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## Improvements destined for Commonwealth Park

TODAY, the National Capital Authority (NCA) announced funding to spruce up Commonwealth Park and facilitate increased visitor amenities to cater for the growing demand for the use of the park.

Chief Executive of the NCA, Sally Barnes said the NCA was excited to announce the funding commitment of \$500,000 for the revitalisation of Commonwealth Park.

“The NCA’s commitment to invest \$500,000 over the next 3 years, will include improvements to outdoor furniture, right through to irrigation, event needs and enhancements to the Stage 88 precinct to improve the visitor experience,” Ms Barnes said.

“We will work with the ACT Government to ensure that the upgrades to Commonwealth Park fit in with Floriade, to ensure it is truly a world-class event.

“We will be looking at where the pathways go and how people move around the park. We want to make sure that this infrastructure will suit park users and will work with groups like Pedal Power on how cyclists use these pathways.”

Ms Barnes said as well as undertaking maintenance and upgrade works, the NCA will take a broader look at not only what is currently in Commonwealth Park, but what could be there in the future.

“We are looking at the current infrastructure within the park with third party events in mind, so that larger events can continue to be held in Commonwealth Park without compromising the sustainability and environmental considerations of the park that make it one of the leading venues to hold an outdoor event in Canberra,” Ms Barnes said.

“We’re looking forward to working with event coordinators and receiving community feedback on the types of infrastructure and amenity improvements they would like to see, ensuring we work in consultation with those that already hold events in Commonwealth Park and to ensure we make modifications that enhance the parks usability.”