



Meeting summary

Fernhill Estate community trustee board

Meeting 4, 2024

Tuesday, 5 November 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

CTB members: Shari Driver (Chair), Nicholas Leech, Poonam Naik, Peter Harvey, Robert Bennett, Mayor Todd Carney

GSP staff: Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer - Environment and Sustainability; Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations; Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder and Engagement

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Apologies: Cindy Laws

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<p>Welcome and opening Shari Driver, Chair, Fernhill Estate 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. The summary report from the previous meeting was approved. The CTB discussed the action from the previous meeting – for GSP to follow up on a request for information regarding prior development consents issued for Fernhill Estate that are relevant to holding functions and events. The CTB noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> there have been recent events such as picnic races, a concert, Tough Mudder, a wedding held at Fernhill Estate with large crowds where the traffic was able to be managed. The CTB requested further information about why other events of this nature have not been permitted by GSP. <p>Action: GSP to follow up on request for information regarding prior development consents for functions and events at Fernhill Estate.</p>
<p>Fernhill Estate environmental programs update Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer - Environment and Sustainability, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an overview of environmental programs at Fernhill Estate, including the Przewalski’s Horses relocation project, bushland regeneration work and habitat improvements through hollow creation. The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> positive feedback about the environmental initiative to increase habitat for wildlife via the hollow creation. GSP noted that they are working on installing a camera trap to capture footage, and it was suggested by a CTB member that setting up a public livestream could provide income for Fernhill Estate. concern about the significant increase in traffic along Mulgoa Road and the impact it is having on wildlife. Information was requested about how to mitigate the high number of native animals being killed on Mulgoa Road, acknowledging the corridor between Mulgoa Creek and Fernhill Estate.

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<p>New maintenance and bush regeneration contracts Kerrie Davies, Senior Manager Operations, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP provided an update about the new GSP Parklands West maintenance contract awarded to Green by Nature to provide landscape and infrastructure maintenance, as well as cleaning and waste management services to Parramatta Park, Western Sydney Parklands and Fernhill Estate. Green by Nature engaged Aboriginal enterprise Muru Mittigar as a sub-contractor to undertake the landscape maintenance servicing at Fernhill Estate. The CTB were pleased to hear Muru Mittigar are involved and noted the positives of Fernhill Estate being vested in the Western Sydney Parklands Trust, including benefiting from this larger maintenance contract.
<p>CTB Terms of Reference Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder and Engagement, 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 they could help promote the vacant position through their networks, and whether the induction would involve existing CTB members. GSP advised that a promotion pack will be shared with CTB members encouraging promotion of the vacancies through their networks.
<p>Correspondence and other business All</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTB members enquired about the <i>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022</i> (GSPT Act) review. GSP advised that a Parliamentary Committee, the Joint Select Committee, is undertaking the review of the objects of the Act. The Committee invites submissions by 31 January 2025. There was also a query about improving accessibility for people with varying abilities within Fernhill Estate. <p>Action: GSP to provide information about improving accessibility within Fernhill Estate.</p>
<p>Next steps and close Shari Driver, Chair, Fernhill Estate CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested CTB members were reminded to register to attend a guided tour of Fernhill Estate to be held on 24 November 2024. The Chair thanked all CTB members and GSP staff for their contributions during the CTB term. CTB member induction is planned for February 2025 (online), with the first meeting anticipated to be held in March 2025. The next meeting date is to be advised. CTB members also agreed for the first meeting of 2025 to be held face-to-face, with preference to hold the meeting at Fernhill Estate.