

Meeting summary

Centennial Park and Moore Park community trustee board - Meeting 4, 30 October 2024

Date: Wednesday, 30 October 2024

Time: 5.30-7:30pm

Venue: WILD PLAY Discovery Centre, Centennial Park

CTB members: Alia Karaman (Chair), Alex Kibble, Ross Feller, Ross Nicholas, Alim Fazley, Mayor Cr Paula Masselos and Joseph Herschel

GSP staff: Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Kristine Marshall, Senior Manager Capital Works; Dani Fine, Education and Community Programs Officer; Dave Harrington, Volunteer Coordinator; Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager, Stakeholder and Engagement

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Observer: Maria O'Donnell (Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore's office)

Apologies: Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore, Isabelle Shapiro

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<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Alia Karaman, Chair, Centennial Park and Moore Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was opened by the Chair. GSP provided an Acknowledgement of Country. New standing agenda items were introduced in response. These include tabling the previous meeting summary report for approval and actions from the previous meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared. [see postscript] CTB members asked whether there is more that could be done to recognise First Nations people in the parkland e.g. renaming colonial names, cultural fire management, and whether there has been any progress on improving the recognition of First Nations people on the Centennial Parklands and GSP websites (feedback via Meeting 3). <p>Action: GSP to advise progress on increasing recognition of First Nations people on the Centennial Parklands and GSP websites.</p>
<p>Education, community and volunteer programs overview</p> <p>Dani Fine, Education and Community Programs Officer and Dave Harrington, Volunteer Coordinator, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of the education programs offered at Centennial Park. CTB members were taken through a nature pedagogy/discovery activity as a demonstration of the nature play program. GSP also provided an overview of the volunteer programs offered. The volunteer programs attract a diverse group of community members, with 60% of volunteers speaking a language other than English. GSP noted a recent study/report on the wellbeing benefits of participating in volunteering. The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where do the volunteers come from. GSP advised mainly from the Eastern Suburbs with some coming from all over Greater Sydney and the Central Coast. whether GSP has partnerships with organisations such as WAYS Youth & Family. noted how CTB members can use their networks to promote volunteer opportunities. <p>Action: GSP to share KPMG and Landcare Australia report on the wellbeing benefits of participating in Landcare¹</p>

¹ [Wellbeing-benefits-participating-landcare-Report-KPMG-2021.pdf](#)

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<p>Site visit - Centre for Excellence in Nature Discovery (CEND) Kristine Marshall, Senior Manager Capital Works, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided information about the existing functions of the WILD PLAY Discovery Centre indoor and outdoor classrooms and detailed the site for the future CEND facility. GSP noted that community and stakeholder consultation is planned for early 2025. • The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - key milestones for the project. GSP advised the design consultants to be appointed late November 2024, and a communication and engagement program in development. Anticipated for February/March 2025. - whether the nursery will continue to operate during construction. GSP advised operations of the existing facilities would be looked at as part of construction phasing. - whether the carparking or hard surfaces will be expanded. GSP advised that the intent was to limit the building footprint to the existing hard stand. - whether GSP envisages the CEND will allow for larger groups to attend at one time. GSP advised that the rationale for the project was to provide weather protection and increase capacity for groups that are currently turned away from the program due to inclement weather.
<p>GSP current projects and approvals update Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on Moore Park projects and approvals, including the Fairland Pavilion, Moore Park East – Stage 3, Moore Park South, Entertainment Quarter (EQ) open tender process and Rangers Residence lease. Postscript: Alim Fazley declared a pecuniary interest regarding the Rangers Residence lease. • GSP also explained how the environment team is working on hollow creation for native wildlife within Centennial Parklands. • The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether there has been discussion with Venues NSW about connections and existing paths to their venues, particularly along Driver Avenue. - need to review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ pedestrian movement off the Tibby Cotter Bridge as there is no defined path. ○ roundabout and safety of pedestrian crossing on Driver Avenue which has poor sight lines and inadequate signage to direct pedestrians and vehicles. - noted the importance of continuity of the design team for subsequent stages of the Moore Park South project, noting that no capital funding for delivery has been committed yet. - what input GSP has into the EQ tender process as the lessee of the land. Will the Department of Planning be involved in the process. Concerns that the proposal is not just about reimagining the EQ precinct but how it fits within the wider parklands. Expectation GSP involved in planning and managing broader impacts.
<p>Terms of Reference Jenny Gleeson, Community Engagement Manager, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP advised that the CTB Terms of Reference has been internally reviewed per the annual requirement, noting that minor changes were made, including specifically the introduction of referencing cultural safety. • The CTB Chair is required to sign the updated CTB Terms of Reference. An attestation statement is to be co-signed by the Chair of the GSPT Board and CTB Chair.
<p>CTB member reappointment/recruitment process Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager, Stakeholder and Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on the CTB member reappointment/recruitment process. Councils will be invited to formally nominate their representative for the new term. • The CTB asked whether current CTB members who nominate for a second term require approval by the Minister or Cabinet. GSP advised that when initially established, Cabinet endorsement was required. Subsequently appointment is by the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces.

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<p>Correspondence, media highlights and questions</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager, Stakeholder and Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CTB requested GSP provide regular updates to CTB members about upcoming events in Centennial Parklands. The CTB asked for an update on the Joint Select Committee's review the GSPT Act. GSP advised that the Committee is inviting submissions by 31 January 2025. More information, including the media release, will be sent to all CTB members. A CTB member raised the suggestion of nature-based activities/programs and facilities for seniors/older persons, within the parkland. The CTB suggested reviewing research of international examples of outdoor seniors' activities, contacting age and disability officers in local councils to explore whether any of their existing programs could be relocated to the parkland (acknowledging ready audience), and exploring whether an action to establish seniors' activities in the parkland could be integrated into GSP strategic planning documents. It was noted that Moore Park South is potentially a good place for these activities. CTB members shared local council planned initiatives including the Waverley Park intergenerational playground and Woollahra's Lyne Park upgrade which will have a dedicated area for people with dementia. <p>Action: The CTB recommend that GSP investigate opportunities to provide for a best practice, seniors-focused environment with equipment and facilities, that fully compliments the WILD PLAY Garden/CEND project and nature discovery programs for children and young people.</p>
<p>Meeting close</p> <p>Alia Karaman, Chair, Centennial Park and Moore Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair thanked all CTB members and GSP staff for their contributions during the CTB term. Individual CTB members also thanked the group and Chair. The Chair noted that a link to the 2024 self-evaluation survey will be shared shortly, and results will be presented at first meeting of 2025. CTB member induction is planned for February 2025, with the first meeting anticipated to be held in March 2025. The next meeting date is to be advised.