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DELLINA PALM COTTAGE TO BE LISTED ON RYDE'S HERITAGE SCHEDULE

As the City of Ryde prepares to celebrate Heritage Week, the Council is one step closer to saving Dellina Palm Cottage, a significant Federation-style dwelling at 87 Bowden Street, Ryde from demolition, by formally listing it as a Heritage Item.

The action follows the intervention by the Mayor which resulted in an Interim Heritage Order being gazetted on the property in February 2016.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "This is an important step forward and a win for common sense as we celebrate our local heritage during Heritage Week.

"Too much of our local heritage has been lost and it is vital, as civic leaders and a community, that we protect our history.

"It's not just about saving bricks, but about saving the architecture and layers of information and stories of those who have lived here before us that make our City so vital and such an enviable place to live."

In 2010, the Council at the time would not list properties within the Ryde Local Government Area as a heritage item unless the owner of a property agreed to its listing.

"It was short-sighted and left a significant number of historic items and properties in danger of being lost or irreversibly changed," the Mayor said. "It is important that we reset the direction to ensure the protection of our local heritage now and into the future."

As a result of a Mayoral Minute raised by Cllr Laxale at a Council meeting, the process to list Dellina Palm Cottage as a heritage item was successfully commenced.

A planning proposal to list the property in the Heritage Schedule of the Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014, will go on public exhibition from Monday 9 May to Thursday 9 June 2016 www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay. The Mayor has encouraged citizens to have their say on this proposal.

The Ryde Heritage Walking Trail book is shortlisted for two awards in the National Trust's annual Heritage Awards to be announced on 6 May.

For more information on Heritage Week go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/heritageweek

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