

Sports Update

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of Centennial Parklands' *Sports Update Newsletter*.

In this edition we detail:

- the exciting announcement of a new synthetic field in the Robertson Road precinct.
- what the CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR) project means for you and our sports fields.
- the addition of three new fitness stations throughout the Parklands.

We are also launching our first *Sports Hirer Survey*, which we encourage you to take part in and share your feedback to help shape the future of sport and recreation in Centennial Parklands.

Stay healthy and see you in the Parklands soon!

The Sport & Recreation team



New synthetic sports field plans unveiled for Moore Park

In 2016 we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Moore Park as a public recreation space. To mark this significant milestone we unveiled plans earlier this year to create a new internationally-certified synthetic sports field at Robertson Road in Moore Park as part of the anniversary celebrations.

A big win for the local sport community, the new synthetic field will be equivalent to a full-sized rugby league / rugby union / soccer field, with the ability to reduce down to five-a-side courts. The synthetic field will provide a much needed all-weather community sports facility minutes from the Sydney CBD and assist with the 3,000 hours of sport usage lost annually due to wet weather and turf maintenance.

This project was driven by community demand, increased sports participation and population growth. As part of the planning process, we asked you about your experience and appetite to include a synthetic field into our sporting offerings and the responses we received were overwhelming with strong support for the project.

Here are a few insights from the survey:

- 57% of you said your main obstacle to using synthetic fields was the lack of quality facilities in the local area.
- 95% of you confirmed you would regularly hire a synthetic field if given the opportunity.
- 79% of you said you would use the synthetic field regularly during the summer months when access to natural turf fields is limited for traditional winter codes.
- 87% of you supported the use of flood lighting to provide greater access and equity amongst sports users.
- 92% of you confirmed the addition of the synthetic field would create new opportunities for your students/members.
- 97% of you saw this as a great opportunity to maintain physical activity despite wet weather which would otherwise close natural turf fields.

Construction of the synthetic field has commenced and we expect to take first bookings in March 2016. Find out more about Moore Park Synthetic Field project at centennialparklands.com.au/parklandsprojects



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Render of the new Moore Park synthetic field.



E.S. Marks Athletics Field update

Book your 2016 Athletics Carnival now!

E.S. Marks Athletics Field continues to grow in popularity with the athletics community following major upgrades to the track and field areas within recent years. A record number of schools have held their athletics carnivals in Centennial Parklands, with 17% growth in utilisation in the last 12 months alone.

If you are interested in holding your athletics carnival at E.S. Marks Athletics Field please contact us at sport@centennialparklands.com.au or refer to [our website](#) for further details.

Open Night Athletics Training

In September 2014 we introduced multi-visit training passes. This initiative has been a raging success providing users with a convenient and efficient online service – not to mention saving you up to 25% on entry prices. This has seen an increase in open night participation of 10% with well over 20,000 visits this year.

Interested in training at E.S. Marks Athletics Field or renewing your training pass we have multi passes available for 20 and 50 visits valid for 12 months. For more information please visit the [E.S. Marks page](#) on our website.

E.S. Marks Safety Upgrades

The 2015-16 NSW Budget saw an announcement of \$2.9 million in funding for safety upgrades at E.S. Marks Athletics facility, which amongst a range of potential improvements will prioritise enhancements to:

- disability access
- vehicle and bus access
- vehicle and bus parking.

Centennial Parklands will seek input from primary users and the community as we develop the project's scope.

If you would like to provide input please contact us at sport@centennialparklands.com.au

Free Parklands App

Earlier this year we released our new generation smartphone app for Android and iPhone.

This free app will help you find the latest Sports Field status at the touch of a button, and integrates with a responsive map of the Parklands to find your sports field! Updated daily (typically by 9.00 am weekdays and 7.15 am on weekends) this is a comprehensive reference point to find out whether your field, court or diamond is open for play.

The app also acts as a visitor information tool, helping to promote and orientate visitors to different activities, venues and facilities, as well as promoting news and offers across the Parklands.

Please encourage all your members and parents to download the app and use it as their reference point during inclement weather. It is also a good idea to recommend any visiting teams or players from out of the region get the app to find their field.

Download [here](#).

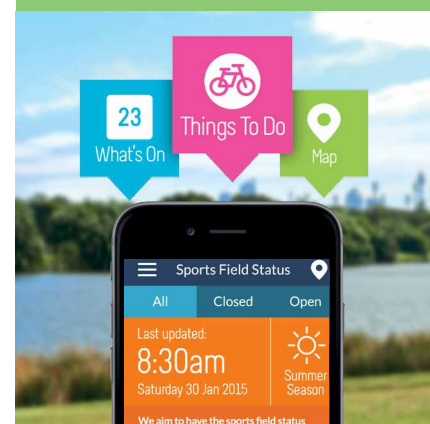
Customer Feedback Survey

Have your say! We would like to hear about your sporting experiences with us and areas where you believe our sports offering can improve.

If you can spare 10 minutes, your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Click [here](#) to complete the Sports User Survey.

The survey will close on
Friday 6 November 2015 at 5.00 pm.



CBD and South East Light Rail Update

Centennial Parklands will play a major part in the forthcoming CBD and South East Light Rail (CSELR). This new light rail line will extend from Circular Quay (along George Street to Central Station), through Surry Hills and Moore Park, then to Kensington and Kingsford (via Anzac Parade) and Randwick (via Alison Road and High Street).

CSELR early works were completed in March 2015 and included construction of a brand new amenities building on Robertson Road Fields and car park in Moore Park South, as well as modifications to Tramway Oval.

CSELR main works commenced in September and will include:

- tunnelling through Moore Park West and East
- construction of the Moore Park station
- rail infrastructure parallel to the existing bus roadway along Anzac Parade.

As a result of these works we are required to close several of our sports fields throughout the entire Light Rail construction, which include:

- Moore Park Wicket 03
- Moore Park Wicket 08
- Moore Park Field 04
- Diamond 08
- Diamond 09

There is no doubt that there will be significant disruption to our regular sports field operations and availability throughout the light rail construction period. As always, we will work with the Light Rail team to ensure disruptions are minimised, wherever possible.

Providing improved access and parking at Moore Park Golf

Over recent years we have been progressively improving access and parking services for members and social players at Moore Park Golf. This has included road alignment, resurfacing and parking configuration upgrades.

The next stage is an upgrade to the overflow car park to better improve accessibility and capacity during peak periods. We have recently relocated the boom gates and made a number of roadway improvements to allow accommodation for increased customer demand. The works will also see the introduction of a ticket validation service to ensure prioritisation and accessibility for patrons over non-patrons. We anticipate the works will be completed in October. Further details and announcements will be made in coming weeks on the [Moore Park Golf website](#).

Three new fitness stations for the Parklands

Thanks to the Centennial Parklands Foundation we have recently received over \$100,000 in funding to install three new multigenerational fitness stations across the Parklands.

Last month we asked you to have your say on the design and location elements during a public exhibition (which is now closed). We received some great constructive feedback which we are now using to finalise the project and designs.

We will announce the project timing on our website in the coming weeks.

Mission Fields Amenities Upgrade

Open November 2015

We are currently constructing a new modern amenities block in the Mission Fields / Equestrian Grounds area of Centennial Park, which will improve facilities for sports field users, equestrian riders and the general public who frequent this area of the Park. The new facility is expected to be open in November 2015, weather permitting.

Please see the [Mission Fields Project Page](#) for further information.



New amenities block at Robertson Road precinct



Seasonal Hirers

Demand for Centennial Parklands' sports fields continues to grow with a record breaking 2015 set to see over 45,000 hours' worth of sport bookings across the Parklands!

Changes to our seasonal booking process have provided you with transparency in field availability, certainty year on year and a dramatic reduction of conflicting booking schedules, which has allowed you to maximise your usage of the Parklands.

With Seasonal bookings for Summer 2015/16 now complete we can share with you how substantial these improvements have been throughout 2015:



28,000+
hours booked



4,199
additional hours
usage via availability
report



98%
reduction in booking
conflicts



94%
accepted historical
bookings



16%
annual growth in
utilisation

Upcoming seasonal dates

In early December we will be in touch about preparations for Winter 2016. If your organisation's key contact person has changed recently please email us at sport@centennialparklands.com.au

Season Commences	
Summer 2015/16	17/10/2015 to 18/03/2016
Winter 2016	19/03/2016 to 28/08/2016

For further information on Centennial Parklands Sports field management please refer to the following links:

Fees and charges	Sports utilisation
2015/16 Sport & Recreation Rate Card	Sports Infographic
Statement on PSSA hire charges	Blog post on the management of CP sports fields.

Centennial Parklands Sports Camps

From January 2016, Centennial Parklands will offer a unique Multi-Sport Camp for children aged 6 to 13 years.

Featuring eight different sports over four days, our Multi-Sport Camp will give children the opportunity to enjoy varied activities every day, utilise the Parklands fantastic sporting facilities and most importantly keep active and have fun!

Bookings are now open via the [What's On](#) section on our website.



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