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Monsters, Villians and Super Heroes on the big screen when Cinema in the Park returns

Four hit movies over two weekends in March headline the City of Ryde's annual, free Cinema in the Park festival:

Week One March 7/8 – Wolverine, Monsters University Week Two March 14/15 - Despicable Me 2, Man of Steel

"Cinema in the Park, now in its 13th year, offers great movies, convenient locations and free admission," says City of Ryde Events Manager, Derek McCarthy.

"This year's movies have wide family appeal with something for kids, teens and parents.

"We're also the only festival of its kind to cater to the deaf and hearing impaired community with subtitled screening for all four movies."

Cinema in the Park Program

Friday 7 March

Wolverine - epic action adventure. Hugh Jackman claws his way back onto the big screen. When Wolverine is summoned to Japan by an old acquaintance, he is embroiled in a conflict that forces him to confront his own demons. 126 mins. Rated M. Lakeside Lawn, Gymnasium Road, Macquarie University

Saturday 8 March

Monsters University - 3D computer animated comedy tells the story of how one- eyed green monsters "Mike" meets "Sulley" - large, blue and hairy – at university. They start off as rivals, but slowly become best friends. Voices by Billy Crystal, John Goodman, Helen Mirren. 104 mins. Rated G. **Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde**

Friday 14 March

Despicable Me 2 - all-new 3D animated comedy adventure featuring the return of (former?) super-villain Gru (Steve Carell), his adorable girls, the unpredictably hilarious Minions ... and a host of new and outrageously funny characters. 98 mins. Rated PG Morrison Bay Park, Frances Road Putney

Saturday 15 March

Man of Steel - exhilarating action and spectacle. A young boy learns that he has extraordinary powers and is not of this Earth. The hero in him must emerge if he is to save the world from annihilation and become the symbol of hope for all mankind. Starring Henry Cavill, Amy Adams and Russell Crowe. 143 mins. Rated M. **Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood**

All movies start at sundown, approx. 8.00pm. Free entry. Movie snacks available.

Pack a picnic, a blanket or low chair and head to an outdoor location near you for a great night out under the stars with family, friends and your favourite movies.

Wet weather:

Wet weather updates and/or cancellation notices will be posted on the City of Ryde website <u>www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema</u>.

Getting there:

By car – street parking available By public transport – For train and bus times, contact the Transport Infoline on 131 500 or visit <u>www.131500.com.au.</u>

Web link:

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/cinema

Cinema in the Park is a City of Ryde event sponsored by Northern District Times, Macquarie University and Event Cinemas Top Ryde and Macquarie

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