Opening hours

Fagan Park is open all year round, seven days a week, except for Christmas Day.

7am to 5.30pm (Eastern Standard Time)
7am to 6.30pm (Daylight Savings Time)

Parking fees are $5 per vehicle. Coach and mini bus fees are available on request.

Fagan Park tours

Self-guided and guided tours of the park including Netherby Homestead and the museums are available by appointment. To arrange a tour, please phone Council's Customer Service on 9847 6853.

The Friends of Fagan Park are on-site each Tuesday from 10am to 4pm and the second Sunday of every month from 1.30pm to 4pm.

The museums are open for inspection on these days.

Other brochures of parks, gardens and reserves of Hornsby Shire can be found at Council's Customer Service Counter or visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au.

General Park Enquiries

For bookings, general enquiries and a full list of fees please visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au or contact Customer Service on 9847 6853.

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Introduction

Fagan Park covers an area of approximately 55 hectares and is located on Arcadia Road, Galston. The site was donated by the Fagan family to the Crown, with Hornsby Shire Council appointed as sole trustee for the park.

The park was adopted as Council's bicentennial project and was officially opened in November 1988.

History

Fagan Park stands on land which was part of the original grant to George Hall. The land was purchased by the Fagan family and was developed as a citrus orchard. Following the death of Samuel Fagan, the ownership of the land changed to his son, Bruce Fagan, who was renowned for the high quality jersey cattle he ran on the property.

In June 1977, Bruce Fagan approached the Shire President and Shire Clerk of Hornsby Shire Council to discuss the future use of the property as a recreational and cultural centre to perpetuate the Fagan family name.

Mediterranean Garden

A deed of gift to donate the property to the Crown under Hornsby Shire Council's care, control and management was executed on 22 November and 6 December 1979. Council assumed full responsibility for the property on 15 February 1983.

Prior to his death in August 1984, Bruce Fagan signed a concept development plan for the site.

Attractions

Fagan Park has many attractions to cater for all types of visitors. These include:

- The Gardens of Many Nations (10ha of gardens)
- Picnic and barbeque facilities
- Netherby Homestead – the original Fagan family home
- Rural museums
- Children's playgrounds – including accessible liberty swing
- Eco Garden – an educational, sustainable garden
- Bushland with short bushwalking trails
- Sealed paths for bicycle riding
- Large open grassed areas
- Privately run kiosk selling light refreshments (open weekends and selected weekdays only)

Arcadia Road and Carrs Road picnic areas

Large picnic shelters are available for hire. Carrs Road shelters 1, 2 and 3 seat between 25 and 30 adults. The Arcadia Road shelter 1 seats approximately 36 adults. Shelter 2, located within the regional playground, seats 18 adults.

These shelters are very popular and should be booked well in advance through Council. Booking fees apply.

There are numerous barbeques and single picnic tables which seat six people. These are located throughout the park and do not require reservations. All barbeques within the park require $1 coins to operate.

Regional Playground

Events

Fagan Park is a very popular location for many events, including:

- Family reunions and picnics
- Christmas parties and events for sports clubs, social clubs, church groups, playgroups, and other community groups
- Car club functions and displays
- Company picnics
- School outings
- School cross country events
- Wedding ceremonies and photography

Please note, no alcohol is to be consumed or taken into the park without Council's written consent.

Carrs Road shelter 1