

Thursday 10 November 2011.

FESTIVE NEWS AND EVENTS ROUNDUP

The City of Ryde presents and supports a full calendar of local festive events. For details of these and other events, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Community Christmas Celebration, Ryde Park

Sunday 4 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm

The highlight of our local festive events the City of Ryde presents the annual Community Christmas Celebration for all to enjoy. Wear your Hawaiian shirt and bring the family to *Ryde Park Goes Beached As*.

- Santa's Cave: Santa will make a grand entrance in a fire truck at 5.30pm,
- Kids DIY crafts: glow-in-the-dark Christmas card, sand bracelet, decorate a Christmas pudding
- Giant sand pit (sandcastle building equipment supplied)
- Sing along and dance with the Brett Campbell Kids Xmas Show
- Mechanical surfboard, inflatable shark slide, ironman challenge
- Beach volley ball
- Dance Generation (breakdancing), ceroc and modern jive dance company
- Face painting, Christmas elves
- Australian Wildlife Zoo for close up animal encounters
- Amanda Thomas and Band and Shock Daze sing the BeachBoys
- Free sausage sizzle and refreshments.

This City of Ryde community presentation is proudly sponsored by St George.

Eastwood Plaza Carols

Thursday 8 December, 6.30pm-9pm

A night of rejoicing and carols with local groups and choirs performed under the famous arbour ablaze with Christmas lights.

- Santa on stage
- Glow-stick candles and giveaways for the children
- Special seating and easy access for the elderly and disabled
- Giant Xmas tree.

A City of Ryde community presentation.

Rotary Carols on the Common

Sunday 18 December, Cnr Twin & Wicks Rds, North Ryde, 5.30-9pm

Families, neighbours and friends join together at North Ryde Common. This year special guests include, 'Audio Vixen', from The X-Factor. A fireworks display is the finale of this annual event.

Organised by Rotary and supported by the City of Ryde.

Summer Vacation Care

Monday 19 – Thursday 22 December

Tuesday 3 January – Friday 27 January

The City of Ryde summer vacation care program runs for one week before Christmas and four weeks in January at Gladesville Public School. Fun, safe activities for children aged 5 – 12 years. Activities include:

- fishing day
- ancient history show
- magic show
- outings to the movies
- Harry Potter exhibition at Powerhouse Museum
- Kingpin Bowling.

Bookings close on Friday 9 December. For full details and application, go to

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/vacationcare or call 9952 8222.

Reindeers Over Ryde - Christmas House Lights Displays

Reindeers, penguins, giant trains and laughing Santas – these are just some of the amazing sights that light up the rooves and front yards all over our City at this time of year. The annual spectacle attracts hundreds of sightseers to our lighting extravaganza.

- Chavel Street, North Ryde (cnr Cutler & Blamey – every house)
- Stephens Avenue, Ryde (cul de sac off Quarry Road – every house)
- Blundell Street and Dacy Street, Marsfield

St Michaels Christmas Twilight Markets

Friday 2 December 5.00 – 9.00pm

Come and join St Michaels for their 3rd Annual Christmas Twilight Markets (Maxim Street Meadowbank). Enjoy a great summer night with twinkle lights, carols, Santa, great food and fantastic stalls with lots of gift ideas and all things crafty.

Holy Spirit Christmas Fair

Sunday 27 November, 9.00am – 4.00pm

Come and join the fun at the fair - entertainment, games, books, rides, face painting, kids activities, gifts, cakes, plants, Devonshire tea, international food and much more, including a visit from Santa. Coxs Road, North Ryde.