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## Meeting summary

### Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board Meeting 1, 28 May 2025

Wednesday, 28 May 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Atura Blacktown, Macquarie Boardroom, 32 Cricketers Arms Road, Blacktown

<p><b>CTB members:</b> Sririsay Vukovic (Chair), Rebecca Anderson, Ana Lage, Cr Bob Fitzgerald OAM, Cheryl Dewhurst, Douglas Belton</p> <p><b>GSP staff:</b> Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance and Business Services; David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment; Aidan Werry, Project Manager; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager</p> <p><b>Secretariat:</b> Sophie Drysdale</p>
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<p><b>Welcome and opening</b> Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given.</li> <li>• New council representatives were welcomed to the board.</li> <li>• No conflicts of interest were declared.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Major marketing campaigns update</b> Colleen Kanzora, Manager Marketing and Digital</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an update on major marketing campaigns for Western Sydney Parklands, including the Science in the Scrub event in August, the Get Back on Track campaign planned from late August to October 2025, and the Come and Play 8-week campaign from December 2025 to January 2026.</li> <li>• The CTB raised the following questions about the Science Week event:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Whether the event is linked with the CSIRO. GSP confirmed that they liaise with the CSIRO about the event.</li> <li>- Whether GSP engage with local schools for Science Week. GSP confirmed they do, via school program opportunity during/around Science Week and promotion of the Science in the Scrub event.</li> <li>- Whether the Science in the Scrub event has a specific focus/theme. GSP advised that the focus is on promoting the bushland and natural environment applicable to the place/park.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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<p data-bbox="89 555 300 685"><b>Plan of Management – community hubs</b></p> <p data-bbox="89 698 309 900">Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance and Business Services and Aidan Werry, Project Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="367 120 1468 255">• GSP provided an overview of the proposed community hubs/community facilities planning under the <a href="#">Western Sydney Parklands Plan of Management 2030</a> (2018) . GSP shared information about the need for community facilities to support population growth.</li> <li data-bbox="367 264 1484 398">• GSP noted that the Plan of Management allocates 2% of the parklands to community facilities, which equates to 105 hectares of land. GSP discussed the community benefits of social infrastructure and shared the stakeholder engagement approach for early investigation of the community hubs model.</li> <li data-bbox="367 407 1484 779">• The CTB made the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="392 452 1468 586">- The new Liverpool City Council representative shared that Council is currently conducting a review of identified open spaces and community facility locations. GSP and Council agreed to meet to discuss working together to review delivery of community facilities.</li> <li data-bbox="392 595 1452 663">- Important to conduct traffic planning if community hubs will be located around schools.</li> <li data-bbox="392 672 1468 779">- Important to consider inclusivity and accessibility of the community hubs to ensure they cater for broad and diverse community groups and uses e.g. target carers.</li> </ul> </li> <li data-bbox="367 788 1484 1335">• The CTB asked whether: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="392 833 1468 967">- GSP has determined the number of community hubs that will be spread across the parkland and their locations; and if GSP plans to base the community hubs around current or future housing. GSP advised locations are yet to be determined.</li> <li data-bbox="392 976 1452 1043">- The community hubs will be owned by the local councils. GSP noted that the ownership model is yet to be determined and will involve liaison with councils.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1052 1468 1187">- There is interest in exploring collaborative governance models for philanthropic bodies or not-for-profit organisations to govern and operate the hubs. GSP noted ownership, operation and governance ideas are to be determined, ideas/suggestions are welcome.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1196 1468 1335">- The focus of the hubs is for the local community or to attract people to the area. GSP noted the community hubs will predominantly service the local area and beyond and an associated benefit will be to activate the parklands and broaden the user base.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p data-bbox="89 1536 261 1603"><b>Biodiversity Strategy</b></p> <p data-bbox="89 1617 338 1715">David Kirkland, Senior Manager Environment, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="367 1357 1484 1456">• GSP provided an overview of the context for and the process of developing the strategy. GSP also presented the draft vision, themes, goals and approaches within the draft strategy.</li> <li data-bbox="367 1464 1484 1904">• The CTB provided the following feedback about the draft vision and what they value most about biodiversity at Western Sydney Parklands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="392 1545 1420 1612">- Appreciate that the vision is a good balance of protecting nature and human use.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1621 1149 1666">- Suggested using ‘connection’ instead of ‘engagement’.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1675 1452 1774">- Suggested rewording the vision to frame ecosystems and communities as one and the same e.g. “where biodiverse ecosystems and communities thrive together through education, health and wellness”.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1783 1085 1827">- Suggested shortening the vision to grab attention.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1836 1356 1881">- Support for incorporating the word ‘discover’ or ‘discovery’ in the vision.</li> <li data-bbox="392 1890 1197 1904">- Value the sounds of the bush and the different landscapes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback on the draft management approaches included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Explain biobanking. GSP explained it is a mechanism for offsetting the impacts of clearing native bushland caused by development. GSP uses biobanking to create conservation sites in perpetuity that protect them as natural area refuges that excludes people.</li> <li>- What is the timeframe for the document. GSP confirmed the document's timeframe is to 2100. With the plan to be reviewed every 5-7 years.</li> <li>- Whether there is scope under the 'understand and engage' goal to include more social/citizen science and provide opportunities for the public to also input into the parklands.</li> <li>- Suggestion to include a new approach around enhancing water quality. Quality about Weeds of National Significance (WONS), whether they need to be removed, which GSP confirmed they do. Also, whether other weeds, beyond blackberries which are identified in the draft strategy, will be removed. GSP confirmed there would be broader weed removal and species will be listed as an appendix to the strategy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CTB recruitment update,</b> Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an update on the recruitment process, noting that the new community member representatives will be joining meeting 2.</li> <li>• A CTB member asked whether GSP considered appointing two First Nations representatives to the board. GSP noted that this was considered for Western Sydney Parklands CTB and would be open to this for future vacancies.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</b> Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CTB confirmed that the next meeting will be held online but are interested in hybrid options for future meetings.</li> <li>• CTB members present at the meeting agreed to share email addresses with each other.</li> <li>• A CTB member shared their desire for the CTB to collectively consider projects and ideas to present to GSP. The CTB will use the feedback form provided during the meeting to share ideas in the first instance.</li> </ul>