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GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL 2013 IS FLAVOUR OF THE MONTH

Everything is in apple pie order as the Eastwood community gears up for this year's Granny Smith Festival on Saturday 19 October.

The welcome mat is out for the expected 85,000 festival goers who flock to the town centre for the fun, the food, the family concert and the fireworks.

Kicking off at 9.30am is the colourful Street Parade – a 2,000 strong procession of marching bands, floats, school groups, dancers, street artists and community characters.

Bargain hunters won't be disappointed with the treats and treasures to be found at the 280 stalls selling everything from art and jewellery, to plants, paintings and showbags.

Make sure you bring your own reusable carry bag – all plastic bags/straws/food containers are banned! Fill up at the free Water Refill and Bubbler Station next to the Oval Stage and do your bit to reduce the estimated 5,000 plastic bottles thrown away at the Festival.

Food stalls with delicious and diverse foods to suit every member of the family will be consumed with gusto. Munch on a mango or gobble up a gozleme. There'll be fruit frappes, satay sticks, noodles, nuts, stir-fries and sizzling sausages – plus fairyfloss, toffee apples and apple bobbing.

As always, live entertainment is a huge drawcard, and with 70 local and professional acts working on five stages, there's sure to be something for everyone. Music, dance, magic and karaoke are all part of the line-up that includes crowd-pleasers Sparkles the Clown, Guy Dutton, the Rhymer from Ryde, local school and performance groups, big bands, Rock n Soul Choir and local favourite Outlier, to name just a few

There'll be plenty of giveaways, including your own take-home souvenir photo from the Granny Smith on-site photo booth. Plus 5,000 sun visors, fridge magnets and a make-your-own paper truck from the Council's waste truck demo site.

Mums and Dads will love the choice of kid-friendly attractions, from the popular animal farm and face painting to the Giant Slide, Crazy Teacups and Merry-Go-Round.

Young people can chill out with live bands 10 Mile Stereo, The Insights, Hailstones and Thompsons, and take part in cool activities Skater HQ and Bouncy Boxing at the Ryde Youth Council spot on Hillview Road.

Don't miss the Salvation Army 'Salvo Op Shop Pop-Up' stall inside the grounds of Eastwood Public School selling donated items at bargain-basement prices. While you're there grab a refreshment from their Fairtrade Coffee Van.



The Grand Finale. To round off a fantastic day, we request the pleasure of your company to pay homage to the best of British rock royalty when tribute band **Killer Queen** takes the stage at 6.45pm. Fully-costumed, with authentic sound and uncanny resemblance to the famous quartet, you won't be able to resist those classic 70s hit, including We Will Rock You, We Are the Champions, Bohemian Rhapsody, Radio Ga Ga and Crazy Little Thing Called Love. **Killer Queen** is ... *guaranteed to blow your mind!*

In a fitting climax, celebrations head skyward with a massive fireworks display at 8.00pm.

Grown-ups and kids, teenagers and grandparents: all are welcome at the annual Granny Smith Festival.

Pick up a copy of the Festival program for full details including map and entertainment guide.

When: Saturday 19 October 2013, 9.00am – 8.30pm
Where: Eastwood Shopping Precinct and Eastwood Oval, (Rowe and Trelawney Streets)
Information: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival or call **9952 8222**
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Highlights: **9.30am** Street Parade (best spot Rowe Street)
10.00am Official Opening (Trelawney Street Stage)
11.00am – 4.00pm Kids entertain (Roundabout Stage)
11.15am – 4.00pm Singing Star Competition and Youth Stage Hillview Road
6.45pm Family Concert with Killer Queen (Oval Stage)
8.00pm Fireworks Spectacular

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