

Meeting summary

Callan Park community trustee board - Meeting 4, 2024

Date: Monday, 4 November 2024

Time: 6:00-7:30pm

Venue: Online

CTB members: Keith Irving (Chair), Louisa Larkin, Roslyn Burge, Amelia Lawrence, Stephen Conaty, Deborah Lennis, Mayor Cr Darcy Byrne.

GSP staff: Callantha Bringham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery; Stephanie Licciardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Culture; Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement.

Secretariat: Sophie Drysdale

Observer: Kobi Shetty MP, Member for Balmain

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<p>Welcome and opening Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was opened by the Chair and an Acknowledgment of Country was given. • Keith Irving (Chair) declared an interest with respect to Item 2 All-weather fields proposal. No other conflicts of interest were declared. Deborah Lennis is a member of the Cooks River Alliance and Parramatta River Catchment Group. • No comments on the Meeting 3 summary were provided.
<p>All-weather fields proposal by Inner West Council All CTB members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was discussed in response to a request from CTB members. GSP introduced and facilitated the item, allowing all CTB members to participate in discussion regarding the all-weather (synthetic turf) fields proposal by Inner West Council. • GSP noted a proposal for all-weather fields at Callan Park has not yet been submitted to GSP for review. • All CTB members were offered the opportunity to share their views on the proposal. The majority of CTB members voiced concerns. The following queries and comments were raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - concern about potential environmental impacts of all-weather fields, particularly as Callan Park is a heritage site. Inner West Council's challenges with synthetic turf at Tempe Reserve referred to as a precedent. - concern that the all-weather fields will only allow exclusive use by soccer and other sporting clubs, but not for general recreation. - concern about increased vehicle movement and reduced parking availability due to increased use and activity. - questions about how the all-weather fields proposal would be funded and what is GSP's position on the proposal. - recognition by some CTB members of the importance of increasing opportunities for children to be active. - concern that there was not an open discussion about where in the park would be the most appropriate location for the all-weather fields, suggesting that Glover Street would be a better site. - from a First Nations perspective, the heritage and cultural significance around the waterways is important and should not be impacted. - The high number of sporting games cancelled due to wet weather in recent times was noted. Motivation behind the Council's proposal is children and young people's health, and addressing capacity constraints experienced by local sporting clubs, and the existing fields are impacted by intensification of use. Noting that rigorous

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	<p>assessment (including environmental and heritage) would be required at several stages for the project to proceed.</p> <p>Action: GSP to advise its position regarding all-weather surface sporting fields.</p>
<p>Callan Point update</p> <p>Stephanie Liccardo, Senior Manager Heritage and Placemaking, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on Callan Point in response to points raised at the previous CTB meeting. These included the locations of additional dog on-leash signs, new volunteer and bush care management protocols, potential community programs and the broader strategic context for Callan Point in the Plan of Management (PoM) and the Foreshore Master Plan. • The CTB clarified that the suggestion to explore an alternate swim site for dogs was not a position taken by the whole committee, rather a matter suggested by one CTB member for consideration in response to the need to protect First Nations significant sites. It was also noted that the impact of people on these sites should be considered in equal measure as the impact of dogs. • The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether a board walk will be built to protect middens or whether a different temporary solution could be installed to protect these areas while the PoM and other planning are in development. GSP advised that protection measures will be considered in the development of the Foreshore Master Plan. - timeline for when GSP will install protective measures. - who has responsibility for vegetation management at Callan Point. Clarification requested as to the boundaries of the bushcare site and who looks after other bushland areas within Callan Park. - what regulation covers Callan Point. • The CTB requested that an update on progress towards protection of Callan Point is provided at future meetings. <p>Action: GSP to provide ongoing updates on protection measures at Callan Point and further information on bush care management across the site.</p>
<p>GSP projects and approvals update</p> <p>Callantha Brigham, Director Strategy, Design and Delivery, GSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on projects and approvals, specifically about the Callan Park PoM, Access Movement and Parking Strategy, Repatriation Ward B (B497), Callan Park Foreshore Masterplan and War Memorial updates. • The CTB raised the following queries and comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - timeline for the CTB to receive the draft PoM for review, noting the importance of CTB members having sufficient time to review, and that receipt of the document doesn't have to be structured around the next CTB meeting. - suggestion to replace the word 'celebrate' in the second draft strategic direction of the PoM with 'understand', 'recognise' or 'protect'. - question regarding why the Callan Park War Memorial was built in the Spanish Mission style. - question regarding the commencement of the Callan Park War Memorial works; and who identified the timber specialist – GSP or the contractor? - question regarding what work is proposed to be undertaken at the Sydney Harbour War Memorial. GSP advised that no works are proposed at this stage. A condition report is being prepared and grant funding opportunities will be explored. - question regarding the timeline for finalisation of the Foreshore Masterplan and what area of the foreshore it will cover. <p>Action: GSP to respond to query about why the Callan Park War Memorial was built in the Spanish Mission style.</p>
<p>CTB Terms of Reference</p> <p>Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholders 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 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 reappointment/ recruitment process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GSP provided an update on member reappointment/nomination process.

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Jenny Gleeson, Acting Senior Manager Stakeholders and Engagement, GSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to quarterly meetings, the CTB suggested an online session is held with all CTB members across the parks in the next 12 months to provide a general GSP update and for CTB members to learn from each other.
Correspondence and other business Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GSP noted that no new development applications were lodged in the last quarter, and that the list of correspondence was provided prior to the meeting.
Next steps, thanks and close Keith Irving, Chair, Callan Park CTB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair thanked all CTB members and GSP staff for their contributions during the CTB term. 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. 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. The CTB requested consideration of a joint meeting of all CTBs in 2025, in addition to each holding quarterly meetings. <p>Action: GSP to consider a joint CTB meeting for 2025, in addition to the quarterly meetings of individual CTBs.</p>