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Meeting summary

Callan Park community trustee board - Meeting 2, 2025

Date: Monday, 28 July 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

Attendees

CTB members: Keith Irving (Chair), Louisa Larkin, Deborah Lennis, Stephen Conaty, Roslyn Burge and Cr Kerrie Fergusson

GSP staff: Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Jacob Messer, Director Operations, Visitors and Sport; Steven Hammond, Senior Manager Strategy and Design; Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture

Secretariat: Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

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<p>Welcome and opening Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given. • No conflicts of interest were declared. • Response to actions arising from Meeting 1, 2025 were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GSP provided context to the CTB regarding community feedback around parking, regulations and enforcement, noting that the draft access, movement and parking strategy aims to provide the framework to improve the regulatory environment. GSP will continue visitor education and awareness regarding illegal parking. - Appreciation noted for interim fix to the dog watering point at the rear of Building 210 - Request for the Callan Park Dog Lovers Group spokesperson to be invited to discuss dog facilities with GSP and Inner West Council. <p>Action: GSP to provide a response to an action arising from the 11 July 2025 out of session workshop; to be provided prior to the commencement of the exhibition period for draft plan of management.</p> <p>Action: GSP to provide response to query regarding leasing conditions and the responsibilities of tenants for parking and driving.</p>



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<p>Conservation Management Plan review</p> <p>Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of the scope for the revised conservation management plan (CMP) for Callan Park, outlining the review’s key drivers including a First Nations first person voice, the community response to Callan Park, cultural landscape settings, and a matrix of building significance related to the cultural landscape. Mapping of the development of the institutions over time will also be included. • The CMP will build on existing research and community consultation and will expand the research set out in the 2011 CMP. • The CTB made the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who are the members of the First Nations steering group informing the CMP review? The steering group consists of 7-8 Aboriginal consultants and community members that will advise GSP on an appropriate and respectful First Nations first person voice in the revised plan. The CTB First Nations representative, who is not a member of the steering group, expressed support for the approach. - Will the First Nations voice and background information be publicly accessible? Following community and stakeholder consultation of the draft CMP, the final plan will be publicly available. - Will the revised CMP be separate to the plan of management? The CMP will be a separate document, noting that the CMP will be informed by the community and stakeholder engagement for the plan of management, and recent First Nations community conversations through the Saltwater Community Conversations project.
<p>Foreshore Master Plan preparation</p> <p>Steven Hammond, Senior Manager Strategy and Design, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP is preparing a Foreshore Master Plan for Callan Park. The master plan will coordinate several projects including the Bay Run upgrade, Parramatta to Sydney Foreshore Link, Inner West Council led swim site proposal and Building 497 adaptive reuse. • The project is currently in the preliminary stage. It is anticipated the draft master plan will out for public comment later this year. • The CTB made the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where does the master plan fit within the planning framework for Callan Park? Will the draft master plan be consulted on separately to the draft plan of management and draft access, movement and parking strategy? The master plan is a supporting document to the plan of management, that will be separately consulted on, as well as informed by community and stakeholder feedback on the plan of management and access, movement and parking strategy. It will build on the <i>Landscape Structure Plan (2021)</i> providing more detail. - Whether consideration has been given to the mangrove habitat along the foreshore and impact on the seawall? Yes. - Is exclusion of sporting groups and organisations an oversight from the key stakeholders to be engaged with? Sporting clubs will be consulted through the targeted workshops/briefings and general opportunity to provide feedback during the engagement period. - Callan Park Dog Lovers Group should also be included in the targeted consultations. GSP will ensure briefing and workshop opportunities are provided for key stakeholders in addition to the general community and park users.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whose asset is the seawall? Partly GSP and majority owned by Transport for NSW who also have some ownership of the land. - Will anything be done to remediate the seawall? GSP is talking with Transport for NSW regarding the seawall. - Who is the design team engaged to support the project? Neeson, Murcutt and Neille / Sue Barnsley Designs is the design team for the project. - Is the design team working in context of pathways to the proposed swim site? Yes. <p>Action: GSP to provide response regarding new bitumen pathway.</p>
<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 the timing for the next phase of engagement of the draft plan of management and draft access, movement and parking strategy, as well as NSW Government budget announcement for demolition of structurally unsound buildings within Callan Park and Building 497 adaptive reuse. • The CTB raised the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concern raised regarding the exhibition period timing for the draft plan of management and draft access, movement and parking strategy as the exhibition will commence after the Winter sports season has concluded, therefore missing an opportunity to directly reach sporting club members via the pop-up sessions. - Can CTB members attend the targeted workshops with key stakeholder groups during the plan of management exhibition period? The same information will be provided at the workshops and briefings with key stakeholder groups, as will be provided to the CTB workshop. - What does the FY2025-26 funding cover building removal? Funding will cover approvals, project management and contractors to demolish the buildings. Project overview and timeline to be provided to future CTB meeting. - Will the Burra Charter and Heritage Council recommendations be followed? Will full photographic records be taken prior to demolition? GSP practice is to take a heritage and photographic archival record. A Section 60 application with Heritage NSW will be undertaken. - Request to provide an update to the next CTB meeting regarding GSP's interpretation plan for Rehabilitation Ward B. - Concern raised regarding a perceived increase of people climbing trees. Noting that Dragon Blood Trees are rare, slow growing and should be respected. Request investigation of swing attached to Morton Bay Fig. <p>Action: GSP to provide response to the above questions/information requests.</p>
<p>Draft 2024 CTB performance report</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.

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<p>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Meeting 3 to be held in person; this will be the first meeting with the new member. Meeting 3 date may change pending timing of CTB workshop during the exhibition of the draft plan of management and draft access, movement and parking strategy – suggested new date is Monday 1 September. • Request GSP consult with CTB members regarding the setting of the 2026 meeting schedule.