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Welcome to the summer edition of *Parklands*.

Spring was a wonderful season in the Parklands with thousands of visitors turning out to savour the warm sunny days in this beautiful, vibrant setting. The spring rains provided welcome relief to the drought conditions affecting the Parklands, filling the ponds with much needed water.

Many people visited the Parklands to participate in the wide variety of events held during the

season such as Centennial Parklands Open Day, *ParkFest*; Walk to Cure Diabetes; the Sydney Morning Herald Spring Picnic and the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge.

ParkFest, which was held in conjunction with the launch of Mental Health Week, was a fun family day with visitors enjoying a wide range of activities. Jimmy Little and Abby Dobson entertained the adults while the children visited the Zoo Mobile, played basketball, joined in Little Athletics and much more. Visitors also took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about our new and continuing projects such as the Stone Maintenance Program, Ponds Restoration Program and Grand Drive trial surfaces.

Cherie Burton, MP, Member for Kogarah also launched the Centennial Parklands Foundation on behalf of the Hon. Sandra Nori, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Recreation on that day. The Foundation is the fundraising arm of Centennial Parklands and aims to ensure that the natural environment provided by Centennial Parklands for Sydneysiders and visitors continues to be enjoyed by future generations. It was a great day with many people signing up to become a *Friend of Centennial Parklands*. You can read more about

these events and initiatives and how to become a *Friend* in this issue.

Centennial Parklands Park Improvement Program continues with the re-opening of the Paddington Gates playground. The equipment which has entertained local children for many years has undergone a major facelift and sits comfortably among some great new equipment. Judging by the numbers and noise of the families, this playground is now more popular than ever.

The Moore Park Rotunda was also re-opened. Originally built in 1909, the Rotunda has been superbly reconstructed to its original open air bandstand form. You can read more about this opening event on page three.

The summer season is set to be a busy one with the return of some much-loved favourites such as Circus Oz and Moonlight Cinema, so come along and enjoy summer in Centennial Parklands.

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Parkbench

Stone Maintenance Program

Centennial Park visitors may have noticed the absence of the statue of Sir Henry Parkes from its prominent position at the corner of Parkes and Hamilton Drives. The statue is being restored by the Government Architects Office at the Department of Commerce and will be returned to its vantage point greeting visitors entering the Park from Paddington Gates.

Other conservation work is also underway as part of this program. Of considerable heritage significance are the Griffins which proudly guarded each side of the main entry road leading down from Paddington Gates. They are thought to have been manufactured by Villeroy and Boch from plaster but the material may be a fired clay.

The Griffins and their sandstone plinths will also be restored by the Government Architects Office at the Department of Commerce. When completed, they will be returned to their original positions.



One of the Griffins, prior to conservation

Winner of Art Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Wildlife Art Competition. The winners were:

- 1st place:** Viktor Kravchenko
- 2nd place:** Nikita Vigovski
- 3rd place:** Hiroki Hayashi

Christmas Cards

Show your support for the Centennial Parklands Foundation by purchasing this beautiful Christmas card. Specially designed to capture the natural beauty of Centennial Parklands, the card features black swans in Willow Pond. Available in packs of six for \$10.00 or \$2.00 per card. *Friends of*



Christmas card

Centennial Parklands can purchase the cards at a discounted rate of \$9.00 for a pack of six or \$1.80 per card.

DOG exhibition

An exciting new exhibition has opened at the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates in Centennial Park. DOG uncovers the dog's journey from the wild to domestication. It delves into the remarkable diversity of our 'best friend' and highlights individual and shared experiences of dog ownership. It also tells a story of the wide-ranging mutual relationship between humans and dogs.

A highlight of the exhibition is a series of photographs showcasing dogs that look like their owners. These photographs have been drawn from a collection by local photographer Ian



Lever. Next time you visit the Park, come along and see whether you can spot the resemblance.

A special selection of DOG gifts can also be purchased for your best friend. The exhibition will be on display from December 2004 to October 2005. The Residence is open 10.00 am to 3.00 pm Wednesdays and weekends.

Dog exhibition poster

Rotunda opening



Australian Army Band Fanfare team

On Sunday 17 October, the beautiful Rotunda in Moore Park West was re-opened by the Chairman of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, Professor John Niland AC. Following a major upgrade the Rotunda has been returned to its original open air bandstand form. The opening was a wonderful occasion to celebrate and enjoy the return of a beautiful building to the public space.

The day was highlighted by the ribbon cutting ceremony, using the same scissors from the famous Sydney Harbour Bridge opening in 1932, and a terrific performance by the Australian Army Band Sydney. The band, based at the nearby Victoria Barracks, have a long association with the Rotunda. A special thank you to the band for travelling back from a performance in Townsville that morning to be able to play at the Rotunda opening.

With the sounds of classical and modern jazz tunes and the smell of the sausage sizzle wafting across Moore Park, it was a wonderful chance to enjoy an old-fashioned bandstand experience and learn some of the history of this grand old building.

Car Free Day – Sunday 27 February



Enjoying Car Free Day in Centennial Park

Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the last Sunday of spring in the peaceful surroundings of Centennial Park. Accessible entry is via Musgrave Avenue Gates (adjacent to toilets, barbecues and picnic facilities). Accessible entry for booked restaurant patrons is via Jervois Gates (off Lang Rd) 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.



Old and new equipment blending together

Paddington Gates playground opens

The newly refurbished Paddington Gates playground is now open and ready to enjoy.

The playground was originally known by the children in the area as the Rocket Park as it featured a bright red rocket in its centre. Although this has long been removed, the playground remains a popular attraction for young visitors to Centennial Park.

This fantastic interactive playground combines the old with the new and is designed for children aged between 1-12 years.

The double see-saw which has entertained children for about 20 years has received a facelift and will continue to entertain new generations in the years to come. Other familiar pieces have also received some attention and been incorporated into the new design.

Two play spaces have been created to cater to the varying needs of children. There is a dynamic play area for high energy activities such as climbing, swinging, spinning, balancing and sliding and a quiet play area for more restful play such as sand play and learning.

A wonderful new addition to the playground is the accessible swing. This swing can be used by children with special needs, such as wheelchairs, and will enhance their playground experience and enjoyment of their time in the Park.

There is a new shaded area with a barbeque installed close by. An accessible toilet has also been placed near the playground carpark.

These new additions and improvements are already a hit with all Centennial Park's young visitors and parents having a wonderful time exploring this great new adventure space.



New climbing equipment

Grand Drive Trial: Results

Centennial Parklands is committed to upgrading Grand Drive to preserve its heritage significance and to improve access, parking and safety. An extensive planning, consultation, design and construction process was completed over the past year, culminating in the construction of a 76 metre length of Grand Drive (near Model Yacht Pond) that featured a revised layout and new finishes.

Centennial Parklands sought feedback from a variety of park users including motorists, cyclists, joggers, walkers, roller bladers, equestrian users, pedestrians, the wider community and the Community Consultative Committee.

A number of key outcomes emerged from this feedback. These included the trial upgrade being extended around Grand Drive with the vast majority of park users agreeing that the upgrade improves the look of Grand Drive and the upgraded surfaces make it easier for their activity. The upgraded surfaces are now more level, smoother, softer and therefore safer.

One area of concern for some users was the granite material used in the blocks marking the car park area. Furthermore some park users thought the blocks could be dangerous because of their low visibility and sharp edges. Although the blocks meet Ausroads standards there may be a risk of injury from the sharp corners. Sandstone was suggested as a more appropriate option rather than the trial granite blocks.

Similarly, the blocks along the pedestrian pathway raised concern due to poor colour definition and sharp edges. Joggers commented that the jogging track surface was too harsh.

Based on this feedback and following consideration by Centennial Parklands, a number of changes to the design of Grand Drive will be implemented and these have been summarised in the box below.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the feedback process. The program to continue the works will be implemented over the coming months with construction of Stage One commencing in 2005. Centennial Parklands will try to minimise any inconvenience to users during this process.

Changes to Grand Drive to be applied to Stage One

- No final coating will be applied to the cycle surface as many cyclists considered it unnecessary.
- Flush granite banding across the road and cycle lane will be removed.
- Roadway width will be reviewed and possibly widened.
- A more natural surface will be investigated for the parking area in lieu of asphalt.
- Angled tree pits will be considered.
- Parking will remain and be marked at 45 degrees because there is insufficient space to achieve 90 degree parking to meet RTA standards.
- Granite blocks will be removed and sandstone trim or blocks will be introduced along the pedestrian footpath with timber bollards in the tree pits.
- Jogging track will be removed and replaced with a grass surface.

ParkFest – a healthy celebration

10 October 2004

With flags flying and music playing, thousands of people streamed into Centennial Park to enjoy the annual Open Day. Called *ParkFest*, the day was a celebration of iconic parks in Sydney and the health and wellbeing benefits the community gains from visiting and using parks. *ParkFest* visitors enjoyed a range of free activities including yoga classes, massages and sports demonstrations. Children loved the Zoo Mobile and making their own Junior Ranger badge while adults grooved to the music of Jimmy Little and Abby Dobson.

ParkFest was also the platform for two major launch events: Mental Health Week and the Centennial Parklands Foundation. Mental Health Week emphasised the importance of physical activity for mental health. In association with the Australian Sports Commission and the Australian Divisions of General Practice, it encouraged people to 'team up to strengthen your mental muscle'. Media figure Jessica Rowe, and her husband Peter Overton, participated in a public walk in the Park and spoke at the launch. The annual Mental Health Awards were also presented at the event.



Children enjoying craft activities at ParkFest

A new Foundation

The Centennial Parklands Foundation was launched by Cherie Burton, MP, Member for Kogarah. Over 250 guests attended the launch with over \$11,000 pledged in donations on the day. This was a great outcome for the Foundation, however as Sarah Whyte, Foundation Chair, said "if everyone who came to Centennial Parklands put aside just one dollar for their visit, we would be able to raise over five million dollars every year".

The Foundation event was enjoyed by adults and children alike with the Australian Wildlife show providing an up close experience with all creatures great and small, including a stick insect, frog, tawny frogmouth and a baby crocodile.

In addition to formal donations at the event, many people signed up as *Friends of Centennial Parklands* – another great way of supporting Centennial Parklands (for more information on our *Friends* program, including a membership form, please see page 12). Our sincere thanks to Simmer Events & Catering, Gelatissimo, SIP Water, Stedmans and the Sydney Girls High School Chamber Group for their support of this event.

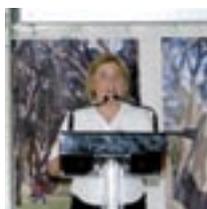
At the event's conclusion, guests were given a potted native rosemary in order to 'plant the seed' in their own backyard.

Planting the seeds for future generations

The Centennial Parklands Foundation aims to ensure that the natural environment provided by Centennial Parklands continues to be enjoyed by future generations. It is an independent Charitable Organisation and is listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations with the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage.

The Centennial Parklands Foundation was established to raise funds for environmental and educational purposes. It is looking to raise \$65,000 per year for the next five years to put towards tree plantings in Queens Park, aquatic plantings and the Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub project.

We encourage you to consider how you can help plant the seeds for future generations. You can help realise the vision of the Foundation by making a donation or by joining the *Friends of Centennial Parklands*. For more information please phone (02) 9339 6699 or email foundation@cp.nsw.gov.au



(Left) Cherie Burton, MP, Member for Kogarah launches the Centennial Parklands Foundation

(Right) Kite Flying - a popular attraction at ParkFest



Spring Events Wrap-up

Walk to Cure Diabetes 17 October 2004

A massive 12,000 people turned out to raise funds and awareness for juvenile diabetes in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's national annual Walk to Cure Diabetes held in Centennial Park. The Sydney event will raise over \$675,000 which will help more than 100,000 people in Australia who suffer from insulin dependent juvenile diabetes. Many of these are children and teenagers who will have the disease for life.

The Foundation commences its yearly fundraising campaign early in the year with a series of information and education sessions designed to involve businesses, corporations and the community.

The walkers spent many weeks prior to the event asking their friends, family and work colleagues to support them by making a donation. Their combined efforts have ensured that the event raises as much as possible for this debilitating disease.

Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Spring Picnic 31 October 2004

A beautiful spring day saw over 5,000 hungry people turn out to Centennial Park to taste the delicious selection of foods available at the Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Spring Picnic. Although the picnic had been postponed from the previous wet weekend, crowds still attended this popular event at the new location of Loch Ave South.

This was the second year the picnic has been held at Centennial Park. Visitors brought their appetites as they grazed their way through the day on the fantastic produce available at over 40 stalls. Providers showcased everything from cheeses and preserves to chutneys and ice-cream, bread and pasta, olives and smallgoods.

This was more than an ordinary picnic. While enjoying the smooth jazz, cuisine lovers took the opportunity to relax in the great tradition of a long leisurely lunch outdoors.

JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge 10 November 2004

A total of 5,793 participants, representing 281 companies, crossed the finish line on a pristine evening in Centennial Park for the annual JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge. After the event, Olympic gold medalist and Grand Slam tennis champion Patrick Rafter accepted a \$30,000 cheque from JPMorgan on behalf of his eponymous charitable organisation, the Patrick Rafter Cherish The Children Foundation.

This is the second consecutive year that the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge has designated Rafter's organisation as the primary beneficiary. With this donation Cherish The Children will aid The Mirabel House in Sydney, an organisation that aids children who have been orphaned or abandoned due to parental illicit drug use.

The choice resonated profoundly with the winner of the event, Paul Arthur, an ambulance driver for Calvary Health. Mr Arthur was abandoned by his mother when he was barely two years old. By the time he was nine, Arthur was placed in a Boys' Home and trouble was a constant companion when he was a teenager. "But then I found running," said Arthur, "and that was my ticket to independence and happiness. I made it, but so many kids don't. That's why the work that Patrick Rafter does is so valuable."

Sydney was the second event of the 2005 JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge, following Houston in October. The series resumes in Johannesburg, South Africa in March 2005.



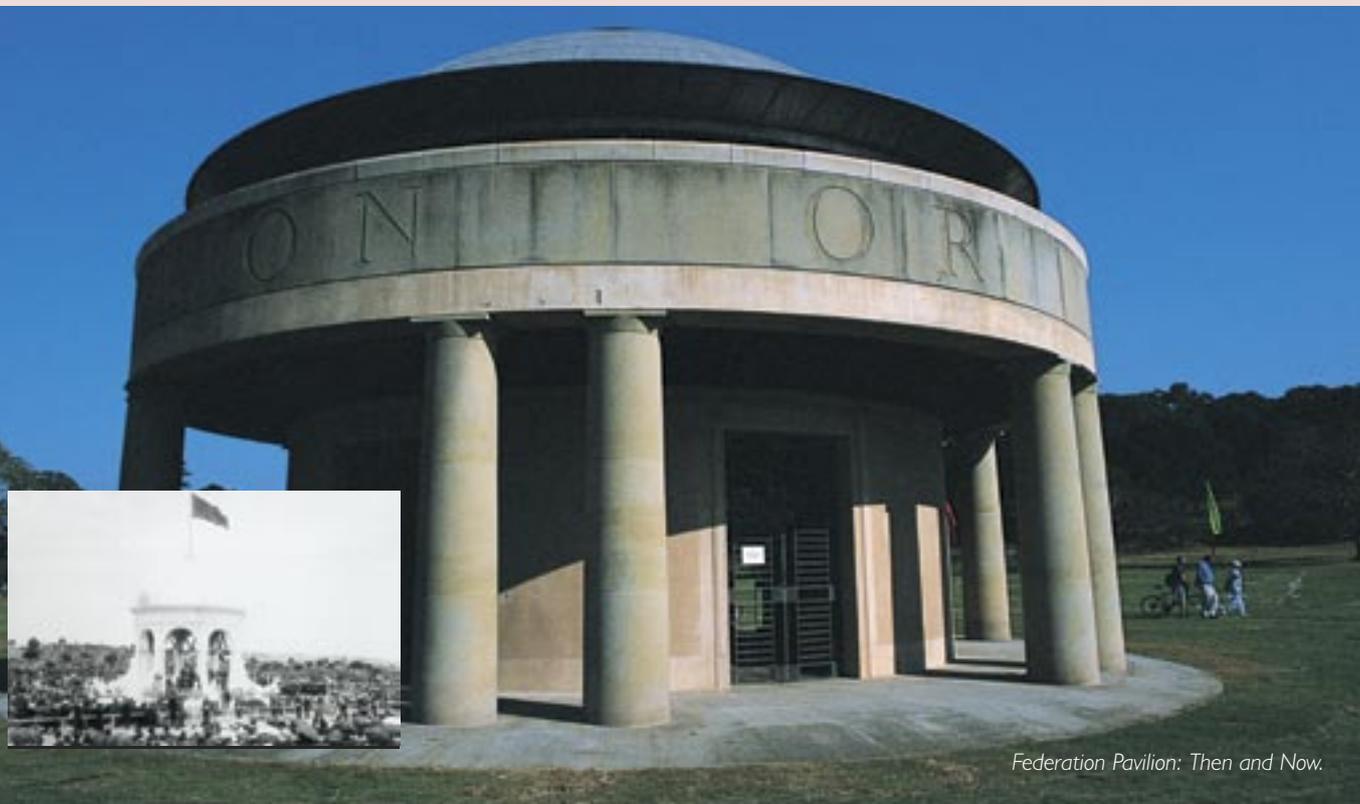
JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge in Centennial Park

Survivors and Ghosts:



Year of the Built Environment 2004
TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The early Built Environment of Centennial Parklands



Federation Pavilion: Then and Now.

In designating 2004 as the Year of the Built Environment, the NSW Government provided an opportunity for the community to consider how the structures, buildings and streetscapes that form the built environment impact on their lives and those of future Australians.

As that year comes to an end, it is timely to recall the built environment of Centennial Parklands. What was once a swamp and scrubland was transformed by the hands of many workers into the landscape we admire today.

It is also a landscape dotted with buildings of considerable historic value. The knowledgeable eye, moreover, can discern throughout the Parklands the shadows of important and ephemeral buildings long gone. Some significant buildings constructed in the Parklands' early days have been or are being presently restored or renewed. These projects are faithful to the originals, but executed in ways that also reflect contemporary values such as sustainability,

accessibility, equity of access, building excellence, value for money and vision for the future. These are the themes adopted for the Year of the Built Environment. Our efforts today will provide a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy the built environment of Centennial Parklands.

Many of Centennial Parklands' most loved structures were built during the leadership of Sir Charles Moore, director of the Sydney Botanical Gardens from 1848 to 1896 and Joseph Maiden, director from 1896 to 1924. Let's take a brief tour around some of the great survivors from this first epoch of building in Centennial Park and Moore Park, and some of the structures that failed for many reasons to make it.

One of the earliest buildings in Moore Park - and one rated in the Centennial Parklands Conservation Management

Plan as being of exceptional heritage significance - is the Toll House, located on the corner of Anzac Parade and Lang Road, Moore Park.

Building timeline

- 1860 Toll House in Moore Park constructed
- 1886 Director Sir Charles Moore
- 1888 January 26th Centennial Park officially opened
- 1891-2 Superintendent's Residence constructed
- 1892 Kiosk constructed
- 1896 Director Joseph Maiden
- 1898 Shelter Pavilion constructed
- 1899 Ranger's Cottage constructed
- 1900 Federation Pavilion constructed
- 1901 Bandstand constructed and recitals begin
- 1901 January 1st Federation ceremony conducted
- 1909 Moore Park Rotunda constructed
- 1914-18 World War I
- 1915 First toilets constructed

It is a rare example of a number of toll houses built in the 1800s to fund the construction and maintenance of roads in NSW.

Built in 1860 to collect tolls from travellers between Sydney and La Perouse and/or Randwick Racecourse, it operated until 1890 and is the only surviving metropolitan toll house and two-storey toll house in NSW. Centennial Parklands will be refurbishing the Toll House in the near future.

In Centennial Park, one of the earliest buildings constructed was the Superintendent's Residence, built in 1891-2. Located adjacent to the Paddington Gates entrance, the Residence is a fine example of a single storey sandstone cottage built in the Victorian style. It was designed by Colonial Architect James Barnet. Evocative features include its slate roof, timber floors and corrugated iron verandah. Other well known buildings designed by Barnet include The Garden Palace in the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney and the original Sydney General Post Office.

The Superintendent's Residence was occupied by more than just Park Superintendents. Gardeners, labourers, foremen and Park rangers lived there from time to time. From 1993 to 1995 it was occupied by Park Administration. Conservation works began in 2001 to protect the building's significant heritage features before it was opened to the public for the first time. As the proponents of the Year of the Built Environment emphasise, "society

expresses itself in the quality of its buildings and structures". The conservation works at the Residence revealed many beautiful examples of the quality of the original workmanship, including a rich, vibrant internal colour scheme with a gold leaf dado. Since the Residence was opened to the public in 2001 it has been used to house a number of highly successful exhibitions on themes related to the Parklands and its environment.



Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence pre and post conservation work

Most visitors know the Centennial Parklands Restaurant on the corner of Parkes and Grand Drive. It stands on the site of one of the Park's vanished buildings, the Kiosk. Built in 1892 and designed by Walter Vernon, Government Architect, the Kiosk reflected what has been called a "European Arts and Crafts Style." In 1906 it was refurbished and made into a cycle pavilion. It was demolished sometime between 1941 and 1950. The present building, designed by M. Sholl of the NSW Public Works Department and completed in 1988, displays historical references to the former Kiosk.

The Shelter Pavilion, located opposite Duck Pond, was built in 1898. It is the second of two similar structures designed by Walter Vernon. The first was constructed in the Royal Botanic Gardens in 1897. Both structures originally featured hardwood shingle roofs. In 1919 the shingles on the Park Pavilion were replaced with terracotta shingles from the old Zoo formerly located in Moore Park. The Shelter Pavilion is a stone structure with a finely detailed timber framed roof structure supporting a complex hipped roof topped with four matching metal finials and a large central finial. Interestingly, a close inspection reveals vertical cuts in the stone columns - evidence that the structure had window frames installed at some time. The Centennial Parklands Conservation Management Plan rates the building as being of "high" heritage significance. It was originally built to provide shelter in bad weather and continues to be well patronised for the same purpose.

Walter Vernon also designed the Ranger's Cottage, constructed in 1899. It sits on a small hill near the Robertson Road Gates. It is a single storey brick building with a hipped and gabled tiled roof, also in the European Arts and Crafts Style. The cottage is currently occupied by Ranger-in-Residence Brian Page and his family. Ranger Brian says that "it is a privilege to live in a building steeped in Park history".

Survivors and Ghosts - locations of key buildings



- 1 Proposed State House
- 2 Toll House
- 3 Superintendent's Residence
- 4 Kiosk
- 5 Shelter Pavilion
- 6 Ranger's Cottage
- 7 Federation Pavilion
- 8 Bandstand in Centennial Park (No longer exists)
- 9 Moore Park Rotunda
- 10 First Public Toilet Block



Moore Park Rotunda, pre and post reconstruction

Perhaps the most famous ghost of Parklands' buildings past is the original Federation Pavilion. Built in 1900 for the proclamation of the Federal Constitution in 1901, the plaster pavilion was 14 metres high, and richly decorated with bas-relief castings of native flora and the imperial coat of arms. Inevitably, it deteriorated rapidly and was removed in 1903. In 1904 the Commonwealth Stone was placed on a sandstone pedestal surrounded by an iron picket fence. It remained there until reinstalled in the new Federation Pavilion, opened as part of Australia's Bicentennial celebrations in 1988.

Why was such a significant structure built, literally, to dissolve? Amanda Bock, Centennial Parklands Manager, Strategic Projects says no satisfactory explanation has ever been forthcoming. "What we do know is that they could build to last when they wanted to. You only have to look at the quality of workmanship in the Superintendent's Residence and the Shelter Pavilion." Amanda adds that refurbishment practices in Centennial Parklands today ensure buildings will survive in the long term for future generations to enjoy. Whilst adhering to the Conservation Management Plan, the refurbishment program restores buildings "in the most cost effective manner, using traditional techniques where possible, ensuring a policy of reuse and recycle and incorporating current codes of sustainability," she says.

More ghosts. Joseph Maiden, in his years as Director, constantly lobbied for a bandstand in Centennial Park, and in 1901 one was erected in timber on a bleak and exposed site. Large crowds gathered for band performances every Sunday until 1924 when the structure became so dilapidated that bandsmen refused to play in it. No trace of it remains today. However, what Centennial Park now lacks, Moore Park will provide.

The Moore Park Rotunda was erected by the City Council in 1909 at a cost of 338 pounds. It is a close contemporary of similar structures in other Sydney parks, including Observatory Hill, Belmore Park, Hyde Park and Wynyard Reserve. By 1929 the building had fallen into a state of disrepair. In 1936 it was enclosed and expanded to serve functions related to the adjacent sports fields. Much of the original building design was removed or obscured. In a major project successfully undertaken in 2004, Centennial Parklands restored the Rotunda to its original open bandstand configuration. Elements of the building that contribute to its historical significance were retained, including the lined timber ceiling and general form. The lower level of the bandstand was redeveloped to accommodate an accessible toilet and a potential future café or similar.

The Rotunda is a great example of a building faithfully reconstructed to the extent possible, with contemporary additions to enhance its public usability. In contrast, some of the Parklands' public toilets, first introduced to the Parklands in 1915 (no such facilities existed before), will be demolished as part of an ongoing program to upgrade and provide new facilities. The Conservation Management Plan considers the majority of the existing toilet blocks as "intrusive" and without heritage significance. Two new public toilet blocks are currently under construction in Federation Valley, and on the corner of Dickens and Parkes Drive. The upgraded amenities will provide stylish, flexible, low-maintenance buildings that demonstrate ecologically sustainable principles. The generic design can be modified and adapted for use throughout the Parklands.

The early buildings in the Parklands are valuable not just for their heritage significance. Many have been significantly but sympathetically transformed and given a

contemporary lease on life. The buildings are the most visible legacy of human intervention in the Parklands, however the ponds, pathways and tree plantings are also part of its built environment. Both the built and the natural environments support each other to underpin the Parklands' significance within the urban landscape.

The One That Got Away

In 1887, NSW Premier Henry Parkes argued passionately that the proposed Centennial Park should accommodate a gargantuan State House which would contain the remains of the colony's statesmen, together with exhibits of art, history, science and anthropological displays of Aboriginal artefacts. In keeping with the latter imperative, the NSW Art Gallery was built in the Domain in 1907. But Centennial Park, somehow, escaped becoming the national political cemetery.

Footnote: In the latter half of the twentieth century, the structures built in the Parklands were mostly utilitarian; pump houses, toilets and additions to depot buildings. However, there are some outstanding buildings that will be looked at in detail in future issues of *Parklands* magazine. These include the Moore Park Golf Club House, the Restaurant, Federation Place and of course the Federation Pavilion.

A Walk in the Park with Joh Bailey

Joh Bailey is one of Australia's foremost hair talents with a career spanning twenty years. His ability to create a signature look, his high personal profile and the business success of his salons has put his brand name at the forefront of his industry. Joh is a regular at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre where he stables his pure-bred Arabian gelding, Gloss.

Favourite nook in Centennial Parklands: My horse's stable in the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. I feel very safe, comfortable and peaceful there. Just me and my horse.

Best place to be seen in the Parklands: On my horse on the riding track. People enjoy watching the horses pass by.

Best local place for breakfast: Tropicana, on Darlinghurst Road. Even though it's busy, it is a great place to relax. The food is high quality and there's always an eclectic mix of patrons enjoying it.

Best part of summer: Daylight savings and long, light, balmy evenings.

Worst part of summer: Flies. And when summer ends.

Favourite international park: Hyde Park in London. Because I love wandering around the gardens, the palaces, the horses, the woods, the flowers, the smell, the 'Englishness'.

Best local place for dinner: Golden Century Seafood at Fox Studios. I love Chinese food and the produce is high quality. It is exciting, busy and fast.

Favourite sport: Hacking, which is showing horses under saddle. I love it for the glamour, skill, excitement and the dedication that is required to excel.

Favourite event in the Parklands: The Christmas Gymkhana* at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre because it brings the stabling community together. It's a celebration and a competition.

Favourite tree: The huge plane trees in Centennial Parklands because they are deciduous and always changing with the seasons. They remind me that change is part of life.

Drought: Accept it as part of life and know that it is God's will. Eventually it will rain.

Who would you most like to take for a walk in Centennial Park: My father. To get to know him more and try to connect with him better.

**For information on the Christmas Gymkhana, please phone (02) 9332 2809.*

All horse lovers welcome!



Twitcher's Corner



Willie Wagtail

By Trevor Waller

By summertime, most birds have seen their offspring fledge from the nest and are free to go about their daily routine of feeding and keeping a lookout for predators. A bird that is in almost constant motion doing both these activities is the Willie Wagtail.

One of Australia's most common birds, it has a fantail with white under parts sharply cut off by black upper breast and head. The back and long tail is also black. It has a white eyebrow that it can expand to show its emotional condition, so the eyebrow can change from being almost invisible to being quite conspicuous. Young Willie Wagtails are duller in colour than adults with a short tail and buff edges on the wing feathers.

During feeding the Willie Wagtail will give sudden flicks of its wings to startle hidden insects which it then catches with a fast agile flight. Willie Wagtails do most of their hunting from low branches, fence posts, stumps, rocks or the backs of farm stock. They also run along the ground in search of food. They are quite aggressive and will attack predators far larger than themselves if found near their nests. In and around human habitation they are very much at home.

The call of a Willie Wagtail is brisk, sharp and lively with a pleasantly musical chatter switching between high and low notes. It is said their song sounds like 'sweet-pretty-creature' but they can also have a harsh loud metallic chatter when annoyed. During the night they can also be heard calling.

In the breeding season, which is throughout the year in good times but usually between August and December, they build their nests on a horizontal branch, often over water. The nest is a shallow cup of fine grass bound together with spider webs. The nest is lined with wool, hair and feathers. They lay a clutch of two to four spotted eggs that are brooded by both sexes for 14 to 15 days. Willie Wagtails usually nest close to other black and white birds such as Magpie Larks. You should have no problem finding a Willie Wagtail anywhere in the Parklands this summer.

Flower of the Season

Daylily

The Daylily, also known by its botanical name *Hemerocallis x hybrida*, is a popular garden and landscape plant originally cultivated in China for ornamental and medicinal purposes. The Daylily takes its name from an unusual feature: individual blooms open and finish in one day. Over the last 60 years, breeders from the USA and Europe have collectively been responsible for introducing a vast array of new cultivars with increased vigour, bloom size and longer flowering periods.



pastels and shades including white, creams, yellows, oranges, reds and purples. Flowers can be single, semi-double or double forms and flower size ranges from miniature (less than 7.5 centimetres diameter) to large (more than 11 centimetres diameter). Daylilies come in a variety of shapes or outlines including circular, triangular, star-shaped and spider forms which are either tailored (with a smooth plain appearance) or ruffled blooms.

Daylilies are low maintenance flowers that perform best in sunny positions with good drainage in moderately fertile soil although they will tolerate part shade and more sandy or clay based soils.

The Daylily is a soft-wooded evergreen to herbaceous perennial that forms mounds of rich green foliage which can grow from 15 centimetres to 1 metre high. The funnel-shaped flowers of modern hybrids are held above the foliage with 10 to 30 buds that open from the bottom up. While individual flowers last a day, other buds are at different stages of development ensuring flowering lasts over several weeks from late spring and early summer. Most varieties will continue to produce flushes of blooms through warmer weather into autumn.

Daylilies can exhibit great drought tolerance in summer by going dormant, only to shoot new growth once conditions are more favourable. Daylilies are mostly pest and disease free although aphids and spider mites can cause minor problems, however these can be easily controlled.

When it comes to flower colour, size and shape the Daylily has much to offer, from single 'pure' colour to a combination of patterns, bi-colours,

There are many ways to plant and enjoy Daylilies in the garden. They are often seen as mass plantings but can be equally effective in mixed plantings and as pot specimens. Within Centennial Park they can be seen flowering at Paddington Gates, Parkes Drive, the Rose Garden and Column Garden and are flowering, on a daily basis, now.

Recipe

Celebrate summer with this exotic ice cream recipe, courtesy of Centennial Parklands Restaurant. A semifreddo, meaning 'half frozen' in Italian, will not set as hard as other ice creams because of the alcohol and sugar content. It is a perfect summer dessert, especially with espresso coffee. Enjoy!

Semifreddo Amaretto

Ingredients:

300g sugar
5 whole eggs
4 egg yolks
100ml Amaretto almond liqueur
1 litre single cream
125g Amaretti biscuits

Method:

1. Line a 1.25 litre terrine mould with cling wrap, leaving 3-4 cm of excess wrap on sides.
2. In a stainless steel bowl over a double boiler, whisk sugar, eggs, egg yolks and almond liqueur until mixture doubles in volume. It should be very thick but not scrambled. Allow to cool to room temperature.
3. Using a rolling pin, crush biscuits in a bag until quite small, but not to powder.
4. Whip cream to stiff peaks, then add 1/4 of egg mixture and thoroughly mix.
5. Gently fold remainder of egg mixture through cream, with majority of crushed biscuits (setting aside some for serving).
6. Pour into terrine mould, covering top with excess cling wrap, then freeze for 24 hours.
7. To serve turn out onto a frozen plate. Then, using a hot knife, cut slices 2-3cm thick.
8. Sprinkle top with more crushed biscuits and serve with double cream.



Centennial Parklands Restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch. So soak up the sun, enjoy the view and choose from an assortment of seasonal dishes.

Friends of Centennial Parklands

JOIN THE FRIENDS OF CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

and help support Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park.

Friends are the roots of the Centennial Parklands Foundation with membership fees providing support for environmental projects within Centennial Parklands. Your membership will open the doors to your involvement in caring for Centennial Parklands. As a *Friend* you can join in Centennial Parklands clean up and planting days or become a volunteer. By becoming a *Friend*, you will be joining a special group of people. You will also have the opportunity to join in exclusive events and activities and enjoy a discount. Look for the  symbol for activities attracting discounts and present your membership card to obtain the special *Friends'* rate.

The benefits include:

- 10% discount at Centennial Parklands Restaurant & Café
- 10% discount on Ranger-guided walks
- 10% discount on Centennial Parklands merchandise
- Discounts on selected events
- *Parklands* magazine posted quarterly
- Membership certificate
- Exclusive *Friends* events, including annual Christmas party

To JOIN, simply complete and mail or fax the form below.

Title	First Name	Surname
Address		
Postcode	Date of birth	
Telephone (BH)	(AH)	
Email		

Tick boxes:

- Single: One year \$55 Family: One year \$99

Please list family members

Partner

Children

I would like to make a donation to Centennial Parklands Foundation
 \$45 \$75 \$100 \$ _____

I require a tax receipt

I am interested in becoming a volunteer

I would like to find out how a bequest could help Centennial Parklands

Payment details

Cash Cheque - payable to Centennial Parklands Foundation

Bankcard Mastercard Visa

I would like my membership renewed automatically via my credit card

Card No

Expiry date

Card holder's name

Card holder's signature

Send to (no stamp required): *Friends of Centennial Parklands*
Reply Paid 58
Locked Bag 15
PADDINGTON NSW 2021

For more information phone (02) 9339 6699 or email foundation@cp.nsw.gov.au



Exclusive *Friends*-only backstage tour of Circus Oz

Hey kids, have you ever wondered what it would be like to be in the circus? Find out when Circus Oz returns to Moore Park with this special tour and activity program for children who are members of *Friends of Centennial Parklands*.

You will have the opportunity to meet the performers of Circus Oz in an exclusive backstage tour of the Big Top. In addition local expert, Michael Richards, will provide an action-packed circus skills workshop that will teach you the basics of juggling, throwing, spinning and balancing using clubs, rings and diablos.

This exclusive tour will be held on Thursday 13 January 2005 from 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and the cost is \$18.50 per child (strictly 10 years and over). This activity will be very popular and places are limited. Bookings are essential and can be made from 1 December 2004 by calling (02) 9339 6699. Remember this activity is for the *Friends of Centennial Parklands* only – children must be either part of a family membership or individual child members.

More special offers for *Friends*...

2004 has been an eventful year with *Friends* participating in a range of fantastic activities and events including Clean Up Australia Day in Centennial Parklands, historical walks in Victoria Barracks and Carols in the Parklands performed by the Australian Army Band Sydney at the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates. We hope you have enjoyed these special *Friends* events and that you will take advantage of these other special offers:

Circus Oz – *Friends* can take advantage of **15% off all ticket prices** for the first weekend of the Circus Oz season (Friday December 31 - Sunday January 2). Call (02) 9339 6699 or email foundation@cp.nsw.gov.au to find out more.

Moonlight Cinema – special ticket prices for *Friends* – simply show your membership card at the box office. Season starts on 8 December 2004.

Christmas gift ideas - Need something special for the person who has everything? How about a gift membership to the *Friends of Centennial Parklands*! We also have a range of Centennial Parklands merchandise, including pedometers; 'I love Centennial Parklands' t-shirts (adults and kids sizes); and a fun (and educational) new board game – Let's Recycle - about protecting our environment. Drop into the Administration Building (8.30 am – 5.00 pm, Monday - Friday) or the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence (10.00 am – 3.00 pm, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday) to check out our full range. **Friends receive a minimum 10% discount on all merchandise.**

Remember - look for the  symbol for activities attracting *Friends* discounts in the Summer Calendar.

Calendar Highlights

BICYCLE MAINTENANCE



This bicycle maintenance course for beginners will teach participants the basics

for bike care. Learn to fix punctures, adjust brakes, fix and oil chains and other general maintenance. The course is designed for adults and runs from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. The cost is \$38.50 per person and please bring lunch, bicycle and helmet. Meet at the Administration Building, located behind the Centennial Parklands Café.

For more information and bookings call (02) 9339 6699. Bookings are essential.

Sunday, 6 February

DOG PHOTOGRAPHY



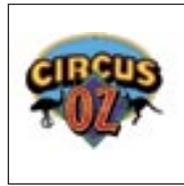
Learn professional techniques to photograph your dog and capture its personality on

film. In this session, local photographer Marco Bok will inspire you with his life-long experience in photographing dogs in Centennial Parklands. Visit the new DOG exhibition at the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence for your inspiration. The course is designed for adults and runs from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. The cost is \$40 per person and please bring dog, leash, dog waste bags, camera and 2-3 rolls of film (or sufficient memory cards for digital cameras). Meet Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates.

For more information and bookings call (02) 9339 6699. Bookings are essential.

Sunday, 13 February

CIRCUS OZ



Circus Oz will be making a flying visit to Moore Park in their custom-made, state of the art Big Top for six weeks.

Since their last Sydney season Circus Oz have had a non-stop touring schedule that has seen the company thrill audiences from London to Melbourne. They've amazed massive crowds as one of the biggest hits of the Adelaide Festival and have packed out venues throughout South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Circus Oz have recruited new performers, added new acts and filled their tent with swinging stunts and slapstick. World famous for their absurd humour, non-stop energy and death-defying antics, this is a summer holiday event not to be missed.

For more information visit www.ticketmaster7.com or call Ticketmaster on 136 100.

Wednesday, 29 December to Sunday, 6 February

MOONLIGHT CINEMA



This popular annual event takes place in the Belvedere Amphitheatre near the Woollahra

Gates. The cinema will open daily from 7.00 pm and screenings run from approximately 8.30 pm - around 10.30 pm.

For more information visit www.moonlight.com.au or call 1300 551 908.

Wednesday, 8 December to Monday, 28 March

GOOD VIBRATIONS



This exciting event combines music, performance, food and fun from

around the globe. This summer 2005, international acts headline this celebration of fun in the Park. The Good Vibrations Festival returns to Centennial Park at the Mission Fields.

For more information visit www.ticketek.com or call (02) 9266 4800.

Saturday, 19 February

Map of Centennial Parklands



all season

DOG

Visit DOG, the new exhibition on display at the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates in Centennial Park from December 2004 to October 2005. This entertaining exhibition includes stunning images and fascinating objects – all providing a unique insight into the life of a dog. Discover the remarkable diversity of dogs, explore the many unique relationships that dogs and humans share and find out about the benefits of dog ownership. A special selection of DOG gifts can also be purchased for your 'best friend'. Open Wednesdays and weekends 10.00 am - 3.00 pm.

december

1 Saturday ART COMPETITION

Have you ever noticed how many insects summertime brings? Help us show people how important they are for the environment by participating in another Centennial Parklands Art Competition. Simply design a poster-style artwork up to A3 in size. Posters must include a picture of your favourite insect in a scene in Centennial Parklands. Please write your name, age, title of your artwork and contact phone number on the back of your poster. All posters are to be completed by children under the age of 18. Prizes will be awarded.

Address your entry to Centennial Parklands Art Competition, Locked Bag 15, PADDINGTON NSW 2021, or deliver to the Administration Building, behind Centennial Parklands Café. Competition closes 5.00 pm Friday, 21 January. Posters will be judged on Sunday, 23 January 2005, 2.00 pm at the Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates, and on display Wednesdays and weekends until Sunday, 6 February 2005. Enquiries (02) 9339 6699.

13 Monday MY LITTLE PONIES



A special children's tour of the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre. Find out where the horses

live, what they eat and how to care for them. Includes a short pony ride. Wear covered shoes. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. \$10.50 per child (2 – 5 years), adults free. Meet Equestrian Centre Gates, corner Lang and Cook Roads. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

17 Friday SPOTLIGHT PROWL

A chance to see the wild nightlife of Centennial Park. Join Rangers spotlighting possums, flying foxes and other night creatures. All ages. Bring torch. 8.30 pm – 9.30 pm. \$9.50 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

january

10 Monday SPOTLIGHT PROWL

8.30 pm – 9.30 pm
See 17 December

11 Tuesday ANIMAL SENSES

Have you ever touched, smelt or tasted the environment? This is what animals do to find out more about it. Discover Centennial Parklands through its animals' senses. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. \$9 per child (2 – 5 years), adults free. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

MODEL YACHT WORKSHOP

Build a simple model yacht in this unique workshop and learn the age-old techniques of sailing models on Kippax Lake. All materials included. 1.00 pm – 2.30 pm. \$18 per child (6 – 12 years). Meet Kippax Lake, Driver Avenue, Moore Park. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

12 Wednesday BUGS GALORE

Bugs come in all shapes and sizes and live in all different places and spaces. Bring along your bug-hunting skills and see some bugs up close. Bring hat. 10.00 am – 11.00 am. \$9 per child (2 – 5 years), adults free. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

KRAZY KITES

Come along to this kite-flying workshop to fly kites of all shapes and sizes. Construct and decorate your very own kite to take home, and practise flying your kite under the guidance of kite expert Michael Richards. All materials included. Bring hat. 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm. \$12.50 per child (7 - 12 years). Meet Administration Building, behind the Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

13 Thursday CIRCUS SKILLS - FOR FRIENDS OF CENTENNIAL PARKLANDS

This activity is exclusively for *Friends of Centennial Parklands*. See page 12 for information on becoming a *Friend*. Have you ever wanted to join the circus? Learn juggling, throwing, spinning and balancing using clubs, rings and diablos with expert Michael Richards. Meet the performers of Circus Oz in an exclusive backstage tour of the Big Top! Bring hat. 10.00 am – 12.00 pm. \$18.50 per child (strictly 10 years and over). Meet Kippax Lake, Driver Avenue, Moore Park. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

14 Friday SPOTLIGHT PROWL

8.30 pm – 9.30 pm
See 17 December



15 Saturday PONY RIDES

The only place where kids can jump into the saddle so close to the city! Hand-led, 10 minute rides for children. Limited tickets. 10.00 am – 3.00 pm or until sold out. \$9.50 per ride. Tickets at Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Parklands Café. Weather permitting. Bookings not required.

ADULTS ONLY

January

23 Sunday BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST

Join this early morning guided tour to spot some of the Parklands' migratory and resident land and water birds. A new meeting point and route will allow the chance to visit some different birdwatching locations. For adults. Bring binoculars. 7.30 am – 9.30 am. Includes breakfast. \$18.50 per person. Meet Randwick Gates. Finishes at Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

30 Sunday BUSBY'S BORE WALK

Walk the route of Busby's Bore, the underground supply of early Sydney's drinking water, with Sydney Water historian Jon Breen. Visit the source of the bore at Busby's Pond and the memorial cairn in Centennial Park and see an exclusive viewing of the shaft into Busby's Bore within Fox Studios. For adults. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. \$13 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Finishes at Fox Studios. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

February

6 Sunday BICYCLE MAINTENANCE



This bicycle maintenance course for beginners will teach participants the basics for bike care. Learn to fix punctures, adjust brakes, fix and oil chains and other general maintenance. For adults. Bring lunch, bicycle and helmet. 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. \$38.50 per person. Meet Administration Building, behind the Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

13 Sunday BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST

See 23 January - Adults Only Section

february

16 Sunday
PONY RIDES 🍃
See 15 January

17 Monday
SPOTLIGHT PROWL 🍃
8.30 pm – 9.30 pm
See 17 December

18 Tuesday
JUNIOR RANGERS 🍃



Junior Rangers on bike patrol! Join the Rangers on a bike patrol in Centennial

Parklands. Complete the obstacle course to understand bike riding rules in the Park. Learn how to monitor wildlife and pest animals by conducting species counts and habitat mapping. Bring bike, helmet, drink bottle and snack. 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. \$12.50 per child (6 - 12 years). Meet Visitors Centre, Superintendent's Residence at Paddington Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

KRAZY KITES 🍃
See 12 January

19 Wednesday
SPECIAL NIGHT VIEWING DOG

See a special night viewing of Centennial Parklands new DOG exhibition. Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. Open until 8.30 pm.

ANIMAL SENSES 🍃
See January 11

20 Thursday
BUGS GALORE 🍃
See 12 January

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See 11 January

21 Friday
SPOTLIGHT PROWL 🍃
8.30 pm – 9.30 pm
See 17 December

22 Saturday
PONY RIDES 🍃
See 15 January

23 Sunday
PONY RIDES 🍃
See 15 January

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST 🍃
See 23 January - Adults Only Section

FROG MOBILE 🍃
For everything you have ever wanted to know about frogs, come and visit the Frog and Tadpole Study Group's very special Frog Mobile. 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. Free of charge. Shelter Pavilion, Parkes Drive.

25 Tuesday
MY LITTLE PONIES 🍃
See 13 December

30 Sunday
BUSBY'S BORE WALK 🍃
See 30 January - Adults Only Section

3 Thursday
MY LITTLE PONIES 🍃
See 13 December

6 Sunday
BICYCLE MAINTENANCE 🍃
See 6 February - Adults Only Section



11 Friday
MY LITTLE PONIES 🍃
See 13 December

13 Sunday
DOG PHOTOGRAPHY 🍃
See 13 February - Adults Only Section

BIRDWATCHERS BREAKFAST 🍃
See 23 January - Adults Only Section

14 Monday
MY LITTLE PONIES 🍃
See 13 December



16 Wednesday
SPECIAL NIGHT VIEWING DOG
See 19 January

27 Sunday
CAR FREE DAY



Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the last Sunday of summer in the peaceful surroundings of Centennial Park. Accessible entry is via Musgrave Avenue Gates (adjacent to toilets, barbecues and picnic facilities). Accessible entry for booked restaurant patrons is via Jervois Gates (off Lang Rd) 9.00 am – 5.00 pm.

🍃 = 10% discount for *Friends of Centennial Parklands*.

Please present your *Friends* membership card to secure a discount. Discount is 10% unless otherwise stated.

For various horse riding lessons and school holiday pony camps, contact one of the following stables at Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre:

Budapest Riding School:
0419 231 931

Centennial Stables:
(02) 9360 5650

Eastside Riding Academy: 🍃
(02) 9360 7521

Moore Park Stables: 🍃
(02) 9360 8747

Papillon Riding Stables: 🍃
0407 224 938

DOG PHOTOGRAPHY 🍃



Learn professional techniques to photograph your dog and capture their personality on film. In this workshop, local photographer Marco Bok will inspire you with his

life-long experience in photographing dogs in Centennial Parklands. Visit the new DOG exhibition for your inspiration. Bring dog, leash, dog waste bags, camera and 2-3 rolls of film (or sufficient memory cards for digital cameras). For adults. 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. \$40 per person. Meet Visitor Centre, Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699.

summer

2004/5 CALENDAR

Centennial Parklands User's Guide

QUICK GUIDE

First Aid and Emergency

24 hour Ranger service, 7 days.

0412 718 611

Administration

8.30 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday. Located behind Centennial Parklands Café. **(02) 9339 6699**

Fax: (02) 9332 2148 email: info@cp.nsw.gov.au

How to Get Here

BY BUS: easily accessible by bus. Route 339 from city stations and 355 from Bondi Junction run regular services to Moore Park. Route 378 from Central and 380 from Circular Quay run services to Centennial Park. Phone **131 500** for timetable details.

BY CAR: main gates to Centennial Park open sunrise to sunset. Car Free Days are held on the last Sunday in every season: February, May, August and November. A 30 km speed limit applies on all roads in Centennial Park.

Friends of Centennial Parklands

More than a group of park lovers, the *Friends* are an important association of like-minded people committed to preserving the Parklands' history, environment and culture. **(02) 9339 6699**

Community Consultative Committee

Meets approximately every six weeks. Committee members can be contacted via Centennial Parklands administration. **(02) 9339 6699**

email: ccc@cp.nsw.gov.au

web: www.cp.nsw.gov.au

Park Information

Information, maps and brochures are available from the Administration Building (behind the café) or the Superintendent's Residence, Wednesdays and weekends 10 am – 3 pm.

FACILITIES AND AMENITIES

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Modern Australian à la carte restaurant offering a full wine list. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Also available for weddings and function hire. Open 7 days, 8.30 am – 3 pm. **(02) 9360 3355**

Centennial Parklands Café

Specialising in light meals and snacks, the Café offers open-air eating in its award-winning forecourt. Open 7 days, 8 am – 4.30 pm. **(02) 9380 6922**

Centennial Parklands Kiosk

Located next to Duck Pond, the Kiosk serves sandwiches, light meals, coffee, cold drinks and ice cream. Open weekends and public holidays, 8 am – sunset.

Centennial Parklands Children's Centre

Day care centre for babies to pre-schoolers. **(02) 9663 1200**

Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre

Formerly the historic Sydney Showgrounds stables, now a world-class Equestrian Centre offering over 200 stables, a lunging yard, arenas, veterinarian, agistment providers and riding schools. **(02) 9332 2809**



Moore Park Golf Course

Public 18-hole golf course, available to members and non-members, in the heart of the Eastern Suburbs. Includes Golf Pro Shop and one of the largest driving ranges in Australia. **(02) 9663 3791**

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Tennis, basketball and netball courts available for casual or regular use. **(02) 9662 7033**

BOOK A SPACE FOR PLAYING OR ENTERTAINING

Playing Fields

Playing fields in Centennial, Moore and Queens Parks are available for team sports, including cricket, soccer, hockey, rugby and touch-football. Also available is ES Marks Athletics Field featuring an international standard 400 metre running track, shot put, discus, javelin, long, high and triple jump facilities. Bookings: **(02) 9339 6699**

Centennial Square

Surrounded by trees and designed for marquees, this site caters for 50 to 1200 people. Located next to one of Centennial Park's historic ponds on the eastern side of the Park. Perfect for weddings, launches and events. Bookings: **(02) 9339 6699**

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Available for weddings and function hire. Bookings: **(02) 9282 0500**

Events

Submissions from the public are welcome for activities and events that support the Parklands' cultural policy. Enquiries: **(02) 9339 6699**

Filming & Photography

Centennial Parklands offers a versatile range of locations for commercial filming and photography at competitive rates. Enquiries: **(02) 9339 6699**

THINGS TO DO

Cycling & Roller Blading

A four kilometre cycling and roller blading track follows the perimeter of Grand Drive. A Learner's Cycleway for children is also available (cycling only). Cyclists are not permitted to ride in groups of more than 16. Hire available from:

- Centennial Parklands Cycle Hire, in Centennial Park (bikes only): **0409 855 592**
- Centennial Park Cycles, Randwick (bikes & blades): **(02) 9398 5027**
- Woollys Wheels, Paddington (bikes only): **(02) 9380 6356**
- Total Skate, Woollahra: (blades only) **(02) 9380 6356**

Dog Walking

Under NSW law, dogs must be held on a leash in all public areas, unless otherwise designated, and no more than four dogs can be walked by one person. Dogs with responsible owners are welcome in Centennial Parklands and can be exercised off-leash in certain areas. To find out more about areas in Centennial Parklands where off-leash dog walking is permitted, please refer to our dog brochure. For copies please phone **(02) 9339 6699** or visit www.cp.nsw.gov.au

Jogging & Walking

A 3.6 kilometre jogging track is located around Grand Drive. Self-guided walking trails are located at Lachlan Swamp and Duck Pond. Guided walks held regularly each season. Guided walks bookings: **(02) 9339 6699**

Horse Riding

Centennial Park is one of the few remaining parks in the world offering inner-city horse riding, with a 3.6 kilometre circular horse track and some two hectares of fenced equestrian grounds. Horse hire is available from:

- Moore Park Stables: **(02) 9360 8747**
- Eastside Riding Academy: **(02) 9360 7521**
- Budapest Riding School: **0419 231 391**
- Centennial Stables: **(02) 9360 5650**
- Papillon Riding Stables: **(02) 8356 9866**

For stabling and other enquiries, please phone the Centre Manager: **(02) 9332 2809**

Picnics & BBQs

The Parklands offer unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. There are also five free BBQ locations in Centennial Park and one in Queens Park. Access to picnic areas and BBQs operates on a first-in basis. Bookings required for groups of 50 or over. Bookings: **(02) 9339 6699**

Education and Public Programs

School excursions, holiday activities, guided tours and workshops, childrens' birthday parties, are all on offer at Centennial Parklands. Enquiries: **(02) 9339 6699**

Moore Park Precinct



The Moore Park Precinct offers a variety of sport and leisure experiences.

Venues in the Precinct include Fox Studios, Hordern Pavilion, Royal Hall of Industries, Sydney Cricket Ground and Aussie Stadium. For more information on events and activities visit www.mooreparkprecinct.com.au



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