

Help Save the Heritage Listed Lemon Scented Gum in Flemington Road, Parkville

Local residents and friends of the Lemon Scented Gums in Flemington Road, watched in agony last Saturday, 25 June, when the contractors for the CityLink Tulla Widening road works chain-sawed and felled to the ground the four Lemon Scented Gums at the Flemington Road/Church Street intersection. **They had already hacked into the 94 years old giant, National Trust listed, Lemon Scented Gum removing 25 percent of the foliage and leaving only two truncated main bowers on one side.**

But confronted by residents, Anne and Allan Reid, who courageously chained themselves to the barriers beside this magnificent old specimen and the protestors who stood under this beauty's spacious canopy during the savage lopping, the contractor abandoned vandalising the tree and stopped the works, before the tree was totally ruined, for fear of serious injury to the protestors.

It was a temporary reprieve for what's left of the giant gum. News has now been received from Mr Warren Bradshaw, Operations Manager of the City Link Tulla Widening Project for VicRoads, saying that the contractors will return to complete their work but that "the date of the removal of the fifth tree has yet to be determined."

VicRoads will not be stopped without your involvement.

Please come out and help us save our giant gum.

- **KEEP GUARD OVER THE TREE** and report any developments to me.
- **SIGN THE NATIONAL TRUST PETITION:** <https://www.change.org/p/vicroads-our-lemon-scented-gum-is-worth-saving>
- **ATTEND THE MEETING OF RESIDENTS** at the intersection of Flemington Road and Church Street, Parkville **on Saturday, 2 July 2016 at 7.00 am to show solidarity and to plan what we can do as a community to "stop the chop".**

It is possible contractors will attempt to complete the removal of the tree next weekend. They started work on the trees last Saturday, 25 June, at 7.00 am. **So, if you can, come down to the Church Street/Flemington Road intersection at 7.00 am to defend our tree.** (We realise it is Election Day and so maybe difficult for some to attend.)

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