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Message from the Chairman



We have come a long way since 1968 when the NSW Government began the process that would create the Western Sydney Parklands.

With the diverse spaces and places that comprise the Parklands now recognised as a cohesive identity as outlined in the *Western Sydney Parklands Act 2006*, we are now focusing on the future.

The Trust is committed to achieving the Government's key goals for the Parklands which are to:

- activate these lands and make them accessible for the public to enjoy;
- provide a place for many different uses such as recreation, bushland conservation, urban farming near the city, involvement in active sports and key community services; and
- continue to grow private business investment to create a sustainable funding base for the Parklands in perpetuity.

The Trust aims to act prudently and wisely in its stewardship of the Parklands to sustain its long term future and to maintain its special place in the hearts and minds of Western Sydney residents.

Brendan Crotty Chairman



Message from the Director



The 10 year Plan of Management for the Parklands has been developed with the assistance of many individuals and organisations. I would like to thank all those who took the time to provide a submission, attend a workshop or ‘Have a Say’ day, or participate on the online forums.

The Plan will provide a strong management framework and assist the Trust in determining actions and priorities over the coming years. To successfully implement the Plan the Trust will work closely with Blacktown, Fairfield and Liverpool City Councils, key stakeholders and landowners in the development of the Parklands.

The creation of this Plan is an important step in securing the future of the Parklands and delivering the long term vision to meet the needs of Sydney’s growing population.

Suellen Fitzgerald Director



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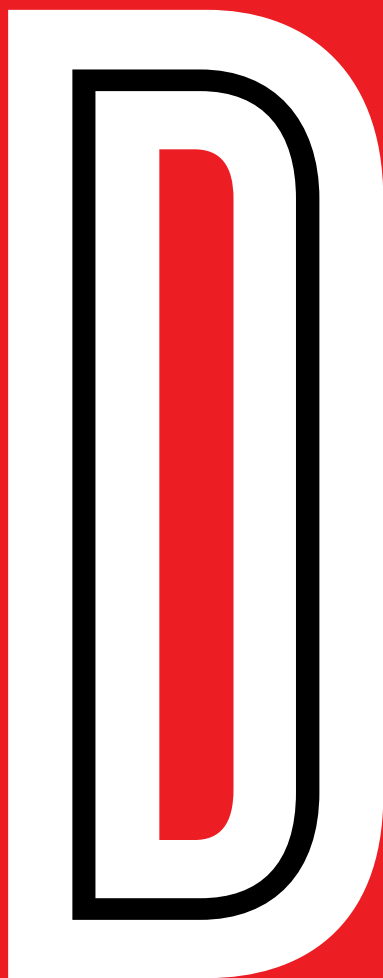
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Caring for Country

The Western Sydney Parklands Trust acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which the Parklands is situated.

The Trust will work in a respectful manner with the Indigenous Australians in Caring for Country and aim to treat Indigenous people, their cultural heritage, customs and beliefs with respect.





Developing the Plan of Management for the Western Sydney Parklands has involved a broad range of consultation activities designed to gain stakeholder feedback and suggestions on the future management of the Parklands.

The consultation process was conducted in two stages between June and November 2010. The early part of the process helped raise awareness about the Trust's objectives, and inform the community about the various opportunities to get involved in developing the draft Plan.

The second stage of the consultation process coincided with public exhibition of the draft Plan between 11 October and 22 November 2010.

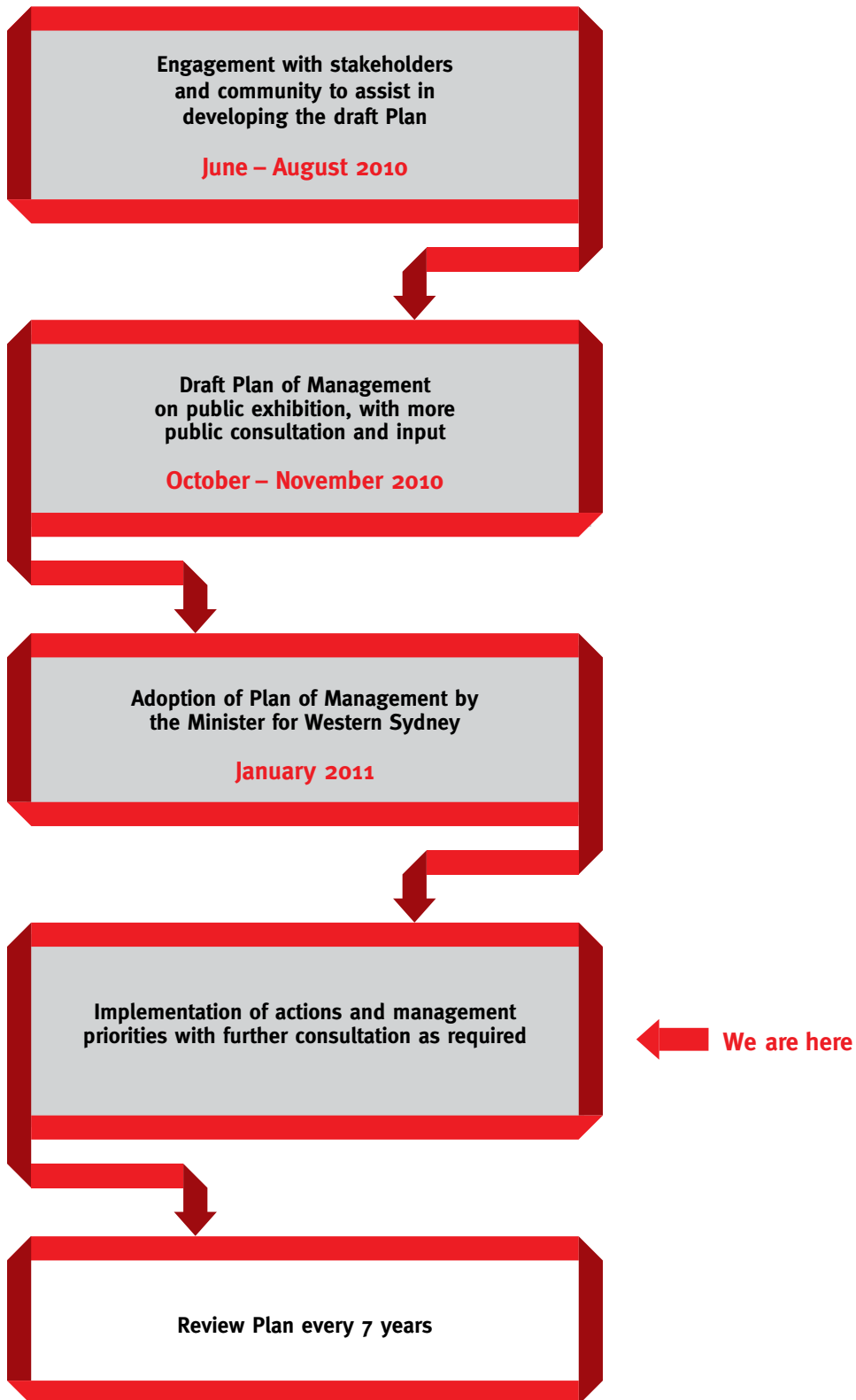
Engagement activities included stakeholder workshops structured around the five Strategic Directions, along with additional workshops focused on the 16 Parklands Precincts identified in the draft Plan. The public exhibition period was supported through newspaper advertisements, a Plan of Management web page, community 'Have a Say' days, online discussion forums, a survey (online and face-to-face) and a '1800' community phone line.

Over 840 people participated in the public engagement process. About 680 people received information on the draft Plan, contributed to the 'Have a Say' day events or attended the Stakeholder Workshops, and more than 160 people provided comments through the online discussion forums, surveys or written submissions.

Key stakeholders and the community were asked to identify opportunities, challenges and issues relating to the Strategic Directions identified in the draft Plan and comment on the Precinct Plans.

This feedback was used to develop a Plan that will guide the key priorities and actions for the Western Sydney Parklands over the next 10 years.

Plan Process



The Plan of Management at a Glance

Vision

Western Sydney Parklands is a place for people of all backgrounds to meet, celebrate, learn, play and appreciate the environment. The Parklands will be a venue for communities to create and manage a new sustainable future on the Cumberland Plain.

Strategic Directions 2020

Recreation
and Parkland
Infrastructure



Environment
and Conservation



Objectives 2020

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Improve access to the Parklands.2. Create varied park spaces that encourage passive recreation.3. Create venues and spaces that promote sport and active recreation.4. Develop a cohesive and identifiable landscape character for the Parklands.5. Promote the Parklands as a visitor and tourist destination. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Secure a bushland corridor along the entire length of the Parklands to improve biodiversity.2. Maximise environment and conservation research and education opportunities.3. Trust operations to achieve carbon neutral status.4. Improve water quality and sustainable water use in the Parklands.5. Encourage community involvement in the environmental restoration of the Parklands.6. Protect and enhance the Parklands' Indigenous and Non-Indigenous cultural heritage. |
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Outcomes 2020

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Prepare and implement an access plan for the Parklands.— Activate an additional 5 percent (250 ha) of the Parklands for passive recreation.— Expand capacity and attractiveness of Lizard Log and Bungarribee to create two new passive recreation hubs.— Double the extent of the Parklands Track network to 70 km of pathway.— Create a cohesive image for the Parklands along its entire boundary.— Implement the Parklands design manual.— Facilitate provision of new sports facilities as required.— Provide various opportunities for tourists to visit and enjoy the Parklands. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">— Increase percentage of on site water capture, reuse and recycling in recreation areas and urban farming.— Increase percentage of renewable energy used in the Parklands.— Expand the bushland corridor by an additional 6 percent of the Parklands (330 ha).— Trust operations to achieve the targets for best practice as outlined in the <i>NSW Government Sustainability Policy</i>.— Develop a clear description, baseline data and understanding of the state of the Parklands natural assets.— Identify and protect Indigenous and Non-Indigenous cultural heritage assets within the Parklands.— Compile a comprehensive Parklands heritage register. |
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Principles

The Parklands will be:

- **enjoyable** for people of all ages, cultural groups and backgrounds;
- **sustainable** in its management, development and promotion;
- **identifiable** as Western Sydney’s ‘backyard’, welcoming and inclusive for all;
- **educational** and provide information about sustainable park management, agriculture, recreation and a range of other activities;
- **accessible to all** – physically, economically, in terms of safety, transport and other factors;
- **viable** economically for the Trust and for those using the land; and
- **in partnership** – the above can only be achieved by working together with stakeholders and the broader community.

Culture and Participation



Urban Farming



Parkland Development and Management



1. Maximise community awareness of the Parklands.
2. Increase community use of the Parklands.
3. Create a sense of community ownership of the Parklands.
4. Encourage children and young people to use the Parklands.
5. Reflect and respond to culturally diverse communities.
6. Promote the Parklands as a cultural venue.

1. Establish sustainable urban farming in the Parklands.
2. Promote urban farming as integral to urban futures.
3. Utilise underdeveloped land for farming in the interim prior to long term parkland development.

1. Deliver sustainable management of the Parklands Trust’s assets.
2. Maximise the use and community benefits of existing and new leased assets in the Parklands.
3. Develop new business opportunities to support the management and further development of the Parklands.
4. Allow for new infrastructure/utilities and achieve a balance between the recreation and aesthetic values of the Parklands and the infrastructure needs of external agencies.

- At a minimum double the number of visitors to the Parklands.
- Increase participation in cultural events conducted in the Parklands.
- Increase volunteer numbers by 10 percent.
- Achieve visitor satisfaction ratings of 70 percent or above.

- Increase by 8 percent (415 ha) the land used for urban farming.
- Increase the community interaction with urban farming in the Parklands by establishing produce markets, farm gates and educational programs.
- Demonstrate a model of urban farming on public land.
- Establish and develop positive partnerships with existing farmers, private owners and other operators in the Parklands.

- Develop and implement an asset management strategy.
- Lease up to 2 percent of the Parklands over a number of sites for business uses to generate income to manage the Parklands.
- Expand minor income generating opportunities in recreational areas such as cafes, and shelter and bike hire.
- Increase visitation and use of existing leased government assets.
- Allow for new infrastructure/utilities and manage the impacts of new infrastructure/utilities within the Parklands.
- Provide for community facilities as required.