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## **COUNCIL TAKES ACTION TO SAVE HERITAGE BUILDING**

An Interim Heritage Order has been made by the City of Ryde Council to prevent the demolition of a beautiful Federation style dwelling at 330 Rowe Street, Eastwood. The action came after a Mayoral Minute to save the heritage property was tabled by Mayor Laxale and unanimously adopted by the Council.

The Eastwood property was recently the subject of an application to replace the building with a new two-storey child care centre which drew strong opposition from local residents resulting in a petition signed by 150 people.

Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "Ryde's heritage buildings are central to our community's sense of identity and provide a priceless link to our City's past and I thank concerned residents from Eastwood and Meadowbank for caring so much about our heritage.

"This Council is making it a matter of priority to make sure our heritage buildings are cherished and respected for our kids and their kids.

"We have committed to delivering a detailed heritage study which will form the basis of an active effort to ensure significant items are appropriately listed and protected."

A Planning Proposal that lists the property as an item of local heritage significance will be prepared and forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment requesting a gateway determination.

Ryde's last heritage study, which was undertaken in 2010, left the protection of some properties to their owners. While many owners have respected the significance of these buildings to the wider community and meticulously maintained and protected them, a number of properties have been lost to development.

A similar action to save *Dellina Palm Cottage* at 87 Bowden Street, which was also under threat of development, was taken by the Council in early 2016.

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