



Centennial
Parklands

Community Consultative Committee

Applicant Information Pack

The following information is provided to assist with applications for the Community Consultative Committee. It provides background information on Centennial Parklands, the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust and Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands.

Centennial Parklands

Centennial Parklands comprises three parks: Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park. Covering more than 360 hectares, less than 10 minutes from Sydney's central business district and just a short distance from the city's popular eastern beaches, Centennial Parklands is one of the world's finest and most used open spaces.

Centennial Park - the oldest of the three parks - was dedicated by Sir Henry Parkes as a public open space in 1888 and was the venue for the Inauguration of Federation in 1901. The Federation Pavilion stands today to mark this auspicious event.

In addition to its historical and environmental significance, the fully self-funded Centennial Parklands is one of the city's most popularly visited public parks. With a total asset base of more than \$900 million, the Parklands attracts more than 20 million visits a year.

The Parklands is also Australia's largest community sports hub, with 650,000+ registered sport users and over 120 sports fields, tracks, courts and other surfaces. Major sporting facilities include the ES Marks Athletics Field, an 18-hole golf course and driving range, an equestrian centre, two sets of tennis courts and an all-weather sports field.

The Parklands is also at the heart of the Australian film industry with Fox Studios Australia and the Australian Film Television and Radio School on-site, facilitates more than 170 filming and photography shoots every year, two cineplexes and has been host venue for Moonlight Cinema since 1998.

Events are also a key offering the Parklands provides for the community, with a program including Taste of Sydney, Polo in the City, The Color Run and Listen Out.

The Parklands also features a number of historic indoor event and exhibition venues – Hordern Pavilion, Royal Hall of Industries, Byron Kennedy Hall and Sydney Comedy Store.

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust

Centennial Parklands is managed under the *Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983*.

Under the Act the majority of Trustees are appointed by the NSW Governor on the recommendation of the Minister for a period of up to four years, however one Trustee is appointed for a two year term on the recommendation of the Trust's Community Consultative Committee and after endorsement by the Minister.

The Trust meets regularly to oversee the management and policy direction of the organisation and give formal approval to major procedural and policy matters on advice from management.

Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands

In February 2014 the NSW Government announced the operational integration of staff from Centennial Parklands and staff from the Royal Botanic Gardens & Domain Trust. The integration does not impact upon the two Trust's or the legislation that governs respective sites under management - this includes the continuation of the Community Consultative Committee in its current form.

As a result of the integration, the day-to-day operation of Centennial Parklands is now under the auspices of *Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands*, led by the Executive Director. The Executive Director, however, is still responsible to the Trustees of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust under the Act for matters relating to Centennial Parklands.

Objectives, Mission and Values

The objects of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust stated in the Act are:

- a) to maintain and improve Trust lands;
- b) to encourage the use and enjoyment of Trust lands by the public by promoting and increasing the recreational, historical, scientific, educational, cultural and environmental value of those lands;
- c) to maintain the right of the public to the use of the Trust lands;
- d) to ensure the protection of the environment within the Trust lands; and
- e) such other objects, consistent with the functions of the Trust in relation to the Trust lands, as the Trust considers appropriate.

As outlined in the Strategic Plan 2015-2020, the Strategic Goal of Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands is to: Deliver sustainable and world-leading botanic gardens and parklands. Sustainability, with respect to Centennial Parklands, relates to environmental, social and financial sustainability.

More information about planning is available here:

<http://www.centennialparklands.com.au/about/planning>

The Community Consultative Committee

The Community Consultative Committee for Centennial Parklands is an advisory body whose role is to represent a broad range of community interests to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. It provides a forum for communication, input and relationship building between the Trust and Centennial Parklands' many constituencies.

The Committee advises and assists the Trust on:

- the development and review of its plans and policies;
- the monitoring and evaluation of its performance;
- possible new or modified services and facilities.

The Committee is made up of people from a broad range of backgrounds but whom all have one thing in common - a love of the Parklands. As such Committee members are actively involved in the planning of Centennial Parklands for the benefit of the many thousands of visitors who use the Parklands each year.

Composition

The Committee is composed of people who are regular users of Centennial Parklands and who wish to be actively involved in its preservation, effective utilisation and ongoing improvement.

Remote users are also represented on the Committee, reflecting the Parklands' status as an important Sydney, regional and national landmark. Current Members have a variety of backgrounds including local government, environment, sport, special education and business.

Role and Objectives

The Committee's role is similar to a "Customer Council". The Committee may raise issues for consideration by the Trust and also consider issues referred to it by the Trust and its officers.

The Objectives of the Committee are to:

- provide advice in the development and review of Trust* strategic plans, policies and guidelines as and when required;
- provide advice to the Trust on appropriate mechanisms to consult with the general community and key stakeholder groups;
- provide a mechanism for conveying community issues to the Trust;
- assist the Trust with the evaluation and monitoring of its performance;
- advise the Trust on possible new and/or modified services and facilities;
- act as an ambassador for Centennial Parklands.

** In these objects, reference to the 'Trust' means the Board and management team responsible operationally for Centennial Parklands.*

Structure

The Committee typically comprises 10 members and includes the Executive Director (or their nominated representative).

Members represent a broad range of Centennial Parklands' visitors and Trust values, identified in the Act as recreational, historical, scientific, educational, cultural and environmental. Visitor research has identified park visitor segments as:

- Large passive groups (eg. families who picnic and play in the park);
- Large active groups (eg. groups that train for sport);
- Joggers; Cyclists; Strollers; Dog Walkers;
- Active friends and couples (eg, people who participate in a range of activities including horse riding, in-line skating or socialising at the Cafe);
- Organised team sports (soccer, cricket, netball, touch football, rugby league, hockey, school sport, and rugby union); and
- Golfers and tennis players.

Meetings

Meetings of the Community Consultative Committee typically take place six (6) times a year, on a Tuesday evening from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm and are held on-site at Parklands venues. Committee Members may also be asked to participate in projects, reference groups or other activities in between Committee meetings.

All meetings of the Committee must achieve a quorum of members attending, being at minimum five attendees plus the Chair.

Summaries of meetings, outcomes and priorities of the Committee will be posted on the Centennial Parklands website (www.centennialparklands.com.au/ccc).

Terms of Appointment

Members of the Committee will be appointed for a period of two years, and will be eligible for re-appointment for any number of terms, but not to hold office for more than two consecutive terms.

Selection Criteria

Members of the Community Consultative Committee must demonstrate a strong commitment to Centennial Parklands. In addition, they must:

- have a sound knowledge of Trust lands;
- be able to demonstrate capability and experience in community consultation;
- be able to contribute to the balance of Centennial Parklands' diversity of values and stakeholder views;
- have a knowledge and appreciation of the role and significance of Centennial Parklands in the metropolitan, State, national and international contexts;
- be willing to participate in projects approved by the Trust; and
- be able to attend all meetings of the Committee.

Aboriginal people with a recognised affinity with Centennial Parklands are encouraged to apply.

Members are appointed by the Trust on the recommendation of the Director and Chief Executive.

Further information

If you would like further information or have any questions relating to the Community Consultative Committee please call (02) 9339 6699 or visit www.centennialparklands.com.au.