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place names

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Directions

Acquisition Program for 2007/08, resulting in 300 trees being purchased. Read about the work of the Foundation on page 11.

As the weather warms up, we welcome a variety of outdoor events to the Parklands. This season sees the return of A Midsummer Night's Dream (see page 5) and Sydney's inaugural World's Greatest Pram Stroll (see page 10). I encourage you to come along. These events bring excitement and diversity to the Parklands.

Events are an integral part of life in Centennial Parklands. A significant number of events hosted are for charitable organisations and the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust is proud to support these endeavours. This year's Gold Dinner, hosted by the Sydney Children's Hospital

Foundation, for instance, raised a massive \$3.017 million for the hospital. More such events are planned for later this year.

The theme for this issue of *Parklands* magazine is **Our People** and we tell some of the fascinating stories behind our placenames. Find out about Musgrave, Belvedere, Hamilton and others in our feature story on page 6.

Enjoy the spirit of spring.

Steve Corbett
Director and Chief Executive
Centennial Parklands

Welcome to the spring issue of *Parklands* magazine. Thank you to all those who responded to the Reader Survey. We are evaluating your feedback and will respond in detail in the next issue.

As you may be aware the Centennial Parklands Foundation has been established to raise funds for environmental projects across the Parklands. Through its efforts \$43,000 has been allocated to the Tree

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Parkbench

Take a look back in time

The Visitor Centre at Paddington Gates is presently hosting an exhibition of photographs and artworks relating to the history of Centennial Parklands. The photographs featured in the exhibition have been taken by local photographers and park staff and include historical and contemporary images of buildings, landscapes, park views, people and places. The Mitchell Library has provided a number of historic photos of the Parklands. The beautiful works of well-known local artist Austin Platt will also be featured alongside the more contemporary works of people who have participated in our Art in the Park programs. Admission is free. The Visitor Centre is open Saturdays and Sundays, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

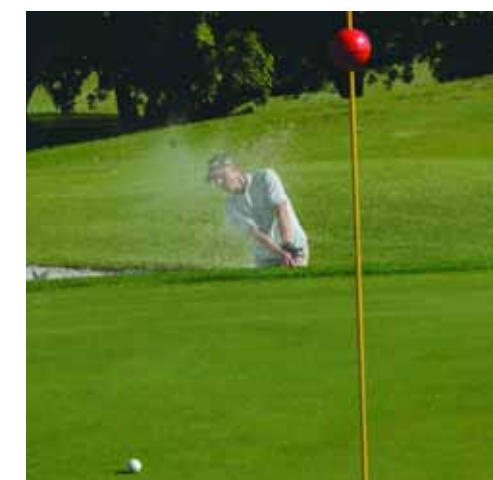


The Visitor Centre, located at the historic Superintendent's Residence

Dogs and safety

The Robertson Road entrance to Centennial Park is one of the busiest intersections in the Parklands. Vehicles, horses, dogs, cyclists, rollerbladers and pedestrians all converge on this western gateway to the Park. This diverse mix of visitors needs to be managed for the safety of all. Dogs off leash around this busy access point can be a potential hazard. In an effort to minimise the risk of a potential accident, the Trust has extended the on-leash dog area to within 10 metres of these gates. Safety is a primary concern to the Trust so please respect the rules and other visitors.

Drive yourself to Moore Park Golf



Moore Park Golf

Moore Park Golf has a great range of membership options open now. Benefits of joining the associated club include reserved competition tee times, unlimited access to the course outside of competitions, a complimentary bucket of driving range balls before competition, visitor passes, discounts on cart hire and much, much more. Take advantage of these great packages and

enjoy the many benefits of playing golf just two kilometres from the CBD. For more information call (02) 9663 1064 or visit www.mooreparkgolf.com.au.

A different kind of art in the Park

Local artists Aaron Picard, Jill Gibbon, Romaine Malcolm and Melanie Wheeler joined with Senior Education and Interpretation Ranger Paul Solomon to create a striking mural on the restaurant hoarding overlooking the Café playground. This splendid artwork depicts a typical Centennial Park landscape, featuring Lily and Busbys Ponds with their abundant wildlife of black cockatoos, swans, ducks, kookaburras, turtles and swamp hens. The mural will remain in place while the restaurant is refurbished. Next time you are in the Park, do come and take a look.



Paul Solomon at work creating the mural

Annual fees and charges review

Each year the Centennial Park and Moore Park 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 September 2007. The majority of rates for 2007-2008 have only been increased in line with CPI. Visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/fees for more details.

Timed parking extension

Centennial Parklands' timed parking zones were extended from 13 August 2007, creating several new three-hour parking limit zones around some Gates. In a recent review, the Trust found that parking control measures being put in place on surrounding streets were adversely affecting regular Park visitors.

Commuters, shoppers and patrons attending events at adjacent venues have been using Centennial Park as a free parking opportunity. The review found these vehicles were displacing Park users from key parking places.









Three-hour parking limits are now in force, initially within 100 metres of the Gates at Robertson Road, Paddington, Woollahra and Randwick (see box for details).

A grace period will apply while the regulations are being implemented, but

from 1 October 2007 owners of vehicles parked in these zones longer than three hours may be fined.

For more information please visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/timedparking or call the Parklands Office on (02) 9339 6699.

Timed parking locations

-  100 metres either side of Randwick Gates along **Grand Drive**.
-  100 metres either side of Robertson Road Gates along **Grand Drive**.
-  100 metres from Woollahra Gates along **Loch Avenue**.
-  On **Broome Avenue** on both sides of the road between Loch Avenue and Carrington Drive.
-  100 metres from Woollahra Gates along **Carrington Drive**.
-  100 metres from Paddington Gates along **Carrington Drive**.
-  100 metres from Paddington Gates along **Parkes Drive**.
-  The car park of Paddington Gates children's playground.

A map detailing these locations is available at www.cp.nsw.gov.au/timedparking



Lost bikes go to a good cause

David Caple, Senior Ranger at Centennial Parklands, is constantly amazed at what gets lost in the Parklands. 'Last year we had a car left unclaimed in the Park – and this year a motorbike,' David said.

The sheer number of visitors to the Parklands means that the Trust must manage a large amount of lost property. All items are handled under provisions set out in the *Impounding Act 1993*. The Act specifies that if a lost item is valued at less than \$500 it can be disposed of immediately after reasonable attempts have been made to contact the owner. However items valued at greater than \$500 must be kept in a secure place for 28 days and can then be either disposed of or donated.

'Centennial Parklands Lost Property Policy adopts a more generous time frame,' says David. 'Some lost property items have specific disposal requirements. For example, motor vehicles must go to public vehicle auctions and jewellery or

cash are handed to local police at Maroubra within 24 hours of being found. We hold all other items for a month regardless of how much they are worth,' he says.

In June this year the Trust donated 15 unclaimed children's push bikes to the Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme, a non-government organisation that seeks to enhance the health and well-being of remote area children. The Trust will continue to look for opportunities such as these to enable unclaimed property to help those less fortunate.

'The Trust takes the management of lost property very seriously,' says David. Lost property should be handed in to a Ranger or to the Parklands Office or Visitor Centre. If you have lost something please leave



David Caple with Donna Tunbridge, Promotions and Events Manager, Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme

your details at the Parklands Office in the first instance, where staff can access the register and easily locate your item if it has been handed in.

More than a spring clean

A number of new projects under the Trust's Park Improvement Plan will be completed by spring – just in time for the warmer weather and increased visitation.

The third stage of new signage has been completed with 19 new signs installed around the Parklands. There are new entrance signs to the Parklands Sports Centre and a new illuminated sign at Moore Park Golf for night access.

Over \$600,000 has been invested in work in Queens Park including a new shared pedestrian/cycleway, playground fence and pathworks. Linking pathways were funded by Waverley Council to join into the regional cycle route from Bondi Junction to the University of NSW. Visitors will also notice new staircases and freshly painted amenities.



The new Queens Park shared pedestrian/cycleway

The catalogue of park improvements continues at Moore Park Golf with a new safety fence along both sides of Dacey Avenue and completion of the first stage of a pathway along northern Dacey Avenue. Golfers will notice that the 5th and 17th



View of the completed 5th green showing the 5th tee under construction

witnessed by Sydneysiders in June was a great test that the system handled very effectively.

Finally one of the Parklands' busiest public amenities has had a facelift. The Learners Cycleway amenities received a new coat of paint, new guttering, new electricals and updated door fittings – all to ensure that your next visit to the Learners Cycleway will be a more enjoyable one.

tees and the 5th green have been rebuilt, plus new landscaping work, cart paths and general bunker improvements were undertaken throughout the course.

The drainage channels in Centennial Park's Grand Drive have been upgraded to reduce localised flooding after storms in several locations along the walking track and road. This work was timely – the torrent of rain

Spring events

The range of events hosted by Centennial Parklands this spring offers something for everyone.

The events season kicks off when the **Sydney Marathon** comes through Centennial Park as part of the Sydney Running Festival on 23 September. Visit www.runthebridge.com.au for details.

The **Turf to Surf Cycle Event** on Sunday 30 September is a 20 kilometre community bike ride being organised by Randwick, Woollahra and Waverley Councils. A gold coin donation is all it costs to participate. Following the race there will be fun for all the family in Centennial Park's Brazilian Fields. For more information phone (02) 9391 7057.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's **Walk to Cure Diabetes** is on Sunday 14 October. This great family day has become a regular event in the Parklands and raises money for a very worthy cause. To register visit www.jdrf.org.au/walk.

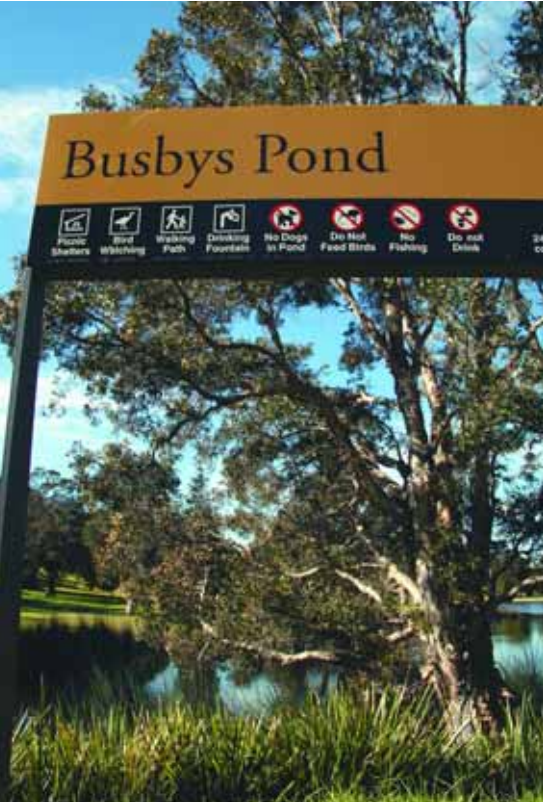
The **JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge** also raises funds for a great cause. Visit www.jpmorganchasecc.com.

In November, Shakespeare's **A Midsummer Night's Dream** returns to Centennial Parklands in the magical setting of Belvedere Amphitheatre. Bring along your fairies (children) and they may be invited to participate in the show! Find out more at www.thedream.net.au.

The Entertainment Quarter at Moore Park will host the **Food and Wine Markets** over the October long weekend (Saturday 29 September – Monday 1 October), where you can enjoy a weekend of gourmet food and premium wine. Visit www.eqmoorepark.com.au.

All mums of babies and toddlers are invited to participate in the **World's Greatest Pram Stroll** on Sunday 28 October (see page 11 for details).

Spring is a great time to enjoy events in the Parklands. For more details visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whatson or call (02) 9339 6699 to receive our What's On brochure.



Feature: Our People

What's in a name?

The origins of a place's name can often provide an interesting insight into its history and charm. In the case of Centennial Parklands, the names within its boundaries derive from a variety of past influences on the Parklands, such as politicians, engineers, solicitors, sportsmen, architects, directors and park activities, amongst others.

Parks

To meet the demands of Sydney's growing population, in 1811 the Governor of New South Wales, Lachlan Macquarie, dedicated the land known today as Centennial Parklands to the public as **Sydney's Second Common**.

Fifty-five years later in 1866, the Mayor of Sydney, Charles Moore, created **Moore Park** by setting aside 378 acres of the Common for recreational use. Moore Park was developed primarily to accommodate sporting pursuits and was the first of the three existing parks to be established.

Centennial Park and **Queens Park** followed later with the signing of the Centennial Celebrations Act in 1887. The development of Centennial Park is largely credited to three men: the Governor of New South Wales, Lord Charles **Carrington**; the Premier of New South Wales, Sir Henry **Parkes**; and the Director of the Botanic Gardens, also named Charles **Moore**. In 1887 the Director enlisted 435 men to transform the balance of the Common into a grand, nineteenth century Victorian-style parklands. On 26 January 1888, in commemoration of Australia's centenary, Centennial Park was proclaimed open by Sir Henry Parkes.

Drives, avenues and gates

Many of the other politicians' names which feature in the Parklands derive from those present at Centennial Park's official opening in 1888. On this day, in front of around 40,000 spectators, governors planted Pines, Figs, Grevillea and Araucaria in the area known today as **Cannon Triangle**, named after the addition in the 1920s of two cannons from the Crimean War. Involved in the officialties were: Lord Charles **Carrington**; Sir Anthony **Musgrave**, Governor of Queensland; Sir William **Robinson**, Governor of South Australia; Sir Robert **Hamilton**, Governor of Tasmania; Sir Henry **Loch**, Governor of Victoria; Sir Frederick **Broome**, Governor of West Australia and Lieutenant General Sir William **Jervois**, Governor of New Zealand.



Cannon Triangle

Most prominently involved in the formalities and plantings was Sir Henry **Parkes**, the politician probably most widely associated with Centennial Park. It is these names that account for many of the drives, avenues and gates adjoining and dissecting **Grand Drive**, the main circular road in Centennial Park. Grand Drive reflects the British park tradition of including an equestrian or carriage drive and a pedestrian walk.

Heading west towards Moore Park is **Driver Avenue**, which runs alongside the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG). This avenue is named after Richard Driver, a Former Minister for lands, Sydney City Council solicitor and keen cricketer. As Minister, Driver spent £700 on improving the Military and Civil Ground, as the SCG was formally known, and in 1876 he became one of the first trustees of the Ground, representing the New South Wales Cricket Association.

Lakes

Adjacent to Driver Avenue is **Kippax Lake**, named after William Kippax a Sydney City Council Alderman from 1863 to 1889. In 1967 council held a competition to design a sculpture or fountain to recognise the achievements of Australian sportswomen. Diane Hunt's winning sculpture sits as a centrepiece to the Lake.



Kippax Lake

Swamps, reserves and bores

The person responsible for the oldest named area in Centennial Park is Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of New South Wales between 1810 and 1821. His name is attributed to **Lachlan Swamp** and **Lachlan Reserve**, as well as Lachlan Mill, a flour mill which operated in the swamplands between 1818 and 1828.

The significance of this area reached its peak in the 1830s when Lachlan Swamp became the primary water source for Sydneysiders on completion of **Busby's Bore**. John Busby was the engineer responsible for driving a tunnel to carry water from the swamplands to Hyde Park, supplying Sydney with water for over 20 years. The naming of **Busbys Promontory** and **Busbys Pond** further honour John Busby's achievement.

Fields and grounds

Ernest Samuel Marks was a former Lord Mayor of Sydney and another politician and sportsman to leave his mark in the Parklands. From 1888–1890 Marks won over 40 trophies as an athlete and the **ES Marks Athletics Field** in Moore Park is named in his honour.

Located almost at the centre of Centennial Park are the **Brazilian Fields**. For over 35 years, Sydney's Brazilian Soccer Club has played soccer, their greatest passion, in Centennial Parklands. During this time staff at the Parklands referred to the fields as the 'Brazilian fields' and eventually the colloquial term caught on.

Hugging the south-western ring of Grand Drive are **McKay Fields** and **McKay Sports Grounds**. Robert McKay was one of two 'old boys' from Sydney Boys High School and was instrumental in building a relationship between the school and the Park.

Pavilions

Three pavilions are positioned within Centennial Park, each with a distinct story attached to its name. Next to McKay Fields is **Fairland Pavilion**, named after Charles Fairland. Fairland was a friend of McKay's, a fellow 'old boy' of Sydney Boys High School and also involved with the Park. His relationship with the Park resulted in the school funding a sports pavilion, which opened in 1933. In 1952 the Pavilion was named after Fairland and today it is still owned and used by Sydney Boys High School.

Positioned directly opposite Duck Pond is **Shelter Pavilion**, also known as **Vernon Pavilion**. Walter Vernon was the

government architect vested with the duty of designing the Pavilion, which was completed in 1898. A year later the Martins Road **Ranger's Residence**, also designed by Vernon, was finished, which to this day is used as ranger accommodation.



Federation Pavilion

The final and most recent pavilion is **Federation Pavilion** in Federation Valley. The current structure was ceremoniously opened on 1 January 1988 in the presence of 20,000 people, including the then Prime Minister Bob Hawke and New South Wales Premier, Barry Unsworth. The Pavilion stands on the site of the original temporary Federation Pavilion, which was built for the proclamation of the Federal Constitution on 1 January 1901.

Ponds

The presence of sporting life in the Parklands is very much apparent in the names of several ponds in Centennial Park. In the 1880s the sailing of model yachts became very popular and the naming of **Model Yacht Pond** reflects this longstanding activity still enjoyed today. Similarly **Fly Casting Pond** takes its name from fly casting competitions which were



Model yacht sailors at Model Yacht Pond

first held at the Pond in the early 1900s.

Nearby at **One More Shot Pond** is a concrete plinth which once supported a marble statue of a hunter. The statue was entitled One More Shot and was added to the Park in the 1890s, but removed in 1970 due to damage.

Paddocks and rows

Situated in the far southern corner of Centennial Park is **Ash Paddock**. This area was used as a dumping ground for ash generated from a coal-fuelled water pumping station which once operated in the Parklands in the mid 1800s. Water was pumped from low-lying ponds at the southern end of the Park up to Busbys Pond.

Perhaps the most recently named area in the Parklands is **Maidens Row** near Ash Paddock. Joseph Maiden was the second officer entrusted with managing Centennial Park from 1896 to 1924. In the year 2000, horticultural staff at Centennial Parklands planted 74 Broadleaf Paperbarks in a pattern replicating Maiden's earlier plantings near Duck Pond. This row of trees was named in celebration of Maiden's influence on the Park and introducing the native Paperbark species.

It's a mystery...

Many of the place names within the Parklands obviously reflect its natural features, such as Paperbark Grove, Sandstone Ridge and Pine Grove. However a few names still remain a mystery. It cannot be said with certainty where the names **Frog Hollow** and **Church Grounds** come from. If you have any information on the names of these places or others within the Parklands we'd love to hear from you. Please contact us via email at info@cp.nsw.gov.au and we'll include any further information in future issues.

Twitcher's Corner

Purple Swamphen

By Trevor Waller



Purple Swamphen

The **Purple Swamphen** is a large waterhen with a distinctive heavy red bill and forehead shield. They have red eyes and a deep blue head and breast, with black upper parts and wings. In bright sunlight the plumage shines with an intense blue sheen. Long reddish

legs with long slender unwebbed toes help it walk and feed in shallow water. They have a white undertail that is exposed when they flick their tail up and down.

In flight they are awkward, dangle their legs and sometimes crash-land into water or vegetation. Their call is a harsh screaming noise and they can be very aggressive towards other waterfowl. They roost in vegetation, usually reeds, over water where they trample down the reeds to form a platform.

Purple Swamphens are usually found around the margins of swamps and lakes with dense reeds and rushes mainly throughout eastern Australia. They are also found in parks and gardens with ponds – including Centennial Parklands. Their food is made up of seeds, insects, frogs and aquatic vegetation, but they will also eat eggs, small mammals and carrion. They have the strength to pull up reeds and feed on the soft stems.

Breeding can take place at any time, but mainly from July to December. The nest is built in a clump of reeds just above the water in a swamp or lake. The large nest bowl is formed from trampled reeds and rushes, lined with softer reeds and grass. Both sexes incubate the 3–8 eggs for about a month. The chicks are fluffy black balls on long legs, with a reddish brown crown. They can produce several broods in a season. Spring in the Parklands should provide excellent opportunities to see both adult and juvenile Purple Swamphens.

Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with over 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 30 September. For details visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au/whatson.

A Walk in the Park

with Lynn Ralph



Lynn with her dogs Gucci and Reno

Lynn Ralph was Chair of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust from 1995–97. Between 1997 and 1998 she worked on the restoration of the Hordern Pavilion and the Royal Hall of Industries. A keen cyclist initially, these days she enjoys walking with her dogs, toy poodles Gucci and Reno. She is a member of the Eastern

Suburbs Dog Training Club and is a generous contributor to the Parklands' National Tree Day Appeal.

Favourite nook?

I enjoy sitting in the Belvedere Amphitheatre on a sunny morning. If it's a little windy, the amphitheatre walls provide a nice wind break.

Best place to walk dogs?

Queens Park on a summer's evening, just as the sun is going down. The combination of the open space, hills and wooded areas is a lovely way to end the day.

Funniest memory of the Parklands?

So many to choose from! Meeting all the great grandchildren of Sir Henry Parkes on the day his statue was erected. Or the dogs in fancy dress at the obedience school Christmas party. Or the day I taught my best friend how to ride a push bike for the first time. Or the day I won \$50 from a friend by betting them there was a kangaroo in Centennial Park. Many years ago a kangaroo and an emu were kept in an enclosure behind the Office building.

How does being in the Parklands make you feel?

Like you are a million miles from all your cares.

Who would you most like to take for a walk in the Parklands?

Each year I host Rotary Exchange Students from around the globe. It's a great place to introduce them to our native birds and vegetation.

Favourite event in the Parklands and why?

National Tree Day – when we get to give something back to the Parklands.

Your one wish for the Parklands:

Wouldn't it be great if everyone made sure they left the Park cleaner than the way they found it – especially you dog owners who leave your poo bags in the Park!!

Plant of the Season

Algerian oak

The Algerian oak or *Quercus canariensis* is one of 450 species of deciduous and evergreen trees native to the temperate zone of Europe, Asia and North America with a small number extending into tropical Asia and America.

The oak is a large evergreen tree from the Mediterranean region occurring in the woodlands of Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco and is a long-lived species.

The outstanding feature is the spring growth of bright lime green leaves that contrast with the dark colour of the trunk and branches. The leaves are very similar to the English oak (*Quercus robur*) in shape, turning dark green by late spring and evergreen in warm zones. In cooler zones the oak is semi-deciduous and completely deciduous in the coldest,

turning a brown autumn colour before falling off.

The tree's stout trunk supports a canopy of broad spreading horizontal branches of dark grey, deeply fissured bark in a pattern of square rough plates.

The acorns are a dark nut brown and ripen in April.

The tree can grow successfully in cool to warm temperate climates, and in clay and sand-based loam soils growing to a maximum height and spread of 20 to 30 metres. It is tolerant of sandy, alkaline soils, drought or low rainfall.



The outstanding bright green spring growth of the Algerian oak

Where can they be seen?

There are two examples of the Algerian oak in the Parklands: at Loch Avenue opposite Federation Valley; and Queens Park opposite the bend in York Road. Both specimens have grown to heights of approximately 12 to 15 metres thriving in the Parklands sandy soils.

Make your Christmas party green

Planning for corporate Christmas parties often starts in spring, and the pressure to provide something unique and memorable grows every year. Centennial Parklands might just be the place to make your end-of-year bash a raving success. Whether you are looking for a classic three-course sit-down event, staff team-building activity or a relaxed get-together with pony rides for the kids, the Parklands can tailor its activities to suit your needs. It has the locations and event catering capabilities to economically meet a myriad of festive needs, wishes and desires.

A key drawcard to the Parklands is the variety of outdoor activities available. Marquees can be erected at designated areas and an endless variety of activities can unfold in the surrounding spaces. Entertainment options for children include kite flying, puppet shows, face painting and Farmyard Friends. Everyone can enjoy traditional tug-of-war contests and egg-and-spoon and potato sack races. For the really energetic, there are multi-sports options that can include cricket, soccer and touch football.

Moore Park Golf also provides a range of opportunities for Christmas revellers. Practice your swing at the 60-bay driving range, or enjoy a round of golf with organised competitions for the longest driver and nearest-to-pin winner. Moore Park Golf also has three function rooms that can meet all catering, conference and entertainment requirements.

For more information about holding a Christmas party or corporate family day in Centennial Parklands, please call (02) 9339 6699. For information on corporate days at Moore Park Golf, call (02) 9663 1064.



Corporate Christmas fun at Centennial Parklands

Farmyard Friends



Enjoying the Farmyard Friends

The Farmyard Friends season has been extended and will now run throughout spring, much to the delight of our youngest visitors. Located at the Oxford Street playground, Paddington Gates, Farmyard Friends gives children from 2–12 years the opportunity to pat and feed rabbits, piglets, lambs, goats and a calf.

'It's a great way for city children to get closer to these animals. They love to

hold them, feed them and just simply watch them play,' says Malcolm Dowling who manages all the Farmyard Friends animals. Farmyard Friends is now open every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday and costs \$5 per child. For more information visit www.bowralfarmyardfriends.com or call 0402 003 097.

Students plant trees at Mt Steel for National Tree Day

On Friday 27 July, 100 local students joined Parklands staff for a day of tree planting at Mt Steel, Moore Park, in celebration of National Tree Day. Students from Sydney Girls High School and Bourke Street Public School planted 2,000 trees and grasses consisting of Blueberry Ash, Coastal Banksia, Sydney Blue Gum and the understorey grass Lomandra.

In its second successive year, the event was hosted by the Centennial Parklands Foundation with assistance from the Rotary Club of Bondi Junction which provided a barbecue lunch for the hard working students.

Many of the students were involved in the 2006 National Tree Day plantings and were delighted to see the thriving results of the previous year's plantings - particularly the Hoop Pine tree. The day has become a much-anticipated annual event and is a great way to involve students in the important work of the Foundation.



Students enjoyed the planting day at Mt Steel

Join in the World's Greatest Pram Stroll

Come and show solidarity and support for other new mums, dads and carers in the World's Greatest Pram Stroll on Sunday 28 October at Centennial Park. The World's Greatest Pram Stroll is a free community event to promote the Healthy Parks Healthy People program, which aims to create a greater understanding of the relationship between a healthy park system and the health of the community.



Walking in the park is great for new Mums

The World's Greatest Pram Stroll recognises the many challenges that can arise after

childbirth, including social isolation, and encourages new mums, dads and carers to get out and exercise in the fresh air and meet other parents from their local area.

The event, being held in Sydney for the first time after running for six successful years in Melbourne, will be held concurrently in three states across Australia.

Popular celebrity GP and fervent supporter of the initiative, Dr Sally Cockburn (Dr Feelgood), said: 'We want as many new mums as possible to bring along their families, babies, pram and picnic and help create a new world record for the most mums, babies and strollers out together at the same time across the country.'

Registration is from 8.00 am and the walk will commence at 9.30 am. This will be followed by an informative and fun morning event, with essential information for mums as well as entertainment for the kids. Visit www.worldsgreatestpramstroll.org for more information.

Local councils adopt a tree



Councillor Keri Huxley, Mayor of Woollahra Municipal Council with Foundation board member Crystal Condous OAM at the tree planting

Waverley Council and Woollahra Municipal Council have each adopted a tree as part of the Centennial Parklands Foundation Tree Transplant Appeal. Woollahra Municipal Council has sponsored a Port Jackson Fig, planted at the top of Parkes Drive near Paddington Gates, Centennial Park. Waverley Council has adopted a Moreton Bay Fig, planted at the corner of Darley and York Roads, Queens Park.

The Trust warmly welcomes the support of these councils on behalf of their residents. Steve Corbett, Director and Chief Executive of the Trust said: 'We hope that other councils, organisations and individuals will follow this wonderful example.'

Update on water saving initiatives



New water tanks at the Equestrian Centre

Centennial Parklands has completed the second of four water saving projects with the installation of seven water tanks at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. The tanks hold a total of 21,000 litres of water, collected from the Centre's roof surface and connected to hoses in the horse washing bay.

The ongoing water saving projects were commenced through funding grants sourced by the Foundation in 2006. These two grants from the NSW Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability and the Commonwealth Community Water Grant Scheme have seen the completion of a new recycled watering system for the Rose and Column Gardens. Later this year future grants will be investigated to improve the supply of sustainable water to five amenity blocks within the Parklands.

Green Corps members graduate

A graduation ceremony for the Greening Australia Green Corps team was held at the Model Yacht Pond upon completion of the six month Green Corps program. The six graduates told of their experiences and achievements – from propagating bushland plants in the nursery to mastering the drag netting technique for carp removal from ponds. The Federal Member for Wentworth, the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP, attended the graduation and presented certificates to the team.



The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP (centre) and Foundation Governor, David Butcher (second from right) with the new graduates and staff

Friends exclusives 10 years old

Parklands magazine celebrated its 10 year anniversary in June with an evening soiree. The evening was a great success with past and current editors and *Friends of Centennial Parklands* meeting at the Moore Park Golf House to reflect on some of the highlights of park life captured in the magazine over the past 10 years.

Rose pruning workshop

A group of green-thumbed *Friends of Centennial Parklands* gathered to enjoy a rose pruning workshop at the Rose Garden in July. The Parklands horticultural team provided plenty of useful advice and practical tips to encourage healthy plants and create beautiful blooms. Be sure to stop by the Rose Garden and see the colourful display this spring.

Volunteers update

In July, about 40 volunteers and *Friends of Centennial Parklands* enjoyed a preview of the new exhibition at the Visitor Centre. Ranger Brian Page commenced the event with a tour of the old Superintendent's Residence followed by a guided walk through Centennial Park and a barbecue lunch.

New benefactors

The Foundation is grateful to the following individuals and groups that have each donated \$5,000 to tree and park furniture programs:

Mrs Robin Harricks
Mrs Kay Wilhelm
Woollahra Municipal Council
Waverley Council
The Henry Pollack Foundation
Mr Graeme Black
Sue & Gilles Kryger

Got a green thumb?

Then put it to use at our soon-to-be-established nursery! The Growing Group is a new volunteers program that will work to propagate plant material to be used for planting within the Parklands and also to raise funds for the Foundation through plant sales at the nursery. If you are interested in finding out more please email lyn.walker@cp.nsw.gov.au.

■ Get Active ■ Participate ■ Visit your local park ■ ■ ■

Visit www.healthyparkshealthypeople.com for program details


Healthy Parks Healthy People is an initiative of the Sydney Parks Group and includes the Botanic Gardens Trust; Centennial Parklands; Department of Planning; Department of Environment & Conservation - Parks & Wildlife; Parramatta Park Trust; Sydney Harbour Federation Trust; and Sydney Olympic Park Authority. Supported by University of Technology, Sydney and the University of Western Sydney.

Visitor Information

Please refer to the map insert for locations.

HOW TO GET HERE

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

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

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

CAR FREE DAYS

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

CENTENNIAL PARK GATE TIMES

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

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

March* to April 6.00 am–6.00 pm
May to August 6.30 am–5.30 pm
September to October 6.00 am–6.00 pm
November to March ** 6.00 am–8.00 pm
* After daylight saving ** During daylight saving

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

Weekdays 9.00 am–4.00 pm
Weekends as per Primary Gates

Govett St Gates

Weekdays 9.00 am–Primary Gate closing time
Weekends as per Primary Gates

FOOD OUTLETS

Parade Grounds Café

Cnr Grand & Parkes Drive, Centennial Park (adjacent to playground). Open 7 days. 7.30 am–5.00 pm (02) 9380 9350 (temporary facility until Autumn 2008). www.trippaswhite.com.au

Centennial Park Mobile Food Van E5

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

Moore Park Golf Patio Bar B3

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

The Long Apron at Moore Park Golf B3

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

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

BBQs and Picnics

Free BBQs. First-in first served basis. BYO portable BBQs with legs permitted (except during total fire bans), portable picnic equipment permitted. Bookings required for groups of 50 or more. BBQs located at **A3 D5 D6 E2 E3 G4 G5 H5**

Cycling and Rollerblading

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

Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire F3

Cnr Hamilton & Grand Drs, in Centennial Park 0401 357 419

Centennial Park Cycles G6

50 Clovelly Rd, Randwick (02) 9398 5027

Wildlife Watching

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

Playgrounds

There are five playgrounds catering for a range of age groups. **A2 D5 E2 E3 H5**

Dog Walking

On and off leash dog walking areas. BYO dog tidy bags to pick up after your dog. Pick up the Dogs in the Parklands brochure or visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au.

SPORT AND FACILITY HIRE

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

ES Marks Athletics Field B5

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

Moore Park Tennis Courts B3

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

Parklands Sports Centre C4

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

Moore Park Golf B3

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

Horse Riding C4 D5

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S ON

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

ENTERTAINMENT

Entertainment Quarter D3

Located adjacent to the Fox Professional Studios, this is a hub for events, concerts, shows, movies, Farmers markets, bars and dining. (02) 8117 6700 www.eqmoorepark.com.au

Hordern Pavilion and Royal Hall of Industries C3


www.playbillvenues.com


Moonlight Cinema G2

www.moonlight.com.au

CONTACT US

Centennial Parklands is managed by the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

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