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WELCOME TO THE WINTER ISSUE OF PARKLANDS

The rain brought wonderful relief from the effects of the drought. The changes to Centennial Parklands have been remarkable with the dry earth gradually receding to make way for the lush carpet of green which covers most of the Parklands today.

Of course, the extreme weather conditions experienced in May also resulted in record pond levels for the Parklands. You can read more in this issue about the measures taken to monitor the impact of the heavy rain.

Despite the rain, pond restoration work continued on Randwick and Busby's Ponds. As predicted the rain, though welcome, may mean a delay in completing the work if more wet weather causes additional disruption. This issue gives an update of how the restoration is progressing.

The Santana concert featuring local support band Yothu Yindi was a great event attended by a diverse audience of all ages. For some, it was an opportunity to listen to their favourite songs from past and present albums and catch a glimpse of a music legend. For others, it was an introduction to a man whose music career has spanned five decades and continues to attract a loyal following.

Professor John Niland gives us his impressions of his first twelve months as Chairman of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. Professor Niland's perspective affords us a unique insight into the challenges he has faced during this time.

In March, one of our Park Rangers Brian Page attended an International Rangers congress held in Victoria. The congress attracted rangers from parks all over the world. They spent eight days sharing ideas, exchanging stories and discussing their future roles in the preservation of their natural resources.

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Winter is a great time to visit the Parklands and experience the differences the season brings so bring your family and friends or just your picnic rug and enjoy a great day out. ■

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READERS SURVEY

We would like your input to help us plan and improve Parklands magazine as well as future programs and activities for Centennial Parklands. Enclosed in this issue, you will find a survey to fill in asking you a number of questions about various aspects of the magazine. Please take the time to complete the survey and return it to us. We are interested in your ideas and value any suggestions you may have.

In appreciation for helping us gather this information, the name of each person who returns the form will be placed in a draw to **win lunch for two to the value of \$100** at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

WEB SITE MAP

Trying to explain the exact location of the area you have chosen for your next outing in a vast space like Centennial Parklands can be a problem. Now, an exciting new function of our web site will enable you to organise that family gathering or picnic with friends with no fuss or worry. Just go to our web site at www.cp.nsw.gov.au and click on maps. Once you have located the place you wish to meet for your next gathering, just follow the directions and you will be able to mark the position on the map and email it to your friends and family.

Please note that for groups of 100 people and over a charge will apply. You will need to register with Centennial Parklands by phoning (02) 9339 6699.

SANTANA PLAYS THE PARK

As the night closed in and the crowd streamed across the Parade Grounds at Centennial Park, anticipation rose at what was to be a memorable night from one of rock's great legends. In a career spanning some five decades, Carlos Santana's recent tour proved his music still has universal appeal. The band delighted one of the broadest audiences ever seen at a rock concert.

The concert highlighted many of the band's great past songs and effortlessly segued into the new. Two hours of non-stop stunning guitar work had the crowd on their feet, yelling for more.

Santana first toured Australia 30 years ago in 1973, and this return ensured the audience had an evening to remember for years to come.

TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Centennial Parklands recently undertook some tree planting in line with our annual Tree Replacement Program. Seventy five trees were planted in Centennial Park along the embankments below York Rd, Lang Rd and Darley Rd. Additional plantings were carried out in Moore Park West replacing trees that have failed to prosper. The replacement tree plantings are a combination of figs, oaks and Norfolk Island pines. The work was completed in May.

HISTORIC WALK WITH MEMBERS OF NATIONAL TRUST

In March, twenty members of the National Trust of Australia (NSW) visited the Park as part of their membership program.

Their visit included a tour of the Superintendent's Residence; morning tea at the restaurant with a talk from Centennial Parklands' Director Peter Duncan about the *Save the Parks* campaign; and a guided tour of Centennial Park including Lily Pond, Lachlan Swamp, Federation Pavilion, Pine Grove and Centennial Square.

The members were given an insight into the life of the park and many were surprised at the size and diversity of the Park's natural resources. The tour provided them with a greater understanding of the history of one of the city's great parks. ■

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International Rangers Congress



Centennial Parklands Ranger, Brian Page recently attended the 4th International Rangers Congress at Wilsons Promontory National Park in Victoria. The Congress was hosted by the International Ranger Federation (IRF) in conjunction with Parks Victoria and the Australian Rangers Federation. It was aimed at providing an opportunity for rangers around the world to share common problems and solutions, establish support networks, promote the development of universal skills in protected area management and discuss future directions and priorities.

The International Rangers Federation was founded in 1992 with a signed agreement between the Countryside Management Association (CMA), representing rangers in England and Wales; the Scottish Countryside Rangers Association (SCRA); and the U.S. Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR). It provides a forum for rangers from around the world to share their successes and on occasion, failures in protecting the world's heritage and to promote the exchange of information and technology between countries where protected area management enjoys broad public and government support and countries in which protected area management is less well supported.

One of Australia's best loved and most popular parks, Wilson's Promontory, was a

perfect location for the congress. Lying 200 km south east of Melbourne, the visually stunning and ecologically diverse 50,300 hectare park attracts approximately 400,000 visits a year.

Over 280 delegates from 48 countries made their way to the southernmost tip of the Australian mainland for an opportunity to meet their colleagues from around the world and gain an insight into the challenges facing their diverse environments. For many it was their first visit to Australia and their first taste of Australia's unique and diverse environment.

Six days of workshops, presentations and field trips brought together the ideas, innovations and problems facing rangers from all over the world.

Brian Page said, 'On the first evening, few people knew one another and it was a case of getting to know as many delegates as fast as possible. My decision to break the ice with the question, "what's the big issue in your park" soon had me thinking that rangers across the globe had many common issues. However I soon realised that there are those that have their own unique issues when the Ranger from the Congo answered "I think our biggest issue at this time would be war."'

As the week progressed, so did Brian's admiration for his peers and his appreciation for the diversity of the work undertaken by rangers from

different countries. One such ranger was Alejandro Caparros from Argentina - 'the one-man park organisation'.

Alejandro's park is 350 square kilometres and lies high in the mountains on the boarder of Chile. One of his contributions to the congress was a sign making workshop which proved to be another lesson in the day to day challenges rangers face. Alejandro manages his park on a minuscule budget with little help from the government or outside organisations; years ago, even resorting to begging companies to donate a much needed chain saw.

Alejandro built his own visitor centre, park workshop, storage area and garage with his chain saw using either pegs or wedges; a skill not required by many other rangers. As a result of this ranger's initiatives, young unemployed are now making a living from selling their unique hand made signs.

Many of the delegates represented National Parks and Brian soon found that Centennial Parklands was in a unique position as one of the world's leading urban parklands. However, despite the obvious differences between parks in a built environment and a natural wilderness, the lively debates that many of the workshops produced showed that some issues are the same the world over.

Tony Wilson, a Ranger from Scotland's Fife Ranger Service was interested in Centennial

Parklands' dog policy and doggy bags and dispensers. It was soon discovered that the issues inherent in allowing dogs into a park were the same internationally.

More common threads emerged as the days progressed. Issues such as feral animal control were also a great dilemma for most countries. From foxes and rabbits in Australia, to wolverines in Norway, and feral cats all around the world, the problem is as widespread as it is problematic. The bad feeding habits of native animals due to the human desire to feed them or leave food waste around and the increasing problem of litter pollution are not unique to the urban parks of the world.

The most important and inspirational common ground amongst the delegates is their dedication to doing whatever they can within their parks and communities to ensure this planet is ecologically sustainable for future generations. With future IRF congresses to bring together rangers from all over the world, and forward thinking by global park administrators, the preservation and evolution of the world's great parks will continue to be the passion of generations to come.

The 5th IRF Congress will be held in Sterling, Scotland in mid June 2006.

For further information on the IRF, you can visit their website at www.int-ranger.net. ■

Centennial Parklands Hosts International Visit

The Lady Mayoress of the City of London, Ms Carole Blackshaw and Chief Commoner of the Corporation of London, Mrs Joyce Nash headed to Sydney's Centennial Parklands on Tuesday, 15 April as part of their Australian visit accompanying the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Gavyn Arthur.

Both the Lady Mayoress and Mrs Nash hold extremely influential positions in the Corporation of London and were eager to visit Centennial Parklands as one of the world's most highly-used urban open spaces. The visit to Centennial Parklands was in line with the UK Government's "Open Spaces" strategy that is aimed at identifying natural open space for the public to use and enjoy in the cities. Centennial Parklands is the only park they visited on their tour.

The Lady Mayoress and Mrs Nash met with Mrs Sarah Whyte, Trustee and Peter Duncan, Director, of Centennial Parklands, who said the visit was a great opportunity to exchange ideas and encourage networking across the industry. Mr Duncan said, "It was a chance to discuss the key issues facing parks in London and promote international collaboration".

"One of the most important issues today is encouraging best practice within the industry with the aim of improving performance in the management of parks and protected areas through sharing knowledge on an international platform," he said.

Centennial Parklands is one of the world's leading urban parklands. It is frequently included in the itineraries of international visitors keen to learn more about the initiatives being taken by the Parklands to preserve and maintain its lands.

Other international visitors this year include members of the Singapore National Parks Board who visited Centennial Parklands in March.

March also saw a visit from the Director of Parks and Recreation for Auckland Regional Council in New Zealand as part of the International Parks Strategic Partners (IPSP) program. The IPSP aims to exchange best practice information and share in successful outcomes for

parks. A key objective of the IPSP is to establish international benchmarking that benefits the member agencies and provides the parks industry as a whole with valid performance measurements.

The Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Chief Commoner were in Australia to further promote goodwill and enhance British trade relationships, particularly those involving the services of the City of London. ■

From Left to right: Ms Carole Blackshaw, Peter Duncan, Mrs Joyce Nash and Mrs Sarah Whyte



New Trustee on Board



Justice Annabelle Bennett

The Honorable Justice Annabelle Bennett has been appointed as a Trustee on the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust for a four year term. Dr Bennett replaces former Trustee, Ms Jill Hickson.

Dr Bennett is a Barrister (Senior Counsel) specialising in intellectual property. She is currently Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Australian National University and is also a director of the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation.

Dr Bennett completed her BSc (Hons) and PhD in Biochemistry (the latter in the Faculty of Veterinary Science) at Sydney University and later obtained her law degree at the University of New South Wales. She now is a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia. Prior to that she practiced as a barrister at the Sydney Bar specialising in intellectual property, professional misconduct and commercial and administrative law.

Her interest in biological science has led to membership of the Genetic Manipulation Advisory Committee, the Biotechnology Task Force, the Pharmacy Board of New South Wales, the Eastern Sydney Area Health Service and a consulting role on Artificial Pathology conception with the New South Wales Law Reform Commission.

The Trust welcomes Dr Bennett and looks forward to benefiting from her broad experience. ■

Professor Niland's Feeling for Grass

Professor Niland



He has a self described "affinity for grass" and that affinity is growing. Years of enjoyment, interest and admiration for Centennial Parklands came together for Professor John Niland when he was appointed Chairman of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. But after 12 months in the role, he is no longer just an active user of the Parklands; now he guides the administration of Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park. And it's the future of the Parklands that dominates his thinking.

"I see the Parklands as a venue of community enjoyment. Someone can happily fall asleep under a tree but it is also an active, lively place and a venue for wider community activities.

"We all need to understand the Parklands as a place of a myriad of uses. The gold standard is not the sound of the silence of the slumbering visitor; it's the mix of all activities." In keeping this standard, Professor Niland feels the Parklands faces two main challenges.

"We must not love the parks to death. And we must maintain and preserve our infrastructure to protect the historic character, tradition and environment of this unique, multi-use area. The sheer array of activity here is breathtaking. Children playing, seniors walking or sitting, mothers with aerobic prams, birdwatchers, joggers, walkers, people on horse back, cyclists, in-line skaters, touch football or cricket games underway, families around a barbeque or someone just lying down resting.

"There are people from every age group, all cultural backgrounds and every part of our society and they all come together on equal terms in

the Parklands' environment. But future problems lie in the increasing numbers of people who use the Parklands which build pressure on our facilities. Look at the surrounding suburbs, towards Green Square, over to the Bondi Junction ridge and from the Paddington Gates to the City and what you see is a residential explosion.

"We're witnessing a very substantial increase in population and these people will, more and more, see the Parklands as their green space and their backyard. The participation load will be extraordinary. We have to balance the demands that growth produces with the preservation of the very character of the Parklands, a character that in itself promotes increased demand.

"It's a challenge, and one I'm confident we can meet, to balance the entitlements of all groups hoping to share the Park's pleasures. The Community Consultative Committee is important in this process as a medium for input and involvement from the adjoining communities."

In his first 12 months as Chairman, Professor Niland has overseen a number of initiatives aimed at balancing future demand with the maintenance of the classic character of the Parklands.

These include:

- the seven-year, \$50 million Park Improvement Plan, agreed to after negotiations with the State Government,
- the final stages of the Ponds Restoration Program,
- The development of the Conservation Management Plan which will be forwarded to the Heritage Council for approval,

- the Amenities Master Plan,
- the sharing of corporate resources with Tourism NSW, Royal Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands,
- new urban parks research programs,
- increased use of the Parklands resources for educational purposes.

Professor Niland, previously Vice Chancellor of the University of New South Wales, knows the benefits inherent in the seven-year Park Improvement Plan. "Once we had in place at UNSW a long term capital works program and the necessary resources prioritised, the whole character of the campus and the environment of the learning experience changed remarkably". With this commitment from the State Government we can now do the same for the Parklands.

One concern of Professor Niland is that park users will see heavy machinery around and think development or alterations were being initiated in passive areas.

"This is not an environment for building monuments and departing from tradition. I have an affinity for grass and, figuratively, if not literally, we should do a grass impact study for all work contemplated. This is an historic park which we need to respect and preserve.

"The machinery people see in the park is being used for repair and refurbishment. We're not breaking new ground."

The Ponds Restoration Program is nearing completion and the tranquillity of the revitalised waterways, with their abundant birdlife will, according to Professor Niland, enhance the Parklands. "We have water parks as well as grass parks and, in the past, the water

areas deteriorated faster than the grass areas. We're in sight now of completing the restoration of the ponds and the State Government has been fantastic in its support for this project."

The age of many of the large trees is another issue for the Parklands administration. "Over the next 10 years we will see the effective life of some of the grand trees entering their twilight" Professor Niland said. "They may look fine now, as they have over the past 50 or more years, but appearances are deceiving. In human terms, they are in the autumn of their lives but with many of these trees, winter sets in very quickly. Preserving the character of the Parklands, particularly along Grand Drive, will involve some tree regeneration.

Just as we planned for pond preservation and reclamation we are also planning for the trees. You don't wait for a tree to drop dead – you do something about its successor beforehand."

The last comment probably sums up the approach Professor Niland is taking in his role as Chairman.

Look to the future, balance and meet the varied demands day by day but with an eye on the past and the character and the heritage that create an urban icon. ■

Birds in the Park - Winter

BY TREVOR WALLER

One of the most common herons in Australia is the White-faced Heron; a small pale grey heron with a white face and yellow legs. The white face extends to just behind the eye and onto the throat. The dark bill is paler at the base and is well suited to catching small fish. During the breeding season the bird develops long plumes on the nape, mantle and back; and short pale chestnut plumes on the lower neck and breast. In flight they are stately and sometimes extend their necks briefly. They are not migratory and can be found all year round.

White-faced Herons can be found in many diverse and widespread habitats throughout the country. They feed in shallow wetlands, margins of swamps, dams and lakes and salt and brackish estuaries.

In these places, they prey mainly on fish, amphibians, crustaceans and other invertebrates. Other feeding habitats include damp or flooded pastures, golf courses and garden fishponds.

Nesting takes place in single pairs or rarely in small colonies from September to December. The flimsy stick nest is a rough platform built in a tall tree often well away from water. The birds lay three to five eggs and both male and female share the incubation duties. The young birds leave the nest after about forty five days. You should be able to see these herons feeding around the edges of the ponds in Centennial Parklands or looking for grasshoppers on the playing fields. ■



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Person in the Park - Kate Ritchie

Local Eastern Suburbs resident Kate Ritchie, better known as Sally Fletcher in the long running TV series Home and Away, says a trick by one of her friends has turned her into a regular visitor to Centennial Parklands.

Kate said, "When I first moved here, one of my friends was keen to start rollerblading and asked me to go with her. She told me she had always wanted to try it and it sounded great to me." Kate now has a very expensive pair of almost brand new rollerblades to remind her that walking is a great way to see the Park.

She said, "My friend was a natural on rollerblades having spent some of her early years ice skating. She hadn't mentioned this to me when she asked me to go with her. I spent most of my time on the ground as she sailed off into the distance so I decided to see the Park another way."

Kate grew up in south western Sydney but has lived in the Eastern Suburbs now for almost three years. She comes to Centennial Parklands to walk or to picnic with friends and loves being able to get away from city life where people normally live on top of one another.

She loves the size of Centennial Parkland and thinks it's wonderful to have somewhere to go so close to the city. "It's easy to forget just how big the Park is. It's great to have this vast space to go to that is relatively untouched, she said".

Her favourite place to spend some time is around Lily Pond and Lachlan Swamp which was the scene of a recent film shoot for an upcoming episode of the show. ■



Local Artist Dies



Well-known local artist Austin Platt recently passed away aged 91. For more than 20 years, Austin Platt was a familiar figure around Centennial Parklands, riding his bike from his home in Bondi to record the natural landscape, birds and animals, people and structures. His sketches and paintings form a unique record of the life of Sydney's most beautiful urban park.

Austin was born in Perth, Western Australia in 1912. When he was 20, he began an apprenticeship with artist Cedric Emanuel in his studio. He also studied at East Sydney Technical Collage, the Royal Art Society, the Sydney Art School and Maud Sherwood's Sketch Club. On weekends, he studied etching and print production

at Cedric Emanuel's home. This began his life-long interest in etching.

Austin's father purchased a printing press and Austin set up a studio in his home. He subsequently began producing commissioned etchings of schools, universities and churches before establishing his own commercial art business independent of his father. Although Austin had some instruction from Cedric Emanuel, most of the printing techniques he developed were self-taught.

After retiring in 1977, Austin embarked on his collection of paintings and etchings detailing the life of Centennial Parklands. He spent endless hours exploring Centennial Park, researching his subjects.

He would often consult with the rangers to establish the botanical accuracy of his work and was eager for their feedback.

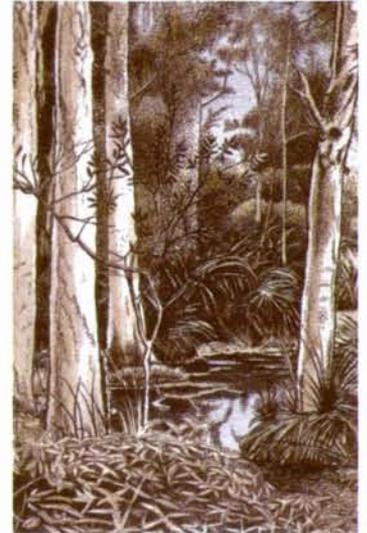
His love of the Parklands can be seen in his works. Their detail captures the intimate nature and history of the surroundings by intricately recording the beauty Austin found on his regular wanders around the Parklands.

Austin was also attracted to the architecture of the 'built' areas of the Park with studies including the entrances of the park – Paddington Gates and Residence and Queen Street Gates.

In 1990, much to Austin's delight, Lady Mary Fairfax attended an exhibition of his collection and purchased several of his works to hang in her well-photographed New York apartment.

Peter Duncan, Director of Centennial Parklands said, "The Trust was saddened to hear of the passing of Austin Platt. He was an enthusiastic visitor to the Park and a great benefactor in donating a number of his unique and wonderful collection to the Parklands".

"The Trust was pleased to have had an opportunity to put some of his collection on display for Austin, his family and the public in the past 12 months," he said.



Left: Local artist Austin Platt.

Top: Coloured etching 1987, Grand Drive, Centennial Park by Austin Platt.

Above: Coloured etching 1983, Lachlan Swamp, Centennial Park by Austin Platt.

Centennial Parklands has more than 70 artworks by Austin Platt, many currently on display at the **imprints** exhibition which opened at the Superintendent's Residence in December 2002. The exhibition is open Wednesdays and weekends from 10am to 3pm until October 2003. ■

PONDS RESTORATION PROGRAM PROGRESS

Despite the recent rain, the final stage of the Ponds Restoration Program is scheduled to be completed in August this year with work continuing on Randwick and Busby's Ponds.

The restoration program has been extensive and this final stage includes the building of a number of aquatic gardens, regrading pond edges, fixing retaining walls and planting the islands.

In Busby's Pond, the aquatic gardens have been completed and are ready for wetlands plantings. The embankments have been regraded and reinforced to prevent future erosion and new top soil is in place ready for grassing.

Work has nearly been completed on all four of the islands in Busby's and Randwick Ponds. These islands were heavily eroded and were a substantial source

of weeds for the Parklands generally. They have now been cleared and are ready for replanting which will help improve and encourage the habitat of native wildlife and benefit the turtle habitat in particular. Water quality will also improve as a result of the work and it is anticipated that the pest bird species population will decrease now the pest habitats have been removed.

Mission Field is still being used as a construction compound while the final stages of the work continues. However substantial improvements have already been made to the Field by raising the levels and re-grassing will be taking place during the coming months.

On completion, the results of the work will mean a great improvement in the long-term sustainability of the Parklands. ■

Parklands' Ponds at Record Levels

The ponds in Centennial Park reached record levels during the heavy rainfalls which fell in the Sydney area during May. Kensington Pond near Alison Road reached particularly high levels and saw Centennial Parklands working closely with the Randwick Council and the State Emergency Service (SES) to monitor the impact of the heavy rain.

The average monthly rainfall for Centennial Parklands is usually 104.3mm with 453mm falling since 5 April. Of this, 193mm fell over a three-day period causing unusual measures to be taken to manage the effects of the deluge.

Kensington Pond levels rose dramatically. The upstream water flow from the park and upper catchment areas were blocked and hundreds of litres of water were pumped from the pond. This helped reduce water levels and manage the effect on the surrounding areas.

Centennial Parklands acts as a major storm water catchment for the surrounding residential

area and a rapid response was required to ensure minimal impact was caused to nearby areas.

Kensington Culvert controls the flow of water into the downstream system and is designed to ensure that during periods of high rainfall, Centennial Park and not the surrounding areas will flood.

Although the impact was minimal to the Parklands neighbours, the effects could be seen quite dramatically in Centennial Park, with the local ducks swimming in places usually populated by picnickers. All sporting activities were cancelled for the weekend of 17 and 18 March with many fields remaining closed over the following few days. The scheduled RSPCA Million Paws Walk was postponed until Sunday 29 June where hopefully it will be enjoyed under clearer skies.

With the easing of weather conditions, the Parklands has returned to its day to day routine and regular activities. ■



Record levels of heavy rainfall in Centennial Park during May.

Change to Car Free Days

Car free days have long been a tradition in Centennial Park and we are making a small change to maximise visitors' enjoyment of these wonderful days and reduce possible inconvenience.

Traditionally, car free days have fallen on the first Sunday of every season with the gates of Centennial Park closed to vehicles and the internal roads given over to cyclists, rollerbladers and pedestrians.

In previous years, two other events have coincided with these days. Clean up Australia day is held on the first Sunday in March and Father's Day falls on the first Sunday in September. So, to reduce any inconvenience and accommodate these busy days in the park, the car free days have been changed to the last Sunday of each season.

The new dates for the remainder of the year are:

31 August
30 November

We hope that these changes will make arranging that Father's Day picnic a little easier. For more information on car free days, call (02) 9339 6699 or visit our web site at www.cp.nsw.gov.au. ■

Master Clinic at the Equestrian Centre

Miguel Tavora is a world renowned master of classical equitation and the opportunity to be taught by him at a recent clinic proved too good to pass up by many equine enthusiasts.

In March, Papillon Stables, one of the five licensees at the Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre hosted the popular clinic with all sessions being booked out well in advance.

Miguel and his wife Dianne run their own Equestrian Centre, M & D Tavora School of Equitation, at Wilberforce in NSW. Miguel is a NCAS Level III Instructor (dressage specialist) which is the highest level in Australia and he has trained numerous horses and riders to FEI level, many competing at the prestigious Grand Prix Level.

Born and raised in Portugal, he commenced riding with renowned Maestro Nuno Oliveira at the age of eight. He trained with him perfecting his skills until, at eighteen, he began a career with the Military Academy in Portugal.

Miguel immigrated to Australia twenty years ago after retiring as a major in the Portuguese army. In his military career he completed the course of Instructors and later the course of masters as the Portuguese Military and Civilian Riding Academy of Mafra (CMEFED) and competed in eventing, show jumping and dressage. He was later appointed as the Chief Instructor and the Director of the Equestrian Division of the Mafra School.

Miguel says, "I enjoy teaching – when people learn more about what they do, they get better at it and enjoy it even more. That has its own satisfaction."

Miguel conducts regular clinics throughout Australia and the USA, spending six months in America and six months in Australia – on average two months at a time in each place.

He holds clinics in Bowral, Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Bundaberg and his first Sydney clinic was recently held at Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre through Papillon Riding Stables.

The Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre offers 270 stables, a lunging yard, arenas, a veterinarian, agistment providers in addition to riding schools.

The Equestrian Centre licensees run riding schools, holiday riding camps during school holidays as well as offering lessons for adults and children.

If horse riding interests you and you'd like to find out more about what is offered, you can contact any one of the stables listed.



Budapest Riding School
0419 231 391

Centennial Stables
(02) 9360 5650

Eastside Riding Academy
(02) 9360 7521

Moore Park Stables
(02) 9360 8747

Papillon Riding Stables
0407 224 938

For more information on Miguel Tavora and his work, visit his web site at www.migueltavora.com. ■

Business Breakfast with Dr John Crompton

The Sydney Urban Parks Education and Research (SUPER) Group is hosting a Business Breakfast at Sheraton on the Park in Sydney on 9 July 2003.

Justifying park and recreation services to taxpayers and elected officials is a problem often faced by park and recreational service administrators around the world.

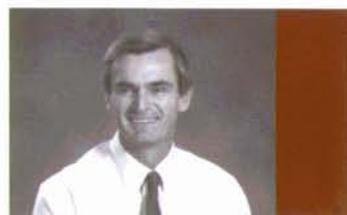
Dr Crompton says, "Most taxpayers are not frequent users of recreation services and parks and therefore have

difficulty understanding why they should support them." This presentation highlights 'what's in it for non-users' and suggest how this information can be collected and disseminated.

Dr. Crompton is a leading author and co-author of seven books and a substantial number of articles and monographs in the recreation, tourism, sport and marketing fields and holds the rank of Distinguished Professor of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences at Texas A&M University, USA.

The SUPER Group provides a strategic integrated approach to urban park research in Sydney. It has been involved in a number of groundbreaking research and education programs that have made a valuable contribution to the planning and management of urban parks. For more information please visit <http://www.cp.nsw.gov.au/research/supergroup.htm>

Bookings are essential so phone Joanna on (02) 9339 6699 to secure your place.



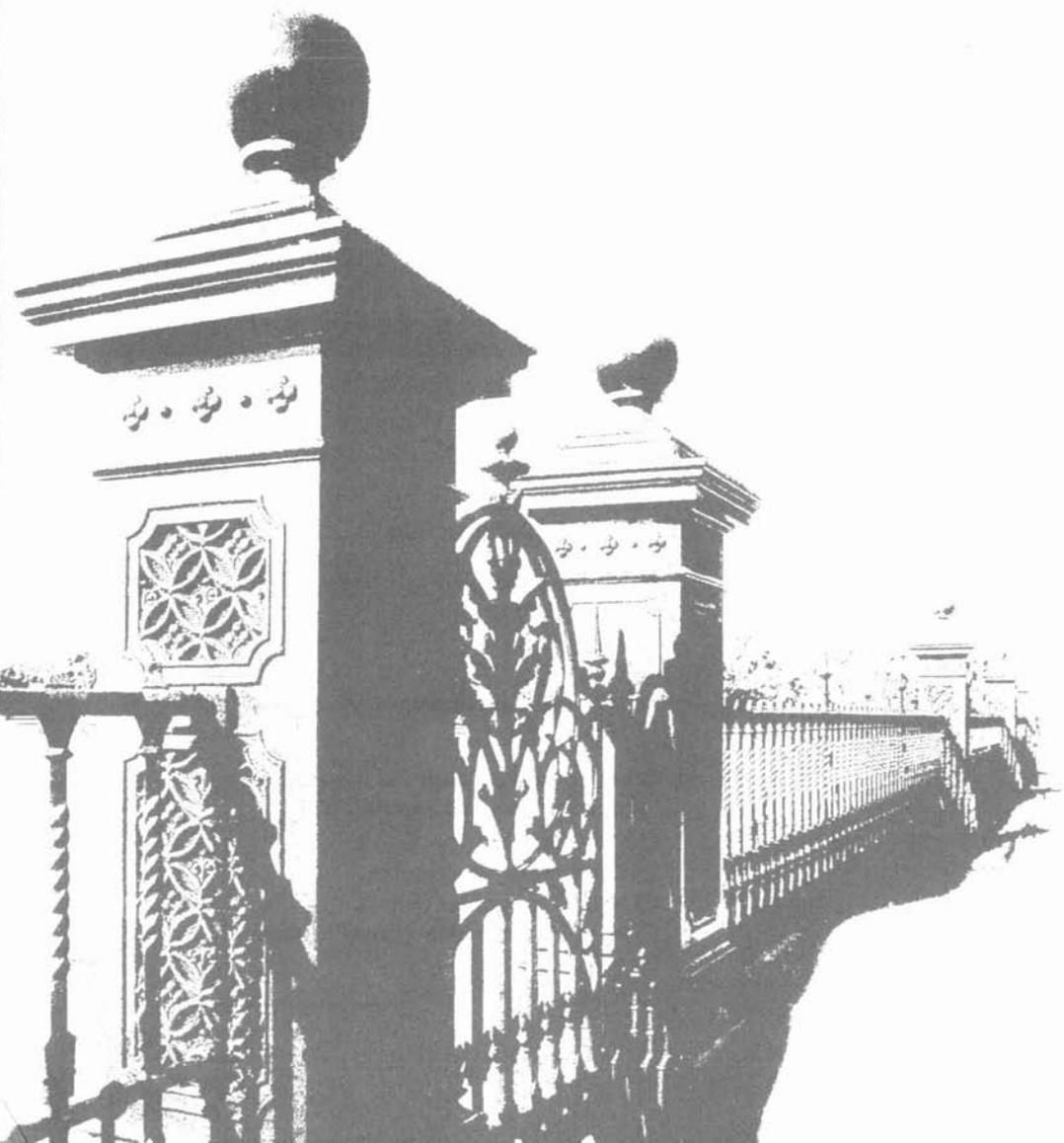
**7.30am to 9.30am
9 July 2003**

**Hyde Park Room
Sheraton on the Park,
Elizabeth St, Sydney**

**\$55 per head
(\$45 for students)
or \$500 for a table of 10.**

Breakfast is included. ■

Parklands Magazine Reader Survey




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Parklands Magazine Reader Survey

Magazine Presentation and Style

1. Please rate the presentation of the magazine where 1 = poor and 7 = excellent.

Shade circles like ●

If you rated presentation 3 or below, please explain why:

Poor 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Excellent

2. How would you describe the use of photographs and pictures?

Too few Adequate Too many

3. Are there any elements of the presentation and style that could be changed to improve readability?

Magazine Articles

4. Please rate your interest in the regular features of the magazine where 1 = extremely disinterested and 7 = extremely interested.

	Extremely disinterested	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Extremely interested
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If you rated any of the sections 3 or below, please explain why:

5. How would you describe the amount of information in the magazine?

- Too detailed
 Sufficient
 Not enough detail
 Other, please explain _____

6. Are there any other stories or features you would like to see included in future issues?

Magazine Use

7. How do you currently receive the magazine?

- In the mail, addressed to me
 Superintendent's Residence
 From a friend
 Centennial Park Administration Building
 At the Centennial Parklands cafe
 Other, please explain _____

8. How would you prefer to receive the magazine?

9. How else do you receive information on Centennial Parklands?

- Internet
 Television
 Daily metropolitan newspapers
 Wentworth Courier
 Other local newspapers
 Signage (eg banners)
 Word of mouth
 Other, please explain _____

10. What do you use the information in the magazine for?

- Personal interest
 Research
 School projects
 Other, please explain _____

11. When you received this copy of the magazine, did you read ...

- All of it
 Most of it
 A couple of articles
 None of it

12. What do you do with the magazine once you have finished reading it?

- Dispose of it
 Put it in the recycling bin
 Keep it around for visitors
 Pass it on to a friend/family member
 File it for reference
 Other, please explain _____



Overall Satisfaction and comments

13. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the magazine?

- Extremely satisfied
- Satisfied
- Fairly well satisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Extremely dissatisfied

14. Are there any other suggestions you could make to improve the magazine?

About You

15. Are you a member of "Friends of Centennial Parklands"?

- Yes
- No

16. How often do you visit Centennial Parklands?

- Every day
- Several times a week
- About once a week
- About once a fortnight
- About once a month
- About 2-6 times a year
- About once a year
- Less than once a year
- First visit
- Not sure/don't know/irregular

17. Has the magazine encouraged you to visit Centennial Parklands more?

- Yes
- No

18. Which age group are you in?

- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-64
- 65+

19. Which of these descriptions fits you best?

- Student
- Full/part time work
- Looking for work
- Home duties
- Retired

20. What is your highest level of formal education?

- Primary school
- Secondary school
- TAFE or Technical College
- University Degree

21. Where do you live? (choose only one)

- Within 5 kms of Centennial Parklands
- Inner City
- Inner West
- Eastern Suburbs
- North Shore
- Northern Beaches
- Western Suburbs
- Southern Suburbs
- Regional NSW
- Other, please explain _____

22. Are you ...

- Male
- Female

23. What are your hobbies/interests?

Thank you for completing this survey.

..... Please remember to fill in your contact details overleaf to enter the draw to win a \$100 gift voucher for lunch at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.



Tell us what you think...

We would like your input to help us improve Parklands magazine as well as future programs and activities for Centennial Parklands. Please complete the survey, fold and return to us using the Reply Paid address below. If there are any questions you do not wish to answer, please just leave them blank.

Please complete by 31 July 2003, to be eligible to win a \$100 gift voucher for lunch at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

Prize Details

Win: By completing the survey, you will have a chance to win a \$100 gift voucher for lunch at the Centennial Parklands Restaurant.

Please provide your contact details for the prize draw.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL	DAYTIME PHONE

Privacy Statement

Centennial Parklands is committed to protecting your privacy. Centennial Parklands is subject to the NSW Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act, 1998.

Centennial Parklands is conducting this survey and the information collected will be provided to The Ryder Self Group for data analysis. All information will be stored in a database and will only be accessed by authorised Parklands, personnel and The Ryder Self Group and is subject to privacy restrictions.

You are not obliged to provide your contact information. If you wish to enter the prize draw, then this information is required and will only be used for this purpose. Any information provided by you can be accessed by you during standard office hours by contacting us on (02) 9339 6699 and updated by writing to Centennial Parklands, Locked Bag 15, Paddington NSW 2021.

Please tick here if you would like to receive information on Centennial Parklands events and activities.

When you have completed the survey, please place in an envelope and address to:

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust
Reply Paid 15
Locked Bag 15
Paddington NSW 2021

No stamp is required.



Sports in the Winter Season

Centennial Parklands winter sporting season has begun in earnest, promising to be yet another busy few months. With each change of season, the Parklands faces the challenge of satisfying the high level of demand for its facilities.

Many sports are now played all year round. Soccer, which was traditionally considered a winter sport, accounted for the second largest booking numbers behind cricket during the summer season. To a lesser extent, touch football, netball, softball and baseball also continue to be played throughout each season.

A great deal of time and care is spent preparing the fields for each season. In addition to marking the fields and erecting the goal posts, the Parklands conducts a renovation program to improve the quality of the playing areas. This year, work on the fields was problematic as the impact of the drought meant the usual measures taken to complete the fields were delayed.

Some changes have been made. New light weight aluminum soccer, rugby and combination rugby and soccer posts have been installed throughout Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park as part of the seasonal renovation program. These posts will ensure that nets can be easily and safely attached and will be a great improvement to the existing equipment.

Local primary and secondary schools and school sports associations make up the majority of seasonal bookings. Thirty five seasonal booking applications were received this year for the winter season with forty percent of these applications coming from these groups. The ES Marks Athletics Stadium alone will host 54 school athletic carnivals during the winter season.

ES Marks Athletics Stadium is also home to the Sydney Roosters who have been training there during the summer season following their championship win last season. Another team with a large following in the area, the Sydney Swans, continues to enjoy Moore Park as their training venue. We wish both teams every success for the coming season.

Sporting facilities can also be hired on a casual basis. For information on how to hire a ground, go to our website at www.cp.nsw.gov.au or call 9339 6699.

If you are interested in finding out more about the sporting competitions currently running at Centennial Parklands and how to get involved, go to the Active Search site at the Department of Sport and Recreation website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au. ■

Recipe

Centennial Parklands Restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch during the winter months and offers a cosy haven to escape from the winter chills. So soak up the sun, enjoy the view and choose from the great selection of dishes available during the winter months.

Head chef Matt Hayden shares one of his winter specialties with Parklands' readers.

CHICKEN SUPREME, CREAMED LEEKS AND POTATO ROSTI

Serves four

INGREDIENTS

4 chicken breasts

Marinade

1 clove of garlic, crushed
Zest of one lemon
1 sprig of rosemary
100 mls olive oil

Creamed leeks

3 large leeks
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
250 mls pouring cream
100 mls chicken stock
100 mls white wine
50 mls white wine vinegar

Potato rosti

4 large Desiree potatoes
2 bacon rashers, rind removed and cut into strips
1 sprig thyme
1 bunch flat leaf parsley, chopped
Clarified butter
1 bunch of watercress

METHOD

Combine garlic, rosemary leaves, lemon zest and olive oil. Add chicken breast and marinate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

Cut leeks into a diamond shape and wash well. Blanch leeks in boiling salted water for 2 minutes, drain and refresh in iced water. In a pan, place chicken stock, white wine and white wine vinegar and reduce liquid by 3/4. Add cream and mustard and combine. Add leeks, season to taste and cook until ready.

Place chicken in a pan and fry until golden. Transfer to an oven pre-heated to 180 °C and cook for a further 14 minutes.

Peel and grate potatoes then wrap them tightly in a cloth and squeeze out all excess moisture. In a bowl, combine grated potato, thyme, parsley and bacon strips and season with salt and pepper to taste. Shape into large patties.

Heat oil in pan and fry individual potato rostis until golden brown on both sides. Remove from pan and drain on absorbent paper.

To serve, place some of the leek mixture on plate then top with potato rosti and chicken breast.

We recommend Thomas and Thomas Pinot Noir (2002 Yarra Valley, Victoria). A fruity Yarra Pinot with generous current, plum and berry flavours. A balanced and approachable young Pinot offering excellent early drinking.



Friends of the Parklands

FRIENDS - APPLICATION FORM

If you love Centennial Parklands, strengthen that relationship by becoming a Friend. Join Friends and contribute to the preservation of the precious Parklands of Centennial, Moore and Queens Parks. It's a practical way of making a difference. Friends of Centennial Parklands enjoy the benefit of being closely associated with Sydney's favourite Parklands as well as:

- 10% discount at Centennial Parklands Restaurant and Cafe
- Discounted Ranger-led activities, horticultural workshops and other events
- Discounts on selected Centennial Parklands concerts and events
- Quality keyring and membership certificate
- Parklands magazine posted four times a year
- Exclusive Friends events including the annual Christmas party.

Plus you will be helping to support the future of Sydney's grandest 19th century public park, dedicated to the people by Sir Henry Parkes in 1888.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Single (1 year) \$55 inc. GST

Family (1 year) \$99 inc. GST

Name: Mrs/Ms/Miss/Mr/Dr _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Email: _____

Telephone: home _____ business _____

Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed

(cheques payable to Centennial Park & Moore Park Trust) OR

Please charge \$ _____ to my:

Bankcard

Mastercard

Visa

Card No.

Card Holder's name _____

Expiry _____ Card Holder's signature _____

Send to: Friends of Centennial Parklands
Locked Bag 15 PADDINGTON NSW 2021
Phone: (02) 9339 6699 Fax: (02) 9332 2148



Ted's Tree Tour Sunday 27 July

FRIENDS

Ted's Tree Tour offers a great opportunity to wander around Centennial Park learning about its trees and experiencing the beauty of the natural resources of the Park.

This season, Centennial Parklands' Senior Arborist Ted Hoare will take you on a guided walk looking at Centennial Park's majestic trees. Styled on the Victorian gardens of the late 19th century, the Parklands is home to many beautiful trees. These trees are a combination of both native and exotic plantings and include five different species of oak tree.

Listen as Ted explains the origins and features of the trees and plantings and outlines future planning directions. The tour is always extremely popular so be sure to book soon.

Sunday 27 July

10.00am-12.00pm.

\$12 per person.

Meet at Cannons Triangle, above Centennial Parklands Café.

Bookings essential
(02) 9339 6699. ■

NEW FRIENDS

As an acknowledgement of their support, we welcome the following new Friends of Centennial Parklands.

Ms Helen Owen
Mr Roy O'Neill
Mrs Sarah Whyte ■

Holm Oak

QUERCUS ILEX

When people think of winter and trees they usually think deciduous. However, here in the Parklands one of our best trees is an evergreen known as the Holm Oak.

The Holm Oak was introduced to Centennial Parklands by Joseph Maiden who was the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens from 1896 to 1924. It is an evergreen tree from the western Mediterranean that grows well in the sandy soils across the Parklands and can reach heights exceeding 20 metres. It is one of three varieties of trees that make up the plantings along Grand Drive. The others are the Port Jackson fig and the Norfolk Island pine. Three hundred and forty five oak trees have been planted throughout the Parklands.

There are about 450 species of oak, both deciduous and evergreen which are native to the northern temperate zone. None are native to Australia. They are generally grown for use as ornamental trees or timber with one particular species used for the production of cork. Some deciduous species produce striking foliage during autumn.

Two of the Parklands oldest oak trees can be found along Grand Drive just before Randwick Gates. These trees were part of the original plantings by Joseph Maiden in the late 1890s and stand today as testament to the vision of the original Parklands' administrators.

Another beautiful example located just east of York Road gates is 100 years old and stands approximately 22 metres high.

In spring, butter yellow male flowers or catkins cover the trees. New growth begins as a lime green colour then changes to light grey. As the leaves mature they turn dark green. This change of colour happens over a three to four week period. The bark is made up of rough, dark grey squarish plates.

The oak produces acorns or fruit which live on the tree for two years and fall around May to June. These acorns are highly prized in Asian cooking where they are made into a paste. They are also used in medicinal remedies.

The oak is a wonderful tree for a park but best kept out of the suburban backyard.

If you would like to learn more about the trees growing in the Parklands, join Ted's Tree Tour of the Parklands on National Tree Day, Sunday 27 July.

For information on how to book, see our calendar of events on page 14 & 15. Bookings are essential. ■

Rehabilitation of Endangered Remnant Bushland

The Parklands has commenced rehabilitation works on the endangered Eastern Suburbs Banksia Scrub remnants. A Vegetation Management Plan for the Parklands' site on York Road is now being implemented and a similar plan will be prepared for the other Banksia Scrub remnants within Centennial Park including the Bird Sanctuary.

The Vegetation Management Plan for the York Road site was developed with the assistance

of Moriah College and a panel of community representatives and technical experts as a condition of Waverley Council's consent for development on adjacent TAFE land leased by the College. It was approved with conditions by Environment Australia in November 2002.

The York Road site and the Bird Sanctuary will be fenced and rabbit-proofed due to the sensitivity of these sites and to ensure public safety during the works.

The fenced areas will also enable researchers to conduct controlled experiments to test how well the Banksia Scrub is responding to changes.

The Vegetation Management Plan for the York Road site includes the gradual removal by hand of the exotic pines and weeds over a few years, starting from the most sensitive areas. This method aims to remove the threatening process of shading and competition and avoid any negative impact on

the vegetation, the soil, birds, animals and on surrounding vistas.

For updates on this project and for more information on the management of the Parklands' flora and fauna, please contact the Parklands on 9339 6699 or our website at www.cp.nsw.gov.au. ■



ALL SEASON

Imprints

Don't miss this free exhibition of famous artist Austin Platt and others on display at the Superintendent's Residence. The exhibition imprints depicts the changes that have taken place in Centennial Parklands over the years and the impact of the landscape on the people who have used it. Superintendent's Residence to the end of October 2003 on Wednesdays and weekends from 10.00am to 3.00pm

Every Wednesday and Saturday FOX FARMERS MARKET

Farm fresh gourmet delights from NSW's leading growers and producers. Open 10.00am-4.00pm. Fox Studios.

Every Saturday and Sunday FOX WEEKEND MARKET

Get your collectables, fashion, gifts, homewares, toys and much more. Open 10.00am-4.00pm. Fox Studios.

FOX STUDIOS ICE RINK

The Fox Ice Rink is open for its fourth season so come down for a slide on the ice. Children \$12, Concession \$13, Adults \$14. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10.00am-9.00pm. Friday and Saturday 10.00am-10.00pm. Bookings (02) 9383 4175

JUNE

18 Wednesday

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. 10.00am-11.00am. \$9 per child (2-5 years), adults free. Meet Equestrian Centre Gates, corner Lang and Cook Roads. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

29 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

Join this early morning guided tour to spot some of the Parklands' migratory and resident land and water birds. For adults. Bring binoculars. Includes light breakfast. 7.30am-9.30am. \$12 per person. Meet Musgrave Avenue Gates. Finishes at Shelter Pavilion. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

MILLION PAWS WALK

Join your four legged friends in a day filled with fun and festivities. The RSPCA needs your help to support the animals that desperately need it. There will be live music, entertainment, dog obedience displays and much more. Remember, your pet must be vaccinated, non-aggressive, healthy and on a lead during the walk. Registration at Loch Avenue South. \$10 adults and \$5 concession. For more information phone (02) 9750 7555 or visit the RSPCA web site at www.rspcasw.org.au

JULY

4 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

5 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. 10.00am-3.00pm. \$8.50 per ride. Tickets at Mobile Ranger Station, Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings not required.

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMPS

Holiday riding camps for adults and children. 9.30am-3.30pm. Centennial Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 5650

6 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 5 July

7 Monday

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP ☺

Coaching and games. \$130. 9.00am-3.00pm. Parklands Sports Centre. Bookings (02) 9662 7033

FOX STUDIOS TALENT QUEST

Calling all 5 to 17 year old vocalists. Great prizes and heaps of fun. Fox Studios. For more information, visit www.foxstudios.com.au

TWO-DAY HOLIDAY CAMP ☺

Join a holiday camp filled with riding and all aspects of horse care. Win ribbons, decorate ponies. \$180 per camp (including morning tea and lunch). 10.00am-3.00pm. Children five years and up. Moore Park Stables. Bookings (02) 9360 8747

8 Tuesday

JUNIOR GARDENERS ☺

Get your hands dirty alongside Centennial Parklands Gardeners and Rangers as you learn the basics of gardening! This activity will teach you planting, mulching, weeding and watering skills that you can also use at home. All gardening equipment provided. 2.00pm-3.30pm. \$9 per child (over 5 years). Meet Learners Cycleway. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

\$270 per camp. 9.00am-3.00pm. Papillion Riding Stables. Bookings (02) 0407 224 938

9 Wednesday

SEED SCAVENGER HUNT ☺

Join Rangers on a scavenger hunt for nuts, seeds, acorns and cones that are found in Centennial Parklands. Discover what they grow into and plant some seeds of your own to make a grassy-head creature to take home with you! 10.00am-11.00am. \$8 per child (2-5 years), adults free. Meet Superintendent's Residence, Paddington Gates. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

BUSHTUCKER TIME ☺

Take a walk with local Guriwal guide Deb Lennis through the Guriwal Bushtucker Trail to discover the edible plants growing in Centennial Parklands. Treat yourself to a delicious afternoon tea of bushtucker food and drink. 2.00pm-3.30pm. \$12 per child (over 6 years), price includes afternoon tea. Meet Learners Cycleway. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

TWO-DAY HOLIDAY CAMP ☺

See 7 July

10 Thursday

SEED SCAVENGER HUNT ☺

See 9 July

BUSHTUCKER TIME ☺

See 9 July

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

11 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

12 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 5 July

13 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 5 July

14 Monday

SOUR GRAPES FILM FESTIVAL

Sour Grapes returns to Fox Studios in July. It's the festival for films that are yet to win awards. For more information, visit www.sourgrapes.com.au

FIVE-DAY TENNIS CAMP

See 7 July

15 Tuesday

JUNIOR GARDENERS ☺

See 8 July

THREE-DAY RIDING CAMP

See 8 July

TWO-DAY HOLIDAY CAMP ☺

See 7 July

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

16 Wednesday

SEED SCAVENGER HUNT ☺

See 9 July

BUSHTUCKER TIME ☺

See 9 July

17 Thursday

SEED SCAVENGER HUNT ☺

See 9 July

TWO-DAY HOLIDAY CAMP ☺

See 7 July

BUSHTUCKER TIME ☺

See 9 July

18 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

19 Saturday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 5 July

20 Sunday

PONY RIDES ☺

See 5 July

21 Monday

ADULT GROUP

TENNIS LESSONS ☺

Coaching available for all standards. 10 week program \$199. 7.00pm-8.00pm. Parklands Sports Centre. Bookings (02) 9662 7033

JUNIOR GROUP

TENNIS LESSONS ☺

Coaching available for all standards. 10 week program \$119. 7.00pm-8.00pm. Parklands Sports Centre. Bookings (02) 9662 7033

27 Sunday

TED'S TREE TOUR ☺

Celebrate National Tree Day. Join Ted Hoare, Centennial Parklands' Senior Arborist, on a guided walk looking at Centennial Park's majestic trees. Listen as Ted explains the origins and features of the Park's trees and plantings and outlines future planning directions. 10.00am-12.00noon. \$12 per person. Meet at Cannons, above Centennial Parklands Café. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

AUGUST

1 Friday

SPOTLIGHT PROWL ☺

5.30pm-6.30pm. See 6 June

13 Wednesday

FLORAL DESIGN WORKSHOP ☺



Learn to design and create decorative floral arrangements for your home. Parklands' horticulturalists will demonstrate the basics of floral arrangement using typical ferns,

palm, bark, flowers and nuts found in Centennial Parklands. Create your own arrangement to take home. Price includes materials, course notes and morning tea. Bring secateurs and hat. 10.00am-1.00pm. \$35 per person. Meet Administration Office, behind the Café. Morning tea included. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

14 Thursday

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. 10.00am-12.00noon. \$12 per person. Meet Robertson Road Gates. Finishes at Fox Studios. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

15 Friday

MY LITTLE PONIES ☺

See 18 June

17 Sunday

INDIGENOUS BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP ☺



Learn the indigenous craft of basket weaving in this half-day workshop for adults. Use sedges and grasses found in Centennial Parklands to weave a basket or animal shape of your choice. 10.00am-1.00pm. \$35 per person. Meet Shelter Pavilion. Morning tea included. Bookings essential (02) 9339 6699

24 Sunday

BIRDWATCHER'S BREAKFAST ☺

See 29 June

31 Sunday

CAR FREE DAY

Walk, cycle or catch public transport and enjoy the last Sunday of winter in the peaceful surroundings of Centennial Park. Accessible entry via Musgrave Avenue Gates (adjacent to toilets, barbecues and picnic facilities) Arrangements for disabled parking may change. Please ring for further information (02) 9339 6699

CENTENNIAL STABLES

Competitions, jumping, dressage. Private and group lessons. Party pony hire. Park rides. Bookings (02) 9360 5650

EASTSIDE RIDING ACADEMY

Learn to ride. Bookings (02) 9360 7521

PAPILLION RIDING STABLES

Lessons seven days 6am-8pm. Park rides seven days \$45 7.00am-4.00pm. Bookings 0407 224 938

MOORE PARK STABLES

Lessons and holiday camps. Bookings (02) 9360 8747

ESCAPE AND EXPLORE BOOKINGS

Bookings and advance payment are required for all Escape and Explore activities. Numbers are strictly limited and places will not be held without payment. Bookings can be made by phoning (02) 9339 6699 or at the Administration Building during normal business hours. Cancellations made less than 48 hours prior to the activity may not receive a full refund. In case of rain, please call to confirm the activity is proceeding. A full refund will be given if an activity is cancelled due to wet weather.

☺ = 10% discount for Friends of Centennial Parklands.

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

Centennial Parklands

User's Guide

QUICK GUIDE

First Aid and Emergency

24 hour Ranger service, 7 days.
☎ 9746 2164 or 9746 0444

Administration

8.30am-5pm Monday-Friday. Located behind Centennial Parklands Cafe.
☎ 9339 6699 Fax: 9332 2148

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 37B from Central and 330 from Circular Quay run services to Centennial Park. Phone 131 500 for timetable details.
- **Car:** main gates to Centennial Park open sunrise to sunset. Car Free Days are held on the first Sunday in March, June, September and December. A 30km 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 and culture. ☎ 9339 6699

Community Consultative Committee

Meets approximately every six weeks. Committee members can be contacted via Centennial Parklands administration. ☎ 9339 6699
email: ccc@cp.nsw.gov.au
web: www.cp.nsw.gov.au/aboutus/community

Park information

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

FACILITIES AND AMENDMENTS

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Modern Australian a la carte restaurant offering a full wine list. Open daily for breakfast and lunch. Also available for weddings and function hire. Open 7 days, 8.30am-3pm. ☎ 9360 3355

Centennial Parklands Cafe

Specialising in light meals and snacks, the Cafe offers open air eating in our award-winning forecourt. Open 7 days, 8am-5pm. ☎ 9380 6922

Centennial Parklands Kiosk

Located next to the Duck Pond, the Kiosk serves sandwiches, light meals, coffee, cold drinks and ice cream. Open Weekends and Public Holidays, 8am-sunset.

Centennial Parklands Children's Centre

Long day care centre for babies to pre-schoolers. ☎ 9663 1200

Centennial Parklands Equestrian Centre

Formerly the historic Sydney Showgrounds stables, now a world-class Equestrian Centre offering 270 stables, a lunging yard, arenas, veterinarian, agistment providers and riding schools. ☎ 9332 2809

Moore Park Golf Club

Public 18 hole golf course in the heart of the Eastern Suburbs. Includes Golf Pro Shop and one of the largest driving ranges in Australia. 9663 3791

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre

Tennis, basketball and netball courts available for casual or regular use. ☎ 9662 7033

THINGS TO DO

Cycling & Roller Blading

A 4km 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 packs of more than 15. Hire available from:

- Centennial Park Cycles:
☎ 9398 5027 (bikes & blades)
- Woollys Wheels:
☎ 9331 2671 (bikes)
- Bondi Boards & Blades:
☎ 9369 2212 (blades)
- Total Skate:
☎ 9380 6356 (blades)

Dog Walking

Dogs can be exercised off leash, but under control in Centennial Park outside Grand Drive, and in Moore and Queens Park. Dogs must be on a lead inside the Grand Drive circle and Federation Valley. For safety reasons dogs are not allowed on the horse or cycle track, roads, equestrian grounds, children's playgrounds, Learner's Cycleway, in ponds or on sporting fields when in use. Dogs must be kept 10 metres from BBQs.

Jogging & Walking

A 3.6km jogging track is available around Grand Drive. Self-guided walking trails are located at Lachlan Swamp and the Duck Pond. Guided walks held regularly each season. Guided walks bookings: ☎ 9339 6699

Horse Riding

Centennial Park is one of the few remaining parks in the world offering inner-city horse riding, with a 3.6km circular horse track and some 2 hectares of fenced equestrian grounds. Horse hire available from:

- Moore Park Stables
☎ 9360 8747
- Centennial Stables
☎ 9360 5650
- Eastside Riding Academy
☎ 9360 7521
- Papillon Riding Stables
☎ 8356 9866
- Budapest Riding School
☎ 0419 231 391

Picnics & BBQs

The Parklands offer unlimited picnic spots, with views of ponds, fields and gardens. Also five 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: ☎ 9339 6699

Children's Activities

Ranger-led birthday parties, toddler activities, holiday activities and school excursions are available as part of the Parkland's Escape and Explore Program. ☎ 9339 6699

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 recatan running track, shot put, discus, javelin, long high & triple jump facilities. Bookings: ☎ 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: ☎ 9339 6699

Centennial Parklands Restaurant

Available for weddings and function hire. 8.30am-3pm. Bookings: ☎ 9360 3355

Events

Submissions from the public are welcome for activities and events that support the Parklands' cultural policy. Enquiries: ☎ 9339 6615 or 9339 6635.

Filming & Photography

Centennial Parklands offers a versatile range of locations for commercial filming and photography at competitive rates. Enquiries: ☎ 9339 6621



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