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# Directions



As the year draws to a close, it is timely to reflect on our achievements and challenges to date.

Our new Plan of Management 2006–2016 received Ministerial endorsement in April providing the Parklands with a firm platform for managing the Trust's diverse landholdings and securing essential government and non-government funding in the future.

In May we marked the successful completion of over \$3 million of major infrastructure improvements to Grand Drive, had our trees re-valued at \$164 million and received water savings grants through the Centennial Parklands Foundation that will enable works to be undertaken which will save approximately 12 million litres of town water a year.

Many successful activities and events were held during 2006 and our visitor research showed a consistent increase in customer visitation and satisfaction. A highlight of the year was National Tree Day in July which saw over 100 trees and 1000 shrubs planted in Centennial Park and Moore Park.

The Trust was also proud to receive a Stewardship Award from the Australian Institute of Landscape Architect in October

recognising the Trust for its exceptional conservation of Centennial Parklands through its Park Improvement Plan 2003–2010. For more details, see the article on page 4.

Our 2005–2006 Annual Report is now available and features a detailed overview of the Trust's operations over the past financial year. For a copy of the report, visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au) or call the Parklands Office on (02) 9339 6699.

I wish you a safe and happy festive season and all the best for 2007.



Steve Corbett  
Director and Chief Executive  
Centennial Parklands



# Parkbench

## CCC welcomes new member

In September 2006, the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) welcomed new member Dr Don Carseldine. Dr Carseldine has worked in the field of road safety for over 30 years and is a specialist in road user behaviour. As a regular dog walker and cyclist, Dr Carseldine is a long-term and frequent visitor to the Parklands and he is looking forward to working with members of the community to see the Parklands retain their safe and predominantly peaceful character.

## Improving safety on Carrington Drive

A traffic management report is currently being finalised which reviews current traffic arrangements on Carrington Drive in Centennial Park, during normal park operations and also during the Moonlight Cinema season. The use of improved signage and line marking is being investigated to increase pedestrian safety and vehicular flows in normal and event modes. The implementation of these changes is anticipated to be ready for the commencement of Moonlight Cinema in early December 2006.



Carrington Drive

## Cricket onto a good wicket



McKay Oval's wicket under construction

After 80 years of 'caught-behinds' and 'LBWs', the premium grade turf wicket at McKay Oval has been renovated. These significant improvements involved excavating the soil to a depth of 150 mm to integrate the new supply of Oberon soil with the existing soil profile and turfing the surface with a couch grass variety called 'Conquest'. This reconstruction will greatly benefit our regular cricket hirers and will be completed in time for the second half of the season in 2007.



Moore Park Golf Course

## Golf course upgrades on par

The scheduled improvements to the Moore Park Golf Course are now about to commence following the completion of the Proton NSW Open which was held in November. Pending weather conditions, the majority of works are programmed for completion by mid 2007. The upgrade will include additional bunker drainage and the replacement of damaged driving range safety netting. Additionally, a proposed new footpath on Dacey Avenue will be brought forward to the first stage of work to improve perimeter access for the wider community.

## Dog walkers get pat on the back from Rangers

As phase three of Centennial Parklands ongoing Visitor Safety Program, Rangers have been targeting dog walkers. Rangers spent a four-week period during October and November speaking to park visitors about dog management and distributing information about the *Companion Animals Act* to inform and educate people about their responsibilities. Areas such as playgrounds, on-leash dog walking areas and ponds were the main focus of the program and the results were very pleasing. Senior Ranger David Caple, says that over the course of the program Rangers spoke to about 175 dog walkers, but did not have to issue any infringements. 'Most of the people we spoke to were very accepting of the efforts of Rangers,' David shares, 'but unfortunately most admitted to being unaware of the regulations. This shows a real need for ongoing education and communication with dog walkers about our rules'. For information about dogs in Centennial Parklands, visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/visitor-information/dogs](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/visitor-information/dogs) or call the Parklands Office on (02) 9339 6699 for a dog brochure.



Ranger Colin Cheshire discusses regulations with a dog walker

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## Park Improvement Plan wins industry accolade

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust has been awarded one of the first ever Australian Industry of Landscape Architects (AILA) Stewardship Awards for the Park Improvement Plan. The announcement was made at AILA's recent National Awards Dinner held in Melbourne's MCG Dining Room on 27 October.

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust was one of only two recipients of this new award which may be granted to any agency responsible for the management and stewardship of public lands. The award acknowledges the integrity of design while recognising that landscapes should be allowed to evolve and may go through processes of change. This award signifies Centennial Parklands inclusion as one of 26 locations on AILA's national list of Australian Significant Landscapes, which include designed sites and urban spaces that have either retained the integrity of the original design

or managed with the clear intention to evolve the design towards defined and articulated stewardship objectives.

The award recognises the rigour and consultation associated with the development of the Park Improvement Plan—a NSW Treasury approved capital program of \$50M over a period of seven years which will result in significant improvements across the Parklands. AILA acknowledges that the Park Improvement Plan ensures a park system that is sustainable, attractive, cost effective, safe and of high quality.

To date over \$25M has been spent on over 60 projects ranging from minor services upgrades and heritage stone restoration through to new toilet blocks and major civil projects. The Pond Restoration Program and the upgrade to Grand Drive were given special mention as exceptional projects involving design testing, community consultation and achieving improved environmental and



NSW AILA President Garth Paterson accepts the award on behalf of Centennial Parklands

social benefits.

A four-member Design Review Panel was established by the Trust in 2003 to ensure consistent and high quality design and to provide independent expert advice on projects within the Park Improvement Plan.

## Trust establishes Cyclist Liaison Committee

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust recently established a Cyclist Liaison Committee to provide a formal framework for consultation between the Trust and the cycling groups that use Centennial Park for training.

Chaired by Inspector Eddie Bosch from NSW Police, the Committee comprises representatives from nine local cycling and triathlon organisations as well as Centennial Parklands Rangers. The committee will meet quarterly to discuss any issues of interest or concern affecting cyclists using Centennial Parklands.

A keen cyclist himself, Inspector Bosch brings to the committee a strong knowledge of regulations and an acute understanding of cyclist behaviour. 'I hope that through regular communication and contact with cyclists, the committee can promote a safe, enjoyable and high standard of cycling in the Parklands,' says Inspector Bosch.

Ranger Brian Page acts as the Cycling Liaison Officer for the Trust, and believes this committee is an important forum for fostering open communication with cyclists as well as encouraging self regulation within cycling groups. 'It is an ideal opportunity for both cyclists and Rangers to discuss any issues and concerns – and to consult with the cycling groups regarding any proposed events, capital works or planning strategies,' says Brian. 'The sport is growing in popularity and we are seeing increased numbers of cyclists using Centennial Parklands for training and recreation. This growing demand has encouraged the Trust to be proactive in consulting this significant user group and to find solutions to any issues that arise'.

At the most recent meeting held in September, the cycling groups unanimously agreed that the formation of this group was one of the most positive

initiatives to ever be undertaken to safely accommodate the needs of cyclists as part of the wider community. The representatives have already suggested a number of key ideas that have encouraged positive changes to cyclist behaviour and improved safety for all road users.

For more information, cyclists are encouraged to contact their club representatives.



The Committee will promote a safe and enjoyable experience for all cyclists

## NSW Open returns to Moore Park



The Proton NSW Open at Moore Park Golf Club

For the first time since 1963, the Moore Park Golf Course hosted the prestigious Proton NSW Open.

This event, held from 9 to 12 November, saw the cream of Australia's young golfing talent pitted against seasoned touring professionals competing for over \$125,000 in prize money.

The 2006 PGA sanctioned Proton NSW Open was the final event on the important Von Nida Tour, and gave top finishers an important exemption into the Australian Open held the following week at Royal Sydney.

Spectators enjoyed free entry to the event and took the rare chance to witness top golf being played out on a quality, public Golf Course so close to the CBD. As part of a special

competition, one lucky spectator walked away with a great golfing accommodation prize by predicting the winning score of the tournament.

Despite the recent dry weather, the course stood up magnificently to the demands of the five-day tournament – a credit to Centennial Parklands Golf Course Superintendent, Mal Durkin, and his hard-working maintenance team.

## Walkers help find a cure

For the fourth consecutive year, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation held its annual Walk to Cure Diabetes in Centennial Parklands. Held concurrently across Australia on 15 October, the 5 km walk aimed to raise awareness and money to find a cure for juvenile diabetes and its complications through the support of research. The 10,000 strong crowd completed the walk with much enthusiasm. After crossing the finish line, they were entertained with music from Jellybean Jam and treated to a selection of food and drinks stalls.



Thousands walk the 5 km circuit

## Ride for Life raises \$70,000

The wintry conditions did not dampen the enthusiasm of hundreds of riders and spectators who turned out for the third annual Ride for Life on Saturday, 5 August. Held in Centennial Park, the event catered to varying levels of cycling expertise, with several different categories of races to choose from. While the races were very popular, many people just turned up to cheer on the enthusiastic cyclists some of whom were riding in memory of a loved one and pedalling to raise funds for cancer research. Event founder Rick Christie was delighted with the success of the event. 'We raised over \$70,000 for the Oncology Department at the Prince of Wales Hospital,' he says, 'which is a fantastic achievement for all involved'.



Cyclists pedal for a good cause

## The flavours of spring



Food-lovers gather for the Spring Picnic

Now a regular feature of the Sydney 'foodie' scene, the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Month Spring Picnic was held at Centennial Park's Brazilian Fields on Sunday, 22 October. Although overcast skies greeted early-comers, the sun shone through in the afternoon and brought with it over 6,000 food-lovers to enjoy the fantastic array of gourmet food and drink stalls. Picnickers relaxed on rugs and were entertained with smooth Sunday afternoon grooves whilst they sampled the tastes of Sydney's finest providers.

## Parklife 8



Crowds at Parklife 8

Since its inception eight years ago, Parklife has grown from a modest gig to a sell-out event that is an essential date on the party circuit calendar. Featuring three stages of international artists and local talent, the 22,000 young revellers grooved to the likes of Coldcut, Ian Pooley, Touche and Mattafix. Moore Park's Kippax lakeside surrounds were the ideal setting for this increasingly popular festival, making the October long weekend a highlight on Sydney's music scene.



# Viva Brasil!



Enjoying the traditional culture of Brazil

On any given Sunday in Centennial Parklands, there are groups of all sorts picnicking and enjoying a social game of footy. Groups of friends may gather for a BBQ or special date whilst others prepare a festive spread from the picnic basket to celebrate a family occasion. But one group of dedicated visitors have taken the familiar picnic in the park and transformed it into a regular weekly cultural event that has become a tradition that binds an entire community.

The Brazilian Soccer Club has been congregating in Centennial Parklands each week for over 35 years. More than just a sports club, the group has fostered a unique tradition for their small but tight-knit community to celebrate the customs of their home country and to provide support and friendship to their Brazilian counterparts.

This now much-loved ritual began in 1972 with a modest group of migrants who sought the security of familiar accents and a Brazilian way of life. Their mutual love of football and all things Brazilian saw the inception of a weekly

football match on the pitch adjacent to Kippax Lake in Moore Park. A small group of 30 players would gather every Sunday for a game and a few post-match beers. Some would know each other from their home towns in Brazil, whilst others would meet on arrival in Sydney, with many settling together around the beachside suburbs of Bondi and Manly. As the community grew, so did the tradition. When the soccer posts at Moore Park were removed to facilitate car parking, the club relocated to Centennial Park. 'In those days, the pitch was called pine grove, field seven,' recalls Odilon Farias, one of the stalwarts of the Club, 'but over the years it has come to be known as the Brazilian Fields, because of our Club. The name has stuck and now it is even on the map'.

Odilon and close friend Paulo Dutra were two of the original founders of the Club and have been mates for over 40 years. They, along with Club Director Macario De Souza, grew up in the same town of Gov. Valadares in Brazil and migrated to Australia in the early 70s.

Macario organises the Sunday game and believes the Club is particularly important for new arrivals from Brazil. 'It provides friendship and support, and helps people find jobs,' he shares. 'We talk about Brazil, friends and our occupation – football!'

Their youthful looks and athleticism belie their 60-something age, a trait they attribute to staying fit and having fun—which seems to be Club's unspoken motto. Both Odilon and Macario have adult sons who grew up watching their father's play football and now continue this cultural tradition by participating themselves.



Odilon Farias and Club Director, Macario De Souza



The Brazilian Soccer Club

The Club congregates every Sunday at 11.00 am throughout the year. For many, this weekly sacrament is something they look forward to all week. Club President, Agenor Muniz has travelled extensively to many international destinations, but he claims that the setting of Centennial Park is unique. 'There is nothing like it in the world,' he shares. 'I love the fresh air and I look forward to coming here all week'. Like many of the club members, Agenor was a professional soccer player for many years. He was in the national team in the 70s and won numerous titles playing for Sydney City and Adelaide City. He also coached the State League. Similarly, Odilon and Paulo played professionally for junior team Democrata Sport Club for many years.

With credentials like these, it stands to reason that this 'friendly' game of football can take on the appearance of something much more professional, attracting a

number of regular spectators. The intensity of the match and the passionate personalities encourages a colourful range of Brazilian expletives from the player's mouths. But unless you understand the language, it all just seems part of the enthusiasm and of these ardent soccer tragics.

This cultural institution even extends beyond state boundaries. The Brazilian community in Melbourne also boasts a competitive football team, and each year, the teams travel to each other's home grounds for an intercity play-off.

Only five or six of the original players are still involved with the Club. Some have returned to their homeland of Brazil, whilst others have passed on or taken early retirement due to injury. Macario still dons the green and yellow jersey, but Odilon incurred an ankle injury that does not allow him to play anymore.

Although football is the focus of this



Warming up for the regular Sunday match

Sunday tradition, the fun does not stop at full-time. The post-match entertainment is an experience of its own, involving food, drinks, music and dancing. The group's vivacious and infectious energy incites fun for everybody involved.

And a traditional Brazilian *churrasco* would not be complete without a picnic table filled with tasty South American delights including *empadinha*, *pastel*, *colxinha* and *pao de queijo* all washed down with a glass of *caipirinha*, a heady mix of rum, sugar and lemon juice, that would numb the effect of any match-day bumps and bruises.

On special occasions such as Mother's Day, the team numbers swell to well over 400 people. The Club hosts Sunday Mass in Centennial Park, before the usual football and festivities. On these days, the women prepare an enormous feast.

Sundays in Centennial Park have become the cornerstone of Sydney's Brazilian community. As new migrants arrive from Brazil, they are embraced by this generous and welcoming group.

'Sundays in Centennial Park – it's like a little corner of Brazil,' says Macario. 'It helps us keep the spirit of Brazil alive'.

Anyone is welcome to come along to join the fun. For more information, contact Macario De Souza on 0412 557 369. But prepared for lots of singing, eating and drinking.



The post-match entertainment



## Twitcher's Corner

### Hardhead

By Trevor Waller



Hardhead

On many of the ponds in Centennial Parklands you will see a handsome all-brown duck called a **hardhead**. They are also known as white-eyed ducks and are Australia's only representative of true diving ducks. The male is a rich dark brown with white eyes. They have a large high-crowned head.

The bill is black with a blue-white bar across the tip. The female is paler brown and has a brown eye. This makes it easy to tell the sexes apart. They have a white undertail and a white belly.

Their flight is swift and direct with rapid wing beats. They show a white underwing while flying. On water they have a low profile and use their webbed feet to swim. They are a diving duck and dive smoothly underwater to find their food and emerge swimming. The male gives a soft wheezy whistle and the female a loud harsh rattle.

Hardheads prefer large deep lakes or permanent wetlands with abundant aquatic vegetation, smaller creeks, flooded crops, farm dams and ornamental lakes. They will gather in rafts of thousands when conditions are good.

Breeding is influenced by rainfall but usually takes place from August to November. The nest is a slightly hollow platform of trampled reeds above water level. It is usually placed in very dense reeds or other thick vegetation and is thickly lined with down and can be hidden by a canopy of reeds. The female incubates the clutch of 9 to 13 eggs for about 30 days.

There are many hardheads on the various lakes and ponds in the Parklands. They can be seen in Duck Pond amongst the other ducks. With their distinctive brown bodies and the male's striking white eyes they should be easy to find.

**Trevor Waller is a bird enthusiast with over ten 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. For details, visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/What's On](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/What's On) or call (02) 9339 6699.**

## Column Garden gets a facelift



New display beds

Visitors to Centennial Park's Column Garden will notice that this popular area is currently undergoing a facelift as part of a three phase project. Featuring improved irrigation, an innovative flowerbed design and a fresh selection of plant material, the facelift will significantly improve the Garden, making it a perfect haven for relaxing and taking in the scenery.

The initial stage of the project involved the installation of an improved automated irrigation system that uses 100% recycled stormwater. This stage of the project, which also incorporates Rose Garden, cost \$20,000 which forms part of a grant awarded to Centennial Parklands by the Department of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability.

Completed in October, the second stage of the project involved the removal of the outdated square garden display beds and the installation of 21 new raised beds, arranged in a modern design. The layout of this new design aims to draw people into the area by creating an intimate setting.

The final stage of the project will be the installation of new plant material, featuring an eclectic mix of native and exotic plant material. This final stage is due for completion by the end of summer.

Centennial Parklands Manager Horticultural Estate, Paul Tracey, believes these renovations are timely. 'It has been a number of years since this area has been refreshed,' he says, 'this new design will be perfect for those seeking a relaxing walk and a chance to appreciate a vibrant and colourful garden. Installation of the recycled irrigation system will be of great benefit in ensuring the quality of these spectacular floral displays'.

## Plant of the Season

### Rose

Two new rose varieties have been planted in Centennial Park's Rose Garden. Both the *Chihuly* and *Graham Thomas* rose varieties were chosen to complement the existing range of colours on display in the Rose Garden as well as for their excellent disease resistance.

*Chihuly* is a Floribunda (or cluster flowering) rose named after the American glass artist, Dale Chihuly. Synonymous with the work of its namesake, *Chihuly* is a spectacularly showy, multi-coloured rose which was released in 2005.

It produces a remarkable floral display characterised by clusters of small flowers at the top of each stem. As the sun hits the flowers, they transform in colour from a subtly striped apricot-yellow to a dazzling orange and deep red. The foliage

is a deep dark-green with mahogany coloured new growth.

The *Graham Thomas* variety is one of the most popular English roses, cultivated by well-known rose breeder David Austin. This modern shrub variety is named in honour of Grant Stuart Thomas, a famed English rosarian, garden designer, author and plant expert.

The outer petals of this exceptionally beautiful pure yellow flower interlace to form a perfectly cupped circle shape. The shrub is very strong growing and flowers almost continuously throughout the year, exhibiting a pleasant tea fragrance. This variety has been bred from the Iceberg rose variety so has inherited very strong resistance to disease.



Graham Thomas rose



Chihuly rose

To see these and many other spectacular rose varieties, visit Centennial Park's Rose Garden, located at the intersection of Dickens and Parkes Drives.

## Pedal Pushers

Cycling is one of the most popular activities for visitors to Centennial Parklands. For those who don't have a bike of their own, Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire, located on the corner of Hamilton and Grand Drives in Centennial Park, operates a licensed cycle hire business.

Manager Chris Fromberger stocks a range of different mountain bikes, hybrid bikes, road bikes, children's bikes, tandems, bikes with child carriers as well as the legendary four-wheeled pedal cars. For seniors or less mobile riders, there are also easy-to-ride cruiser bikes with a low step-through which makes mounting and dismounting very easy.

'Bikes can be hired by the hour, day or week,' says Chris, 'but the most popular is the one to two hour hire periods'. Weekends, public holidays and school holiday periods are the busiest times, but an increasing number of regular patrons are hiring bikes on weekdays in the early morning or late afternoon, when there are less people around and less vehicles on the roads. For these regular customers, Chris has introduced a very successful 'Frequent Riders Club', which offers riders free hire on every fifth visit.

Chris and his team have peddled their bicycles to a number of local and overseas celebrities including Tom Cruise, Russell Crowe, Nicole Kidman, Scott Cam and Sandra Sully. Each week they also cater for 10-20 Korean honeymooners who include a bike ride in Centennial Park as one of the highlights of their organised tour to Sydney.



Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire

Hiring a bicycle is also a popular choice for many local high school students who bike ride around Centennial Park every week for school sport. Players from the Sydney City Roosters, South Sydney Rabbitohs and Sydney Swans football teams also hire bikes for training purposes.

Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire is open seven days from 9.00 am (weather permitting). Prices range from \$10-\$40. For more information call (02) 9398 5027.



# Healthy Parks, Healthy People

## Healthy Parks

### Bugs with bite



Common mosquito species *Ochlerotatus notoscriptus*

The hot, humid conditions of summer are synonymous with one of our least favourite invertebrates—the mosquito. Although mosquitos are a crucial food source for larger invertebrates, tadpoles, frogs, bats, reptiles, fish and birds, their red, itchy bites are a 'nuisance' to most people.

However, a recent study conducted by Dr Cameron Webb, from the Department of Medical Entomology at Westmead Hospital has found that the diversity and abundance of mosquitos in Centennial Parklands is very low and there are few habitats suitable for these biting bugs.

Special traps—using insulated containers of dry ice, a battery operated fan and a collection bucket—were used to collect adult 'host-seeking' mosquitoes; and aquatic habitats, including low-lying areas where water may pool after rainfall, were sampled for mosquito larvae.

Only four mosquito species were recorded as larvae and eight species as adults, compared with a total of 50 species recorded across the Sydney basin.

Of those collected, 95% comprised one mosquito species—a common species known as *Ochlerotatus notoscriptus*. Interestingly, this species breeds in containers such as blocked gutters and pot plant saucers and according to this study, it appears to be utilising the tree-hole habitats in the hole and hollows of Centennial Park's fig trees.

The most abundant larvae were found in Lachlan Swamp and the small open culverts that link the ponds where the water is shallower, slow-moving and there are fewer predators such as fish.

Although Dr Webb suggests that more intensive sampling and wetter conditions may yield different results, it seems the mosquitoes in Centennial Park are unlikely to be a significant nuisance.

## Healthy People

### Netball

Netball is one of the most popular participation sports in Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain and South Africa and it continues to grow in popularity throughout the world.

The precise timing of the introduction of women's basketball, as it was originally called, into Australia is uncertain and largely based on speculation. However, it has come a long way since its beginnings in New South Wales in 1929 to become one of the largest independent sports organisations in the state. Currently, over 100,000 members enjoy netball at all levels.

The first Netball Association courts were located at Moore Park in Sydney and are still operating today offering both court hire and night competitions. Mixed and ladies competitions are available on Tuesday and Thursday nights with an increasing number of men becoming interested in the sport.



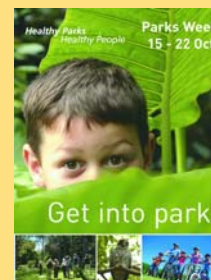
Young netballers compete at Moore Park

Although netball is traditionally a winter sport in Australia running from April to September, the Parklands Sports Centre has found the game is so popular they offer competitions all year round. The Centre can also help find a team to join for new arrivals to NSW.

The newly resurfaced and flood-lit netball courts are located immediately behind the Parklands Sports Centre in Moore Park opposite the entrance to the Entertainment Quarter (corner of Lang Road and Anzac Parade). The

Centre is easily accessible by public transport or alternatively, limited parking is available.

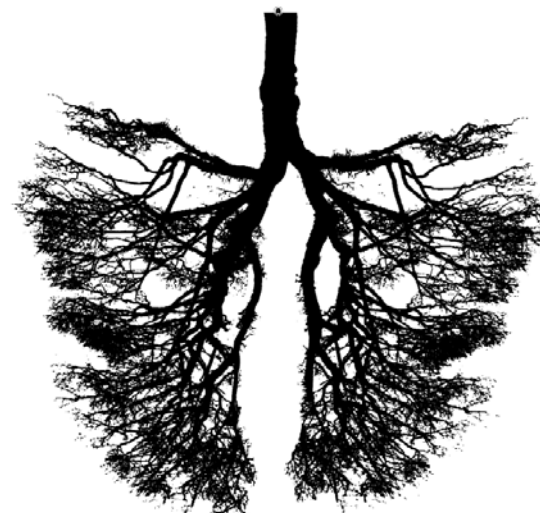
Netball is a great team sport which helps to keep up your fitness level and is a tremendous way to meet new friends. For information, call the Director of Netball on (02) 9662 3523 or (02) 9662 3526.



Healthy Parks  
Healthy People

# Foundation and Friends

## Transplant Appeal



The Centennial Parklands Foundation recently launched a campaign in support of the Parklands Tree Replacement Program. The Transplant Appeal is a long-term project to raise money for the purpose of transplanting trees now to replace those that will need removing in future. Most of the tree planting in Centennial Parklands took place between the 1860s and the 1920s. These trees grew into

magnificent specimens that have shaded and delighted countless visitors. Now though, many of them are aging and some are becoming unsafe.

Drought, poor soils, root compaction and the pressures of the urban environment have led to stress that in turn has allowed pests to cause additional damage. Some trees are under attack from a number of diseases. The result is that around 60% of Centennial Parklands' 16,000 trees will need to be replaced over the next forty years.

Funds raised from the Transplant Appeal will ensure that visitors to Centennial Parklands in ten or twenty years do not see a landscape sadly diminished by the loss of major trees. The Appeal aims to ensure that the trees planted today reach maturity and replace the aging giants.

If you value the time you spend in the Parklands you might like to support the Transplant Appeal. All donations for the Appeal are directed to the Tree Replacement Program, or you could donate \$5,000 towards a Transplant Package. The Package entitles you to plant a 2-3 metre high tree within the Parklands and have your generosity recognised accordingly. This tree can become a focal point for family gatherings, a landmark in a child's life, or a personal place for contemplation or commemoration. Visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au) or call (02) 9339 6699 to make a donation. All donations are tax deductible.

## Friends celebrate fright night

Disguised as witches, warlocks, ghosts and ghouls, the Friends of Centennial Parklands converged on the Centennial Parklands Restaurant for the annual Halloween dinner held on 31

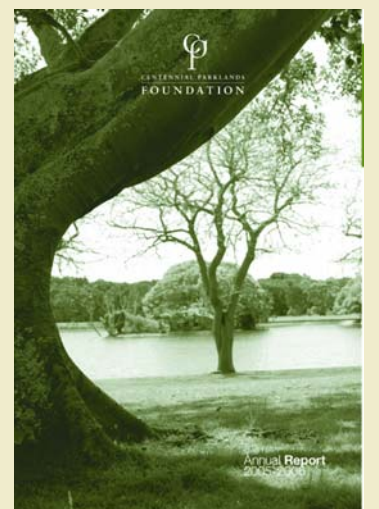
October. Over 120 fearsome folk enjoyed an evening of frightening food and spooky encounters served up by a crew of wait staff resembling the cast of a horror film. Rangers entertained the crowds of costumed children with trick or treat treasure hunts, tug o'warlocks and witches and creepy crawly craft, along with a magician who performed a display of creepy disappearances and transformations.



Freakish Friends at the Halloween dinner

## Foundation's first Annual Report

The Centennial Parklands Foundation has released its first Annual Report. Incorporating key achievements, significant projects and financial statements, this landmark document celebrates the successes and challenges of the Foundation's first operational year. For a copy of the Annual Report, visit [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/Foundation](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/Foundation) and Friends or call the Parklands Office on (02) 9339 6699.




# Visitor Information

Please refer to the map insert on page 6 for locations.

## HOW TO GET HERE

Five 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.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

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

## CAR FREE DAY

Last Sunday of every season (February, May, August & 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 Rd (entry)

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 February 5.45 am–8.00 pm

## Secondary Gates (York Rd, Jervois Ave, Govett St & Robertson Rd exit)

Weekdays 9.00 am–4.00 pm

Weekends as for Primary Gates

## FOOD OUTLETS

### Centennial Parklands Restaurant E3

This fully-licensed restaurant offers fine views with fine Modern Australian food. Open 7 days, 8.30 am–2.30 pm. (02) 9360 3355 [www.landmarkcatering.com.au](http://www.landmarkcatering.com.au)

### Centennial Parklands Café E3

Light meals and snacks served in the open air forecourt. Open 7 days, 8.00 am–4.30 pm (weekdays), 8.00 am–5.00 pm (weekends) (02) 9380 6922

### Centennial Park Mobile Food Van E5

Light meals, sandwiches, cold drinks, gelato and espresso. Open weekends & 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 Sat), 7.30 am–6.00 pm (Sun) (02) 9663 1064 [www.mooreparkgolf.com.au](http://www.mooreparkgolf.com.au)

### The Bistro at Moore Park Golf B3

The Bistro serves quality meals and a full variety of wine and beers. Open Wed to Sun, Noon–5.00pm (Wed to Thu), Noon–7.00pm (Fri to Sun) (02) 9663 1064 [www.mooreparkgolf.com.au](http://www.mooreparkgolf.com.au)

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

### BBQs and Picnics

Unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. Free BBQs. First-in basis. BYO portable BBQs with legs permitted (except during total fire bans), portable picnic equipment permitted. Bookings required for groups of 50 or over. 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. D5

Helmets required. Three-wheel pedal cars not permitted in Centennial Park. Four-wheel pedal cars permitted.

### Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire F3

Cnr Hamilton & Grand Drs, Centennial Park 0401 357 419

### Centennial Park Cycles G6

50 Clovelly Rd, Randwick (02) 9398 5027

### Woolys Wheels

82 Oxford St, Paddington (02) 9331 2671 [www.woolyswheels.com](http://www.woolyswheels.com)

### Wildlife Watching

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

### Playgrounds

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.

## 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

400 m running track, floodlit field and covered stand with seating for 1000 people. Changing rooms, toilets, First Aid Room, Officials Room (with PA system) and Meeting Room. Casual public training, Tue, Wed & Thu, 3.30 pm–8.30 pm. For hire for training or carnivals. (02) 9339 6699 [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/sports](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/sports)

Golf, Horse Riding and Tennis hire available via licensed operators:

### 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. (02) 9663 1064 [www.mooreparkgolf.com.au](http://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](http://www.cpequestrian.com.au)

 Budapest Riding School 0419 231 391 [budapestridingschool@aapt.net.au](mailto:budapestridingschool@aapt.net.au)

 Centennial Stables (02) 9360 5650 [www.centennialstables.com.au](http://www.centennialstables.com.au)

 Eastside Riding Academy (02) 9360 7521 [www.eastsideriding.com.au](http://www.eastsideriding.com.au)

 Moore Park Training Stables (02) 9360 8747 [www.mooreparkstables.com.au](http://www.mooreparkstables.com.au)

 Papillon Riding Stables (02) 8356 9866 or 0407 224 938 [www.papillonriding.com.au](http://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/what's\\_on](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/what's_on)

## FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Locations available for commercial filming and photography. (02) 9339 6699 [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues)

## EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS


Locations available for private and public functions and events. (02) 9339 6699 [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/venues)


## FOUNDATION AND FRIENDS

See insert on Page 6. (02) 9339 6699 [www.cp.nsw.gov.au/foundation\\_and\\_friends](http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/foundation_and_friends)

## CONTACT US

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