



Meeting summary

Meeting Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Parramatta Park community trustee board (CTB) meeting **Date** Tuesday, 30 May 2023

Attendees: CTB members: Stewart Thompson (Chair), Lord Mayor Cr Sameer Pandey, Mayor Cr Lisa Lake, Cheryl Bates OAM, Benedict Mitchell, James Lawler, Mustafa Agha

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; Laura Stevens, Director Community, Engagement and Partnerships; Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events. GSPT Chair Michael Rose attended prior to the meeting to greet CTB members.

Secretariat: Keiasha Naidoo

Apologies: Thelmerie Rudd

Topic	Summary	Action
Welcome and opening Stewart Thompson, Chair Parramatta Park CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The meeting was opened by the Chair. The Acknowledgement of Country was given.The Chair acknowledged Member for Parramatta Donna Davis' resignation and thanked her for time and service to the CTB.The Chair also welcomed the new Lord Mayor for Parramatta Cr Sameer Pandey to the CTB and noted his formal confirmation on the CTB is subject to a ministerial approval process.Members introduced themselves. They shared what Parramatta Park means to them and their reasons for joining the CTB.	N/A
Parramatta Park planning context Joshua French, Chief Executive, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">GSP provided an overview of the planning context for Parramatta Park, and highlighted the park's World Heritage listing and significant Aboriginal heritage values.GSP provided information about Wistaria Gardens being vested into Parramatta Park Trust and discussed the restoration and landscape works on Wistaria Gardens to date. GSP noted that Glengarriff House is currently empty. The CTB suggested the historic value of the House should be recognised in future plans for the property.The CTB asked about the implementation of the Mays Hill Master Plan including the pedestrian and cycle connection from Mays Hill to the core of Parramatta Park. GSP outlined overall funding considerations for Parramatta Park, including the \$55.8 million WestInvest funding and the unsuccessful funding bid for implementing the Mays Hill Master Plan.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">GSP to provide link to Your Parramatta Park 2030 and Mays Hill Master Plan.GSP to send welcome pack to Lord Mayor Cr Sameer Pandey.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the delivery of the first stage of the People’s Loop and restoration of park gatehouses followed. • The CTB asked about accessibility within the park. GSP explained the People’s Loop upgrade will consider accessibility throughout the park. • The CTB discussed pedestrian bridges over Parramatta River, with a view to widening existing bridges and making the space safer for events ingress and egress. GSP explained a design-led process will be undertaken to ensure sensitive design of any new bridges and that this will be informed by community consultation. 	
<p>Parramatta Park community events and programs</p> <p>Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of the events, education and community programs at Parramatta Park. • The CTB asked about the former Tropfest event at Parramatta Park. GSP stated that the festival is unlikely to be revitalised, noting there are many other event opportunities as the events industry recovers post-COVID. • Discussion points included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removing major and high-impact events from the Cattle Paddock in consideration of the heritage and landscape values of the park, and focusing The Crescent as the major event space for Parramatta Park. - Engaging with diverse communities. The CTB suggested partnering with local organisations to provide educational and/or historic tours in community languages. - Partnership models with local councils and the opportunity to connect with different community organisations. - Accessibility including public transport and bridges. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to provide an update on future events for Parramatta Park. 2. CTB members to suggest to GSP other opportunities for local events and partnerships.
<p>Next steps</p> <p>CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTB discussed the most appropriate timing for a CTB tour of Parramatta Park, with a date to be confirmed for July or August. • The CTB confirmed 6 Parramatta Square is a suitable venue for future meetings. • Members expressed a desire for the Chair to share email addresses and phone numbers of CTB members to support ongoing communications. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair to liaise with the CTB on preferred timing for a tour of the park and group photo. 2. Chair to share email addresses among CTB members.
<p>Next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 29 August. 	
<p>Next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule Parramatta Park tour and photo opportunity. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair to advise GSP of preferred date and time.