

SYDNEY PARK

Monday 24th April 2023

I planned to go to Centennial Park today but changed my mind en route, changed at Sydenham, alighted at St Peters, and visited Sydney Park instead.



It has become a haven for the inner-city dog owning community! But amidst all the dogs there are some delights, beginning with the industrial heritage that was once a brickworks!







Overlooking the neighbourhood



And watching arrivals



Sydney Parklands deals with recycling water in the city, through its wetlands¹

¹ <https://www.governmentarchitect.nsw.gov.au/resources/case-studies/2017/11/sydney-park>

Sydney Park has been redesigned to incorporate landscape elements, waterbodies, and water features that make it a large-scale stormwater treatment system, capturing and treating run-off from the surrounding suburb.

The park now captures and cleans 850 million litres of stormwater a year, making this water available for re-use. At the same time, the reinvigorated park provides much-needed open space for relaxation and recreation in this high-density inner city neighbourhood.

The stormwater treatment system incorporates the attributes and functions of natural ecosystems, integrating state-of-the-art science and environmental design with landscape design and public art to create essential civic infrastructure.

The project is an integral component of City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030, which aims to replace 30 per cent of 2030 potable water demand across the local government area.

The project's success is due to its synthesis of the pragmatic and poetic aspects of the water treatment system, and its inventive integration with the park. Instead of constructing traditional greywater treatment infrastructure, the system was reconceived as a series of connected wetlands, cascades, spillways, and sculptural elements.









Musk Lorikeets are delightful birds; high on sugar!





And for Faye, an Australasian Grebe







Dusky Moorhen



And that was my morning!