



POSITION PAPER

Moore Park

NATIONAL TRUST INVOLVEMENT

Moore Park, south of Paddington was part of 1,000 acres (4.0 km²) originally set aside by Governor Lachlan Macquarie in 1810 for grazing and watering stock. It was named after Charles Moore, Mayor of Sydney from 1867–69, who fought for the land to be dedicated as a leisure area for the people of Sydney and suburbs. Now part of the Centennial Parklands, Four of the sand hills within Moore Park were conspicuous enough to be named: Mount Steele, Mount Rennie, Constitution Hill and Mount Lang.

The main objects of the Centennial Park Trust, who administers these lands, are “to encourage the use and enjoyment of the trust lands by the public by promoting and increasing the recreational, historical, scientific, educational, cultural and environmental value of those lands, to maintain the right of the public to the use of the trust lands and to ensure the protection of the environment within the trust lands”.

The Moore Park Conservation Area was listed on the Register of the National Trust in July, 1989. The Reasons for Listing noted that

Moore Park is a large area of open space which formed part of the Sydney Common which was reserved in 1811.

The Park includes significant plantings including avenues and border plantings of Figs along Anzac Parade is a particularly significant landscape element.

Anzac Parade, which passes through the Conservation Area, is Sydney’s grandest boulevard; the Park frames this thoroughfare.

The Park includes several significant structures.

Moore Park, with its expanse of open grassland, is one of the few places in Sydney which affords views of a Victorian streetscape across a large area of open space.

The combined Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park was listed on the State Heritage Register on 27 March, 2000. This area has also been nominated for listing on the National Heritage List.

NATIONAL TRUST POSITION

- The Trust strongly opposes the development of any of the land within Moore Park for any reason incompatible with the main objects of the Centennial Park Trust.
- The Trust would oppose alienation of any part of Moore Park involving loss of open space/green space
- The Trust would oppose any development which impacts negatively on the heritage values of Moore Park.

ACTION TO PROMOTE THE TRUST'S POSITION

The Trust will promote its views on Moore Park in the media and will argue against the current proposal by the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust to build a new stadium at the Kippax Lake Site within Moore Park.