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$1.65 MILLION CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN LINK OPENS AT CENTENNIAL PARK

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay and Minister for Environment and Heritage Rob Stokes today opened the newly completed $1.65 million Oxford Street cycleway, the next important link in Sydney’s cycling and pedestrian network.

Mr Gay said work had been under way since June this year to build a specially designed off road cycleway, which will improve safety and access for pedestrians and cyclists.

“I’m extremely pleased to open this new 800 metre cycleway, which starts at the corner of York Road at Bondi Junction and travels to the Paddington Gates at the intersection of Moore Park Road and Lang Road,” Mr Gay said.

“It will provide a 3.5 metre wide two way cycle path and 1.8 metre wide pedestrian path along Oxford Street at Paddington with some sections weaving through Sydney’s Centennial Parklands.

“This work is part of the $33 million investment made last financial year by the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government to build walking and cycling paths across Sydney.

Mr Stokes said the cycleway is part of the Centennial Parklands Sustainable Parklands Program being delivered through record investment by the NSW Government.

“More than 20 million visitors use Centennial Parklands every year, with the need for ongoing facilities and infrastructure upgrades required to ensure this world-class parklands continues to deliver for the community,” Mr Stokes said.

“Improvements to Centennial Parklands’ infrastructure and capital maintenance requirements are being delivered through a further $27 million grant from the NSW Government.”

Member for Coogee Bruce Notley-Smith said the cycleway will improve safety and access for all road users between Bondi Junction and the city.

“The cycleway is a valuable addition to cycling opportunities and infrastructure within Centennial Parklands and makes riding safer, which is what is desperately needed in our congested suburbs,” Mr Notley-Smith said.
“During this work a project to restore and repair the 125 year old Woollahra Gates, at the end Ocean Street was also completed.”

Member for Vaucluse Gabrielle Upton said the cycleway will enhance protection for cyclists between Woollahra, the Eastern Suburbs and the city.

“The cycleway is a valuable addition to the cycling offerings and infrastructure within the Centennial Park and makes both riding and driving safer, which is a benefit for all commuters,” Ms Upton said.

Other Sustainable Parklands Program projects recently completed or underway include:

- The $1.2M Belvedere Amphitheatre refurbishment and accessibility upgrades
- Opening of new $500K Centennial Park Labyrinth, funded through private philanthropy
- $100K restoration works on the historic Woollahra Gates in Centennial Park
- $800K major upgrade to the Moore Park Golf driving range – Australia’s busiest
- $25K to create a new equestrian safety track in Centennial Park
- $20K to upgrade the fitness station at Woollahra Gates in Centennial Park


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