

# Urgent!!

## Council intends to cut down 39 trees in Caulfield Park to increase the size of the two ovals in the NE corner *and nobody knew anything about it.*



Council will tell you it is part of a plan drawn up over 15 years ago; but that is not the point.

- Trees take decades to grow, yet can be cut down in an hour. Once they are gone they are gone.
- Caulfield Park is the city's most prized, popular and valued park; its unique area is used by 1000's for walking, relaxing and informal escape into a green sanctuary. To cut down these trees for so little gain is irresponsible.

To have any chance of stopping this environmentally destructive act, contact as many councillors as you can on or before Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, when they meet. Tell them to resurface the ovals and keep their present size.



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The stars represent the 39 trees council plans to take out! The grey circles are not real trees; they are 'ghost trees' showing where Council may plant 1-2 metre saplings to 'replace' the much older trees they cull.

These are the Camden Ward Councillors' contact details (others overleaf):

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# Background

## Extract from Glen Eira Open Space Strategy - 2013

- 'Trees are the most highly valued feature of open space'
- 'Caulfield Park is the most popular open space'
- 'Walking is the most popular reason to visit open space'
- 'Walking Paths are the most frequently used facility in open space followed by seats and open grassed areas'
- 'Lack of open space in some parts of Glen Eira' (this is particularly true in North Caulfield)
- 'The increasing demand on open space and facilities from recent and future population increase associated with development' (e.g. C60 at the Racecourse)
- 'The need for improvement of seats, drinking fountains' etc.
- 'Retain and protect existing long-lived trees and establish new trees for long term shade and carbon capture.'
- 'Protect existing established mature trees including native, indigenous and exotic species, which provide shade and character to open space'
- 'Where possible, use existing and plant new canopy trees for shade instead of structures in open space'

**What they are proposing is in total conflict with this strategy! Do people in Council talk to each other?**

**Is there any connection between what they publish and what they do?**

## Returfing program

Following the effect of the drought some years ago, the southern ovals 5, 6 and 7 were returfed, irrigated and expanded in size. This involved the removal of several mature trees (including a superb Algerian Oak along the old path), the removal of all seating along the central path and the denuding of all vegetation, (except for the turf) on the path from the central new pavilion to the children's' playground in Park Crescent so destroying a greatly prized and treed vista.

Now it is the turn of ovals 3 and 4. Council wants to turn them into full size ovals. There are already four such full ovals in Caulfield Park so why should ovals 3 and 4 be expanded? They are used regularly for junior cricket and are serviceable as they are.

Why should so many mature and established younger trees have to be removed just to 'tidy up' the size of the ovals?

**Bigger is not always better!**

## Progressive destruction of the values of Caulfield Park

The most prized attribute of the Glen Eira parks are the trees, and tree growth is slow. For example, the elm trees around the water tanks on the Inkerman Road / Park Crescent corner are 15 – 20 years old but still only of modest height. These are marked for removal.

New trees will take decades even to obtain this modest height.

A mature tree and a valuable tree such as the cork oak along the central path should be regarded as a major community asset. Seemingly, not by this Council.

## Let all the Councillors know how you feel by email.

There are six other councillors in other wards so tell them your feelings too. (copy us at [caulfieldpark@gmail.com](mailto:caulfieldpark@gmail.com))

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**Remember our next band concert : Sunday 1st December 2 pm.**