



## **THE PARLIAMENTARY ZONE**

### **Introduction**

1. The Parliamentary Zone is the area within the Parliamentary Triangle that lies between Commonwealth Avenue and King's Avenue, from the foreshores of Lake Burley Griffin up to Parliament House. The Zone is home for the following institutions:

- a. the High Court of Australia;
- b. the National Gallery of Australia;
- c. the National Library of Australia;
- d. the National Science and Technology Centre (Questacon);
- e. Old Parliament House;
- f. the National Archives of Australia; and
- g. Parliament House.

### **Booking a Venue**

2. Requests to use Unleased National Land are to be made to the National Capital Authority's Events Officer (National Capital Plan Unit) on (02) 6272 2919.

3. Organisers wishing to use land immediately adjacent to, or in the grounds of any of the Parliamentary Zone's institutions (eg. the gardens of the National Gallery of Australia or the National Library of Australia) should first seek written approval from the relevant institutions before approaching the National Capital Authority.

### **The National Rose Gardens**

4. The National Rose Gardens are across from the Front Wings of Old Parliament House. Whilst events are encouraged within the Gardens, there are some laid down restrictions and limitations with regard to their use. These are as follows:

- a. structures are not permitted, except for special public orientated events (eg. National Multicultural Festival activities);
- b. vehicles are not allowed in the Garden areas;
- c. ball games are not permitted;
- d. there are no electrical or water utilities available within the Gardens;
- e. the closest public toilets are to the rear of the Lobby Restaurant (opposite the far western end of the Senate Gardens);
- f. tables and chairs may be set-up in the Gardens, however, they must be removed at the completion of the activity.

5. Control of the Gardens and their associated complexes lie with the National Capital Authority and not with Old Parliament House.

### **Old Parliament House (Representatives' and Senate) Gardens**

6. The Old Parliament House (House of Representatives and Senate) Gardens are addressed in a separate handout.

### **Magna Carta Place**

7. Magna Carta Place is located at the far western end of the Old Parliament House Gardens, off Langton Crescent. Events are encouraged within the venue, however, there are some laid down restrictions and limitations with regard to its use. These are as follows:

- a. vehicles are not allowed in the venue;
- b. ball games are not permitted;
- c. there are no water utilities available within Magna Carta Place;
- d. the closest public toilets are to the rear of the Lobby Restaurant (opposite the far western end of the Senate Gardens) and within the Old Parliament House Senate Gardens; and
- e. tables and chairs may be set-up in the venue without a works approval, however, they must be removed at the completion of the activity.

### **Constitution Place**

8. Constitution Place is located at the extreme eastern end of the Old Parliament House Gardens, off Walpole Crescent. Events are encouraged within the venue; however, there are some laid down restrictions and limitations with regard to its use. These are as follows:

- a. vehicles are not allowed in the venue;
- b. ball games are not permitted;
- c. there are no water utilities available within Constitution Place;
- d. the closest public toilets are in the Old Parliament House House of Representatives Gardens; and
- e. tables and chairs may be set-up in the venue without a works approval, however, they must be removed at the completion of the activity.

### **Commonwealth Place**

9. Commonwealth Place is situated between Questacon and the High Court, adjacent to the Lake. The front of the Place is flanked by the International Flag Display (flying the national flags of the diplomatic missions located in Canberra).

10. The Place consists of a cupped square, capable of holding approximately 4,000 (seated) people, and Speakers Square (a 100 square meter granite art pavement), along with a restaurant, offices, and an annex of the National Portrait Gallery.

11. Behind the cupped square are two large flat grassed areas, either side of the Place's walkway, which are connected by a pedestrian footbridge (the eastern section covers an area of 63 metres x 73 metres and the western section is 54 metres x 73 metres).

12. No works are to be constructed at Commonwealth Place, or on the Place's foreshore, that will interfere with the view of the Lake from the Water's Edge Restaurant.

### **Reconciliation Place**

13. Reconciliation Place, located between Commonwealth Place and John Dunmore Lang Place, consists of a corridor that stretches from Questacon to the High Court (in which are situated a myriad of forms – slivers), and a central Mound. The Mound houses a 'lip shaped' podium, in its southern edge, which addresses John Dunmore Lang Place. The podium is 7 metres deep at the centre and, along its back, is 45.6 meters wide.

14. No structures are permitted on the Place's Mound.

### **John Dunmore Lang Place**

15. John Dunmore Lang Place is the open grassed area between the Reconciliation Place Mound and King Edward Terrace. The lawn covers an area of 85 metres x 114 metres.

### **The Federation of Centenary Fountains**

16. The Federation of Centenary Fountains complex, between East and West Lawns, comprises of a Reflection Pool and two flanking fountain pools.

17. The operation timings for the fountains are as follows:

- a. **Monday – Friday:**
  - i) 8.00 - 10.00 am;
  - ii) midday – 2.00 pm; and
  - iii) 5.00 – 9.00 pm.
- b. **Weekends:**
  - i) 9.00 am – 9.00 pm.

18. Event organisers may request that the fountains are turned on, or off, for a particular activity, however, the operation will incur a fee.

### **Federation Mall**

19. Federation Mall is the grassed area between Parliament House and Old Parliament House. Requests to conduct events in the Mall are to be directed to the National Capital Authority, however, events planned for the top southern end of the Mall, the area directly in front of Parliament House, will also need the concurrence of Parliament House.

20. The lower (northern) section covers an area of 66 metres x 162 metres. The upper (southern) section is 66 metres x 138 metres, however, the Authority is responsible for the area up to a point 21 metres below the Commencement Stone (the area from this point, up to Parliament House, is within the Parliamentary Precinct and is controlled by Parliament House).

### **Other Venues**

21. There are a number of other open areas within the Parliamentary Zone and they are as follows:

- a. **Patrick White Lawns** (including Peace Park; the land between the National Library of Australia and the Lake foreshore covering an area of 80 metres x 196 metres).
- b. **East Lawns, Parkes Place** (the area to the east of the Federation Centenary Fountains, between King Edward and King George Terraces, which is 68 metres x 136 metres in size).
- c. **North Lawns, Parkes Place** (the area containing the Federation Centenary Fountains, between King Edward and King George Terraces; the grassed portion in front of the fountains covers an area of 36 metres x 100 metres).
- d. **West Lawns, Parkes Place** (the area to the west of the Federation Centenary Fountains, between King Edward and King George Terraces, which is 68 metres x 136 metres in size).
- e. **Section 28** (between Commonwealth Place/Reconciliation Place and the High Court).
- f. **Section 55** (between the Lake Foreshores and Questacon; the lower (northern) part covers an area of 41 metres x 86 metres).

## Parliament House

22. Parliament House, at the apex of the Parliamentary Zone triangle, is not controlled by the National Capital Authority and approval to conduct events at the House, or in its precincts, should be directed to the House's Facilities Manager on (02) 6277 5226.

## Parking

23. All vehicles are to be parked in the formal parking areas within the event area. There are a number of parking areas within the Parliamentary Zone and final authorization for their use is issued by the National Capital Authority, however, whilst they are all on Unleased National Land, many of the car parks service the relevant adjacent institutions. Where appropriate it is courtesy for event organizers to firstly obtain clearance for the use of the car park through the relevant institution. Once clearance is obtained, a copy of the written approval is to be sent to the National Capital Authority.

24. The parking of vehicles is not permitted on the red granite pedestrian pathways within East, West and North Lawns.

## Power

25. Not all the areas within the Parliamentary Zone have power outlets. The Zone's power sources are as follows:

Area	Power Type	Qty
Patrick White Lawns	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	2
East Lawns (east) (west)	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	1
	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 1 x single phase 32 amp 415 v	1
West Lawns	3 x double 15 amp 240 v / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v	2
Commonwealth Place Cup Square	2 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 4 x 3 phase 20 amp 415 v / 1 x single 10 amp 240 v (located in the rear walls)	2
	1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x single 15 amp 240 v (in-ground)	1
	2 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 4 x single 15 amp 240 v (in-ground)	1
Commonwealth Place Forecourt	1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x single 15 amp 240 v (in-ground)	2
	2 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 4 x single 15 amp 240 v (in-ground)	2
Upper Commonwealth Place	1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x single 15 amp 240 v	2
International Flags	3 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x double 15 amp 240 v	2
Reconciliation Place	1 x single 15 amp 240 v (on the podium)	1
	1 x 3 phase 20 amp 415 v (on the podium)	1
John Dunmore Lang Place	1 x 3 phase 32 amp 415 v / 6 x single 15 amp 240 v	2
Magna Carta Place	1 x double 10 amp 240 v (in the rear of the wall)	1
	3 x double 15 amp single phase / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp (behind light pole on pathway)	1
Constitution Place	3 x double 15 amp single phase / 1 x 3 phase 32 amp	1
Federation Mall	2 x 150 amp (upper level – in-ground)	1
	1 x 100 amp (upper level – in-ground)	3
	1 x 50 amp (upper level – in-ground)	3
	2 x 50 amp (upper level – in-ground)	1
	1 x double 10 amp 240 v (top eastern car park)	1
	1 x double 10 amp 240 v (bottom eastern car park)	1

26. With the exception of the in-ground power outlets in the southern (upper) sector of Federation Mall, there is no charge for the use of power in these areas and access keys are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919. A bond of \$25 is levied on keys issued by the Authority and the bond is refunded when keys are returned to the Authority by the agreed time.

27. The in-ground power outlets in the southern (upper) sector of Federation Mall, have to be connected and disconnected before and after an event, and this will incur a fee.

## Water

28. Not all the areas within the Parliamentary Zone have drinking water access. Only the following areas have public access to water:

- a. Commonwealth Place;
- b. Reconciliation Place;
- c. Federation Mall;
- d. Patrick White Lawns (to access the water event organisers will need to obtain a key from the Authority);
- e. John Dunmore Lang Place;
- f. East Lawns, Parkes Place; and
- g. West Lawns, Parkes Place

### **Toilets**

29. The only toilets available for use by the general public within the Parliamentary Zone are as follows:
  - a. the western side of the upper grassed area of Commonwealth Place; and
  - b. behind the Lobby Restaurant in the National Rose Gardens – west.
30. These toilets are available from 7.00 am to 7.00 pm (9.00 pm during daylight saving).
31. Toilets are also available at the following locations:
  - a. in the underground car park at (new) Parliament House; and
  - b. in the north-western corner of the National Gallery of Australia’s Sculpture Garden.
32. The toilet facilities at the national institutions within the Parliamentary Zone (ie. inside the Parliament House, National Gallery, High Court, Questacon, National Library, Old Parliament House, and the National Archives buildings) are for patrons visiting these institutions and not for general public use.

### **Confetti**

33. Rose petals are the only accepted form of confetti to be used within the Parliamentary Zone.

### **Barbecues**

34. There are no barbecue facilities within the Parliamentary Zone.

### **Structures**

35. Structures (works) may be erected in certain areas of the Parliamentary Zone, however, any proposed structures are to be submitted to the National Capital Authority on a Works Approval for an Event application form, accompanied by a detailed map showing the exact location of the proposed works. Structures (works) include marquees, tents, sun-shelters, fencing, barricades, amusements (eg. jumping castles), stages, dais’s, signs, banners, port-a-loos, spit-roasts, barbecues, buoys etc. A works request normally incurs a Works Application Fee.

36. The only areas within the Parliamentary Zone where the erection of structures may be approved are as follows:
  - a. Commonwealth Place;
  - b. John Dunmore Lang Place;
  - c. Patrick White Lawns;
  - d. East Lawns, Parkes Place;
  - e. North Lawns, Parkes Place;

- f. West Lawns, Parkes Place;
- g. Magna Carta Place;
- h. Constitution Place;
- i. Section 28; and
- j. Section 55.

37. Exceptions may be made for the erection of structures in other areas within the Parliamentary Zone for events of special public interest (eg. the annual Australia Day Concert).

38. Applications for a works approval may be obtained from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919.

#### **Events and the Lobby Restaurant, the Watermark Restaurant and the National Portrait Gallery Annex**

39. Organisers conducting events within the Zone are to ensure that the Lobby Restaurant, the Watermark Restaurant and the National Portrait Gallery Annex (which operates from Wednesdays to Sundays) suffer no disruption to their business, and that event spectators/participants and the parking of vehicles are kept away from the immediate vicinity of these establishments.

#### **Camping**

40. Camping in the Parliamentary Zone, day or night, is not permitted.

#### **Gates**

41. There are two National Capital Authority controlled vehicle access gates within in the Parliamentary Zone. These gates are at the eastern bend of Enid Lyons Street, adjoining Commonwealth Place, and at the western side of the unsealed car park across Parkes Place (west) adjacent to the National Library. The access keys are available from the National Capital Authority's Events Officer on (02) 6272 2919. There is no charge for the use of the access keys, however, a bond of \$25 is levied on keys issued by the Authority and the bond is refunded when keys are returned to the Authority by the agreed time.