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DEMOLITION OF THE WINGHAM HOTEL STABLES

Greater Taree City Council has issued an order requesting the demolition of the Wingham Hotel Stables.

The order to demolish the stables was made after a report from a structural engineer confirmed numerous structural issues with the building and most notably that part of the building was under threat of collapse. The extent of damage to the stables was such that made repair of the structure financially unviable.

The structural adequacy of the stables had been brought to the attention of Council after it was damaged by fire when the adjoining Wingham Hotel was destroyed. The structural engineer found that while the building had been damaged by fire, the damage to the stables was predominantly due to the ageing and deterioration of structural elements.

Council's Senior Leader of Regulatory Services, Bruce Moore said the stables together with the former Wingham Hotel are identified as an item of local heritage and the significance to the community in historical terms is acknowledged.

"Council wishes to assure the Wingham community that Council values the importance of our built heritage, but the extent of damage to the stables and the associated risks were sufficient to warrant demolition of the structure," Mr Moore said.

To address the heritage significance of the stables, Council has required that a detailed photographic record be retained and an historic marker including an image and description of the hotel and stables be installed on the site.

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