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Meeting summary

Parramatta Park community trustee board

Meeting 1, 24 March 2026

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Time: 6pm to 7:15pm

Venue: Hybrid - Meeting Room 201, PHIVE Parramatta Square

CTB members: Stewart Thompson (Chair), Cheryl Bates OAM, Ella Cameron, Varun Irani, Thelmerie Rudd, Mustafa Agha and Cr Dr Diane Colman

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance & Business Services; Harriet Henry, A/Manager Major & Special Events; and Nicole Ribera, Education & Community Programs Coordinator

GSPT Board: Michael Rose, Chair

Secretariat: Jenny Gleeson, A/Senior Manager Community Engagement and Maxine Marney, Community Engagement Officer

Apologies: Lord Mayor Cr Martin Zaiter (Observer: Georgia Luk)

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<p>Welcome and opening Stewart Thompson, Chair, Paramatta 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.
<p>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022 review update Michael Rose, GSPT Board Chair and Joshua French, Chief Executive, 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> (GSPT Act), undertaken by the Joint Select Committee (JSC) of the NSW Parliament in 2024/25. • The draft Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Amendment (Review) Bill 2026 addressing recommendations in the JSC's report was tabled in parliament on 11 February 2026. • The Bill is expected to be debated in Parliament in the coming months and remains subject to change. CTB members will be kept informed as progress continues.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTB member comments and queries regarding the draft Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CTB supports the off-park business hubs model as a mechanism to fund the parks like Parramatta Park. - Parramatta Park is an exemplar of heritage assets that are activated for the community while respecting the heritage values of the parks, such as Sunnyfield and MISC. - Pleasing to see CTB and stakeholder feedback has been listened to regarding acknowledgement of current leasing constraints. - Some concern about the 50-year lease terms, regarding loss of parkland in a World Heritage site by the Parramatta Leagues Club (PLC) redevelopment and ensuring GSP gets revenue uplift from this proposal. GSP noted that heritage impacts, sight lines and other factors were assessed before granting landowner's consent after the GSPT Board visited the site. The proposal sits within the existing lease boundary and aligns with NSW Government strategies on vibrancy and the night-time economy. The new food and beverage offering will support the sports facilities and the broader Parramatta Park experience. Any revenue uplift from the proposal will go back into Parramatta Park to maintain and operate the park. • On behalf of the GSPT Board, GSP expressed appreciation for the advice and feedback provided by CTBs, noting that this input is carefully considered by the GSPT Board at each meeting.
<p>Financial sustainability Kerry Jahangir, Director Finance & Business Services, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided a financial overview for Parramatta Park Trust, following from the GSP-wide presentation to Meeting 4, 2025 and in response to Recommendation 21 from the GSPT Act review. • The CTB invited GSP to provide a further update to a future meeting following finalisation of the Draft Bill, focusing on the interim financial statements. • CTB member comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1M revenue shortfall after new leases was noted. - Where does funding for GSP staff come from? GSPT as the umbrella Trust allocates portion of staff cost across the GSP entities based on a distribution rate approved by the GSPT Board. - From the time the supplementary land for the off-park business hubs comes online, how long will it take to generate revenue? Approximately 3 years. - Are any land use changes proposed for the old golf course land? No. The Mays Hill Master Plan applies and delivery of the next stages of this plan are subject to funding.
<p>Major events recap and look ahead Harriet Henry, A/Manager Major & Special Events, GS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided a recap of the summer season events program and upcoming events in Parramatta Park. • CTB member comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Popularity of local run clubs noted. - Is the Parramatta Half Marathon looking for corporate sponsors? Sponsorship opportunities are available for park activation and the ComBank Hub.



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<p>Community and volunteer programs update</p> <p>Nicole Ribera, Education & Community Programs Coordinator, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of GSP education and community programs including community and corporate volunteering, noting that programs are place based, unique to each park within the GSP estate. • CTB member comments and queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Are there indigenous programs? Yes, these are provided by our partner Korri Kinnections. - Signage update for Burrmatta Landscape Trail noted. - Does GSP provide all materials for the community volunteer programs? Yes, including supplies such mulch and personal protective equipment. - Some corporates are looking for opportunities to meet with reconciliation action plan objectives etc, what can GSP offer corporate volunteers to need their objectives targets? GSP offers optional 'add on' to the base program, including a choice of mindfulness or guided reflection, education walk with nature connection and/or a history or cultural tour to enhance their experience and connection to Parramatta Park. - Suggest directly promoting the corporate volunteering program to all major corporates based in Parramatta to encourage take up. <p>Action: GSP to share links to upcoming events and programs.</p>
<p>CTB Improvement Plan</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, A/Senior Manager Community Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CTB Improvement Plan was first prepared in 2024, collating the opportunities for improvement and CTB member feedback identified through the annual performance reports. The plan was updated in 2025 to include the CTB related recommendations from the GSPT Act review. The actions within the plan are being progressively implemented. • CTB members can provide further feedback into the plan. The draft 2025 performance report/annual self-assessment findings will be presented at the next meeting.
<p>Correspondence and other business / Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Stewart Thompson, Chair, Paramatta Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park tour to be planned for early May/June. • Meeting 2 is scheduled for 23 June 2026; venue to be confirmed. • Agenda items proposed for Meeting were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability Materiality Assessment Workshop - Macquarie Street Gatehouse leasing update