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## Meeting summary

# Centennial Park and Moore Park community trustee board – Meeting 2, 2025

Date: Wednesday, 23 July 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 and Cr Aaron Magner

**GSP staff:** Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment and Sustainability

**Secretariat:** Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

**Observers:** Cr Joshua Spicer (Waverley Council), Cr Harriet Price (Woollahra Municipal Council), Maria O'Donnell (Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore's office)

**Apologies:** Mayor Will Nemesh, Cr Toni Zeltzer

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<p><b>Welcome and opening</b></p> <p>Alia Karaman, Chair, Centennial Park and Moore Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given.</li> <li>No conflicts of interest were declared.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Flying-fox Camp Management Plan</b></p> <p>Zach Muldoon, Project Officer, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP provided an overview of the Grey-headed Flying-Fox (GHFF) camp in Centennial Park in context of the periodic refresh of the Camp Management Plan. GSP is consulting with key stakeholders, including wildlife rescue groups and carers, councils, volunteers and the CTB. The management plan considers colony size, movement and stress indicators.</li> <li>The CTB raised the following comments and queries:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does degradation of the roosting trees occur? Do scale/numbers impact degradation? GSP advised yes, scale has an impact; degradation happens</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p>over long periods of time. GSP has recently undertaken large planting at Lachlan Swamp to contribute to increased habitat, shade and protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is there an ideal number for containment of a healthy Flying-fox population? The Centennial Park camp is Sydney's largest colony with an average population of around 25,000-30,000. The highest recorded population was 95,000 recorded in 2020. It is a nationally recognised maternity colony. Increased population is generally indicative of something happening elsewhere e.g. extreme weather events in other camp locations.</li> <li>- Community perception that bats are dangerous and carry disease needs addressing. Suggestion for further promotion and education off the back of release of the updated camp management plan, including what contributes to survival in an urban environment. Flying-foxes are an endemic, native species, integral to the genetic diversity of eucalypt trees given their ability to travel vast distances for food. GSP to investigate further education opportunities around the colony, including signage and QR codes with useful information about Flying-foxes to overcome the negative perceptions held by some visitors.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Moore Park South</b> Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design &amp; Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NSW Government has announced \$50 million over 3 years to establish the new 20-hectare park and modified golf course. GSP is preparing the draft landscape plan and draft establishment plan for community and stakeholder consultation.</li> <li>• The community and stakeholder engagement program will include a workshop with the CTB during the engagement period.</li> <li>• The CTB raised the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information about the environmental measures required to transition the site into a park requested.</li> <li>- Suggestion to include more Melaleuca trees in the new park.</li> <li>- Will some of the budget go towards modifying the golf course? Yes.</li> <li>- In relation to stakeholder engagement, a pop-up location in Paddington and within Centennial Parklands (near the Homestead) was suggested. The CTB noted most proposed pop-ups are in areas with increasing population.</li> <li>- Where are the proposed sporting fields to be located?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action: The CTB requested a map of Moore Park showing existing sporting fields.</b></p>
<p><b>GSP projects and approvals update</b> Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design &amp; Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an update on projects including the Centre for Excellence in Nature Discovery (CEND), Bat and Ball amenities building, and Centennial Park Plan of Management.</li> <li>• GSP noted that CTBs play an important role in the preparation of plans of management. Further information regarding the preparation timetable will be shared with the CTB at future meeting.</li> <li>• The CTB raised the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comment that the plan of management is usually updated prior to preparation of master plans.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<p><b>Action: Will further community and stakeholder consultation be required for Bat and Ball Field amenities building following the Section 60 application process?</b></p>
<p><b>Draft 2024 CTB performance report</b></p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an overview of the reporting requirement outlined in the Terms of Reference to evaluate the CTB’s performance, including self-evaluation of its level of effectiveness against its purpose and responsibilities on an annual basis.</li> <li>• Members of the previous term were invited to complete the self-assessment survey. GSP provided an overview of the survey findings and next steps for reporting.</li> <li>• In response to the suggestion that more CTB meetings be held, it was suggested that additional meetings or workshops be held online, where practical.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</b></p> <p>Alia Karaman, Chair, Centennial Park and Moore Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Joint Select Committee has released its report into the review of the <i>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022</i>, including several recommendations regarding CTB operations, membership and recruitment.</li> <li>• Regarding the Sydney Marathon route, Centennial Parklands is currently a quieter part of the course and event organisers are looking to revive spectator attendance.</li> <li>• The CTB requested information on the extensive tree plantings in Centennial Park. Are they going to be watered?</li> <li>• New sign recently installed at the top of Darley Road, Queens Park side that is filled with regulations. Acknowledge regulations are important, however also need way finding.</li> <li>• In the past, there have been car-free days on Sundays in Centennial Park four times a year; can this be reconsidered?</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: GSP to provide response to the above questions/information requests.</b></p>