

Wednesday 3 December 2014

LET THE CELEBRATIONS BEGIN

Our season of community celebrations is about to begin, so put these dates in your diary. For full details go to our community events page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Cinema in Eastwood Plaza presents 'ELF'

Friday 5 December, 6.00 – 10.00pm, Movie starts at sundown about 8.15pm

8 metre inflatable screen. Excellent clarity with stereo sound. We are the only cinema event to provide captions for the Deaf and Hearing impaired community. Bring your own low chair, beanbag or blanket. Some seating provided. Kids' craft: make your own Elf ears. Meet 'Buddy' the Elf.

This annual festive event has a double dose of fun with one of the funniest Christmas movies ever – *ELF*. Pull on your yellow tights, whack on those big ears and invite your family and friends to share in a great night of fun under the stars. Grab a bite to eat at one of the many local cafes or restaurants located within the Plaza. See you at ELF-wood this Friday night!

Synopsis: As a baby, Buddy crawls into Santa's toy bag and is whisked off to the North Pole, where he is raised as an elf. A misfit who grows to be three times the size of his elf family, Buddy heads to his birthplace of New York City to seek out his roots. Starring Will Ferrell and James Caan.

Community 'Beach Party' Christmas Celebration

Sunday 7 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm, Ryde Park, Blaxland Rd, Ryde

There's fun for the whole family at our Beach Party themed Christmas celebration, in beautiful Ryde Park. Make sure you pack the kids' coozies and towels (for the water rides), plus sunscreen and sunhat for the whole family.

- Giant Sandpit
- Water based inflatables – Giant Water Slide, Giant Slip n Slide, Jump n Splash Jumping Castle, Giant Obstacle Course
- Mechanical surfboard and Flying Elephants ride
- \$10 for an unlimited rides ticket
- Aquatic Habitat Display
- Create a sea creature puppet and Christmas cracker
- Visit from Santa / photos with Santa and receive your free photo from Top Ryde Telstra
- Competitions and giveaways
- Musical performances by local artists
- Gold coin donation - sausage sizzle and refreshments (funds raised go to Salvation Army)

Christmas House Lights Showcase

Every year front yards, rooves, chimneys and verandahs all over the City of Ryde get the festive treatment with Christmas lights and scenes and hundreds of sightseers come from all over Sydney to gaze at the amazing sights. If you are planning to decorate your house, roof or front garden

with Christmas lights this year, register now at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/christmas and to be part of our community Christmas Lights Showcase. The locations will be included on the Council website and promotions material from 3 – 24 December. Some of the popular locations from last year include Chauvel Street/North Ryde, Stephens Avenue/Ryde and Blundell Street and Dacy Street/Marsfield.

CAROLS

If you've ever wanted to sing with a full symphony orchestra, then come to the Ryde Civic Hall next Saturday 6 December, 2.00pm, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.

Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra presents "Christmas Bells 2" a special Christmas event concert for the whole family presenting festive season favourites. Sing your favourite carols. Family Ticket 2 adults + 2 children \$35. Adults \$15, Child \$10.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra website or email info@rhhs.org.au.

Rotary Carols on the Common

Sunday 21 December, 5.30 – 9.30pm, North Ryde Common, cnr Twin and Wicks Roads

This annual event raises money for ROMAC and other Rotary projects and is Sydney's second biggest carols event. Families, neighbours and friends join together at North Ryde Common to share in the Christmas spirit. There are rides, entertainment, a giant sing-along and spectacular fireworks display. Carols on the Common is organised by North Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary Clubs and sponsored by the City of Ryde.

2015 EVENTS

Australia Day Celebrations, Monday 26 January

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement (Civic Hall 10.00am)
- Australia Day Family Concert, featuring the Whispering Jack Show (a tribute to the extraordinary career of John Farnham), and Fireworks Spectacular, North Ryde Common, 5.00-9.00pm

Lunar New Year, Eastwood "Year of the Sheep"

Cooking competition Sunday 22 February. Parade and celebration Saturday 28 February.

Cinema in the Park 2015

A season of movie hits enjoyed under the stars.

Friday 20 February - Morrison Bay Park, Putney

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Saturday 21 February - Eastwood Plaza

Ghostbusters (PG)

Friday 27 February - Macquarie University

The Big Lebowski (MA15+)

Saturday 28 February - Yamble Reserve, Ryde

Matilda (PG)