



Meeting summary

Meeting Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Fernhill Estate community trustee board (CTB) meeting (online) **Date** Tuesday 8 August 2023

Attendees: CTB members: Shari Driver (Chair), Cindy Laws, Nicholas Leech, Poonam Naik, Peter Harvey

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer Environment; Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Robert Bennett and Tricia Hitchen

Topic	Summary	Action
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.	N/A
GSP Climate Adaptation Strategy overview Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer Environment, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GSP provided an overview of the Climate Adaptation Strategy (the Strategy) currently being prepared focused on mitigating and responding to climate change across the parklands estate.GSP provided insight into specific actions related to environmental sustainability, biodiversity and land management at Fernhill Estate.GSP provided an update on progress and next steps for developing the climate risk register and adaption action plan, which are key deliverables of the Strategy.GSP and the CTB discussed the key considerations and practical steps for GSP to mitigate climate risks in the short to medium term, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">considering the impact of climate change (including extreme weather events such as fires, floods and extreme heat) to Fernhill Estatea recommendation to investigate fire’s impact upon the environment and how best to utilise Traditional Owners’ knowledge for future managementthe importance of natural shade due to current and predicted high temperatures in Western Sydneyconversation about rainfall, with a desire to understand how excess water is managed, drained and retained at Fernhill Estate	<ol style="list-style-type: none">GSP to provide the presentation to CTB members for further feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - noting Fernhill Estate may be a place for the community to escape heat in the future. There was also a question of whether part of the estate would be suitable for swimming. <p>The CTB also shared insights about local weather events, such as storms and lightning strikes, which GSP noted is helpful to understand as it continues to develop the Climate Adaption Strategy.</p>	
<p>Mulgoa Road access to Fernhill Estate (community consultation process update)</p> <p>Joshua French, Chief Executive, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) community consultation regarding Mulgoa Road access to Fernhill Estate including next steps • GSP informed CTB members that GSP is working collaboratively with TfNSW which is planning a second round of community consultation later in 2023 to present strategic options to the community. • GSP and the CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a future update on the status of NSW Government WestInvest funding for Fernhill Estate - whether GSP has considered alternative entrances to Fernhill Estate from adjacent local roads - the importance of accessibility and public transport options to Fernhill Estate in the future for those who are unable to drive It was noted there could be an opportunity for new bus routes to Fernhill Estate to be considered as part of the public transport routes to the Western Sydney Airport - protecting and preserving important native flora and fauna along Mulgoa Road - concern about increased traffic and large trucks accessing Mulgoa Road from Silverdale. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to update the CTB on WestInvest funding when further information is made available.
<p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 November, 6-7.30pm. The meeting will be held in person, with venue details to be confirmed and shared closer to the date. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to circulate the August meeting summary and presentations to the CTB following this meeting.