, the Equestrian Centre, *Friends of Centennial Parklands*, public programs, parking, sports field hire, filming and photography, functions and events.

The review applies CPI changes and increases in administrative overheads and maintenance costs associated with the direct provision of products and services. The results of the latest review apply from 1 July 2009. The majority of rates have only been increased in line with CPI. Rates will be published in June at www.centennialparklands.com.au.



Trust supports Victorian Bushfire Appeal

The Trust has donated \$42,000 to St Vincent de Paul Society's Victorian Bushfire Appeal. The donation comes from car parking revenue during the Sydney Sound Relief Concert in March and the Big Bash Twenty 20 charity cricket match at the SCG.

'The Trust is proud to support the programs that the St Vincent de Paul Society is undertaking in Victoria,' said Steve Corbett, Director and Chief Executive of the Trust.

Julie McDonald, Fundraising and Marketing Manager, St Vincent de Paul Society said: 'The Trust's generous donation will go towards continuing the vital work of the Society in helping local communities to rebuild their homes and lives.'

Donations are still being accepted at www.vinnies.org.au or by phoning 13 18 12.

New Equestrian Centre website and Code of Conduct

A new website dedicated to the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre will be launched in June 2009: www.cpequestrian.com.au

The website will be a one-stop shop for all things equestrian in the Parklands, including information on how to book a horse ride or lessons, how to book a children's birthday pony party or what options are available to stable your own horse at the Centre.

The Trust has also released a new Code of Conduct for all riders and stablers at the Centre. This document provides detailed information on everything from horse care to riding rules. The document is available from the Equestrian Centre or can be downloaded from the new website.



Nuns may run, but others walk for charity



The cooler months of 2009 have certainly brought out a charitable spirit around Centennial Parklands. In May 2009, the Cancer Council's inaugural Eastern Suburbs Relay for Life was held in Centennial Park. The event raised over \$75,000.

In June, Centennial Park will host the finale of an incredible two week charity event called the Nun's Run, in which two nuns, Sister Helen and Sister Leone, walk from Dubbo to Darlinghurst to raise funds for the Garvan Institute's Cancer Centre.

Finally in August, the Parklands will once again host the annual Ride for Life for the Prince of Wales Hospital's Oncology Unit.

Over the last two years, the Trust has supported charities to the value of \$150,000 and helping them raise millions of dollars.

Visitor Information

Car Free Days

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August and November).
Next day: Sunday 30 August 2009

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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A celebration of Maidens Row

Ten years on we look at how this visionary planting is growing

Winter 2009 marks the ten year anniversary since the replanting of 63 broad leafed paperbark trees (*Melaleuca quinquenervia*) in an avenue known collectively as "Maidens Row" located adjacent to Alison Road, Centennial Park. The project began in 1996, 100 years after the appointment of Joseph Henry Maiden as Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, which at the time included a young Centennial Park.

Joseph Maiden arrived in Sydney in 1881 as a science graduate with a keen interest in technical education. Following his appointment as Director in 1896, he set out to overcome some of the problems that had hindered the early establishment of the Parklands. For example, strong winds, sandy soils and poor species selection had left the Park relatively bare. Maiden's suggestion was to use more native plants that were better suited to the area, as well as planting windbreaks to allow better plant establishment.

The broad leafed paperbark was chosen due to its suitability to the local area and ability to shelter more vulnerable plantings. Many of Maiden's original windbreaks can still be seen today in areas such as around Duck Pond.

In 1996 it was decided that an avenue of declining coral trees along Alison Road were to be removed and plans were made to replace these trees with more suitable broad leafed paperbarks and as a tribute to Maiden. The trees were ordered in 1996, grown to specification in a nursery and planted in the winter of 1999.



Top: Maiden's Row as it looks today, thriving.
Bottom: Maiden's Row when it was first planted (photos taken in opposite directions).

The trees were planted in an unusual sequence of a lone tree, followed by a gap, a group of three trees followed by another gap, running the length of Kensington Pond. This sequence can be seen in several of Maiden's original windbreaks throughout the Parklands.

Ted Hoare, Centennial Parklands Senior Arborist, was instrumental in developing the project. Ted recalls: 'I was really pleased to be able to create this tribute to Joseph Maiden, and, ten years on, I am delighted to see the vision of the Row coming to fruition. The trees are fine specimens and are doing really well under difficult growing conditions.'

Autumn 2009 saw the removal of the last coral tree in the avenue, the subsequent planting of a paperbark and the completion of a fitting tribute to one of the forefathers of Centennial Park.

A new Education Centre for Centennial Parklands

Taking our education program to a higher level



The Trust has a long term commitment to environmental education. Over the last 12 months more than 13,000 participants have enjoyed the Trust's environmental education activities and school holiday programs. All programs, however, are held outdoors and are dependent on good weather conditions for their delivery.

In 2008 the Trust endorsed a new three-year Education Strategy which identified the lack of a central all-weather education facility as crucial for the improvement of its education program.

Finding a suitable venue and facility was the next challenge. After an extensive review of building options, a demountable building (recently acting as temporary office space for Trust staff) has been chosen and it will be relocated to the paved area in Centennial Square.

Funding of the \$340,000 Education Centre has been sourced through a combination of NSW Government funding and private funds raised through the Centennial Parklands Foundation. The Foundation raised around \$160,000 towards this project including a generous \$100,000 donation by The Pratt Foundation and the remaining funds raised at the 2008 Evergreen Dinner. These funds will be matched by the Trust's capital contribution.

Work began in May 2009 with the opening of the new facility proposed for spring 2009.

A new calibre of coaching

Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre welcomes eleven new independent instructors to enhance its riding program.

Eleven new equestrian instructors—including former Olympic coaches, Australian riders and the current National Showjumping Champion—have been announced as the official independent instructors at Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre (CPEC).

The new instructors were selected following a nationwide competitive selection process. The instructors are available to anyone interested in casual lessons or more comprehensive coaching programs, tailored for all levels of experience from enthusiastic beginners to elite riders.

'We are delighted to have attracted such a high calibre group of coaches,' said Steve Corbett, Director and Chief Executive of the Trust. 'This is an unparalleled opportunity for the young to the experienced riders across Sydney to learn from some of the country's best instructors – and at a convenient venue just minutes from the Sydney CBD.'

Some of the new instructors include:

- Chris Chugg: one of Australia's elite jumping riders and the current National Champion.
- Judy Dierks: Australian Team member at the World Equestrian Games in The Hague, 1994.
- Gillian Rickard: World Equestrian Games representative and former head coach, Australian Dressage Team, 2004 Paralympics.



'These new independent instructors will complement the services provided by our five existing on-site riding schools which have been providing instruction for the beginner to intermediate level rider for some years,' said Dee Vadden, Manager, Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre.

All of the CPEC schools have experienced staff and safe, well trained horses and ponies to suit all ages and levels of experience.

CPEC is Sydney's most central and convenient equestrian facility, less than five kilometres from the Sydney CBD in the former Moore Park Showgrounds.

Further information about CPEC and the new independent instructors can be found on the Equestrian Centre's website: www.cpequestrian.com.au or by phoning (02) 9332 2809.

Replanting the Parklands

It takes three years, from order to delivery, to plant trees in the Parklands.

The Trust has a comprehensive Tree Replacement Program designed to identify tree replacement needs, and replenish and invigorate the remaining healthy tree populations with new species.

As part of this program forward planning is essential. New trees are ordered up to three years in advance and grown in specialist nurseries to ensure they are strong enough to survive the challenging soils within the Parklands.

The Trust currently has over 800 new trees growing under the guidance of specialist nursery growers in Lake Macquarie and the Northern Rivers regions. Most species grown in the Parklands are not available from general nurseries.

These Jelly Palms (*Butia capitata*), pictured, have recently been delivered after three years in a specialist nursery and will be planted shortly in Moore Park and at the Moore Park Golf Course.

The current assessment is that up to 60% of the Parklands' 15,000 trees will need to be replaced over the next forty years. It is estimated that at least 160 trees will need to be replaced annually to maintain the current tree population.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation is the avenue with which you can help in ways big and small. Make a donation to our Tree Replacement Program, buy a tree for National Tree Day or Adopt a Tree.

Call (02) 9339 6699 or visit www.yourparklands.org.au for more information or to make a secure online donation.



Centennial Parklands Arborist Jason Cutcliffe inspects the progress of the Jelly Palms at a specialist nursery.

Fresh is best!

Lovers of fine foods will be pleasantly surprised by the Entertainment Quarter's Village Markets where you can sample the freshest regional produce and gourmet foods, conveniently all under cover. Here we take a tour of the markets and find out more about this vibrant entertainment precinct.

You might be surprised to know that the Entertainment Quarter's Village Markets is celebrating its tenth year of operation! Many of the stallholders have been around since its inception and they all offer the highest quality produce, including fruit and vegetables, eggs, cheese, breads, olives, nuts, chocolates, cakes and pastries.

The market entrance is always a spectacular array of colour, courtesy of Chris May and his team at Mayfarm Flowers. With a reputation for quality, variety and pricing, they are proud of their stall and the number of regular customers they attract to the market each week.

Fruit and vegetables are in abundance in the market, including hydroponic and organic. Meliora Farm specialises in seasonal oranges and avocados, with many other citrus varieties available throughout the various seasons. Helen Roche and her staff will happily offer samples of the juicy apple varieties grown on her Adelong farm, along with her seasonally available cherries and stone fruits.

There is a huge range of cheeses to select from at the EQ Village Markets. Make sure you stop to sample The Cheese Room's local specialty cheeses or Formaggio Ocello's selection of imported cheeses, sourced from all regions of Italy. David Borg, the resident goat's cheese producer, is involved at all stages of creating his Willowbrae Chevre range.



If you have a sweet tooth, the EQ Village Markets have you covered as well. The Strudel Baron's mouth watering strudels, cakes and tarts will keep you coming back for more, while Albert's delicious crepes and waffles at Le Creperie are also well worth making the trip for. Chocolate lovers can also indulge, selecting from Fare Gourmet's handmade treats, or Lisa Rose's tantalising rocky road and turkish delight.

You can enjoy a relaxed lunch, selecting from international hot foods such as sweet and savoury crepes from Le Creperie, Chorizo rolls from Mojo Picon, Turkish Gozleme or delicious Ethiopian pancakes.

No market trip is complete without a great coffee and the markets have two of the best on offer. Local company Toby's Estate is fast gaining a reputation for their smooth blends, while Ivan and Linda at Café East Timor are always ready with a smile and great cup of their organic Fair Trade 3 Amigos blend.

The EQ Markets are held each Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00 am–3.30 pm at Lang Road, Moore Park. You can also find EQ Village Markets on Facebook where you can download delicious recipes, special offers and more.

EQ Village Sunday Market

Sunday is the day to experience the colourful and eclectic atmosphere of the EQ Village Sunday Market, held weekly from 10.00 am–4.00 pm. With a great mix of jewellery and accessories, skin care, toys, homewares, clothing and more, this is an established Sunday destination with something for the whole family.

Meet cute and cuddly animals

Bringing the fun of the farmyard to you, Kidz Zoo comes to the Entertainment Quarter every Wednesday and Saturday from 8.30 am–1.30 pm and Sunday from 10.00 am–1.30 pm. Bring the kids to see cuddly guinea pigs, rabbits, chicks, kid goats, sheep and lambs. Entry is just \$5!

Left: The EQ Village Markets in action.



The Entertainment Quarter can satisfy your entertainment needs – day and night.

Find it all at the EQ

The name says it all – Moore Park's Entertainment Quarter satisfies all your entertainment requirements. Whether you want to shop, dine out, catch a movie or a world-class live comedy act or just hang out with friends over a drink, EQ is the place to come to.

EQ is the ideal meeting place for the many surrounding entertainment attractions including Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Football Stadium, the green serenity of Centennial Parklands and the legendary live music venue, Hordern Pavilion.

But EQ is also an attraction in its own right. It offers late night shopping seven days a week. You can catch the latest movie releases at Hoyts Imax®, La Premiere or Cinema Paris, hit the alley at Strike Bowling, or enjoy a laugh at Sydney's premier comedy venue, The Comedy Store, a world class, purpose built club that has played host to some of the biggest names on the international comedy circuit.

With EQ's diverse range of bars, cafés and restaurants conveniently located in the one precinct, it's the perfect place for an intimate dinner, a long lunch or drinks. The selection ranges from a Bavarian Bier Café, to traditional Italian, Cantonese, Mediterranean, pub fare, to a grill restaurant.

Children of all ages are well catered for with a children's precinct and Lollipop's Playland for the very young ones. The two hugely popular playgrounds are open daily and cater for kids aged 2–12 years.

Back by popular demand, the EQ Ice Rink is open from 10.00 am from Wednesday to Sunday throughout the winter season until October. The Ice Rink is also open every day during school holidays and on public holidays.

The EQ hosts many vibrant and exciting events including Cirque du Soleil, fashion and art exhibitions, corporate functions and TV and motion picture location filming. The Entertainment Quarter also has its own live music venue in the Forum.

The EQ is easily accessible from the city with regular buses running to Moore Park from Circular Quay, Central, Railway Square, Bondi Junction, Newtown and Marrickville. There is a multi-storey car park offering free parking for the first two hours.

There is quite literally something for everyone at EQ. Visit eqmoorepark.com.au or call (02) 8117 6700 for more information.

Our thanks to the Entertainment Quarter for providing the information for this feature.



Above: Try German hospitality at the Bavarian Bier Café.

EQ Ice Rink 2 for 1 skating pass*

* Terms and conditions: Offer valid till July 31 2009, excluding the school holiday period from 11 to 26 July 2009. To claim this offer this coupon must be presented and surrendered at the ticket office.

Twitcher's Corner

Black-winged Stilt by Trevor Waller

The **Black-winged Stilt** is a striking black and white bird with extremely long thin pink legs. The length of its legs allows the bird to wade gracefully through shallow water in search of food.

The black bill is long and thin and used to feed on aquatic insects and crustaceans usually found in shallow water. The head and neck are white with a black nape and hind neck. The back is black and in flight the wings are black above and below and the long legs trail out behind a short white tail. Young birds have a dark wash on the crown and neck and a dark smudge around the eyes. The adult bird's call is a nasal yapping and is used as a warning to their youngsters when disturbed, or when they are alarmed.

The main habitat for the stilt is fresh and brackish swamps, flooded paddocks, shallow rivers and lake edges, salt lakes and mudflats. They are mostly associated with wetlands and shallow water areas. They can be found in pairs, small groups and occasionally in large loose gatherings on suitable wetlands.

This bird breeds from August to December and the nest is a small platform built up in shallow water using plant material. They lay a clutch of 3 to 4 eggs and both sexes take care of the incubation duties. These duties last about a month and then the task of raising the chicks begins.

There are a small number of these stilts to be found in the Parklands. The best places to look for them are Willow Pond, Duck Pond and Randwick Pond. Recently there have been some young birds with the adults and the difference in their plumage could be observed.



Trevor Waller 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, and conducts the Parklands Birdwatcher's Breakfasts each season. The next Birdwatcher's Breakfast will be held on Sunday 10 May 2009.

Please visit www.centennialparklands.com.au/whatson for details.

Plant of the Season

Queensland Bottle tree

The Queensland Bottle tree (*Brachychiton rupestris*) is a small to medium ornamental tree native to central Queensland. The Bottle tree name is a reference to the bottle-shaped trunk that the tree develops usually within 15 years of age.

The tree belongs to the Sterculiaceae family and is in the same genus as the Illawarra Flame Tree, although very different in appearance. The Bottle tree generally grows to about five metres tall in cultivation, with a canopy of about five metres width. The leaves are small, glossy and dark green in colour. The tree will typically drop its leaves in the flowering season of October through to December, also in times of drought.

Bottle trees are extremely hardy and will tolerate a wide range of soils and climatic zones. They can also cope with being transplanted, even at a mature age. Aside from the ornamental value, Bottle trees have been grown as a food source for animal and people, and its fleshy trunk is an excellent source of water.

Where can it be seen in the Parklands?

There are three Bottle trees located adjacent to Centennial Parklands Dining, where they create a striking feature against their surroundings.

Followers of Frank Hemmings' column, **Native Watch**, can read it online at www.centennialparklands.com.au. This season, Frank profiles the Tree Broom-heath.



Welcome to Parklands magazine's new section for kids: Kids Zone. There always something to do, something to learn and something to win. This issue, it's all about BUGS!

Unbelievable Bugs!

Did you know that insects are amongst some of the most successful organisms on earth? There are almost 90,000 species of insects in Australia alone, and around 300 million worldwide. Some insects, such as the giant dragonfly, lived 300 million years ago and are now extinct. Others, like cockroaches which are just as ancient, have survived and look almost exactly the same!

If you want to learn more about insects Centennial Parklands is running two new programs: Unbelievable Bugs (2-5 years) and Junior Arborists: What's Eating My Tree! (7-12 years).

See www.centennialparklands.com.au for more details.



Competition

Look at this photo carefully. If you think you know (or can research) the common name of this insect you could win one of three passes to either of our school holiday Bug programs – Unbelievable Bugs or Junior Arborists: What's Eating My Tree! Email your answer with your contact name, age and phone number to info@cp.nsw.gov.au. The first three correct entries will win. Here's a clue:

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Make a gorgeous Ladybird Crown

Ladybird, ladybird fly away home,
Your house is on fire and your children are gone

You will need:

- red and black thin cardboard
- 2 black pipe cleaners
- stick & scissors
- tape & glue

Instructions:

- Cut a long strip of red cardboard, about 15 cm wide.
- Wrap around your head to measure how long you need and trim off the excess (don't tape into a circle yet).
- Cut circles out of black cardboard paper.
- Wind each pipe cleaner around a stick leaving 2 cm straight at the top and bottom.
- Tape a circle onto the top of each pipe cleaner. Sandwich another circle onto the other side using glue. Glue remaining circles onto the crown.
- Tape both pipe cleaners to front of the crown.
- Finally, tape the cardboard ends together to form the crown.
- For extra effect, decorate with glitter glue.



Ask a Ranger

Why is my soccer field closed?

After heavy rain, sports fields are often closed to prevent more surface damage to the field. This helps keep the grass in good order and the playing surface smooth, all of which helps to prevent injuries on the field.

You can check if your field is closed by calling our Wet Weather line on (02) 9339 6670 or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au

My daughter left her jumper at the playground. Has it been handed in?

Unfortunately lots of things get lost or left behind in such a big Park. However we have a comprehensive lost and found property register. You can leave your details at the Visitor Information Counter, or call us on (02) 9339 6699. We will endeavour to match handed in property to your description.

If you find any lost property in the Park, please hand it in to a Ranger or to the Visitor Information Counter.

GET INVOLVED

The seven most beautiful leaves in Centennial Parklands



1. Leave a donation



2. Leave a tree



3. Leave as a Friend



4. Leave as a sponsor



5. Leave a bench



6. Leave as a volunteer



7. Leave a bequest

Contact the Foundation

To find out more about any of these stories, or to make a donation:

Ph: (02) 9339 6633

Email: foundation@centennialparklands.com.au

Web: www.yourparklands.org.au

Use our trees to prune your tax!

As this financial year draws to a close, please consider a donation to the Centennial Parklands Foundation to offset your tax liability. A number of our programs are tax deductible – adopt a tree, dedicate a bench, sponsor one of our native animals or simply make a donation to support our work.



Run for the Parklands

On Sunday 9 August 2009 the annual City to Surf will take place. If you use the Parklands to train for the event, please nominate the Centennial Parklands Foundation as your charity when you register. Or join the Foundation team - we will provide you with plenty of encouragement and a Foundation t-shirt to wear on the day. If you are looking for a challenge to keep you fit over the winter months, and would like to walk/run with us or for us, please contact the Foundation on (02) 9339 6699.



Turn National Tree Day into Family Tree Day

National Tree Day is on Sunday, 2 August 2009. If you'd like to turn it into family tree day, why not join our special planting in Centennial Park? A tax deductible donation of \$1,000 will entitle you to call one of these trees 'yours'. You and your family can help plant it, and in recognition of your support you will receive a dedication certificate, photograph and location map.

Your donation will not only fund the planting and future care of your tree, but go towards the vital Tree Replacement Program which aims to replace 60% of the Parklands' 15,000 trees – a significant undertaking.

New Benefactors

Mrs Susan Devenish-Meares and
Mr Peter Phillips

Mrs Tara Hunt

Mr and Mrs Greg and Quinta Turton

Ms Jillian Arnott

Mr and Mrs Kevin and Danielle Harris

Mr Trevor Danos and family

The Casey family

Evergreen Dinner - save the date!

Following the success of the inaugural event in 2008, the Foundation's Evergreen Dinner will take place on Thursday 29 October 2009 at Centennial Parklands Dining. Please contact us to reserve a table at this year's event or if you would like to donate a raffle or auction prize, or make a tax deductible donation in support of our fundraising efforts.

The aim of this year's event is to raise funds to bring a special project to fruition – a new ring of trees inside Grand Drive, Centennial Park. We hope to see you there!



Your donations in action

On the eve of Arbor Day, contributors to the Tree Transplant Appeal joined Foundation Chair, Sarah Whyte, and Trust Director of Park Assets, Ian Innes, for an update on the Tree Replacement Program.

The first planting of significant trees for Foundation Friends took place in Moore Park in 1997 and those trees are flourishing today. Many of those who were part of this special planting attended the event and the Foundation is grateful for their continued support and interest.

Thanks to the support of the community, the Foundation has raised almost \$500,000 since the launch of the Tree Transplant Appeal in late 2006. 800 semi-mature trees have been planted since the Appeal was launched.



Top: Support the work of the Foundation by donating to the Tree Transplant Appeal.
Bottom: Marie Robertson's picture of this gorgeous swan featured on the Parklands' website.

Friends

Put yourself in the picture!

Don't forget that *Friends of Centennial Parklands* can submit a favourite photo of the Parklands online. Approved images will appear on the homepage of the Centennial Parklands website.

Friends member, Marie Robertson, has been taking pictures of the Parklands for the last 30 years and has uploaded many of her images onto our website.

'Recently I took a picture of a young fluffy swan at Busbys Pond which got profiled on the home page. I'm sure there are people out there with old photos that they could scan for the gallery and then it would be a real resource for people.'

Upload your photos today and we'll get them into our photo gallery for all to see.

Volunteers

Community planting day

In February the Foundation hosted a community planting event at Centennial Park. Approximately 100 people from Paddington Public School, Green Corps and the Sydney Roosters NRL team joined our volunteers to plant approximately 4,000 native plants around the banks of the Kensington Ponds.

Volunteers also participated in National Volunteer Week activities within the Parklands in May 2009. Volunteers joined with Trust staff for a much anticipated social gathering featuring home-made dishes and lively discussion and conviviality. Volunteers also enjoyed a special Spotlight Tour prior to the dinner.

Comings and Goings

Lyn Wiley, who has supervised volunteer bush regenerators for the past five years is no longer able to be involved as she is moving away from the area. Lyn says 'I am proud of the volunteers I have worked with and the social interaction has been a valuable reward'. Thank you Lyn for your extraordinary contribution. In her place we welcome new supervisor Pat Thomas, who is currently Area Coordinator at the National Trust.

The Volunteers would also like to thank and farewell Lyn Walker. For the past two years Lyn has worked in the office to develop operational systems and provide valuable administrative support to the volunteer program.



Cover: Brad Fittler from the Sydney Roosters joined us for a community planting day.

Nursery update

Volunteer programs will soon receive a boost with the implementation of increased nursery facilities including hot houses, shade houses and sterile preparation area for upwards of 10,000 plants. The Nursery facility is expected to be operational for spring 2009.

To find out more on any of these programs please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Mark Secombe on (02) 9339 6627 or email volunteers@centennialparklands.com.au

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Evergreen Dinner 2009

Plant a tree on
National Tree Day

Volunteers community
planting day

Winter 2009

