



CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY

LOCATION GUIDE



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A professional ARRI studio light, model ARRI SUN 4575, is mounted on a silver tripod. The light is blue and white, with a large white barn door attached. It is positioned in the foreground, angled towards the right. The background shows a lush green park with several palm trees and other foliage under a clear blue sky with some light clouds. A black canopy is visible on the left side of the frame.

Centennial Parklands is central to Australia's vibrant filming and entertainment industry, hosting over 170 commercial film and photography shoots a year.

Located just minutes from the Sydney CBD we offer the industry a vast range of picturesque and versatile backdrops, ample space for parking and support vehicles, and the ability to facilitate internal park road closures.



GRASSLAND & OPEN SPACE AREAS

FEDERATION VALLEY

Federation Valley is a beautiful setting housing the historic Federation Pavilion. This site was the location for the bungalow scene of the major feature film *The Great Gatsby*.



The bungalow created for *The Great Gatsby* (2013).



A wedding scene photographed at South West Paddock.



The Federation Pavilion in Centennial Park is an historically significant national monument.

CHURCH GROUNDS

Church Grounds is a wide open space with city views, adjacent to a large pond. It provides easy access and suitable space for infrastructure. An ideal location for major productions.

LACHLAN RESERVE

Lachlan Reserve is home to tall paperbark trees with walking tracks and various native ferns. An ideal location for an enchanted forest scene.

SOUTH WEST Paddock

South West Paddock is an open grassed area that is deliberately maintained in a naturalistic (unkempt) manner and displays a blanket of long grass.



WOODLAND AREAS

PINE GROVE

A thick cluster of pines with a bed of pine needles on the ground. Positioned in the centre of Centennial Park, Pine Grove offers great light exposure.

ASH PADDOCK

The tree grove at Ash Paddock is a popular area of sloping grounds with pines – a site that was once converted into the slopes of the Canadian Rockies for a television commercial.



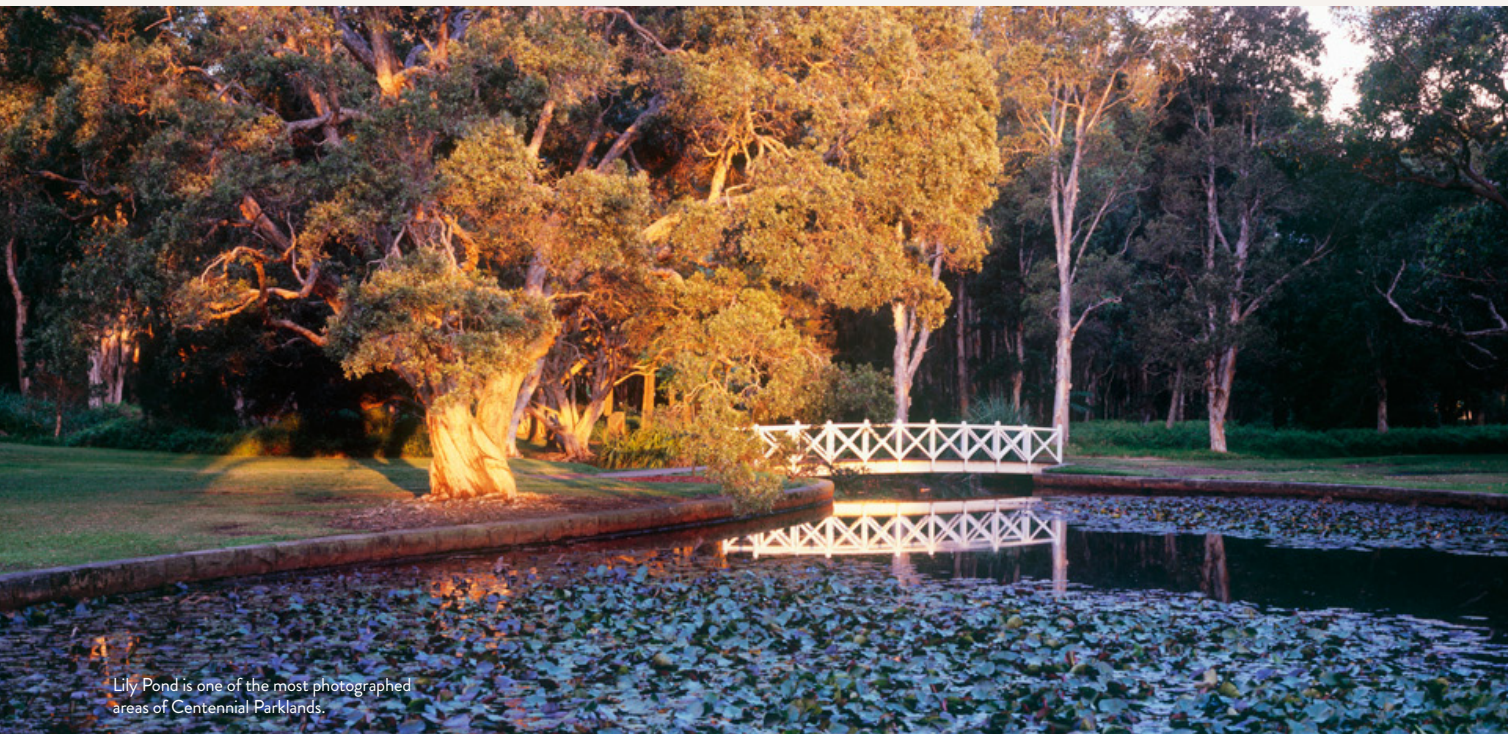
Afternoon sun filtering through Pine Grove.



Paperbark Grove is one of the most popular avenues of trees in the Parklands.



Pine Grove has been used for movies, television shows and (in this case) an Indian Spice television commercial.



Lily Pond is one of the most photographed areas of Centennial Parklands.



PONDS & WATERWAYS

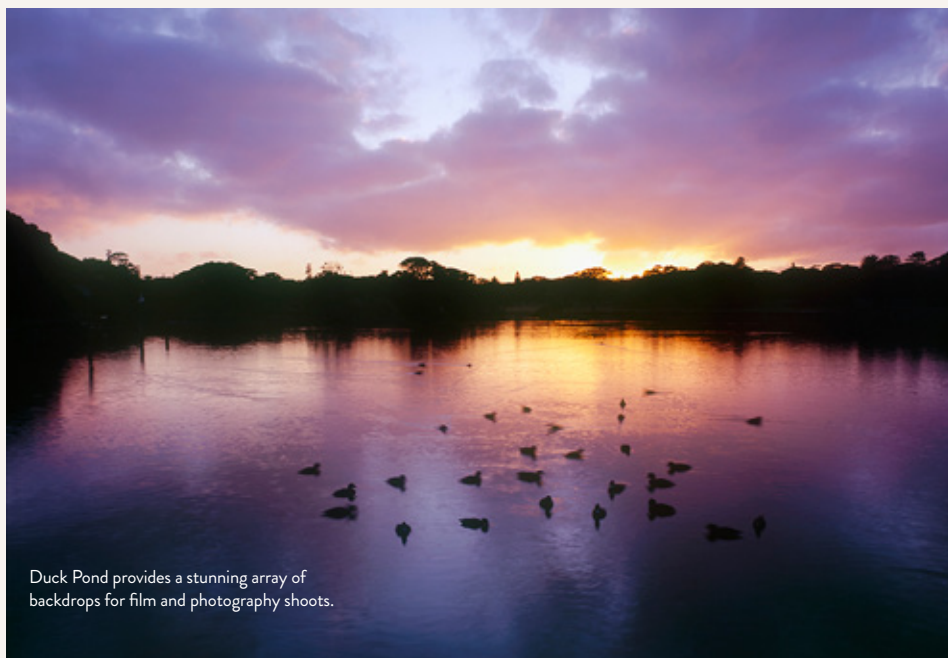
Centennial Parklands is home to picturesque and iconic ponds, covering 26 hectares.

LILY POND

Lily Pond is sandstone edged, with a central island as a refuge and nesting habitat for aquatic birds.

BUSBYS POND

Busbys Pond has a reed-fringed shore, lilies and large nesting islands. It is one of the most scenic areas in the park particularly at sunrise and sunset.



Duck Pond provides a stunning array of backdrops for film and photography shoots.



Autumn colours can change the nature of a number of ponds in Centennial Park.



Panoramic view of Column Garden.



HERITAGE & FORMAL GARDENS

The Parklands has a significant horticultural history and is often described as Sydney's best example of a Victorian-era park.

COLUMN GARDEN & ROSE GARDEN

Column Garden and Rose Garden are the centrepieces of Centennial Park's formal gardens. A very popular area for wedding ceremonies and fashion shoots for magazines such as *Harpers Bazaar*, as well as reality shows like *Farmer Wants a Wife*.



Column Garden in full bloom.



The historic Griffins in Centennial Park.



The Superintendents Residence.

COTTAGES

Centennial Park also features two heritage cottages. These elegant federation houses exhibit typical features of their period with expansive views of the Park.



SLOPES, OUTCROPS & CLIFFS

MT STEEL

Mt Steel, situated near Moore Park Golf, is a hidden treasure offering panoramic views of the city skyline. It is one of the only remaining sandhills that formerly dominated this part of Sydney.

SANDSTONE RIDGE

Sandstone Ridge runs along the northern edge of Centennial Park, with rocky outcrops lining a semi-wild area.



Stunning view from Mt Steel in Moore Park.

A rocky outcrop overlooks Brazilian Fields.





ROADWAYS, PATHWAYS & TRACKS

An advantage of filming at the Parklands is that we can often accommodate parking near your film site and we can also facilitate large unit base parking such as at Kippax area in Moore Park – a convenient option if you are filming in the CBD or neighbouring Surry Hills.

GRAND DRIVE

Grand Drive – the first public suburban drive in Sydney – is the main circular road in Centennial Park. Cars, cyclists and horse riders use this roadway and its adjacent pathways daily.

LOCH AVENUE & MUSGRAVE AVENUE

Loch Avenue South and Musgrave Avenue can both be closed off and used exclusively for shoots, with minimal impact on the visiting public. Musgrave Avenue has proven to be ideal for car-based commercials requiring a closed roadway.

SNAKE BANK

Snake Bank has an almost 'tropical' feel, providing a palm tree-lined track alongside a large pond. This site has proved popular for television commercials including one with an elephant walking down the track!

The Wolverine movie was shot on the Bus Loop forecourt at Moore Park



Musgrave Avenue is one of the most popular road filming locations in Centennial Park.





Moore Park Golf course is also the home to one of the largest driving ranges in the southern hemisphere.



SPORTING FACILITIES

MOORE PARK GOLF

Moore Park Golf is the closest public access golf course to the Sydney CBD, boasting convenience, accessibility and spectacular views of the city skyline.

CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

For productions that include horses, the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre is the ideal environment - heritage stables pavilions, a large covered dressage arena and a separate equestrian ground as well as a 3.6km equestrian track in Centennial Park. Horses are also available for hire.



Centennial Park provides a great equestrian track with city skyline view.

ES MARKS ATHLETICS FIELD

ES Marks Athletics Field in Moore Park has an international-standard synthetic running track, plus seating for up to 5,000 people - ideal for that sporting scene or athletics commercial.



The sandstone-tiered Belvedere Amphitheatre is home to Moonlight Cinema and other outdoor performances.



OTHER PARKLANDS VENUES

BELVEDERE AMPHITHEATRE

Belvedere Amphitheatre overlooks Federation Valley and has beautiful views of the Parklands. It plays host to the popular outdoor Moonlight Cinema over summer and is also a perfect site for filming theatrical plays or holding a film premiere.

CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS DINING

The award-winning Centennial Parklands Dining is located in the heart of Centennial Park. It features a takeaway kiosk, table-service cafe, and Wine Room. Other food and beverage businesses operate throughout the Park.



Centennial Parklands Dining offers a great panorama of the Park.

The 1929 Duesenberg car from
The Great Gatsby movie (2013).



CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS HEART OF THE AUSTRALIAN FILM INDUSTRY

Centennial Parklands is one of the most film-friendly venues in Sydney, offering a wide range of landscapes and features to use as the backdrop to your next shoot.

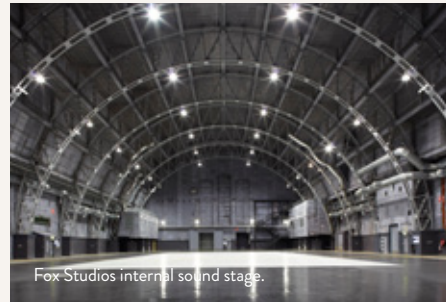
In addition to being an idyllic location, the Parklands are also home to Fox Studios (the largest film studios in the southern hemisphere), the Australian Film Television and Radio School, two multiplex cinemas and many other independent and creative on-site businesses within the Moore Park precinct which can provide a wide range of film-related services.

We also host two iconic Australian film events - Moonlight Cinema and Tropfest.

CALL US TODAY

The Parklands' helpful and experienced staff are happy to advise you on suitable locations, and will endeavour to make your shoot as smooth as possible. We comply with the NSW Government's Film Friendly Policy and have an exceptional track record of delivering for the client, while balancing the needs of the visiting public and our environmental and heritage protection responsibilities.

To find out more about Filming & Photography in Centennial Parklands, please visit: centennialparklands.com.au/filming



Fox Studios internal sound stage.





TESTIMONIALS

From Tokyo to New York's Long Island, over the years Centennial Park has provided a diverse range of locations in the heart of Sydney.

The positive attitude and enthusiasm of the staff have made it possible for large scale feature film production to coexist with the community and capture the beauty of the unique natural landscape on film.

The variety of green spaces and venues suitable for filming combined with the 'can do' attitude of the team make Centennial Parklands one of the most film-friendly locations in Australia.

Lauren Cooper - Location Manager - Truth | FEA Productions Pty Ltd

Centennial Parklands has always been a first choice location for our stills and motion shoots.

We have shot in the Park many times over the years and have always found the permitting process to be swift and uncomplicated.

The Park has easy access for large trucks, no parking issues for large crews, it's central to Sydney and everyone knows where it is so not many lost talent! The catering is on site and is really beautifully presented and reasonably priced.

Centennial Parklands also offers a variety of landscapes giving creative versatility. I would recommend the Parklands as one of the best choices for park/shoot locations in Sydney.

Natalie Loveridge - Executive Producer, Red Door Production

Big House Locations has been providing locations in Sydney for 25 years and we have filmed numerous commercials and staged photography shoots in Centennial Park.

Centennial Park is a valuable location in the middle of Sydney. Whether it be country, forest, sports, lakes, grass, trees, road scenes or even parking, Centennial Park has it all.

The staff are always accommodating and the location is well maintained and managed.

We love filming at Centennial Park.

Anna Deakins - Locations Manager - Big House Location



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