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GREENBAN PLACED ON HISTORIC WILLOW GROVE AND ST GEORGE'S TERRACE

HONOURING THE LEGACY OF JACK MUNDEY

The North Parramatta Residents Action was established five years ago in response to plans by the State Government to fill the Fleet Street Heritage Precinct with thousands of units in up to 25 story towers.

Over recent years locals have watched with horror as our War Memorial Pool has been demolished still without replacement, Parramatta Park has lost further open space, and the historic Royal Oak Hotel was destroyed in the dead of night.

Willow Grove, a historic maternity hospital 150 years old is the Premier's next target. She wants to destroy this extraordinary piece of Australian history in order to order to build a 24 hour entertainment centre not a Museum for families of Western Sydney that was promised.

Today's announcement by the CFMEU that a green ban has been placed on Willow Grove and St George's Terrace is a tremendous win. The union is revisiting the tremendous legacy of Jack Munday, and they deserve congratulations for their principled action.

Parramatta deserves a genuine Museum and continued cultural funding from the State Government - but it does not need to be at the expense of more of Australia's heritage being destroyed.

"For four years the community has tried to reason with Premier Berejiklian," said Suzette Meade, spokesperson for North Parramatta Residents Action Group.

"Over this time we've offered solutions but they have been ignored. We will not stand by and watch as more local heritage is destroyed."

"The Berejiklian government bulldozed Parramatta's War Memorial Pool, then it was the historic Royal Oak Hotel - a hotel older than Perth. This hotel was knocked down in the dead of night. Premier Berejiklian should be under no illusion, if the destruction of Willow Grove or St George's Terrace commences people will be prepared to put their bodies in front of machinery. "

"Jack Munday saved Sydney's historic rocks precinct. Jack's recent passing has reminded all of us that to simply be passive will only accelerate the destruction of Australia's heritage and our activities honour Jack Munday's legacy," she said.

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