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Photo Shane Sody

MOSIAC BUTTERFLIES IN THE WALYU YARTA COMMUNITY GARDEN

The **Walyu Yarta** (formerly known as *Walyo Yerta*) is the South West City Community Garden, located south of the Veale Gardens Conservatory off South Terrace. It is intended to be: “an inclusive space for gathering, creativity, celebration and healing. Enjoyed as a tranquil haven or vibrant focus of activity, it is a unique

place for learning and fun. It is a place where our urban community connects with the growing and enjoyment of fresh, local organic food. It is a place where all are welcome and all is shared. Our community garden will become the inspiration and catalyst for further local initiatives.”

One of the unique features of the garden is the collection of “mosaic butterflies, created by older residents of Adelaide City Council, Filipino Aged Care of SA (FACSA), Gilles Street Primary School, and Annesley College”.



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EDITORIAL

It is evident that throughout various strata of society there is a lack of leadership. At the world level, we see nations locked into national self-interests and Australia certainly lacks inspirational leadership at both the federal and state levels particularly on environmental decisions that will affect the future of our planet. For example, new research in the Journal of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences shows that air pollution harms crops directly through climate change (Burney and Ramanathan 2014).

Fortunately, new leadership paradigms are being sought by up and coming younger leaders who are disillusioned with the present leadership models and are seeking the assistance of think-tanks such *MetaIntegral* to train 'the next generation of leaders and become change agents'. I submit that we lack inspired leadership that is trustworthy and inclusive when it comes to how we manage the Adelaide Park Lands. Forget the sophisticated leadership theories that fill text books and numerous academic papers. We need those in leadership roles in both State and the Adelaide City Council to

fulfil with integrity their duty to uphold the stated purposes of the Adelaide Park Lands Act: Namely 'to *provide for the protection of those Park Lands for their management as a world-class asset to be preserved as an urban park for the benefit of present and future generations*' (Adelaide Park Lands Act 2005).

Where are the inspired leaders of the Park Lands that demonstrate on a daily basis the validation of Park Lands values with personal integrity and trust in order to achieve positive outcomes?

Over the last twelve months I have been monitoring the landscaping work being undertaken around the Adelaide Oval. Give credit where it is due, the fears by some of us that this would be another example of a gigantic car park in the Park Lands have fortunately not been realised. Mott MacDonald's project director, David Johnson said, "The Oval has a rich heritage and is an amazing setting – surrounded by parkland but within walking distance of the city centre". The design features discretely located car parks and excellent large open spaces with many new trees that over the years will provide great shade areas. Excellent access paths lead visitors through well

planned features and there are plenty of bike racks located at all entrances of the oval to encourage people to leave their car home.

I am excited about the proposed new format for the Gazette which will take the form of an annual magazine, giving fuller articles and cover of issues with special features as outlined by the President below. There are few people who are doing the hard work of giving thought to how our open spaces should be preserved in the face of major environmental issues such as the effects of climate change mentioned above. We should be addressing how parklands areas will survive the increasing inner-city apartment population explosion and the need for public open spaces such as our Adelaide Park Lands. This association is in a unique position of being separate from government and therefore able to educate not only politicians and bureaucrats; but also the public to treasure their public open spaces. If I had my way, it would be a compulsory subject in our education system.

Jim Daly

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Spring is traditionally a joyful time--flowers blooming! Sadly for the Park Lands atrocities are blooming and threatening! It stuns me that the Government and others regard the Park Lands as vacant real estate desperate for decoration with:

Sports Buildings – First a function facility on the University Oval at Park 10, then a proposed hockey head quarters on the South Park Lands. Also, proposed head quarters for the SA Womens cricket on the SW Park Lands. A new health mega structure just west of Montefiore Rd and a continued push for permanent building for the centre of Victoria Park for horses and cars (not

simultaneously). A persistent push for the "Crows" clubhouse and training ground near the Adelaide Oval and SACA i.e. the SA Cricket Association has succeeded in getting Park 25 for at least 42 years and approval to build an \$8m Pavilion Function Centre on it. With a strangle hold on the Adelaide Oval and surrounds, one could be excused in considering they already have too much. It is distressing that it seems that any sporting body can grab virtually exclusive use of our Park Lands without consultation or a whimper of opposition from the Adelaide City Council. I would not expect to see the Government show any interest unless it competed with one of their plans of

annexation. Please note all of these thefts from the legal owners i.e. you and me are conducted with no purchase price of significance.

Festival Centre – proposed Walker Corp massive car park and sky scraper (totally oblivious of the area being alienated Park Lands);

Schools - New High School in the previously condemned Reid Building on Frome Road with extensive buildings and hard surface. Prince Alfred College look set to achieve a similar deal on Park 9 with a similar 42year lease and approval for a Pavilion Function Centre as well.

More Car Parking - the ceaseless push for more and more carparking for the

Oval in spite of promises that the crowds would come by public transport;

But in a wonderful way the Save Rymill Park Campaign galvanized a thousand people to a rousing protest on the Park and hundreds more showing support with letters and emails. However even this did not stop the extreme silliness of plans to ravage Rymill Park.

I will stop this mournful litany as it won't cheer you up much! We must make it plain to all South Australians that we are being **ROBBED**. It is theft perpetrated by the Government on the citizens of SA. The buildings and development on the Park Lands never pay "market value" if indeed they pay at all! The illusion that the Government's promise to give back the old RAH site to Park Lands to compensate for annexing the area for the new RAH has been shown to be theft as they plan to cover the old site with commercial development. Their conscience does not even prompt a contribution to the Park Lands Fund as allowed for in the Park Lands Act of 2005 of the RannLabor Government for protection and enhancement of the Park Lands.

What is the real estate value of the

areas stolen for the new RAH site and for the Medical Research Building? Never mentioned! More buildings are slated for the euphemistically called Riverbank Precinct. Cheap at the price as they pay nought for the land!

We will alert more people we must alert more people that not only are they being robbed but their children and their children's children also. APPA is energetically fighting the good fight and we will keep you abreast of the details of the various campaigns.

New Magazine

This is the last issue of the quarterly Gazette. It is becoming more and more obvious that today's world insists on electronic communication and with increasing costs of hard copy printed editions and postage we have accepted the change as inevitable. I sympathise with you who resist electronic contacts as I have been of that era. Instead, an annual printed publication with extended format and more in depth articles will be produced under the same editorial team. As well we have a monthly newsletter or bulletin prepared by Secretary Shane Sody. They will be distributed by email only. If you really have to have hard

copy or you don't have email access let me know and we will see what we can do. There is a serious caveat ---- *YOU MUST OPEN YOUR APPA EMAILS* as they offer entertaining and important information.

Brian Mitchell

We wish to thank Brian Mitchell for his great service to APPA. Joining in 2000 he soon joined the committee and became secretary in 2001. His work was already of such value that he was awarded Life Membership in 2010. Sadly his health deteriorated rapidly to the point he had to retire as Secretary at the conclusion of our 2013-14 year. He continued on the committee until 2015. His thorough and efficient secretarial work and the admirable work on preparing APPA archives leave a lasting testimonial. But his passionate love and protection of the Park Lands stands as an example to us all.

Ian Gilfillan

President

PUBLIC USE OF SPORTS FIELDS

A Response from the Adelaide City Council

"All sports fields under the care and control of Adelaide City Council are licensed, providing only first right of use and not exclusive use to the licensee.

Educating the wider community of its rights to utilise licensed sports fields whilst supporting the licensees to manage these fields to ensure they are in a playable condition every weekend, are some of the challenges Adelaide City Council faces.

In the next edition of the Adelaide Park Lands Gazette, we will get an insight from Adelaide City Council as to what it is doing to facilitate broader community access of sports facilities in the Adelaide Park Lands."

Adelaide City Council

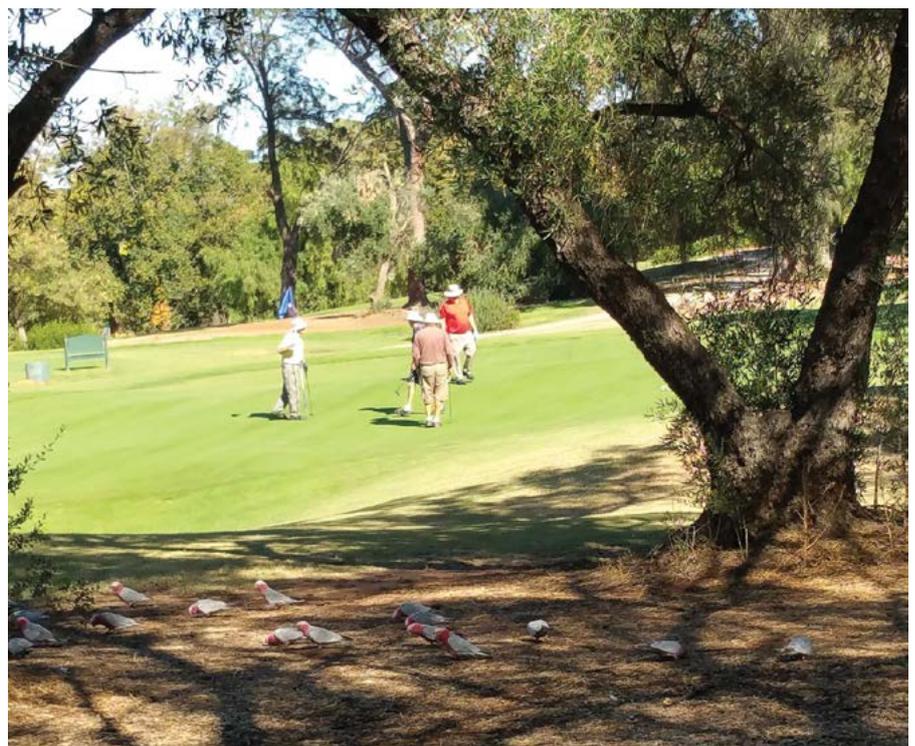


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“FOR KING & COUNTRY” (PART 2) ADELAIDE PARKLANDS MEMORIALS TO THE GREAT WAR 1914-18

Walter and Guy Dollman 2015

Light Horse Memorial <1925>

The Light Horse Memorial is dedicated to South Australian Light Horsemen who died from action in the First World War in three theatres of fighting: Egypt, Palestine & Gallipoli.

Light horse regiments were more like mounted infantry rather than cavalry. The 3rd and 9th Light Horse Regiments and a squadron of the 11th Light Horse Regiment were formed in South Australia during the war years, with many enlisting from country areas.



Mounted infantry usually fought dismounted, using their horses as transport to the battlefield and as a means of rapid retirement or retirement. However famous charge by the Light Horse in the Battle of Beersheba was more of a cavalry maneuver and the Light Horse also performed other cavalry type roles such as scouting and screening while mounted. By 1918 some Light Horse had been equipped with sabres enabling a more conventional cavalry role in the advance on Damascus.

A granite pyramid design was suggested as “it was to the pyramids that the men first went, and then on

to Palestine’. In September 1923 the committee accepted the design of a stone obelisk styled on ancient Egyptian columns submitted by South African-born George Gavin Lawson, a public service architect.

Unveiled in 1925, memorial’s 11m high grey Harcourt Victorian granite column is set on a stepped square base. A light on top of the column is illuminated from dusk to dawn.

On 31 October 2002 Premier Rann unveiled a bronze plaque on the Light Horse Memorial on the 85th anniversary of the charge of the 4th Light Horse Brigade at the Battle of Beersheba in Palestine on 31 October 1917 ‘to commemorate the passing of Private Albert Whitmore 1899–2002 the last surviving Australian Light Horseman and the last surviving South Australian World War I veteran’.

Adelaide University Cloisters Memorial <1927>



The Cloisters is a memorial to 470 members of the University who served overseas in World War One 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.

National War Memorial <1931>

The State Government originally decided to build the National War Memorial



in 1919, but it was not completed and unveiled until Anzac Day in 1931. The structure is effectively a frame for two scenes by Rayner Hoff’s in marble reliefs and bronze statues depicting the prelude and the epilogue to war.

L. Laybourne Smith, one of the architects, described the memorial made of marble sourced from Macclesfield in this way:

“The figure within the arch represents the spirit of Duty bearing in its hands a sword shaped as a cross, the symbol of battle and sacrifice. This figure is the vision seen by the group standing on the stage in front. This group, symbolical of the youth of the community, is represented as catching the first glimpse of the vision which appears above the altar of the shrine of sacrifice. Each member of the group - the student, the farmer and the girl - affected by the impulse, instinctively drops the emblems of craft and turns to the vision as it becomes clearer. The reverse side symbolises the attributes of womanhood - her tender maternal compassion, her sacrifice of son and lover and her power of resistance under strain.”
The Advertiser, 22/25 April 1931.



At the rear is a pond with flowing water from a bronze lion head suggesting the flow of memories. The crypt is lined with bronze panels listing by battalion or unit the fallen.

There have been several suggested

reasons as to why the term “National” was used in its title. One is that the name was chosen to emphasize that the memorial should commemorate all who served during the war, not just those who came from South Australia; another argued that the name reflected the perception (despite Federation in 1901) that the “province is a nation”.

Wooden Crosses North Terrace <1938>

Behind the National War Memorial on North Terrace are six wooden crosses from the battlefield. The four from WW1 are dedicated to:

The 10th Battalion –
Poziere (July and August 1916)

The 27th Battalion –
Poziere (August 4, 5, & 6 1916)

The 48th Battalion –
Poziere (August 5 & 15 1916)

The 50th Battalion –
Villers-Bretonneux (April 24 - 25 1918)

The battle for the windmill at Poziere, the highest point of local terrain, succeeded; but with heavy losses.



A small party of the 27th and 28th Battalions finally captured the “Windmill Site” on 5 August 1916. The 27th (“Dollman’s Diggers”) under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Walter Dollman Jnr. alone suffered 40 killed, 289 wounded and 67 missing in the attack of the 4/5th August 1915.

French Memorial <1993>

The **French Memorial** is located to the west of the South Australian National War Memorial and was unveiled in 1993 by Isabelle Costa de Beauregard K.O.M., Consul General of France to the South Australians who died on French soil.

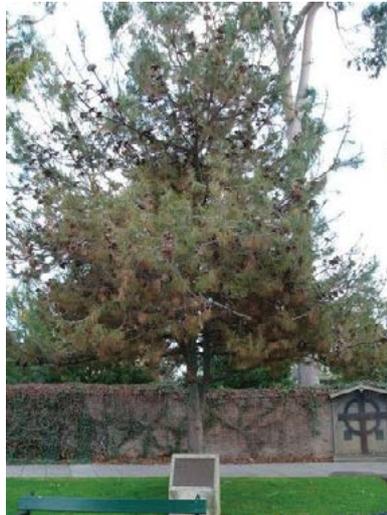


The plaque is inscribed:

To Honour The Men And Women Of South Australia Who Gave Their Lives In France During World War I 1914-1918 And World War II 1939-1945.

Memorial to the Battle of Lone Pine <2002>

Located near the South Australian National War Memorial is the **Memorial to the Battle of Lone Pine**. The memorial consists of a seedling (planted 2002) related to the original Lone Pine on the Gallipoli peninsular and a plaque which tells the story of Lone Pine (also known as the Battle of KanlıSirt) fought between Australian and Turkish forces between 6 and 10 August 1915.



The battle was part of a diversionary attack in Gallipoli campaign as part of the August Offensive. Fierce fighting occurred over 3 days which saw the Australian brigade overrun the Turkish trenches which were followed by numerous of counter attacks with both sides bringing up reinforcements. The Australians stood in control of the position on 10 August when the Ottomans called off further attempts. The inscription to the plaque best tells the story:

At 4.30 a.m. on August 6, 1915, an officer blew a whistle and the Australians charged from their trenches into a cloud of shrapnel and a torrent of bullets. Some fell before they cleared their parapets, others within a few strides. Lone pine was captured and reinforced but the A.I.F. losses were extremely high. More than 2,000

Australians were killed or wounded in this single engagement, most of them in hand-to-hand fighting. Heavier than any other in which the Australians were to take part throughout the great war. Of the nine victoria crosses awarded to Australians on Gallipoli seven were won at lone pine.

Atatürk Tribute Memorial <2008>

Atatürk's Tribute Memorial is in Pennington Gardens was dedicated on Remembrance day, 2008. The inscription from words penned by Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) in 1934 reads:

Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours... You, the mothers who sent your sons from far away countries, wipe away your tears. Your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land, they have become our sons as well.



Simpson & His Donkey <2011>



The monument to *Simpson and his Donkey*, a life-size bronze sculpture of Pvt. John Simpson Kirkpatrick and his donkey carrying a wounded soldier back to safe lines at Gallipoli, recognises the service and sacrifice of all medical personnel in theatres of war. Simpson was a member of the 3rd Field Ambulance which had its home in South Australia. After landing at Anzac Cove on 25 April 1915, he obtained a donkey and for three and a half weeks, began carrying wounded British Empire soldiers from



the frontline to the beach under fire, for evacuation. He was eventually killed by a burst of machine gun fire.

The memorial was sculptured by Robert Hannaford and stands at the intersection of King William Road & Sir Edwin Smith Avenue, Angas Garden, North Adelaide, 5006

“Rolls of Honour” in public institutions along North Terrace

Within public buildings sited on Park Lands facing north Terrace are a number of memorials to employees who served in the War.

These include a large Roll of honour at the Adelaide Railway Station, the South Australian Library, Art Gallery and Museum, and the Royal Adelaide Hospital.



(All photos provided by Walter and Guy Dollman)

Lest We Forget

AGM SUNDAY 19TH APRIL

We all but filled the chairs in the Don Pyatt Hall with members visitors and guests.

I will prepare and distribute a full Presidents Report for 2014/15 and on the AGM soon but felt it fair to share the optimism with you now. We saw the preview of the new Video quirky but brilliant aimed at a younger set of potential supporters. It was universally praised. We had the vigour of this approach promoted by dynamic Secretary Shane Sody. We had an excellent presentation by Stephanie Johnston on World Heritage Listing of the Park Lands.

All the current committee members returned but regretfully accepted the resignation of long serving and worthy APPA warrior Brian Mitchell due to ill health. His accolade for exceptional service was supported with loud acclamation.

We welcomed new Treasurer Graham Pratt. Vacant as Nigel Mitchell felt he could not continue as he is a major carer of dad Brian. Thanks Nigel for your contribution we understand and support your sense of priorities. Sarah Gilfillan was elected to fill the committee vacancy. Wider thanks to many for work and help through the year must wait for the

full report. The mood of the AGM was euphoric but realistic, (presidents poetic licence at play here but true nonetheless).

SAVE RYMILL PARK is the catchcry of a widespread campaign led and steered to a large extent by APPA through Shane and other members. A great opportunity to extend our visibility and support and promote the causes to Save not only Rymill Park but the whole Park Lands.

President Ian

PARK LANDS COMMENTS: FROM REX JORY

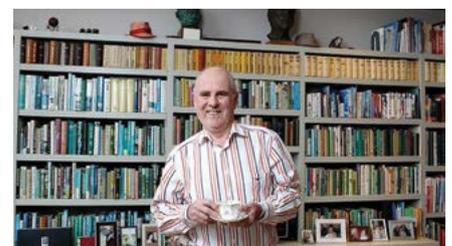
Yet another crisis for the Adelaide Park Lands has been avoided. There will, of course, be some collateral damage. Compromise, however well intended, inevitably creates casualties.

This year's crisis was the astonishing proposal, put forward by the State Government with a straight face and rubbery cheque book, to run a four-lane road, a tram easement and an O-Bahn extension through the East Park Lands. The plan would have slashed across the most publicly-popular section of the parklands system diagonally from the end of Grenfell Street to Hackney Road, Kent

Town. In return the current Rundle Road would have been closed and returned to parklands.

The Rundle Road compromise was a remedial offering which in no serious way off-set the potential damage. The plan would have changed the character and purpose of the East Park Lands. It was a bad plan. An unacceptable plan. An ill-conceived plan.

Before the last State election, the Labor Government promised a tunnel extension for the O-Bahn through the Park Lands. Don't forget the Liberals were firm favourites to win the election.



Rex Jory Photo: Advertiser

The O-Bahn serves commuters in three marginal seats and it was sensible politics for Labor to promise an improved bus service to the north-east.

Sometimes you have to be careful what you wish for. Labor won the election.

It had to deliver on its O-Bahn promise. No doubt transport were asked to come up with a couple of options – and quickly. The first options fitted the brief but fell far short of the public expectation for the preservation and upkeep of the Adelaide Park Lands. But credit where credit is due. The Government listened to public concerns. It noted the strength of protest lead by local advertising executive and community figure, Andrew Robertson, and the possible political damage a radical transport facility in the East Park Lands may have caused.

In April I wrote in *The Advertiser*: “Good governments recognise good politics and have the courage to implement them. Great governments recognise bad policies and have the courage to overturn them.” The Government had the courage to overturn a bad decision. It revised the plan, removed the tram-track proposal and the four-lane road and lengthened and therefore hid the O-Bahn tunnel. Rundle Road remains as one of the traffic carriers to the eastern suburbs.

Critics still argue that funnelling the

O-Bahn directly into the top end of Grenfell Street will create a traffic bottleneck. That may or may not be the case, but this will not directly impact on the Park Lands. The crisis for the Park Lands has been largely avoided. But the issue leaves one niggling and bitter question – why are governments of whatever colour in whatever political or economic climate, tempted to raid and desecrate the Park Lands?

For nearly 180 years under 45 premiers people have battled to retain the Park Lands in something like the state Colonel William Light envisaged them. Of course circumstances and demands change. Cow pastures have been turned into gardens. The Victoria Park racecourse has been returned to a delightful playground for a wide range of leisure activities from cycling to model aeroplanes and show-jumping.

Carefully planned and considered, with sufficient public consultation, changes in the main have worked; but then an aberration, like the East Park Lands O-Bahn proposal. A less flexible, more

single-focussed government might have defied public protest and pressed ahead. A delicate, popular and visible area of the Park Lands would have been radically changed if not destroyed. But common-sense, carried shoulder-high by public disquiet, prevailed.

Two things remain unchanged, like great stones in a stream, after this latest crisis: this won't be the last ill-considered raid on the parklands and it won't be the last time the loud and persistent voice of public concern plays a critical role in preserving the integrity of the Park Lands and their National Heritage status.

President's note:

APPA does not accept that the revised plan for Rymill Park is acceptable as it ravages the integrity and surface of an ultra precious part of our Park Lands and should not proceed in any form. For the article as a whole I want to congratulate Rex for articulating so clearly the repetitive threat to the Park Lands in all sorts of ways and in all sorts of locations. We appreciate having Rex as a dedicated defender with us of our irreplaceable Heritage. Thanks old chap! Ian

BUILDING ALLIANCES ON THE PARK LANDS (NOT INFRASTRUCTURE)

Shane Sody

It seems sometimes that APPA is a lone voice, crying out for Park Lands protection in the face of broad public indifference.

However, the recent campaign to 'Save Rymill Park' saw APPA play only a supporting role as one of a dozen community groups that came together to reject an ill-considered Government plan.

The *Save Rymill Park Picnic Rally* on 31 May was notable not just because of the publicity and the changes that it forced to the Government's original plan. It was notable too because, perhaps for the first time since APPA was established in 1987, a campaign to protect part of the Park Lands was led by a consortium of many groups, not just APPA.

The Picnic Rally and subsequent activity under the banner of the '*O-Bahn Impact Alliance*' has been supported not

only by APPA but also by:

- the Burnside Residents Group,
- the Hackney & College Park Residents Group,
- the National Trust,
- the Norwood Residents Association,
- the Preserve Kent Town Association,
- the Prospect Residents Association,
- the South East City Residents Association,
- 'Visions for Adelaide' and
- Hundreds of other individual supporters not part of any organised group.

The battle for Rymill Park is not over. The Government's current plans still involve digging a massive trench through Rundle Park and Rymill Park (with the trench uncovered in the pictured area



Building Alliances Photo: Shane Sody

from the lake's edge to East Terrace) the loss of 61 trees (down from 69) and the retention of Rundle Road, albeit narrowed.

Nevertheless, APPA is hopeful that many of the people who became involved in the *Save Rymill Park Picnic Rally* and the *O-Bahn Impact Alliance* will go on to become champions of other Parks as well.

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KEY VALUES OF THE PARK LANDS

At the Adelaide Park Lands Authority Meeting 23rd April 2015 the following key values of the Park Lands were identified to provide both Adelaide residents and more generally, the Adelaide Community with:

- A space accessible to the public is critical
- Accessible for a range of different activities and purposes
 - Access to a space simply to enjoy, a tranquil space is valuable
 - A value around how we activate - potentially more music
 - Equity of commercial and public access
 - Balancing act - activation - Victoria Park a role model of what can be done - the danger of the perception of a waste land - utilise the south Park Lands in a similar way - attract people and use
 - Spatially defined areas
 - The diversity of the Park Lands
 - The aesthetic value associated privacy
 - The lungs of the city
 - The educational value
 - A celebratory value (European model of more bars)
 - Nature - tranquillity, peacefulness, sustainability
 - Social aspect
 - Sporting, health and fitness
 - Education
 - Heritage - value of buildings, bridges, architecture of the old fences etc - celebrating the history of the clubs in the Park Lands
 - Importance of events – activation - Dedicated spaces for events
 - Public Art in the Park Lands
 - Opportunity to purchase food and drink – strategically identify space
 - The Park Lands just being has a value

- Acknowledge life stages in association with the use and recognition of the Park Lands
 - A need to engage in a positive way and break the cycle of negativity around the Park Lands
 - Sense of identity
 - Permeability
 - Capacity to respond to a range of diversity
 - Heritage Values - identity of Adelaide - convict free - connection to our origins and the rarity of the planning revered around the world - the example of Park Lands lost in Venice - significant people - wealth of information to reinforce heritage listing - heritage concept and evolving landscape
 - Alienation from environment – function of the Park Lands to counter act - importance of exposure for children and interaction with the natural environment
 - Clarity of function to combat alienation
 - Climate Control and impact in response to global warming
 - People and interaction
 - Beautification of the Park Lands
 - Long Term View considerations
 - Acknowledging merit of Park Lands
 - Places for people, a beautiful environment to attract people.

Editor's Note! While some of the above values are really not values; but statements with some social and environmental elements thrown together; but they are a brave attempt by members of the Authority to articulate their own thoughts on the Park Lands. One hopes they will take time to really focus on 'specific values as such'.

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