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Meeting summary

Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board Meeting 3, 2025

Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

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

CTB members: Sririsay Vukovic (Chair), Cr Bob Fitzgerald OAM, Aunty Lynn Hartley, Brad McAndrew, Martin Ashton, Douglas Belton, Rebecca Anderson (remote), Ana Lage (remote)

Apologies: Cheryl Dewhurst

GSP staff: Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West; Charlotte Carpenter, A/Education and Community Programs Officer; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager and Nina Milinkovich, Community Engagement Manager.

Secretariat: Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

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<p>Welcome and opening Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair. An Acknowledgment of Country was given. The new First Nations representative and community members were welcomed to the board. No conflicts of interest were declared in response to this meeting's agenda. Declaration of interest made by Douglas Belton regarding food security in context of the Horsley Park Urban Farms (previous agenda item).
<p>Asset renewals 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 Western Sydney Parklands funded in FY 2024/25 and provided an overview of the FY 2025/26 budget and works program, including the Grey Box Dam deck replacement at Lizard Log and access improvements to roadways. 350 new trees were planted in The Dairy Precinct along the path network to increase shade/canopy cover and reduce heat. In total 600 trees will be planted this financial year; the program includes 12 months maintenance. GSP has a comprehensive asset management system and asset register in place. The CTB made the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What type and size trees were planted? All endemic species varying in sizes between 300mm and 100L. Mainly 300mm and 45L for track side plantings.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does GSP hold community planting days in Western Sydney Parklands? Yes, and also volunteer programs. Other agencies such as Greater Sydney Landcare also organise planting days within Western Sydney Parklands. - How is reactive work such as tree fall or clean-up activities managed? Reactive works are part of the outcomes-based maintenance contract currently in place, and there is a separate amenity tree contract. - How does preventative operational maintenance work? Asset data has been captured throughout the parklands; this data is utilised to develop the maintenance program. - How was the outcome-based maintenance contract determined? This standard government procurement process involved two-parts, first Expressions of Interest (EoI) followed by Request for Tender (RFT). Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and outcomes-based works specifications were developed. - How is the ongoing maintenance program funded? The maintenance program is primarily funded by the revenue from leasing of the on park business hubs located within the Parklands. - Suggestion to explore potential for amphitheatres or similar performance spaces within the Parklands to be promoted to performers and lower income earners.
<p>Guardians of the Park program Charlotte Carpenter, A/Education and Community Programs Officer, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of the Guardians of the Park program operating in Western Sydney Parklands, a 10-week transformational program for teenagers; one of many education and community programs across the GSP estate, which catered to over 47,000 participants of all ages and abilities in 2024. • GSP is looking to expand the program from only school students to also cater to community groups. The first community group to participate is SydWest Multicultural Services, due to start in Term 4,2025. • The CTB made the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commendation for the program was expressed by CTB members. - It was acknowledged that current funding does not cover transport costs. Suggestion to consider providing subsidised bus hire to encourage more schools to participate. <p>Action: Will the recent evaluation report and research project report with University of Western Sydney be made available to the public?</p>
<p>Bungarrabee Tourism Hub EoI update Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Coordinator, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update recently released EoI for three new sites in Bungarrabee. EoI closes 29 October 2025. • GSP noted that this matter had been previously discussed with the CTB. • GSP will proceed to a second stage of the EoI process, only if it receives submissions that are deemed satisfactory as part of this first stage. • A second stage would require more detailed information from the submitters. • The CTB made the following questions and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for a more substantial café near the dog park within Bungarrabee Park was suggested, with an area for hire e.g. for education and community use. - The user cost of tourism amenities was noted as generally expensive. The CTB encouraged consideration of EoIs that take into consideration affordability and equity of access; removal of participation barriers for low-income earners was encouraged in context of the placemaking principles. - Concern raised about the introduction of cabins / short term accommodation



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	<p>around Sydney Zoo regarding security concerns for nearby residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equestrian facilities was noted as an opportunity. An outdoor art walk or performance space were also suggested uses for the new sites. - Additional marketing to increase awareness and use of existing tracks and pathways connecting to the new sites was suggested. <p>Action: Are there lease conditions regarding competition for similar uses?</p> <p>Action: Will there be access to the new tourism sites from the Great Western Highway?</p>
<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 Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022, 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 comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion that CTB members be feeder for GSPT Board member vacancies. <p>Action: GSP to re-send a link to the Joint Select Committee’s report.</p>
<p>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 had mixed views regarding the two options and suggested the duration of option A could be reduced to 3-4 hours to allow for travel time. • Other business discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggested marketing and promotion opportunities - promote quiet places within Western Sydney Parklands (and other parks within the GSP estate) as places to study in nature; providing promotional collateral or videos to local schools requesting inclusion in newsletters to increase awareness and visitation by families of Western Sydney Parklands e.g. venue for birthday parties; and opportunity for billboard signage on the Great Western Highway.