



Meeting summary

Parramatta Park community trustee board

Meeting 3, 2025

Date: Tuesday, 16 September 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: PHIVE Parramatta Square – Meeting Room 201, Level 2

<p>CTB members: Cheryl Bates OAM (Acting Chair), Cr Dr Diane Colman, Thelmerie Rudd (online), Ella Camerson and Varun Irani</p> <p>Apologies: Stewart Thompson, Lord Mayor Cr Martin Zaiter and Mustafa Agha</p> <p>GSP staff: Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West; James White, Senior Manager Property Portfolio and Ross Morrison, Manager Major and Special Events</p> <p>Secretariat: Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>

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<p>Welcome and opening Cheryl Bates, Acting Chair, Paramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Acting Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given. The new members were welcomed to the board. No conflicts of interest were declared for Meeting 3 agenda items. Declaration of interest regarding Item 4 Meeting 2, 2025: Varun Irani and Cr Diane Colman are personal members of Parramatta Leagues Club. Added to Declarations of Interest register.
<p>Asset renewal: recent works and look ahead Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of recent asset renewals throughout Parramatta Park funded in FY 2024/25 including the Domain Creek playground and viewing platform decks; and provided an overview of the FY 2025/26 budget and works program. Funding for fitness equipment renewal is included in the FY 2025/26 asset renewal program, which allows for like for like renewal/replacement of existing. A comprehensive review and design of fitness station and equipment replacement in the future will be part of the implementation of The People's Loop project. The CTB raised the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the longevity of the deco granite footpath? GSP advised lifespan depends on climate / weather. GSP is trialling a new product at

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	<p>Western Sydney Parklands that may be a suitable replacement alternative for gravel paths in Parramatta Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CTB appreciated the comprehensive update. - GSP advised that CTB members would receive further information about Mays Hill via the response to related action from Meeting 1.
<p>Spring and Summer events look ahead</p> <p>Ross Morrison, Manager Major and Special Events, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on events in Parramatta Park, including successful events held throughout 2024 and planned future and ongoing events. GSP also outlined the progress of updating the Events Review of Environmental Factors (REF) 2015. • GSP submitted the annual Parramatta Park Section 60 (S60) Events Heritage Report to Heritage NSW who confirmed compliance with conditions. • The CTB raised the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regarding the S60 approval, will there be Category 5 events in the future? Yes, while there are none in FY 2025/26, there were in FY 2024/25. The new REF will provide framework for major events. - Was the current REF produced in 2015? Yes, once the review is finalised, the new version will replace the 2015 version. - Strong community interest in Weekend in Wistaria noted. Old Government House is also hosting an activation during Weekend in Wistaria. - Previous cultural themed events in Parramatta Park for the local Indian community were very popular. <p>Action: GSP to pass on information about the events scheduled for 26 January 2026 in Parramatta Park.</p> <p>Action: GSP to provide information about cultural themed events previously held in Parramatta Park.</p>
<p>Macquarie Street Gatehouse recent works and Eol update</p> <p>James White, Senior Manager Property Portfolio, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the recent improvement works at the Macquarie Street Gatehouse, preparing the property for leasing. The works required a REF and S60 application. Works included accessibility improvements. • Currently in soft marketing to test interest in future tenants. • The CTB raised the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaptive reuse is supported by the CTB. - The hours of operation are locked in via the REF, not confined as presented to Meeting 1, 2025. - Where can customers park? The Bowling Green car park is adjacent. - What about after-hours access to the park? GSP has an operational plan in place with MISC that allows for nighttime access to the park. A similar could be put in place for the new Gatehouse tenant. - Concerns raised regards bike leaning against the timber boundary fence. Is there bike parking? The lease can stipulate that bikes can't be left against the timber fence. - Maximum capacity is weather dependent. What has been done to weatherproof the property? A temporary structure was not supported via the S60 application. - What is the seating capacity at MISC? approximately 200.

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<p>GSPT Act review</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of the review of the <i>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022</i>, led by a Joint Select Committee of the NSW Parliament who have invited feedback on its report and recommendations. The CTB recommendations were briefly discussed. • The CTB raised the following comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledgement of the lack of funding that GSP receives was noted as a positive inclusion with the Committee's report and recommendations. - CTB specific recommendations acknowledged. • Action: GSP to re-send a link to the Joint Select Committee's report.
<p>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Cheryl Bates, Acting Chair, Paramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTB members discussed opportunities to increase communication amongst members in between meetings. CTB members present at the meeting agreed to share email addresses with each other. • GSP invites CTB member feedback on the draft 2024 CTB performance report by 19 September. • GSP discussed two options for the combined Meeting 4 with the opportunity for all 5 CTBs to come together for either a) an in-person all day event or b) online meeting followed by in person function. Both options are to include an Aboriginal cultural awareness training session for CTB members. CTB members in attendance are in favour of option B. CTB members look forward to the training session. The benefits of meeting members from the other CTBs was noted. <p>Action: GSP to forwarded background information regarding existing Parramatta Leagues Club lease to the new CTB members.</p>