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Meeting summary

Centennial Park and Moore Park community trustee board - Meeting 1, 14 May 2025

Wednesday, 14 May 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Moore Park Golf - Cleveland Room, corner Anzac Parade and Cleveland St, Moore Park

Attendees

CTB members: Alia Karaman (Chair), Alex Kibble, Ross Nicholas, Alim Fazley, Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore, Cr Toni Zeltzer and Cr Aaron Magner

GSP staff: Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment and Sustainability; Lindsay Banffy, Director Community, Engagement and Partnerships; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Observers: Maria O'Donnell (Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore's office)

Apologies: Mayor Will Nemesh

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<p>Welcome and opening Alia Karaman, Chair, Centennial Park and Moore Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given. Each CTB member provided a brief introduction and the retiring CTB members were recognised. No conflicts of interest were declared. Minor amendment to the 19 February 2022 out of session workshop record was requested – change “could” to “would” ‘alienate the land from public access’ on page 2, second dot point; and fix syntax on last page, third last dot point referencing Oxford Street. <p>Action: GSP to amend the EQ workshop summary report based on participant feedback.</p>
<p>Draft GSP Biodiversity Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of the context for and the process of developing the draft strategy, including the vision, themes, goals and approaches for Centennial Parklands for discussion with the CTB.



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<p>workshop</p> <p>David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following is a <i>summary</i> of workshop the discussion (not a verbatim record). Ideas and words used to express the CTB's vision for the strategy include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oasis in the city, tranquillity of the ponds, appreciation of the trees. • A wonderful place to walk, rest, wind down, smell the roses and appreciate the bird life. A feeling of people flourishing in the park. • Achieve a balance between human activity and engagement while maintaining ecological values such as biodiversity, canopy and habitats. • Spacious, accommodates everyone and provides shared enjoyment. • The lungs of the city, and a remnant of something that once was. • Powerful owls, finding the ibis and eels, the bird life, and early Saturday and Sunday mornings when the park is alive with people. • Opportunity for young people and people with an intellectual disability to learn from nature. • Culmination of wild and curated spaces. • A fountain or source of physical and mental health. • Agree with the use of 'safe refuge' in the vision, as well as 'stewardship', however unsure whether the word would resonate with the community. • The CTB provided the following feedback about the goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Protect and conserve</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to add 'enhance' to the 'protect and preserve' goal. • Suggestion to include management of erosion caused by off-road cyclists in the approach 'formalise paths and maintain fences to reduce the impact of foot traffic in sensitive areas'. • More clearly articulate the removal of rubbish from the ponds in the approach 'removal of priority weeds and Weeds of National Significance (WONS) in all areas, including ponds'. • Discussion regarding the challenges of keeping the ponds clean of rubbish and sediment, including past efforts to remove clean them 2. <u>Restore and expand</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to change 'plant mid and understorey natives to support small bird habitat and movement' from a medium priority to high. 3. <u>Understand and engage</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to change 'continue to connect with Aboriginal communities to support caring for Country' from medium priority to high. • The CTB raised questions about the park's fauna, such as foxes, carp, eels, and flying foxes and their role in the parkland. • There was a question about the poor condition of the Model Yacht Pond, which the CTB was informed is due to blue green algae. It was suggested that GSP explore partnering with UNSW to organise regular testing of oxygen concentration in the ponds. <p>Action: CTB requested future agenda item regarding implementation of the Biodiversity Strategy including potential partners and funding streams.</p>

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<p>GSP projects and approvals update</p> <p>Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design & Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on Moore Park projects, the Centre for Excellence in Nature Discovery (CEND), Fairland Pavillion, First Nations Strategy, Heritage listing proposal, and the NSW Government's Entertainment Quarter (EQ) open tender. • The CTB noted the design and location for the new Bat and Ball Oval amenities building. GSPT advised the new site is decoupled from the existing amenities facility to avoid underground utilities for the adjacent motorway. GSP advised the project will go to tender later this year and that the public exhibition by Heritage NSW of the related Section 60 application will be exhibited late May to early June. It was noted that further works to Mt Steel will be proposed under the Moore Park South project. • The CTB raised the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When will the Bat and Ball Oval amenities building be delivered? And is there funding committed to the project?. GSP advised that the project is grant funded and that AFL NSW/ACT has also contributed funding. • Whether the upcoming consultation on Moore Park South will consider alternate proposals submitted as part of engagement in 2024. The CTB also requested GSP provide a summary of feedback to the CTB. • Whether there are any works planned for Moore Park East (opposite Horden Pavillion). GSP confirmed the Stage 3 works are around Kippax Lake. Further works are anticipated after the removal of on-grass parking in the area adjacent to the Horden Pavilion. • How long is the Fairland Pavilion lease?. • Request for water bubblers at Fairland Pavillion (as Park Run starts at this location and there is nowhere to fill up water bottles). • Whether GSP/GSPT Board as the owner of the Hordern Pavillion and Royal Hall of Industries has a position on the proposed State Heritage Listing of the buildings?. • The CTB raised questions about the EQ proposal requesting GSP seek responses from the Premiers Department - including a timeline for the open tender process, advice on current tenant, and confirmation of the proposed the length of the lease/tenure. <p>Action: GSP to provide a summary of alternate Moore Park South proposal received through consultation.</p> <p>Action: GSP to consider request for water refill stations near Fairland Pavilion.</p> <p>Action: GSP to respond to questions regarding the EQ tender process.</p>
<p>CTB recruitment update</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the recruitment process and the expected timing for appointment of the First Nations representative and vacant community member positions. Appointments are on track for July and an induction session will be held before Meeting 2 to allow attendance at the next CTB meeting.

Correspondence and other business - This agenda item was not discussed due to time limitations; information was circulated to CTB members following the meeting.

