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CITY OF RYDE RESOLVES TO SAVE HISTORICAL HOUSE FROM DEMOLITION

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, has called on the NSW Government to support a Council recommendation and save a historical Eastwood home from demolition.

At its August meeting, councillors unanimously resolved to support a planning proposal that recommends the Ryde Local Environment Plan be amended to list the home located at 330 Rowe Street as an item of local heritage significance.

The house was built in 1907 and has been described by a heritage consultant as a site of local historical significance and evidence of the early development of the Eastwood area. It is also an example of work of the prominent local architect Charles Robert Summerhayes.

Council has had to move quickly to preserve the house's heritage status after it received a development application last October to demolish the house and construct a two-storey childcare centre.

Following receipt of the development application, Council placed an Interim Heritage Order on the Rowe Street house and prepared its own planning proposal to permanently list the house as an item of local heritage significance. As part of this planning proposal, Council undertook community consultation which overwhelmingly supported listing the house as a heritage item.

Clr Laxale said while he was delighted all City of Ryde councillors supported the decision to save the historic house, the final decision ultimately rests with the NSW Government.

"The City of Ryde's decision to recommend that our Local Environment Plan be amended to list the home as an item of local heritage significance shows that as a Council we are genuine about preserving our area's heritage," Clr Laxale said.

"As the State Government has complete power over Local Environment Plans, I now call on the government to endorse Council's recommendation without delay so that bulldozers can get nowhere near this historic house and it can be preserved for generations to come."

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