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### **HISTORIC PROPERTY SAVED FROM DEMOLITION WITH INTERIM HERITAGE ORDER**

An Interim Heritage Order has been gazetted today by the City of Ryde Council to save a Federation-style dwelling *Dellina Palm Cottage*, at 87 Bowden Street, Ryde, from demolition.

The move came after the Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, tabled a Mayoral Minute at the meeting of Council on Tuesday 23 February 2016, to reverse a previous 2010 Resolution of Council that had left properties like *Dellina Palm Cottage* without heritage protection.

The 2010 Resolution had meant that the identification of heritage significance and heritage listings were not the decision for the community, but controlled by individual land owners and developers.

The Mayor said: "The previous Council's resolution was short-sighted and left a significant number of properties which form part of our local history in danger of being lost or irreversibly changed. "This is not an appropriate process to identify and protect the rich heritage of our City and I believed this issue needed to be redressed as a matter of urgency.

"As local leaders we must set the direction to ensure the protection of our local heritage now and into the future. Hopefully this is the start of a new era of taking our heritage seriously."

Several properties identified for heritage listing in the 2010 Heritage Study have already been lost and 14 have recent development consents for either demolition, substantial alterations and additions or new development.

The Mayor added: "It is vital that, as a City, we resolve to protect places of historical significance and I want to ensure that my kids can walk through Ryde and feel and breathe the history of Australia's third oldest settlement."

Council also resolved to list the Bowden Street property on the heritage schedule of Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014.

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