

# Meeting summary

## Western Sydney Parklands community trustee board - Meeting 4, 12 November

Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

**CTB members:** Sririsay Vukovic (Chair), Ellie Robertson, Rebecca Anderson, Douglas Belton, Colin Locke and Edward Saulig

**GSP staff:** Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer, Environment and Sustainability; David Kirkland Senior Manager, Environment and Sustainability; Ben Tax, Director Property Services; Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder and Engagement.

**Secretariat:** Sophie Drysdale

**Observers:** Councillor Bob Fitzgerald (observer for Blacktown City Council) and Scott Sidhom, Manager Infrastructure Planning (observer for Liverpool City Council)

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<p><b>Welcome and opening</b></p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was opened by the Chair and an Acknowledgment of Country was given.</li> <li>No new conflicts of interest were declared.</li> <li>Further information about items in the previous meeting summary was requested. Responses will be provided by GSP.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Environmental programs update</b></p> <p>Zach Muldoon, Assistant Project Officer, Environment and Sustainability, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP outlined progress against the draft Biodiversity Strategy, noting it will be released for public comment in early 2025. Information was also provided about the hollow creation works, bushland regeneration works, pest control program, and the partnerships GSP has formed to support the parklands.</li> <li>The CTB shared the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>management of rabbits and foxes.</li> <li>whether GSP is concerned that 1080 poison is used in the parkland when it is widely banned overseas, and whether there is secondary poisoning to small mammals in the parkland.</li> <li>ensuring hollow creation is not compensating for tree loss.</li> <li>concern about the lack of wildlife corridors connecting the different parklands and a question about available information on GSP's approach to wildlife / bushland corridors in Western Sydney Parklands.</li> <li>suggestion to discuss the opportunity for native food education and guided tours in the parkland with Muru Mittigar.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Action: GSP to provide information about approach to wildlife / bushland corridors.</b></p>
<p><b>Plan of Management – Tourism and land use</b></p> <p>Ben Tax, Director Property Services, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GSP provided information about the <i>Western Sydney Parklands Plan of Management 2018</i> from a tourism land use perspective. GSP also outlined the future tourism opportunities for Western Sydney Parklands and noted the NSW Government's tourism goal to have visitors spend \$91 billion annually by 2035, a 40% increase on the previous goal.</li> <li>CTB members were interested in understanding the community engagement process and the collaboration/partnership approach to planning the new tourism opportunities.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CTB shared the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– important to identify local community needs alongside the needs and interests of international visitors who are likely to want to see wildlife or participate in day trips etc.</li> <li>– important to identify preferred visitation numbers (capacity) at the parkland, without impacting the environment.</li> <li>– suggestion for field trips and education centres for young children about the native wildlife.</li> <li>– noted that Mount Annan Botanic Gardens has great bushcraft offerings and the café in Cumberland State Forest, <a href="#">Café Salinga</a>, is a good example of an immersive experience e.g. bush tucker tours.</li> <li>– suggestion for an established agritourism experience or farmgate tour to showcase and educate about local growing.</li> <li>– explore options for local ownership of new tourism opportunities, encourage co-design. Consider careful development in the landscape. Concern raised regarding large hotel chains.</li> <li>– explore diverse accommodation options for both visitors and workers such as hostels or cabins. Promote staycations.</li> <li>– promote ‘Western Sydney’ positively and find the point of difference/unique offering of the area and leverage this. Unique offerings noted were the natural environment, arts and culture and food. Underpin the local economic development through entertainment and performance space opportunities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>CTB Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder and Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CTB member reappointment/recruitment process</b></p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholder and Engagement, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GSP provided an update on the member reappointment/nomination process.</li> <li>• CTB members welcomed the idea of an online session with all CTB members across the parks. It was noted that the date will need to suit the majority of CTB members.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Correspondence and questions</b></p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTB members noted the review of the <i>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022</i> (GSPT Act), underway by the Joint Select Committee, who is reviewing the objects of the Act. The Committee invites submissions by 31 January 2025. The Chair encouraged members to consider an individual submission.</li> <li>• A CTB member provided a personal update on the urban farming item discussed at a previous meeting, noting that conversations are underway about how to design an operation to access currently unallocated land for urban farming use for a social purpose and promote food affordability.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next steps, thanks and close</b></p> <p>Sririsay Vukovic, Chair, Western Sydney Parklands CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Chair thanked all CTB members and GSP staff for their contributions during the CTB term.</li> <li>• The Chair noted that a link to the 2024 self-evaluation survey will be shared shortly, and results will be presented at the first meeting of 2025.</li> <li>• The 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.</li> </ul>