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Meeting summary

Callan Park community trustee board

Meeting 1, 2026

Monday, 9 March 2026

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Venue: Judith Wright Room, Writing NSW

Attendees

CTB members: Keith Irving (Chair), Deborah Lennis, Roslyn Burge, Louisa Larkin, Stephen Conaty and Cr Kerrie Fergusson

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; and Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West

GSPT Board: Michael Rose, Chair

Secretariat: Jenny Gleeson, A/Senior Manager Community Engagement

Apologies: Nicholas Lewis

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Welcome and opening Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park 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.Nicholas Lewis apology noted; Plan of Management vote provided to Secretariat prior to meeting.
Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022 review update Michael Rose, GSPT Board Chair and 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 7 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"> • The proposed off-park business hubs (supplementary land) will generate revenue for GSPT that can be distributed across Trusts that are not in surplus funds. • CTB member questions and queries regarding the draft Bill: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What criteria determines activity types appropriate for Callan Park? The plan of management (PoM) outlines the activities and uses of land permitted in the park and the leasing principles for assessing a proposed lease. - The current leasing constraints at Callan Park were discussed, noting that many buildings need investment. This will need to be factored into future leasing arrangements for not-for-profits. - When are funds from the off-park business hubs likely to come following the Act changes? Callan Park is likely to be the beneficiary of inter trust loans. - What is the current lease term of the café in Parramatta Park? 10 years. - Which buildings will have a 50-year lease? To be determined. - If the Bill passes, can the Cane Room have a 50-year lease? The term could be between 10-50 years, subject to level of investment, type of business and use. - Some concern regarding the removal of the CTB requirement to approve the PoM. GSP advised the intention is to continue the workshop series with CTBs just done for the Callan Park Plan of Management. - Staggered CTB terms ensure continuity and protection against term changes. • CTB member questions and queries regarding the PoM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is meant by recreational facilities? Specific recreation facilities will be considered in future master planning and will respond to community demand. - Impact of nighttime uses on wildlife in Callan Park is an important consideration regarding park use. - The PoM includes the ambition to unify Callan Park ownership to a single owner. Any such a decision requires consideration by Government. This is not a current priority for the GPST Board; sustainable funding across the GSP-estate is. • 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>Callan Park Plan of Management - CTB approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair thanked CTB members for their contribution to the preparation of the PoM. • The final CTB workshop was held on 2 March 2026, as part of the engagement program for the preparation of the plan of management. • Under the GSPT Act, the CTB is required to approve/agree the final plan of management prior to ministerial approval. In voting, the CTB considered whether the final plan meets the requirements of the GSPT Act: includes strategic direction for the management of the park, outlines activities and uses of land permitted in the park, details the maximum amount of land to be used for each activity and use of land permitted in the park, outlines the principles that will be applied in deciding whether a proposed lease, license or easement over land within the park is consistent with the objects of the Act; and included appropriate consultation, consistent with GSP's <i>Consultation and Engagement Framework</i> <p>Vote: The CTB approved the final Plan of Management.</p>
<p>Tree Management Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview of the draft tree management plan, which sets the strategic framework and guiding principles for tree protection, planting (species and location choice), management and maintenance at Callan Park. • CTB member questions and queries:



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<p>Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General support for the plan. - Does the plan include actions? Yes, it provides short-, medium- and long-term priorities including proposed tree planting locations. - Will the plan be publicly available? Yes, on the GSP website once complete. - Where are the bushland areas? Callan Point and behind Glover Street Sports Field at Waterfront Green. - Concern regarding loss of Iron Bark trees and wildlife habitat e.g. Lantana - Does Callan Park rank well under The Shannon Index because of diversity of trees? Yes. - How many tree species are in Callan Park? There are currently 225 species. - How does Callan Park compare with other parks in the GSP estate? Callan Park has more tree diversity than Western Sydney Parklands. - Will exotic trees removed be replaced with natives? Not necessarily, maintaining species diversity onsite is important, the greater number of tree families, genus and species onsite the better the diversity outcome. - Where is the 40% canopy cover target from? From the NSW Government's <i>Greener Places Design Guide</i>; future master plans will aim to better the target. - Links between the Tree Management Plan and the GSP wide Biodiversity Strategy in development were noted.
<p>GSP projects, correspondence and DAs update Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the Access Movement and Parking Strategy (AMPS), building safety demolition, community sports facility (Building 497), preparation of a draft Foreshore Master Plan (consultation with CTB pending), Callan Park Sydney Harbour Bridge War Memorial restoration works, review of the Conservation Management Plan, and temporary signage update for Callan Point (standing item). <p>Action: What is happening with the historical artefacts from Repatriation Ward B?</p> <p>Action: How much of the dog off-leash area will be a 'no go zone' during the demolition of the unsafe buildings?</p> <p>Action: GSP to share scope of works for the Callan Park Sydney Harbour Bridge War Memorial with CTB members.</p> <p>Action: DL and LL to provide feedback to GSP on the proposed locations for the new temporary signage regarding dog on/off leash areas at Callan Point.</p>
<p>CTB Improvement Plan update Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Community Engage ment, 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 into the plan via feedback via the draft 2025 performance report / annual self-assessment findings to be presented next meeting.
<p>Other business / Next steps/ meeting, thanks and close Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting 2 is scheduled for 11 May 2026, venue to be confirmed. • Pre-reading for CTB members encouraged for the Foreshore Master Plan and Sustainability Materiality Assessment workshops. <p>Action: GSP to consider scheduling out of session workshops on the weekend.</p>

