



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

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Welcome and opening Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given.
Biodiversity Strategy David Kirkland, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. GSP and the CTB discussed the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> concern that part of the parkland could be used for development/infrastructure and requested clarity as to how GSP protects the parkland from development. whether the 6% of land allocated in the Plan of Management to urban farming is currently fully allocated. how GSP plans to engage with the local Aboriginal community in development of the strategy. suggestion to incorporate a local Aboriginal community reflection space within the parkland and build this into the strategy. importance of educating new and existing residents about the parkland to increase appreciation and care for the space.

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

