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### **PICNIC TO SAVE RYMILL PARK THIS SUNDAY**

Despite being ordered to remove this illuminated sign from Rundle Road, plans are continuing for the *Save Rymill Park Picnic Rally* on Sunday 31 May.

The Rally is a joint initiative of APPA and 11 other community groups.

Together with your support, on the day, we are hoping to persuade the State Government to rethink its proposal for a six-lane highway through the 'jewel in the crown' of Adelaide's Park Lands.

Since our last newsletter, plans for the Picnic Rally have firmed. Between 12 noon and 2pm we will have appearances from both Lord Mayor Martin Haese and Senator Nick Xenophon. (The Minister has also been invited.)

There will be a face painter, and balloon artist to keep the children entertained, two acoustic music acts, a Lions Club sausage sizzle and of course the famous Rymill Park

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There might be brief showers, so just in case our large marquee isn't quite large enough, bring a broly (and maybe a folding chair).

Please be there, if you can. The fate of Rymill Park may be in your hands.



**PRESIDENT's MESSAGE**

Dear Member  
I strongly urge you to attend the Rally organised to SAVE RYMILL PARK on Sunday at NOON to 2PM on Rymill Park itself.

We have been main players in organising the event with amazing contribution by Shane Sody our Secretary and Stephanie Johnston our member on the Park Lands Authority and are main funders by donation to the costs.

This is a wonderful opportunity to send the message to Parliament and the Media that thousands of citizens really care about what happens on the Park Lands.

All you have to do is be there for at least some of the time. We can guarantee you won't be bored!

Ian Gilfillan

**OPEN SLATHER ON THE PARK LANDS!**

# Reforms spark Parkland concerns

**ANTHONY TEMPLETON  
CITY EDITOR**

**BUILDING** roads, tunnels and

but under the amendments to planning guidelines for the Parklands, public infrastructure could be approved more quickly. "This (Development Plan Amendment) allows for appropriate public infrastructure to be considered on its merits," Mr Rau said.

The reforms would speed up approval for major projects such as the controversial \$160 million O-Bahn upgrade, which includes tunnelling under the Parklands and build-

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BUILDING roads, tunnels and tram lines in the Parklands would be easier under a proposed overhaul of planning laws governing the city's green belt.

The changes, proposed by Planning Minister John Rau, would streamline the construction of "public infrastructure" on about a third of the Parklands, including Rymill Park and Botanic Park.

Under current regulations public infrastructure on the Parklands is deemed inappropriate development.

Each project would still need Development Assessment Commission approval,

which includes cutting under the Parklands and building a road through Rymill Park.

Acting Adelaide City Council Lord Mayor Houssam Abiad said protection of the Parklands should be the responsibility of the council while SA Greens MLC Mark Parnell said the proposed reforms undermined protections of the city's green belt.

Mr Rau said there were "no plans to alienate parklands for buildings".

Public consultation on the reforms runs until July 15. Submissions can be made to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

The article above is from the Sunday Mail - Sunday 24 May. It seems the O-Bahn highway through Rymill Park is to be just the first of many planned assaults by future infrastructure on the Park Lands.

The full extent of the Government's plans are revealed here:  
[https://www.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/161138/Park\\_Lands\\_Zone\\_DPA\\_For\\_Consultation\\_21\\_May\\_2015.PDF](https://www.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/161138/Park_Lands_Zone_DPA_For_Consultation_21_May_2015.PDF)

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This is just some of the Park Lands potentially targeted for future "public infrastructure".

The proposal is to allow "public infrastructure" in these areas. What is public infrastructure? As well as the O-Bahn (and trucks, cars and proposed trams) through Rymill Park it includes items such as railways and railway buildings, pedestrian overpasses, tunnels, electricity sub-stations, sewerage treatment works, bus depots, and possibly public schools. It's a very wide ambit.

APPA is considering obtaining legal advice on whether the State Government can over-ride the requirements of Federal legislation (the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*) to jeopardise the national heritage Park Lands.

At the 'Save Rymill Park Picnic Rally' this Sunday (31 May) you can obtain a copy of a letter to sign and send to the Development Policy advisory Committee (DPAC) about this proposal. The DPAC advises the Planning Minister, John Rau.

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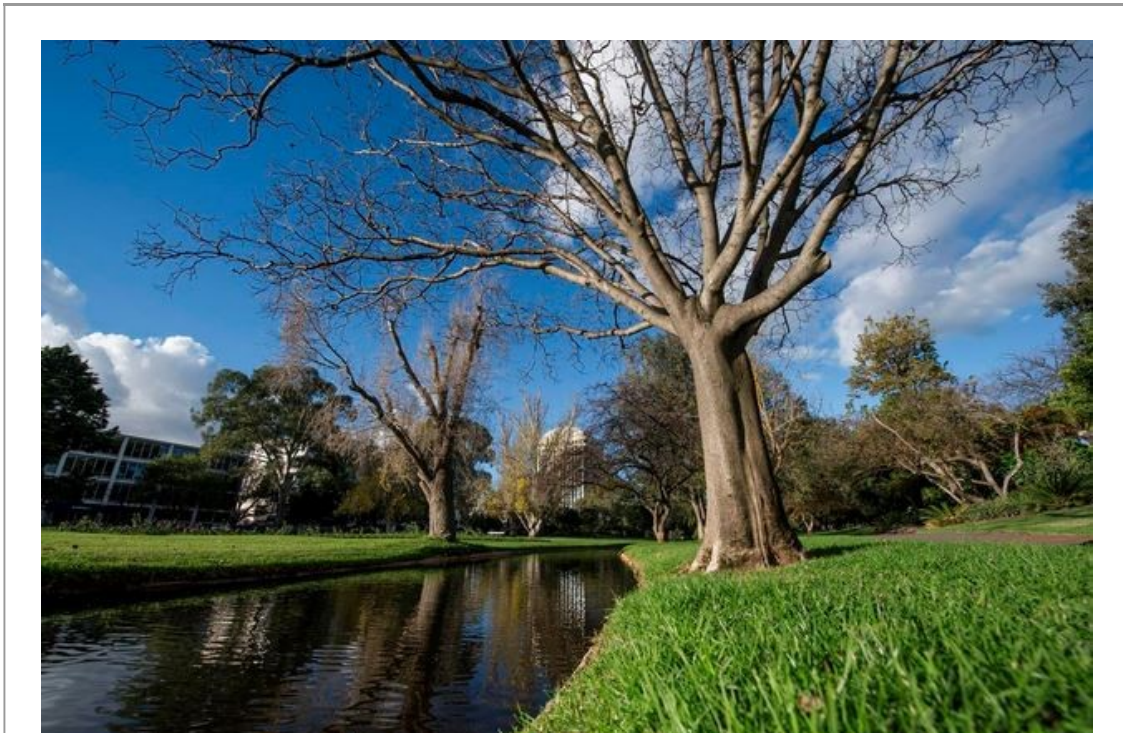
### **GIVE THE CITY COUNCIL SOME CLUES**

Although the State Government is planning a number of future assaults on the Park Lands (see above) the Adelaide City Council is still doing its best to manage them in the long-term interest of the public.

The Council is inviting YOUR suggestions on how to manage the Park Lands.

You have until 30 June 2015 to let the Council know of any bright ideas that you have for Park Lands future management. Go to:  
<http://shape.adelaideparklands.com.au/>

### **ROLE OF THE PARK LANDS IN CLIMATE CHANGE**



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The Park Lands can help mitigate the impacts of climate change as they have a cooling effect on the City and inner suburbs.

However this comes at the expense of the trees, which will feel the pressure of increased temperatures.

- **How can we best prepare the Park Lands to help them cope with climate change whilst also helping the City?**
- **How can we best manage water use for park maintenance?**

Marty Reeve, Adelaide Park Lands Senior Planner, with the Adelaide Park Lands Authority has opened two on-line forums: [A Place to Breathe](#) and [A Place of Unique Diversity and Beauty](#), for you to share your views and opinions.

He is looking forward to reading your thoughts. If you haven't signed up yet it's free, quick and easy.

### **'FOR KING AND COUNTRY'**

In the Autumn 2015 edition of the printed '[Adelaide Park Lands Gazette](#)' we commenced looking at memorials erected in the Park Lands to commemorate the 'Great War' 1914-18.

In [that edition](#), Walter and Guy Dollman outlined part of the story behind each of seven WW1 memorials:

- War Memorial Oak (1914) in Cresswell Gardens
- Dardanelles Memorial (1915) in Lundie Gardens
- War Memorial Drive (1919)
- AIF Garden, West Terrace Cemetery (1920)
- Lower North Adelaide Soldiers Memorial (1921)
- Cross of Sacrifice & Stone of Remembrance (Women's War Memorial) (1922)
- War Horse Memorial, Rundle Park (1923)

The planned Spring edition of the Gazette will continue with additional features on memorials to the Great War' that were erected in the Park Lands between 1925 and 2011.

Among them will be a story about this well-known feature of Adelaide University, erected in 1927:



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The Cloisters is a memorial to 470 members of the University who served overseas in World War 1, of whom 64 gave their lives.

Members of the University community subscribed to construct the Cloisters as a permanent monument together with the sombre Roll of Honour in the Mitchell Building to those who were killed. Regrettably, like other historic vandalism in the University precinct, the southern wing of the cloisters was later demolished to accommodate Union buildings.

## PHOTOS OF THE DAY

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From the top:

- a) Botanic Park, Tainmuntilla (Park 11) - the photo is by Alex Frayne from his hauntingly beautiful book "Adelaide Noir" <http://www.wakefieldpress.com.au/product.php?productid=1194>
- b) River Torrens, Warnpanmga (Park 10) - contributed by Mary Jose
- c) Whitmore Square /Iparrityi
- d) Adelaide Comets home game, Tampawardli (Park 24)
- e) Glover Playground, Kurangga (Park 20)



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