

Monday 16 January 2012

WE WILL ROCK YOU – ON AUSTRALIA DAY

On Australia Day, the City of Ryde will rock to the sounds of one of the greatest bands of all time at the annual Australia Day Concert and Fireworks Spectacular at North Ryde Common (Thursday 26 January).

Heading a great line up of entertainment, **Killer Queen** bring back to life the visual excitement and stage energy of the flamboyant Freddie Mercury and Queen. The tribute starts in the 1970s, taking us through the extravagances of the 80s and 90s from long hair to leather.

Proceedings kick off with well-known local group, the Shane Younger Band, followed by fabulous kids entertainment with Electric Lunchbox. Covers band Shockdaze then picks up the pace, before Killer Queen, voted the best Queen show in Australia, launch into the timeless and legendary sounds of “Crazy Little Thing Called Love”, “We Will Rock You”, “We Are The Champions” and of course “Bohemian Rhapsody”.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmedkjian said: “Australia Day is a true blue tribute to everything that is great about Australia – our diverse society and landscape, our laid back lifestyle, our remarkable achievements and our bright future.

“Our own annual Australia Day Concert is one of the highlights of summer where you can enjoy free family entertainment, food and friendship, under the star in a safe environment, right on your doorstep.

“There’s no need to battle the traffic when the best Australia Day entertainment is right here in the City of Ryde.”

Traditional Australia Day celebrations take place in the morning with an official gathering for the announcement of Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year and an address by Australia Day Ambassador, Scott McGregor, well-known TV presenter/author/traveller. This is followed by a Citizenship Ceremony when 50 new members of the Australian family are welcomed.

2012 Australia Day Program Thursday 26 January

Civic Ceremony

Event Cinemas, Top Ryde City shopping centre, Level 4, 10.00-11.30 am

- Australia Day Ambassador Address – Scott McGregor
- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement
- Citizenship Ceremony

Family Concert and Fireworks

North Ryde Common, Cnr Twin & Wicks Roads, 5.00 – 9.30 pm.

Children's rides, hot food and refreshments available.

- Shane Younger Band 5.00pm
- Electric Lunchbox 6.05pm
- Shockdaze 7.00pm
- Killer Queen 7.50pm
- Fireworks Spectacular 9.00pm

Full details www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/australiaday

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