

Tuesday 20 September 2016

GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL COMES TO TOWN

Saturday 15 October 2016, 9.00am – 9.00pm

Eastwood Town Centre & Oval

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival



Festival goers are in for some serious fun with food, fireworks, bargains galore and free entertainment all-day when the Granny Smith Festival returns to Eastwood on Saturday 15 October.

City of Ryde's new Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "We'll be rolling out the welcome mat for an expected crowd of 90,000 people to help us celebrate our biggest festival.

"We are very proud of our famous Granny Smith Festival and its name sake, the original 'Granny' Smith, a local orchardist who, back in 1868, accidentally grew the first crop of little green apple that are now grown all over the world.

"You won't want to miss this truly memorable and remarkable event. So, bring your family and friends along for all the fun of the fair."

Eastwood's town centre and oval transform into a world of colour and excitement with hundreds of stalls, selling everything from exotic foods and plants, to hats, joy rides and showbags.

Day-long entertainment includes a colourful street parade, 60 acts on 6 stages, roving street artists and a family concert featuring Nada & Jasmin of the 'The Voice'.

The festival climaxes with a spectacular fireworks display at sundown.

Come to the Granny Smith Festival, where you can ... test your tonsils in the singing competition ... learn how to hoola-hoop ... listen to poetry ... cuddle baby animals ... hear local bands ... pick up a bargain ... ride the giant slide ... hip-hop at the dance off ... enjoy a quiet cuppa ... chill-out with your mates ... buy some bling ... eat an apple pie ...and enjoy all the fun of the fair!

History The Granny Smith Festival, now in its 31st year, celebrates the life and legacy of one of the district's most famous citizens, Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith – who, back in 1868, accidentally grew the first batch of tangy green apples that now bear her name and are grown all over the world.

Interact and Share Share your Festival experiences with our official event hashtag #WeLoveGSF, on [facebook.com/grannysmithfestival](https://www.facebook.com/grannysmithfestival) and social networks like Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram. Share photos on Snap Chat (app) with Granny Smith Festival filter.

Here's a glimpse of what's in store at this year's Granny Smith Festival

Apple pies, arts and crafts-

Block party, bands, bagpipes, books

Cupcakes, competitions, chocolate, candles, crepes

Dancing, demos, drinks, dodgem cars

Enviro-friendly, ear rings, education stalls

Family chill-out zone, fireworks, fire fighters, face painting, fairy floss

Giveaways, games, guitars, girl-guides

Hoola-hoops, herbs, honey, hats

Ice cream, iced coffee, information displays

Juice, jam, joy-rides, jumping castle

Koalas (the marching type) kebabs, karaoke, korean bbq

Live shows, lavender, lemonade, liquorice

Music, munchies, macarons

Nada & Jasmin (The Voice), noodles, necklaces

Orange Farmers' Market, oils, op shop

Parade, party brigade, plants, pancakes, photo booth

Quilts, quesadilla

Rides, recycling, racing

Showbags, snow cones, singing, selfies

Thai, tapas, traditional costumes

Umbrellas, udon

Vintage cars, video games, vindaloo

Who's your granny, worm farm, wooden toys

X-citement galore

Yo-yos

g-Zillions of treats!

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