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## **MULTICULTURAL EVENTS TAKING CENTRE STAGE IN RYDE**

### **FIRST EVER DIWALI FUSION FESTIVAL OF RYDE TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER**

The City of Ryde is quickly becoming a major hub for multicultural events thanks to local community groups taking advantage of Council's Community Event Grants Program.

A total of 20 events have received funding under the program this year, including the recent Moon and Korean festivals, which proved extremely popular with both the local community and residents from across Sydney.

The Community Event Grants Program will also result in the first Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde, which will take place on Sunday 18 November at Meadowbank Park. Diwali is the Hindu festival of lights that is celebrated every spring in the Southern Hemisphere.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said Council was delighted to support events that celebrated multiculturalism and help build a vibrant community culture.

"These Council grants allow not-for-profit community groups to get the support they need to stage events that are of benefit to all residents in the City of Ryde," Clr Laxale said.

"The grants have already seen a number of terrific multicultural events run by local community groups and will now see the first ever Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde taking place later this month.

"The Diwali Fusion Festival of Ryde will offer something for the whole community with food, fireworks, music and dancing as well as the biggest Indian fashion show occurring. I would encourage everyone to save the date for this event and head down to Meadowbank for what will be a thoroughly entertaining afternoon and evening."

The City of Ryde's Community Event Grants Program is part of Council's wider ranging Community Grants Program, which offers assistance ranging from \$2,000 up to \$10,000 across six different categories.

The program is open to not-for-profit community groups, clubs and organisations.

The next round of applications for Community Grants Program opens on 19 November 2018.

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