



# Meeting summary

## Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board Meeting 1, 2024

Tuesday, 12 March 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Atura Blacktown, Macquarie Boardroom, 32 Cricketers Arms Road, Blacktown

**CTB members:** Sririsay Vukovic (Chair), Rebecca Anderson, Cr Chris Quilkey, Edward Saulig, Douglas Belton, Ellie Robertson, Mark Taylor (observer representing Liverpool City Council).

**GSP staff:** David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

**Secretariat:** Sophie Drysdale

**Apologies:** Colin Locke

Topic	Summary
<p><b>Welcome and opening</b> Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was opened by the Chair.</li> <li>An Acknowledgment of Country was given.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Biodiversity Strategy</b> David Kirkland, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP provided an overview of the progress against the draft Biodiversity Strategy for GSP's five parklands, noting the strategy will combine existing plans into a cohesive strategy with the goals to protect and enhance, restore and expand, and understand and engage.</li> <li>GSP and the CTB discussed the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>concern that part of the parkland could be used for development/infrastructure and requested clarity as to how GSP protects the parkland from development.</li> <li>whether the 6% of land allocated in the Plan of Management to urban farming is currently fully allocated.</li> <li>how GSP plans to engage with the local Aboriginal community in development of the strategy.</li> <li>suggestion to incorporate a local Aboriginal community reflection space within the parkland and build this into the strategy.</li> <li>importance of educating new and existing residents about the parkland to increase appreciation and care for the space.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether GSP works with animal welfare organisations to make sure invasive species are humanely controlled.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION: request for further information about the methods of removing introduced species.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION: GSP to share the survey for CTB members to provide feedback about biodiversity in the parkland.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>CTB performance evaluation</b></p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP outlined that an annual performance report must be prepared for each CTB.</li> <li>• GSP outlined the requirement to complete the performance report and requested the CTB provide feedback via the self-evaluation form.</li> <li>• The CTB queried how the analysis and evaluation will be conducted and whether the performance report will be published publicly.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION: CTB members to complete the evaluation form by Tuesday 2 April.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION: GSP to respond to query about publication of the performance report and how the analysis and evaluation will be conducted.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>2024 priorities</b></p> <p>All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CTB discussed local issues, proposed topics for future meetings and preferences for communication between meetings.</li> <li>• The CTB discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether Western Sydney Parklands has been impacted by asbestos found in mulch.</li> <li>- request for a progress update on the Horsley Park Urban Farms Master Plan (presented at August 2023 meeting).</li> <li>- request for an update/next steps regarding the NSW Government's consultation to identify ways to allow recreation at Prospect Reservoir.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>ACTION: GSP to advise whether Western Sydney Parklands has been impacted by asbestos found within mulch.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION: CTB members to confirm if they would like to share email addresses for communication outside of meetings.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Next steps, thanks and close</b></p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP to organise a parkland bus tour for a Friday within school hours.</li> <li>• CTB member to nominate to Chair next meeting, with a preference for the meeting to be held online.</li> <li>• <b>ACTION: GSP to send a poll for potential bus tour dates.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION: CTB to nominate a deputy Chair for June 2024 meeting.</b></li> <li>• <b>ACTION: GSP to provide information about process at the end of the current CTB term.</b></li> </ul>