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PURPOSE OF THE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Prepared in consultation with stakeholders and the community, and updated every seven years, the Plan of Management provides a framework for the operation and development of the Parklands.

Caring for Country

'Caring for Country' describes land management by Aboriginal people of traditional lands. The terminology arises from the language and customs used by Aboriginal people to define their relationship with the land. Caring for Country has been linked to maintaining Aboriginal cultural life, identity, autonomy and health.

It is a right of Aboriginal people to be involved in management of their traditional lands, and integral to the laws and customs of native title rights and interests; as recognised in the Native Title Act 1994. The Trust recognises these rights and interests in the Plan of Management and will work in a respectful manner with the Traditional Owners of this land in Caring for Country.

Western Sydney Parklands Trust acknowledges that the Parklands is situated within the boundaries of the Deerubbin and Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Councils. The Deerubbin, Gandangara and Darug peoples are the Traditional Owners of this land. Western Sydney Parklands Trust also acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside within this area.

Your Parklands, Your Plan

The Trust consulted with Parklands visitors, neighbours and stakeholders in developing the new Plan of Management for the Parklands.

The Trust's first step was to release a Future Directions Paper (FDP). The FDP set the framework for revising the Plan of Management by focusing on ten key principles. This gave an opportunity for the community and key stakeholders to provide opinions and feedback through a series of consultation activities undertaken between August and September 2017.

A Draft Plan of Management was then prepared incorporating the feedback received during the FDP consultation process. Consultation on the Draft Plan of Management was carried out in March/April 2018 and was supported by newspaper advertisements, a dedicated webpage, online surveys, a '1800' community phone line, physical stalls throughout the local area and a stakeholder workshop.

Participants were asked to identify opportunities, challenges and issues relating to the Strategic Directions and comment on the Precinct Plans. The consultation provided valuable feedback, allowing the Trust to consider a broad range of experiences and opinions in developing the final Plan of Management.

This feedback has been used to create a plan that will guide the operation and development of the Parklands towards 2030.

VISION

Western Sydney Parklands is a place that offers diverse experiences, celebrates its natural qualities and creates an identity for local communities. By respecting the area's heritage and planning for the future, the Parklands will be a sustainable legacy for generations to come.



Defining Principles for the Parklands

In safeguarding the future of the Parklands, the Trust aims to:

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Protect natural environmental values: deliver environmental benefits and protect environmental values through sustainable park management

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Respond to the needs of new and existing communities: be inclusive and safe for people of all ages, cultural groups, and capabilities

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Build a strong identity: promote community awareness, visitation and engagement

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Respect cultural heritage: identify, protect and manage Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage including rural and bushland landscapes

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Provide educational opportunities: offer education relating to the environment, agriculture, heritage and other activities

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Enhance community health: promote physical and mental wellbeing

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Co-locate complementary land uses: create dynamic, activated places meeting a wide range of community needs

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Be accessible to visitors: attract local and city-wide visitors travelling via active, private and public transport

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Be financially and operationally sustainable: maintain and ensure financial and operational sustainability for the Trust and its government partners

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Contribute to the economic development of Western Sydney: encourage and boost the visitor economy on local, regional and international scales

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Adopt a partnership approach: manage with local government, the community and the private sector.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Anna Guillan AM – Chairperson



With the NSW Government investing in building the future Western Parkland City and providing the context for the Western Sydney Aerotropolis and its transport infrastructure, the legacy of 50 years of strategic planning to create the Western Sydney Parklands is becoming increasingly apparent.

As a multipurpose corridor to serve the needs of a growing population, this extraordinary resource will assist in meeting the Government's vision for the Parklands City as a cool, green and vibrant place to live, work and play.

This Plan of Management 2030 sets out an inclusive and proactive approach to invite the community, state and local government and business to contribute to achieving the Trust's objective of facilitating new and attractive parkland activations. To support these activations the Trust is well advanced in working with private business to create a sustainable funding base for the Parklands.

Sustainability will sit at the core of the Trust's stewardship of the Parklands to secure the long-term future of this vital green infrastructure and its relevance to our community in Western Sydney.

Suellen Fitzgerald – Executive Director



With 2018 marking 50 years since Western Sydney Parklands was first identified in planning maps for Sydney, and 10 years since the Trust was established to build and manage the lands, this update of the Parklands Plan of Management is well timed to assess our achievements so far and focus our efforts on the future.

Since commencing in 2008, the Trust has invested \$56M towards achieving the NSW Government's goals for the Parklands, including creating natural places for recreation and play, building walking and cycling tracks, restoring bushland, engaging the community in events and celebrations and conserving farming landscapes. The Trust has encouraged private investment in Business and Tourism Hubs to activate the Parklands and create a sustainable funding base for the Parklands in the long-term.

This plan update is an important step in continuing these investments in close collaboration with the private sector, state and local governments and our growing Western Sydney community. I would like to thank all those who took the time to be involved in the preparation of the plan. The Trust looks forward to working with you to implement its strategies to 2030.

Acknowledgments/Board Members

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In addition, the Trust would also like to thank the members of the Western Sydney Parklands Trust Board and representatives on the Plan of Management Partners Group for their input into the Plan.

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