

Meeting summary

Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board - Meeting 3, 10 September 2024

Tuesday, 10 September 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Atura Blacktown, Macquarie Boardroom, 32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect

CTB members: Sririsay Vukovic (Chair), Ellie Robertson, Rebecca Anderson and Edward Saulig

GSP staff: Joshua French, Chief Executive; Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events; Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Colin Locke, Douglas Belton, Mark Taylor (observer for Liverpool City Council) and Cr Chris Quilkey

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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 who gave an Acknowledgment of Country. No new conflicts of interest were declared.
<p>GSP financial sustainability Joshua French, Chief Executive, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) provided an overview of the financial arrangements for the parklands and specifically for Western Sydney Parklands. The focus of the GSPT Board and GSP is to ensure the parks are funded, conserved, maintained and activated for the benefit of the public. Western Sydney Parklands (WSP) is sustainably funded for the next 100 years through its ability to generate its own income via long terms leases for business hubs. All revenue generated from the business hub leases goes back into WSP. GSP provided an overview of the upcoming review of the <i>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022</i>, required 2 years from the commencement of the Act. This may include an opportunity for the CTB and other stakeholders to provide feedback. The CTB shared the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW Government guidelines on what funding can and can't be spent on in Western Sydney Parklands. whether unspent funding is held by the Western Sydney Parklands Trust. whether any funding is used for financial investments.
<p>Get Back on Track campaign case study Paul Stuart, Head of Marketing and Events, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of the Get Back on Track campaign, including information about the Western Sydney Parklands tracks and trails network, and GSP's partnership with Western Sydney Diabetes and RaceHub Australia. GSP welcomes any new proposals for partnerships and collaborations from the CTB or the community and noted that GSP adheres to the NSW Government's Sponsorship Policy. Partnership proposals can be sent through the GSP engagement email address. The CTB shared the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> whether Blacktown City Council was a campaign partner for the Get Back on Track campaign.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether GSP is aiming for more participants at next year's Parkland Running Festival. - the opportunity to increase awareness of the Western Sydney Parklands brand by promoting the running event outside of the local parklands area. - whether GSP attributes the increased visitation to Western Sydney Parklands to the advertising campaign. - consider potentially renaming Western Sydney Parklands due to the perceived stigma against western Sydney. - opportunity for campaigns to be translated into other languages. - opportunity to promote and attract greater visitation to Western Sydney Parklands once the new Western Sydney Airport is in operation. - what the CTB can do to support GSP run Western Sydney Parklands campaigns. <p>Action: GSP to confirm whether Blacktown City Council was a campaign partner for the Get Back on Track campaign.</p>
<p>CTB member reappointment/recruitment process</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an overview about the next steps for the recruitment and reappointment process. GSP has issued a letter to CTB members to seek expressions of interest in reappointment. • GSP advised that it has conducted a minor review of the Terms of Reference and Conduct of Conduct as part of the appointment process. The revised Terms of Reference will be provided to each CTB via the Meeting 4 agenda • The CTB raised the following queries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - when will CTB members find out about new members/reappointment process. - whether the Terms of Reference will be updated. - whether the attendance requirements will be the same.
<p>Correspondence and questions</p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CTB member presented information regarding wildlife corridors and suggested developing a wildlife improvement plan. CTB members were concerned about the number of injured or deceased wildlife within and around Western Sydney Parklands. • The CTB hopes to see Western Sydney Parklands balancing protection of the environment with commercial ventures to help protect the local wildlife. <p>Action: GSP to share information provided with the relevant GSP team members and discuss the potential for a discussion or presentation at a future meeting.</p> <p>Action: GSP to share information about Western Sydney Parklands' relationship with Wildlife Information, Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) and how they could be of assistance.</p> <p>Action: GSP to provide information about progress against the Biodiversity Strategy and timing of consultation on the draft Strategy.</p>
<p>Next steps, thanks and close</p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 November online.