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Meeting summary

Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board Meeting 1, 2026

Wednesday, 18 March 2026

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Atura Blacktown, 32 Cricketers Arms Road, Blacktown

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

Observer: Simon Coorey, Liverpool City Council

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; and Steven Hammond, Senior Manager Strategy and Design

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

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Welcome and opening Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB	<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.
Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022 review update Joshua French, Chief Executive, GSP	<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. CTB member comments and queries regarding the draft Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the top actions for GSP? Unlocking supplementary land to sustainably fund the parklands estate. Other actions that don't require legislative change include establishing the Blue-Green Grid Committee and improving First Nations access to the parklands. - Noted the proposed Act changes are at a strategic level and will not affect existing plans of management, strategies, heritage listings or individual values of each park.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request to review information on GSP website including forms etc. to help people better understand what leases and licences are available. - How will GSP decide which trust receives funds from the off-park business hubs? Any new land will be added to GSPT, and the GSPT Board will advise on allocating funds, first to parks with limited revenue such as Parramatta Park and Callan Park. - Will there be a policy to guide the allocation of funds from the off-park business hubs? Yes. - If there any update on the proposed new parks to be added to the GSPT estate? In accordance with the Act, GSP has assessed the potential parks listed in the Act. One was determined not suitable. Others were identified as suitable including Chipping Norton Lakes. The ability to take on any new parks is subject to funding. - The proposed removal of CTB role in approving the Plan of Management (PoM) was noted. Examples of how CTB contributions have led to decision making were discussed and the CTB were advised that time is allocated at each GSPT Board meeting to discuss CTB summary reports and key issues are highlighted. • CTB member comments and queries regarding other matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is community appetite for quality equestrian facilities in Western Sydney. Is GSP looking at establishing an equestrian precinct or polo within WSP? Sydney International Equestrian Centre is within WSP, operated by the Office of Sport. - What if the urban farming targets in the PoM are not met by 2030? A new farming precinct is proposed in addition to Horsley Park. Urban farming remains is a land use in the Plan of Management and GSP will review available data before reviewing any new the targets in the next PoM. - Is GSP looking to increase tree canopy at WSP to increase shade? GSP is committed to increasing tree canopy throughout WSP guided by the WSP Tree Management Plan, including active tree planting program along tracks and trails. • 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. On behalf of the GSPT Board, GSP thanked the CTBs for their advice and feedback, noting it is carefully considered at each Board meeting. <p>Action: GSP to share the assessment of certain parks becoming part of the GSP estate report tabled in Parliament in February 2025.</p>
<p>Southern Parklands Framework projects</p> <p>Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery and Steven Hammond, Senior Manager Strategy and Design</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP gave an overview of priority projects within the Southern Parklands Framework. A coordinated approach to community and stakeholder engagement will inform projects. Progressive updates will be provided to the CTB. • The need for recreational open space and broader community facilities in the Austral/Leppington area was acknowledged. • CTB member comments and queries regarding the Cecil Park Master Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demand for recreation within Cecil Park area acknowledged. - Approved DA for new on-park Business Hub at West Hoxton (Precinct 15) noted. - Access decisions by other projects (e.g., the Fifteenth Ave upgrade) mean GSP is working closely with TfNSW to improve WSP access. The master plan will guide. • CTB member comments and queries regarding the Liverpool Offtake Reservoir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Potential swim site noted as exciting opportunity/new major destination building on the new M7 to M12 shared user path. Connection to Gabrugal Yana noted. - Will the swim site be at own risk or Council managed? Not yet determined. Noted the proposed Callan Park tidal baths will not have lifeguards. • CTB member comments and queries regarding the Beauty Spot Lookout Landscape Concept Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will there an onsite car park or café? Pedestrian access is the short-term priority with some parking, and opportunity to expand over time based on interest/demand.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted Landscape Concept Plan will include land uses identified in PoM. - Importance of First Nations engagement noted. - Is the Beauty Spot or Moonrise Lookout the highest point in WSP? The Beauty Spot has a slightly higher elevation higher than Moonrise Lookout. • CTB member comments and queries regarding the M7 to M12 shared user path: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there public access from M12 into WSP? Current no, the M7 to M12 shared user path provides cyclist/pedestrian access. - Will the shared user path connect WSP with the new Western Sydney Airport? The M12 project includes a shared user path between The Northern Road and M7, with lighting and connections to future and existing shared path networks. - Potential as a major connection point noted. Potential for user habits to change with the shared path being lit at night was also noted. - The Lighthouse Interchange Business Hub provides funding to GSP - does the motorway provide ongoing funding to GSP? No. Construction of the M7-M12 shared user path was fully funded by TFNSW as part of the delivery of the M12. • CTB member comments and queries regarding the Fifteenth Ave Community Hub: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which entity will operate the Community Hub? Operation of the Community Hub is still to be determined. The PoM outlines the framework for community hubs. Updates will be provided to the CTB as this progresses.
<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>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park tour planned for early May (Friday preferred), with Southern Parklands focus. • Meeting 2 is scheduled for 17 June 2026; venue to be confirmed. • Agenda item requests from CTB members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss urban farming land uptake/explore community engagement opportunities. - Request presentation/discuss equestrian opportunities and issues. - Presentation regarding capital works budget allocation in context of PoM and master plan projects. Links to financial sustainability item for Meeting 2. • Other matters/suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggestion to increase promotion of WSP by precinct e.g. horse, bike riding etc. <p>Action: GSP to provide date options for CTB park tour.</p> <p>Action: CTB requests GSP proactively share information about programs and events in other parks across the GSP estate, in particular Fernhill Estate.</p> <p>Action: GSP to update the CTB regarding proposed second major film studio in Blacktown.</p>

