

Meeting summary

Meeting	Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board (CTB) meeting (online)	Date	Monday 21 August 2023
Attendees:	<p>CTB members: Rebecca Anderson (Acting Chair), Cr Chris Quilkey, Colin Locke, Douglas Belton, Edward Saulig, Ellie Robertson, Sririsay Vukovic.</p> <p>GSP staff: David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer Environment; Laura Stevens, Director Community, Engagement and Partnerships; Joanna Savill, Creative Director.</p> <p>Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale</p>		
Apologies:	Christine Deaner		

Topic	Summary	Action
Welcome and opening Rebecca Anderson, Acting Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Acting 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 Western Sydney Parklands. Key climate-related risks include increased variable rainfall, severe bushfire weather and increased intensity of thunderstorm events. 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 to mitigate climate risks in the short to medium term, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> considering the impact of land clearing for development and agriculture on climate change measures taken to mitigate arson and reduce the number of bushfires that are deliberately lit noting the impact of weather events on Wylde MTB and BMX understanding the impact of hailstorms on park infrastructure the importance of provision of shade and water stations for visitors in extreme heat 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> GSP to provide the presentation to CTB members for further feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - clarification that short term refers to up to 2030 and medium term refers to up to 2070. 	
<p>Horsley Park Urban Farms Master Plan</p> <p>Joanna Savill, Creative Director, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the implementation of the Horsley Park Urban Farms Master Plan. The Master Plan is about protecting and promoting valuable urban agricultural areas to provide recreation, agritourism, education and economic opportunities, as well as local and sustainable food supply. • GSP outlined the farming precinct work to support Western Sydney Parklands' urban farming future through building farmers' commercial capacity, the visitor economy, community engagement and precinct development. • GSP provided an update on the community research undertaken in 2022 with locals and users of the precinct and noted that a tour of the Horsley Park Urban Farm will be held as part of the Sydney Design Week tour in September 2023. • GSP and the CTB discussed the value of the farming precinct projects and provided other feedback, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ideas for farmers' market stalls at venues such as Stockland's Wetherill Park, Lizard Log and Calmsley Hill City Farm - ideas for activities to teach children about where food comes from, flower businesses, fruit picking opportunities, horticultural therapy and chickens - leasing arrangements, security of tenure for farmers and the opportunity for community organisations to lease the farmland - the potential impact of pollution on produce due to the proximity to Ferrers Road, noting the high quality of the produce - farm worker housing - employment/volunteer program to support farmers and educate the local community - considering whether the precinct can manage increased visitation - ensuring the farms are accessible (e.g. wheelchair access) - recommendation for the advertising of the urban farms to be reviewed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to consider ideas as part of ongoing agritourism development.
<p>WSP Chair position</p> <p>Laura Stevens, Director Community, Engagement and Partnerships, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP noted that the permanent Chair position has been vacant and therefore the position has been rotating. • Edward Saulig agreed to Chair the November meeting, and Sririsay Vukovic agreed to take on the Chair role for 2024 meetings. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to liaise with Edward Saulig and Sririsay Vukovic regarding Chair arrangements.
<p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTB members raised the Prospect Reservoir community consultation. GSP noted that Prospect Reservoir is not a GSP project, but they will be interested in the consultation findings. • The Chair noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 November, 6-7.30pm, in person. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GSP to circulate the August meeting summary and presentations to the CTB following this meeting.