

Barwon Heads Association

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Attention: Mr Peter Smith
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Dear Peter,

Request for heritage controls – 9 Bridge Rd Barwon Heads

I confirm that in accordance with recent discussions, the BHA and Mr Ross Harrison have combined to seek advice from Heritage experts in relation to the current building on 9 Bridge Rd Barwon Heads.

The advice we have received, and forwarded to CoGG has supported and strengthened our belief that the house has significant heritage value and is very important to the heritage of Barwon Heads.

We believe that the report from RBA Architects and Conservation Consultants “RBA” establishes beyond reasonable doubt the significance of the 19th century house situated at 9 Bridge Rd Barwon Heads.

The RBA report states that: *“arguably the subject house is the most prominent 19th century house in the town, being located on a corner block at the southern end of the main street. It has landmark qualities particularly when considered together with the large cypress which is evocative of early beachside development. ... Although the subject house has undergone alterations, it is considered that it has an integrity comparable with the group of 19th century houses currently protected by a Heritage Overlay.”*

We urgently request the Council to acknowledge the historical and aesthetic values of this property and apply for interim heritage controls with a view to introducing an individual heritage overlay in the near future. Our Heritage expert RBA and the Barwon Heads community have clearly articulated our belief and proven that this is a very important landmark in our village and seek your urgent support to protect it.

Yours truly,

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