

## Meeting summary

**Meeting** Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) – Parramatta Park community trustee board (CTB) meeting (online) **Date** Tuesday 29 August 2023

**Attendees:** CTB members: Stewart Thompson (Chair), Benedict Mitchell, Cheryl Bates OAM, James Lawler, Mayor Cr Lisa Lake, Mustafa Agha, Thelmerie Rudd.

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Ben Tax, Director Property Services.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

**Apologies:** Mayor Cr Sameer Pandey

Topic	Summary	Action
<b>Welcome and opening</b> Stewart Thompson, Chair, Parramatta Park CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was opened by the Chair. The Acknowledgement of Country was given.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>GSP Climate Adaptation Strategy overview</b> David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>GSP provided insight into specific actions related to environmental sustainability, biodiversity and land management at Parramatta Park. Key climate-related risks for Parramatta Park include increased variable rainfall, prolonged periods of hot and dry weather, and increased intensity of thunderstorm events.</li> <li>GSP provided an update on progress and next steps for developing the climate risk register and adaptation action plan, which are key deliverables of the Strategy.</li> <li>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"> <li>potential flooding, increased rainfall events and drought on the Parramatta River and the impact this may have on the future use of the park</li> <li>protection of local habitat and wildlife, including flying foxes and aquatic birds, during extreme heat events</li> <li>the importance of provision of shade, seating and water stations for visitors in extreme heat</li> <li>assessing the risk of increased and more severe thunderstorms to the park and visitors</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	1. GSP to provide the presentation to CTB members for further feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- considering the most appropriate surface for pathways that can be maintained in extreme heat</li> <li>- impact of heat on the playground on the western side of the park.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Property and leasing update</b></p> <p>Ben Tax, Director Property Services, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an update on property and leasing in Parramatta Park, including an overview of the historical park gatehouses, cafes and restaurants, community services and sporting venues in the parkland.</li> <li>• GSP outlined current market engagement underway for the Macquarie Street Gatehouse and Ross Street Gatehouse, and the potential opportunities at Glengarriff House in Wistaria Gardens.</li> <li>• GSP and the CTB discussed ideas for the future of Glengarriff House, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- how GSP considers leasing opportunities and commercial and community benefits</li> <li>- suggestion for the space to be used for artists living with a disability, with both an exhibition and work space, or social enterprises</li> <li>- heritage considerations, including how to recognise the history of the area and hospital</li> <li>- considering how to activate the property for community benefits, while still maintaining its unique characteristics</li> <li>- question whether the sheds in Wistaria Gardens are going to be kept.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSP to consider ideas for the future of Glengarriff House.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Update on tour and CTB contacts</b></p> <p>Stewart Thompson, Chair, Parramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair noted that a site visit is being planned for Friday 22 September. A placeholder will be sent to the group and details of the visit will be confirmed as soon as possible.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSP to circulate information about the park tour and placeholder for Friday 22 September.</li> <li>2. GSP to collate and share CTB member contact details.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Next steps, thanks and close</b></p> <p>CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Question about the Governor Phillip Walk and how it is being maintained, noting it is on NSW Health land.</li> <li>• The Chair noted the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 November, 6-7.30pm. The meeting will be held in person.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSP to provide response regarding Governor Phillip Walk.</li> <li>2. GSP to circulate the August meeting summary and presentations to the CTB following this meeting.</li> </ol>