



Meeting summary

Meeting Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Fernhill Estate community trustee board (CTB) meeting **Date** Tuesday 14 November 2023, 6-7.30pm

Attendees: CTB members: Shari Driver (Chair), Nicholas Leech, Poonam Naik, Peter Harvey, Robert Bennett, Mayor Todd Carney (observer for Penrith City Council until formal appointment)

GSP staff: Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture; Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West; Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Cindy Laws

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| Welcome and opening Shari Driver, Chair Fernhill Estate CTB | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was opened by the Chair. The Acknowledgement of Country was given.The new Penrith City Council Mayor Todd Carney was welcomed and introduced to the CTB members.The meeting started 15 minutes late due to parking delays. | N/A |
| Bushfire risk mitigation Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West, GSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none">GSP provided an overview of the bushfire risk mitigation management strategies and measures, and incident response. GSP to share links to Cumberland and Macarthur Bushfire Risk Management Plans.GSP and the CTB discussed and resolved the following questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Whether the RFS training on site is about access or conducting controlled burns.The level of interest in, frequency of, and target audience for the education programs.Whether Fernhill Estate is fully fenced.Whether GSP has a strategy for removing heritage items from the site before bushfire.Whether cultural burning is being considered.Whether the WSPT and Fernhill Estate Bush Fire Management Strategy will be in place this summer.Mitigating fire risk in bio banked areas.The CTB also made the following suggestions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Equipment such as fire pumps, generators, and rooftop sprinklers are needed to be adequately prepared for future fire events.Expenditure to be prioritised towards providing equipment. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>Cumberland Bush Fire Risk Management Plan</u><u>Macarthur Bushfire Risk Management Plan</u> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct scenario planning for the future of Fernhill Estate if the house burns down in a fire. | |
| <p>WestInvest funding and future of LMP projects</p> <p>Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery, GSP</p> <p>Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP informed CTB members that WestInvest funding bid was unsuccessful and provided an update about the future of the Landscape Master Plan (LMP) projects. GSP noted that the WestInvest funding was for stage 1 of the LMP works and GSP are beginning to explore alternative funding options. The key priority will be to unlock the site by providing safe access off Mulgoa Road and pedestrian connectivity to Mulgoa village. • GSP also provided an update about the ongoing heritage restoration works at the site. • GSP and the CTB discussed the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What the current status is of stage 1 of the LMP. - Why Fernhill Estate isn't open on a Saturday. - Why access to the site is currently restricted. - Whether GSP has started discussions with Transport for NSW about access. - How the relocated nesting boxes and hollows are going in their new location in Fernhill Estate. • The CTB also made the following suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CTB workshop to brainstorm small-scale activity and program opportunities for the site. - CTB would like to provide feedback on priorities for the LMP. - Consider state significant development contributions (such as Orchard Hills) to assist with funding constraints. - Smaller projects should be shovel ready for when funding sources arise. - Focus on enhancing tourism in the Penrith area to promote interest in Fernhill Estate and increase funding opportunities. - Parkland specific branding could help promote the site. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to organise out of session workshop for February 2024 to discuss a opportunities for small-scale activation and events. 2. GSP to provide briefing material ahead of the workshop, listing parameters for events and limitations of the site to assist in developing ideas. 3. GSP to discuss priorities with the CTB after the workshop on small scale activations and events. |
| <p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>CTB members</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting planned for Thursday 29 February 2024 (6-7.30pm, online), combining all GSP CTB members to mark the one-year anniversary of CTBs, hear case studies of how CTBs have informed GSP decision making, and provide a financial overview. • GSP to organise out of session workshop as noted above. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to circulate the November meeting summary and presentation. |