

Thursday, September 30, 2010

## GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL FUN FOR ALL

The City of Ryde's favourite community event is back when the 25<sup>th</sup> Granny Smith Festival bursts into life at Eastwood on Saturday 16 October.  
[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival) 9952 8222.

Every year this much anticipated event delivers a smorgasbord of delights and entertainment for the enjoyment of all.

Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian proclaimed: "The City of Ryde is famous for the Granny Smith Festival, this year celebrating 25 years of fun for all.

"The whole community is looking forward to welcoming a huge crowd to join in the carnival mood and soak up the friendly atmosphere that makes this festival one not to be missed."

The Festival kicks off with the popular Grand Street Parade, transforming Eastwood into a swirling sea of colour complete with bands, dancers, street performers, Granny Smith descendants, 'Sweetie Pie' Apple character, jugglers, clowns and community floats.

Then the action moves onto Eastwood Oval with all day entertainment and temptations galore.

Sixty acts on six stages dotted throughout the precinct pump out entertainment, showcasing local talent of every genre. From local dance troupes and bands, to choirs, singers, poets, and clowns – the variety will leave you breathless and wanting more.

Foodies cook up a storm with an international flavour, including the best ever Granny Smith apple pies made by local mums.

Bargain hunters won't be disappointed with the treats and treasures to be found at the 280 street stalls.

Carnival rides, jumping castles, face painting, x-box and special events including Singing Star and Sports Star competitions will delight the little ones.

Teens can chill-out at 'The Core' Youth Zone with music, freebies and cool activities.

In the evening, sit back and enjoy the free Family Concert featuring ABBA's BACK. Then a brilliant spectacle lights up the sky with the Festival Fireworks display bringing the day to a close.

### Highlights

10.00 am	Grant Street Parade and Official opening.
11.00 am	100 year old Edna Spurway, the great-grand daughter of the real 'Granny' Smith (Maria Ann Smith), will be honoured with a special presentation plaque and a huge celebration cake made by Ryde College students (TAFE NSI).
6.45 pm	Family Concert – Tribute band ABBAsBACK present those famous songs that shaped the 70s – from Mamma Mia! to Dancing Queen.
8.00 pm	Fireworks Spectacular

### Food & Craft

International Food Fair	Chinese, Thai, Indian, Dutch, German, Spanish, African, Aussie Sausage Sizzle, Turkish, Italian, Sushi, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Korean, Greek biscuits, French Crepes, Belgian Crunchy Chips, plus juice-bar, ice cream, fairyfloss, nougat, fudge, nuts, homemade jams and spreads, honey, donuts, shaved ice – and of course lots of apples and delicious apple pies.
280 stalls	Jewellery, artefacts, bric-a-brac, fashion, showbags, craft, plants, Council Information Stall (get your piece of Granny Smith cake), emergency services stall.

### Kids' Stuff

On the Oval	Carnival Rides, Jumping Castle, Giant Slide, Animal farm (baby lambs, goats, ducks, chickens, pigs). Children's entertainment Sporting Star & Singing Star – great prizes to be won
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### The Core Youth Zone (Hillview Lane) Rocks from 1.00-5.00pm

Chill out with	DJ Mabs presents: Angelena Dave & Midy, Stone the Dolphins, Seraphyx, None of the Above, Critical Impact
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The City of Ryde 25<sup>th</sup> Granny Smith Festival is sponsored by:

Gold            Batlow Apples, Macquarie Shopping Centre  
Bronze        Courtyard by Marriott, Macquarie Community College, Hunter Holden, Event Cinemas, Ayam, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club, Tracy Yap Realty.

The Granny Smith Festival celebrates the life and legacy of one of the district's most famous citizens, Maria Ann Smith – aka Granny Smith – who, back in 1868, accidentally grew the first batch of tangy green apples that bear her name and are now grown all over the world.

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