

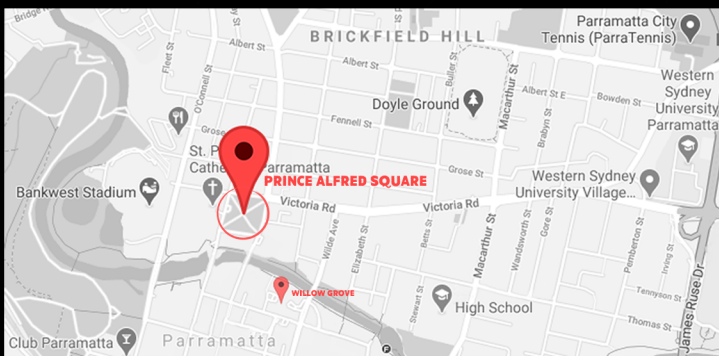
# SAVE THE DATE 1 SATURDAY MAY 2021

**MAY DAY MARCH  
11.30AM PARRAMATTA**

SAVE  
WILLOW GROVE  
SAVE  
OUR HERITAGE!

DAY OF  
CELEBRATION  
FOR THE  
WORKING CLASS!

## RALLY & MARCH TO SAVE WILLOW GROVE



**PRINCE ALFRED SQUARE PARRAMATTA  
CORNER OF MARKET STREET AND MARIST PLACE**

**MEETING FROM 11.30AM**

**MARCHING AT 12.00 MIDDAY**

**MORE DETAILS**



## WHAT IS MAY DAY?

1 May is **May Day**, **international workers' day**, when millions of workers around the world rally to acknowledge the achievements of workers past, but also to continue the fight into the future.

**We are fighting for jobs, decent conditions and a fair go for all.**

In 2021, members of CFMEU, MUA, ETU and Plumbers Unions, are also marching in support of the Green Ban to save Willow Grove in Parramatta from demolition by the NSW Government.

We will be marching with many residents of Parramatta and others who also want to see Willow Grove saved for future generations to enjoy.



## WHAT'S A GREEN BAN?

A **Green Ban** is a ban placed on work being done to prevent the destruction of important places of heritage.

This goes back to the efforts of the Builders Labourers Federation, who during the 1970s, took strike action to save many beautiful parts of Sydney such as the Rocks, Woolloomooloo and Centennial Park, from being lost forever.

Since the days of the BLF, the CFMEU has continued to place bans in order to prevent the destruction of places of historic or community significance.

Recently a CFMEU Green Ban saved the Bondi Pavilion from being privatised and lost to the public.



## THE GREEN BAN TO SAVE WILLOW GROVE

Green Bans are taken in collaboration with local communities. Willow Grove is a beautiful house built in Parramatta in the 1870s. As well as a residence, it became a hospital where many Parramatta residents were born. The building is unique, its architecture is testament to the skills of construction workers of the past. **To lose this beautiful building forever would be a tragedy.**

St Georges Terrace, a row of nearby terraces was also earmarked for destruction, but after the Green Ban was placed in 2020, the Government immediately announced it would not destroy the terraces but they would be incorporated into the design of the new Powerhouse museum. We now need to save Willow Grove.

The NSW Government wants to demolish Willow Grove to make way for an avenue for the new Powerhouse Museum building. The Unions are not opposed to the building of this museum, however, we are opposed to the construction of the building resulting in the destruction of Willow Grove.

The Union along with the local North Parramatta Action Group and others believe that Willow Grove can, and should, be incorporated into the new museum. The CFMEU has received thousands of emails & messages from around Australia supporting the Unions' stand.

So on Saturday 1st May 2021, to highlight this important campaign to **SAVE WILLOW GROVE**, we are rallying and marching in Parramatta.

**We urge all members to attend and help us save this important part of our history!**

