

Redfern Park

Construction Update

Ready, set, go!

Construction is about to begin on the upgrade of Redfern Park and Oval. Building contractor Hansen Yuncken were awarded the contract and have taken possession of the site to begin the work.

Demolition of Redfern Oval is now complete and the improvement is apparent. The ugly grey concrete walls dividing the park have disappeared, giving residents a feel for how fabulous the park and oval will look when the project is complete.

We are well on the way to realising the vision of the Masterplan. The work will combine an open, attractive and accessible park with professional sporting facilities, offering the community the best of both worlds. The professional ground will be utilised by the South Sydney Rabbitohs for training, as well as being a first-rate playing field for local juniors, community, schools and sporting teams.

The City of Sydney will provide you with regular information during upgrade work.

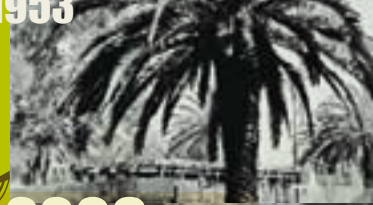
Clover Moore

Clover Moore MP
Lord Mayor

Clover Moore MP,
kicking off work at Redfern Park,
September 2006



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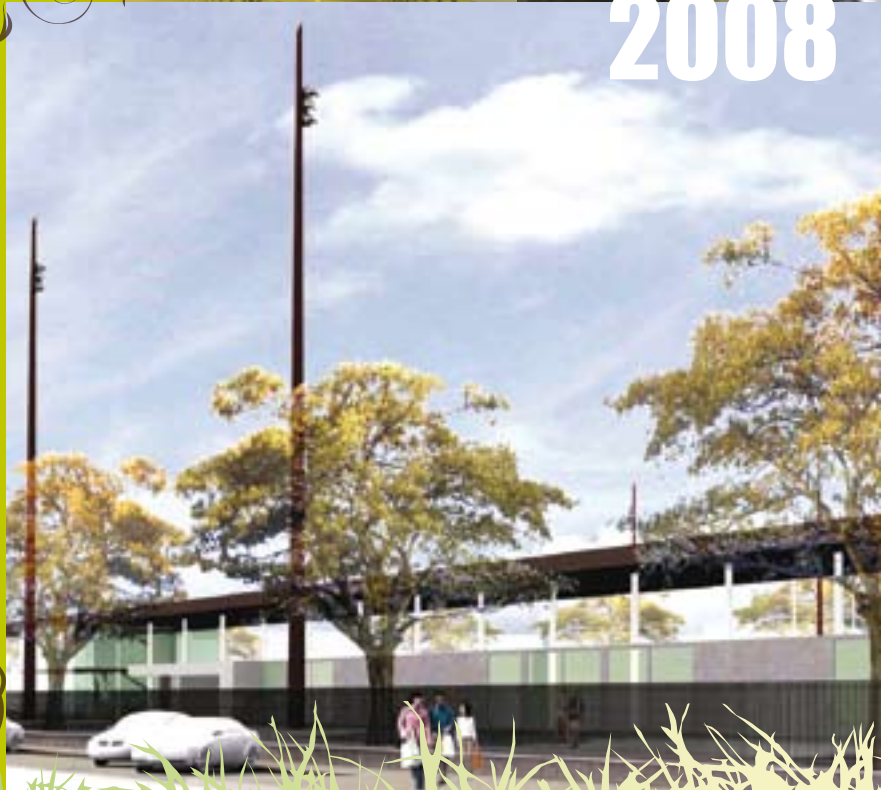
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?



The \$20 million facelift of Redfern Park and Oval is well underway. From June, the oval and park will be a hive of activity and the City of Sydney will keep you informed of the ongoing works.

Building contractors Hansen Yuncken have now established themselves on-site and will soon begin preliminary earthworks for the new grandstand and oval.

Grandstand and oval works include:

- creating more open space by removing the old grandstands, high concrete walls and fences (complete)
- constructing a state-of-the-art sports field
- improving spectator facilities by installing grass terraces and building a new grandstand
- providing new training facilities for the South Sydney District Rugby League Football Club and playing facilities for local teams
- building a new kiosk and room for club and community use.

The Park works include:

- planting new trees, shrubs and grass, including fig trees in the Southern half of the park
- installing a new children's playground and interactive water feature
- upgrading all paths and kerbs
- installing new lights and park furniture
- restoring the park's historic features such as the fountain and War Memorial.

During construction, access through the park will be limited. Alternative routes will be clearly marked.

Proposed work schedule

Stage 1 June – October 2007

- eastern half of the park adjacent to Elizabeth Street closed for upgrade
- Baby Heath Facility will remain open
- children's playground removed and new equipment installed. The playground will remain closed until mid 2008.

Stage 2 November 2007 – mid 2008

- western half of park adjacent to Chalmers Street closed for upgrade
- historic fountain and War Memorial restored

Our park's history

1885 The original site was proclaimed for the purpose of public recreation and named Redfern Park. **1888** Civil engineer Charles O'Neill designs the formal park layout. Construction funds donated by prominent local resident, John Baptist. **1890s** Further improvements are made with the installation of the elaborate gates on Redfern Street and wrought iron work. **1903** Victor Trumper plays one of the most famous innings in Australian cricket history scoring 335 in three hours. A window that was broken remained for over 60 years as a tribute. **1948** The South Sydney Rugby League team starts to play home games at Redfern Park. **1987** A ground record crowd of 23,257 enters the park for a Souths v Manly match. **1992** Prime Minister Paul Keating delivers a speech to commemorate Year of the World's Indigenous People. **1996** Souths play their last first-grade match at Redfern. **2006** Community celebrates the history of Redfern Park on 16 September. The Park was closed for the upgrade from that day. **2008** The new Redfern Park will open. 



1903



2008



TREE REPLACEMENTS

Redfern Park has a number of culturally significant trees, however we need to plant new trees to replace those that are aged or dying.

Some trees inside the park have health or structural problems or are in a poor location. In accordance with the Development Application and Redfern Park Masterplan, during the upgrade they will be removed and replaced with a number of mature trees.

The trees that will be removed are near the Baby Health Centre, in the North East corner of the park along Elizabeth Street, and street trees in Phillip and Chalmers Street. The tree removal and replacement will be completed in stages to reduce the visual impact and assist the construction program.

If you have questions about the replacement of trees in Redfern Park, please call the City on 9265 9333 or email council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

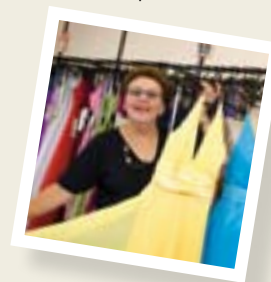


Redfern
local, friendly
and value
for money!

Upgrading Redfern Park is just one element of the City's \$50 million investment in Redfern.

Just as construction of Redfern Park begins, the upgrade to Redfern and Regent Streets is drawing to an end. Planning is underway for a street party to celebrate the completion of works.

Shops along both streets are open for business and we urge you to continue to support your local traders who have been patient throughout the construction process.



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

If you have any questions or a comment to make about the Redfern Park upgrade, please contact the City on 9265 9333 or council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

For construction enquiries contact a Hansen Yuncken community liaison officer on 8916 6485