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## **CITY OF RYDE'S HERITAGE REFORMS BECOME LAW**

Landmark heritage reforms developed and endorsed by the City of Ryde have become law, providing heritage protection to more than 300 items across the community.

Items included in the heritage reforms include Federation buildings and Inter-War bungalows, public parks such as Eastwood Park and Anzac Park, the West Ryde Hotel, as well as street tree boulevards.

There are also three new heritage conservation areas located at Chatham Road, Denistone, Darvall Estate, Denistone and Tyrell Street, Gladesville, meaning the City of Ryde now has eight heritage conservation areas in total.

In addition, the former Squire's Brewery and Halvorsen's Boat Yard in Putney and the Glades Bay Baths in Gladesville are now listed as archaeological sites.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the heritage reforms were the most wide-ranging ever undertaken by Council.

"Our community have consistently told us to protect Ryde's heritage, yet we had some of the worst heritage protections in our region. Our history was being lost to development," Cllr Laxale said.

"The approval of this city-wide heritage review will ensure that some of Ryde's most treasured items and neighbourhoods will remain part of the community for generations to come.

"Crucially, Council undertook widespread community consultation throughout this process and struck a balance between the views of the community as well as those held by owners of significant heritage properties when endorsing these reforms

"By working together, we have saved Ryde's history."

The reforms were adopted as an amendment to the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014 after the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment authorised Council to be the local plan making authority for the changes.

Each item that has been heritage listed was identified by an independent heritage review of the Ryde local government area that was undertaken in 2019.

Heritage-listed items and neighbourhoods are provided with protections guarding them from inappropriate development as new works are required to be sympathetic to the character and style of the heritage area and/or heritage conservation area.

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