

Media Response

Wednesday 28 May 2025

Response, attributable to Executive Director, City Futures, Sanjay Manivasagasivam:

The trees have been removed in accordance with the planning permit and the council decision made last year. We are also pleased to confirm that the timber from the trees will be delivered to our Operations Centre this week for storage. With our Open Space team, we will explore various options to use the wood for community projects that will benefit our community.

We have also successfully collected enough material for provenance seed collection. This will allow us to plant future red gum trees in Ross Reserve or other suitable locations, using the same genetic material. This initiative will help us maintain and preserve the valuable biodiversity of our area.

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Media Enquiry

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From Cam Lucadou-Wells – Dandenong Journal/Star News

Enquiries:

Works have started with the lopping of branches from the large trees at 51A Douglas Street this morning.

Was wondering if the council was going to make use of the timber from the trunk - such as some sort of memorial or artwork?

AND

Sorry, another follow-up. Apparently a tree outside the boundary of the 51A Douglas Street site is being felled. See attached photo.

Is there a permit for this? If so, please provide details on why.