

## MAYOR'S COMMUNITY MESSAGE



Celebrating World Smile Day (left to right) Roy Newsome (Acting General Manager - City of Ryde), Cllr Bill Pickering (Mayor - City of Ryde), Cllr Jane Stott (Deputy Mayor - City of Ryde)

### Granny Smith

The Granny Smith Festival is our biggest community event and it's on again this Saturday.

Our Festival is a celebration of the community, for the community, and by the community. People in their tens of thousands are expected to descend on Eastwood.

Behind the scenes the Council's events team has been working for months preparing for the 'big day'. They coordinate everything down to the finest detail and they work through the night to make sure the day goes off – and ends – with a bang!

Many Council staff help out on the day and this year a special group of residents have put their hands up to be Granny Smith Festival volunteers. Several are bilingual and they'll be able to answer all your questions about the Festival. They'll be wearing bright green t-shirts, so look out for them roaming through the crowd.

As the sun comes up on Festival day, there's a feeling of pent up excitement in the air as performers, community groups, stall vendors and food suppliers start arriving. It's a great atmosphere.

This is an event that has something for everyone. It's a traditional fair for the family from the youngest to the most senior, with rides, showbags, market stalls and entertainment all day long. There's food from every corner of the globe including toffee apples, fresh apples and apple pies of course!

For mums and dads who need a bit of quiet time there's a Family Zone and also an accessible drop-off point.

The Core Youth Zone rocks with an impressive line-up of performances, attractions and things to try in the grounds of Eastwood Public School. This year there'll be an Apple Jam Block Party, Wheelchair Basketball and Laser Tag Challenge.

It all rounds off with the big Family Concert, presenting local talents Nada and Jasmin of 'The Voice 2016', then a spectacular fireworks display.

Download the program from [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival) or pick up a copy on the day. Like us on [facebook.com/grannysmithfestival](https://www.facebook.com/grannysmithfestival) and share your photos, #WeLoveGSF.

### Fusion Foundation Gala Ball

Council recently resolved to support The Fusion Foundation - a local non-profit organisation whose commitment is to ensure that 100% of all finances raised reaches those in need.

This Friday, the Fusion Foundation is holding its inaugural gala dinner at Curzon Hall. Their aim is to raise \$150,000 for Achieve Australia, Alzheimer's Australia and the Ryde Royal Rehab. The Council has committed \$2,500 to this very worthy cause and you can lend your support, too.

There'll be a three-course meal with unlimited refreshments, a silent auction and entertainment. For more information go to [www.thefusionfoundation.com.au](http://www.thefusionfoundation.com.au)



Yours Sincerely,

Cllr Bill Pickering (LtCol Retd)

Mayor - City of Ryde

Phone 9952 8222 or email [mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mayor@ryde.nsw.gov.au)

## EVENTS AROUND YOUR CITY

Celebrate the upcoming National Bird Week (17 – 23 October) in the City of Ryde.

### Guided Walk Bird Watching in the Field of Mars Reserve

Join us for a very special bird watching guided walk through the Field of Mars Reserve and lower section of Buffalo Creek. The walk guide is a bird specialist and will be able to help you spot and identify a wide variety of native bird species including summer migratory birds.



**When** Saturday 15 October  
**Time** 8.00 - 10.00am  
**Where** Field of Mars Reserve, 220 Pittwater Road, East Ryde  
**Cost** Free. Booking essential

For more information and to book, visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/guidedwalks](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/guidedwalks)

### Aussie Backyard Bird Count 2016

Take part in the biggest citizen science project to hit Aussie shores! From 17-23 October, thousands of people from across the country are heading out into their backyards, local parks, or favourite outdoor spaces to take part in the third annual Aussie Backyard Bird Count.



**When** 17 - 23 October  
**Time** A 20 minutes period of your choice during the week of 17 - 23 October  
**Where** An outdoor space of your choice such as your backyard or nearby local park  
**Cost** Free

For more information visit [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/birdcount](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/birdcount)



### Garage Sale Trail

City of Ryde has partnered again in the Annual Garage Sale Trail being held on Saturday 22 October, where you can participate by holding your own garage sale or by visiting one of the dozens being held on the day right across the neighbourhood. Visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au)

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Presentation of Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2016

The City of Ryde's General & Special Purpose Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2016 have been completed and audited. The Statements, together with the Auditor's Report, are available for viewing at the Customer Service Centre, 1 Pope St, Ryde, City of Ryde's public libraries and website, [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/financialstatements](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/financialstatements), from 12 October to 25 October 2016.

Submissions, in accordance with Section 420 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, from members of the public regarding any aspect of the Statements or Auditor's Report are welcome and will be received up until 1 November 2016.

All submissions will be considered by Council and referred to its auditor as required by the Act.

The Statements and the Auditor's Report will be formally presented at the Ordinary Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 25 October 2016 and members of the public are invited to attend.

#### Summary of Financial Statements

	Current 2015/16 \$'000	Previous 2014/15 \$'000
<b>Income Statement</b>		
Total Income from Continuing Operations	180,575	134,058
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	101,491	93,055
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	79,084	41,003
Net Operating Result for the Year	79,084	41,003
Net operating result Before Grants and Contributions Provided for Capital Purposes	35,506	10,044
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Total Current Assets	113,213	114,739
Total Current Liabilities	37,671	31,090
Total Non-Current Assets	2,448,015	2,385,324
Total Non-Current Liabilities	3,690	5,397
Total Equity	2,519,867	2,463,576
<b>Other Financial Information</b>		
	Benchmark	
Operating performance (%)	> 0.00%	8.13% 8.53%
Own source operating revenue (%)	> 60.00%	67.03% 71.44%
Unrestricted current ratio	> 1.5x	4.29x 5.03x
Debt service cover ratio	> 2x	12x 20.86x
Rates and annual charges outstanding percentage (%)	< 5.00%	3.58% 3.84%
Cash expense cover ratio	> 3 months	15.72 15.68

For further enquires please contact Christine Joyce, Acting Chief Financial Officer, on 9952 8020.

## EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### Technology at your Library:

#### eBook Workshop

eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines are just a click away. This workshop will show you how to access the latest library materials available to members.

Bring your own device eg. iPad, laptop, smartphone, tablet, Surface or Android. Device must be set up with User ID. Open to all Ryde residents.



**When** Monday 17 October  
**Time** 10.30am – 12.30pm  
**Where** Ryde Library  
**Cost** Free  
**Bookings** 9952 8352

## PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD

### Garage Sales

**Saturday 15 October from 9.00am**

• 83 Delange Road, Putney

**Sunday 16 October from 9.00am**

• 8 Enid Street, Denistone

To list your garage sale for free, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/garagesales)