

## **Invitation to show community support against demolition of historic house at 9 Centennial Av via North Shore Times photo**

In November 2010 by daughter Kylie and myself visited residents of Jenkins St with a petition to Willoughby Council seeking heritage listing for the protection of 9 Centennial Av Chatswood. It was signed by an overwhelming majority of the street.



Half the tiles have now been removed from the building and investigation by Council is in progress to determine if the large tree on the boundary of the property with Jenkins St was deliberately poisoned.

At Willoughby Council's meeting last night (Monday 12 February) a motion to impose an interim heritage order was passed overwhelmingly by the Council. This delays the immediate demolition of the building.

**The North Shore Times have been in contact re 9 Centennial Ave and are interested in doing an article. They would like a photo with interested community members outside the property.**

They have suggested 10am tomorrow, however this may be changed to 2pm. It would be great if you were able to attend (outside 9 Centennial) and show your support. As we are not certain yet of the exact time, if you would like to show your support please send an email to [blueblueindigo@outlook.com](mailto:blueblueindigo@outlook.com) and I will send an email back as soon as I know the precise time. It will be important to check the time first as times may change.

The property was purchased in towards the end of 2017 and is considered to have heritage merit by independent heritage consultants and has historical significance for our area. Brief details are provided overleaf and comprehensive background is provided online via a link provided at <https://goo.gl/217ehN>

Demolition is not permitted as Clause 130AB of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulations 2000 states that a certifying authority must not determine the application by issuing a complying certificate (CDC) until at least 14 days after the authority has given notice to Council. This was not done.

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## **Brief Summary of Council-related background re 9 Centennial Av Chatswood**

### **1996 Review of Proposed Heritage Listings in City of Willoughby**

recommended the property be included within the Schedule of Local Heritage Items

Included in a draft for exhibition

Council resolved not to proceed with its inclusion

### **2005 Nomination by Willoughby District Historical Society**

Independent Heritage Review undertaken by Graham Brooks and Associates listing it as of heritage significance.

Council sought owner permission to inspect but no response received.

There was no inspection and Council took no further action

### **2009 Notice of Motion by Lynne Saville**

Owner's Solicitor objected to listing on basis of owner's age and previous history of listing attempts

Council resolved 25 May 2009 to expedite process to commit to list



### **2010 Exhibition of Draft Local Environment Plan**

Incorporated into draft plan

Two submissions opposing from family members

Report to Council 3 November recommended listing

Owner refused entry for inspection

22 November 2010 West Ward residents petition submitted requesting heritage listing

28 February 2011 Council resolved to take no further action to visit the property in deference to occupant's age and objections.

### **2018 Illegal Demolition halted**

At Willoughby Council Meeting General Meeting 12 February, an Interim Heritage Order was placed on 9 Centennial Av Chatswood to prevent its immediate demolition.

For details about the historical significance of this building see

<https://goo.gl/217ehN>