

## Meeting summary

Western Sydney Parklands – November 2023 community trustee board meeting

**Meeting** Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board (CTB) meeting **Date** Tuesday 7 November 2023, 6-7.30pm

**Attendees:** CTB members: Rebecca Anderson, Cr Chris Quilkey, Colin Locke, Douglas Belton, Ellie Robertson, Mark Taylor (observer representing Liverpool City Council).

GSP staff: David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West; Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement (Acting Chair for the meeting).

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

**Apologies:** Edward Saulig, Sririsay Vukovic.

Topic	Summary	Action
<b>Welcome and opening</b> Acting Chair, Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTB members agreed GSP representative Lindsay Banffy would Chair the meeting due to a late apology from the original Chair.</li> <li>The meeting was opened by the Acting Chair. The Acknowledgement of Country was given.</li> </ul>	1. N/A
<b>Bushfire risk mitigation</b> Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP provided an overview of the bushfire risk mitigation management strategies and measures, and incident response. GSP will share links to Cumberland and Macarthur Bushfire Risk Management Plans.</li> <li>GSP and the CTB discussed and resolved the following questions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the fires have predominantly been grassland or bushland.</li> <li>Whether the park is closed during an extreme fire danger period.</li> <li>Monitoring and reporting of fires including working with NSW Police, the Rural Fire Service and Ranger patrols.</li> <li>The success of the ‘Guardians of the Park’ program.</li> <li>The frequency of backburning in/around the parklands.</li> <li>Park evacuation points during fires.</li> <li>Whether there is an app to notify about local fires. GSP to provide link to the Hazards Near Me app.</li> </ul> </li> <li>GSP discussed the Regional Fire Management Plan community consultation, led by the Rural Fire Service with GSP’s support.</li> </ul>	1. <a href="#">Cumberland Bush Fire Risk Management Plan</a> 2. <a href="#">Macarthur Bushfire Risk Management Plan</a> 3. <a href="#">Hazards Near Me app</a>
<b>Tracks and trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP provided an overview of the various tracks and trails at Western Sydney Parklands. Information was shared about the</li> </ul>	1. CTB members to provide any

<p>David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment, GSP</p>	<p>different track types, and the environmental and planning considerations involved in designing tracks and trails.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP also shared current projects and opportunities, such as Horsley Park Urban Farm trails, Gabrugal Yana, M12 Cycleway connection and the M7 widening condition.</li> <li>• The CTB made the following suggestions and comments in relation to current projects and opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider the cycling priority pathway (already planned) for the northern side of Schofields Road down to Windsor Road.</li> <li>- Utilise the new roadway going through Nirimba Fields from Schofields Road and opportunity to join with Quakers Hill Parkway.</li> <li>- Whether the projects/opportunities will consider regular cyclists (residents) and recreational cyclists.</li> <li>- Consider dedicated parking around cycle paths to avoid parking on residential streets.</li> <li>- Whether GSP is considering a connection between Mt Druitt area and the parklands.</li> <li>- GSP's Gabrugal Yana project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>additional feedback on current projects and opportunities for GSP to feed into second tracks and trails planning workshop.</p>
<p><b>Next steps, thanks and close</b></p> <p>Acting Chair, Lindsay Banffy, Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Deaner, Liverpool City Council representative, has retired from her role at Council and resigned from the CTB. Council to notify GSP of replacement member for ministerial approval.</li> <li>• CTB will be invited to the Gabrugal Yana launch next year. The formal opening has been timed to avoid the heat of summer and some infrastructure construction that is happening in the area.</li> <li>• The next meeting is planned for Thursday 29 February (6-7.30pm, online) combining all GSP CTB members to mark the one-year anniversary of CTBs, share case studies of how CTBs have informed GSP decision making, and provide a finance overview.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSP to circulate the November meeting summary and presentations.</li> </ol>