

# Winners of the 2016 Spring Garden Competition Announced

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Winners of 2016 City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition were announced at a Gala Event last night (Thursday 27 October) at Eden Gardens, North Ryde.

Announcing the awards for the annual competition, City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said: "Our Spring Garden Competition is an annual hands-on community event that has stood the test of time for more than thirty years.

"It offers local green fingers, from ages 3 to 80, the chance to showcase their gardening skills and brings together people from all walks of life who share a common interest, a sense of pride in their community and a genuine desire to share their passion for gardening with others.

"While the creators of the most beautiful gardens and spaces were singled out for praise, the overall winners of the competition are the neighbours, visitors and passers-by who benefit so much," he said.

With 239 category entries in this year's event, the new Children's Seed Growing Competition helped to boost the overall number of entries to record levels. The Large Gardens, Native and Habitat-friendly Gardens and Children's Seed Growing categories were the most hotly contested categories.

Entries ranged in style from simple to decorative, family projects to grand solo efforts. Community groups and commercial gardens were also congratulated.

The judging panel of Meredith Kirton, Judith Sleijpen, Murray Hook, Anna Ainsworth, Tara Preston, Judy Christie and Meron Wilson all praised the passion and enthusiasm of the gardeners and commented on the high standard and presentation of all entries.

The City of Ryde Spring Garden Competition is one of a handful of Council-managed garden competitions run for the benefit of the community. The support of sponsors Eden Gardens, SUEZ, Ray White North Ryde I Macquarie Park, Reln Garden and Sam the Paving Man is greatly appreciated.

To see photos of the winning entries in the City of Ryde 2016 Spring Garden Competition go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gardencomp)

## **2016 CITY OF RYDE SPRING GARDEN COMPETITION WINNERS**

### **Large Garden (sponsored by Eden Gardens)**

**1st place:** Gary Eaves

**2nd place:** Kerri Gallagher

**3rd place:** Ken Bramwell

**Commended:** Marion Nichol

**Special Mention:** Carol Wood

**Encouragement Award:** Adam Podnar

### **Small Garden (sponsored by Ray White North Ryde I Macquarie Park)**

**1st place:** Rae and Annalissa Roy

**2nd place:** David Heyworth

**3rd place:** Jemma Rollo

**Highly Commended:** Greg Pointing

**Encouragement Award:** Margaret Feltham

### **Courtyard/Balcony Garden**

**1st place:** Annalissa Roy

**2nd place:** Adrienne Hick

**3rd place:** Angel Pease

### **Edible Garden (sponsored by Reln Garden)**

**1st place:** Catrin Goebel

**2nd place:** Cindy Elbourne-Binns

**3rd place:** Jeffrey Brown

**Encouragement Award:** James Mizens

### **Native and Habitat-friendly Garden**

**1st place:** Kerri Gallagher

**2nd place:** Fran Reddacliff

**3rd place:** Pamela Reeves

**Highly Commended:** The Habitat

### **Commercial Garden (sponsored by SUEZ)**

**1st place:** Talavera Corporate Centre (Goodman Property Services)

**2nd place:** Macquarie Corporate Park (Goodman Property Services)

**3rd place:** Northern Suburbs Memorial Gardens

**Highly Commended:** Living Choice - Leisure Lea Gardens

### **Community Garden**

**1st place:** Royal Rehab

**2nd place:** The Habitat

**3rd place:** Riding for the Disabled

**Special Recognition Award:** Kel Lai - Riding for the Disabled

### **Bushcare Site**

**1st place:** Monash Road Bushcare Group

**2nd place:** Ross Street Bushcare Group

**3rd place:** Waterloo Park Bushcare Group

### **Children's Garden**

**1st place:** Lily and Sophie Arendse

**2nd place:** Sarah and Olivia Yep

**3rd place:** James Mizens

**Encouragement Award:** Charli Simon

### **School Garden**

**1st place:** Kent Road Public School

**2nd place:** West Ryde Public School

**3rd place:** Meadowbank Public School

**Highly Commended:** Our Lady Queen of Peace

**Encouragement Award:** Ryde Secondary College

### **Pre-School Garden**

**1st place:** St Dunstan's Pre-school Kindergarten

**2nd place:** West Ryde Neighbourhood Children's Centre

**3rd place:** KU Eastwood Preschool

### **NEW Children's Seed Growing Competition**

3 - 7 years

**1st place:** Zoe Hunnikin

**2nd place:** Tobias Aylett

**3rd place (equal):** Alexander Demetriou

**3rd place (equal):** Charlotte Hunnikin

8 - 11 years

**1st place:** Jenna Aylett

**2nd place:** Tarran McDermid

**3rd place:** Tanisha Chari

### **Best Decorated Pot**

**1st place:** Nicholas Demetriou

**2nd place:** Ryan Shi

**3rd place:** Rosalie & Evelyn Tang

**Highly Commended:** Margaret Thompson

**Highly Commended:** Keira Chung

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RELN Garden

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# Granny Smith 31st Festival Wrap-Up

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The 31st Granny Smith Festival has been hailed a major success by festival goers, organisers and participants.

City of Ryde Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jane Stott, said “Thanks to the thousands of people who visited Eastwood to celebrate this great community event, I was delighted to represent the Council at the official opening and extend my congratulations to the organising committee and the events team for another outstanding event!”

The annual event held on the third Saturday in October saw crowds of 90,000 turn out to enjoy the festival and the wonderful weather.

With live music and dance performances, market stalls, great food from here and around the world, carnival rides and community pride added up to a perfect day of fun for all.

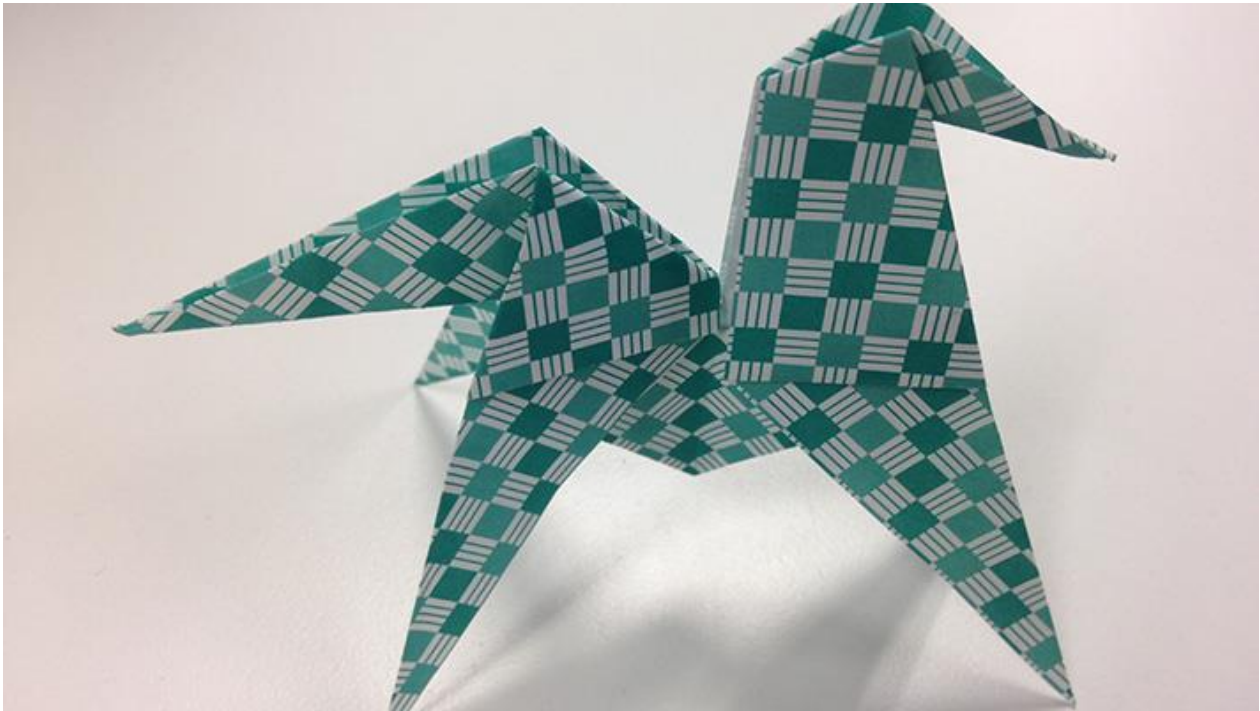
Highlights included the 2,000 strong street parade, the Orange Farmers Market, the family chillout zone, the CORE youth zone with wheelchair basketball, laser-tag and the Apple Jam Block Party, Simon Marnie from ABC Local broadcasting live on the day, Channel Nine’s Ben and Andy from *The Block*, and the apple pie eating contest held on the Northern District Times Plaza Stage.

More than sixty live acts including the Australian Army Band delighted us with their roving pep band, DJ Jazzy and ABC Splashdance entertained the kids, and as the sun went down, *Nada & Jasmin* from ‘*The Voice*’ rocked the record crowd and then the

fireworks spectacular lit-up the night sky in a fitting tribute to a great festival for the community.

# One Thousand Wishes Can Come True

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## Social Inclusion Week Community Project

Social Inclusion Week will be celebrated in the City of Ryde by One Thousand Wishes, a community project based on an ancient Japanese tradition.

People from across the community will come together to make 1,000 origami horses, each containing a personal wish. The origami horses will then be used to create a unique artwork by Artisans Ryde and the tradition says that each wish will then be granted.

It only takes about 10 – 15 minutes to complete an origami horse so come along to a workshop and help make One Thousand Wishes come true:

- Wednesday 26 October, 12noon – 2.00pm – West Ryde Library
- Friday 28 October, 11.00am – 1.00pm – Eastwood Library

The artwork will be unveiled at a celebratory Social Inclusion Week event on 23 November.

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onethousandwishes](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/onethousandwishes)

City of Ryde has partnered with Ability Links and Artisans Ryde for One Thousand Wishes. The project aims to raise awareness and promote social inclusion by embracing and celebrating diversity within the City of Ryde.

# From Seeds To Sunflowers - A Bumper Crop

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## **New Children's Seed Growing Category - Spring Garden Competition**

Junior gardeners produced a bumper crop of sunflowers in the inaugural Children's Seed Growing Category of the City of Ryde's annual Spring Garden Competition.

Judging took place at Eden Garden in Macquarie Park on Saturday 8 October before an expectant crowd of budding gardeners and proud parents.

Meredith Gray, Seed Growing Competition judge from the City of Ryde said: "We are delighted with the strong response to the category with close to 160 applicants.

"The quality of entries was extremely high and the children participating should be commended for successfully growing their dwarf sunflower plants from seed.

"We certainly have some talented young gardeners here in the City of Ryde."

### **3 – 7 Years category**

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### **8 – 11 Years category**

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**Best Decorated Pot**

1<sup>st</sup> - Nicholas Demetriou

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3<sup>rd</sup> - Rosalie & Evelyn Tang

Highly Commended - Margaret Thompson

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Judging was based on overall condition of plant, freedom from pests and disease, height of plant, diameter of flower. There was also a category for best decorated pot.

# Remember Me - Ryde Youth Theatre's New Production

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*...a very different look at the stories of World War One*

The basement of an old abandoned house  
A group of Year twelves who'd rather hang out and drink than turn up to  
presentation day  
A box of letters and diaries from the First World War  
And a loaded gun

Ryde Youth Theatre's new production *Remember Me* tells the story of a fictional Ryde family and their journey through the First World War.

*Remember Me* looks back one hundred years at what we find fascinating, disturbing, touching and even repellent about the people of 1916 and how those feelings echo today.

Written by local teenagers *Remember Me* gives insights into the relationship young people have with this part of history. It looks at young people who served as soldiers and nurses as well as young people in Sydney who were both for and against the 1916 conscription referendum.

From contemporary times, to the streets of 1916 Sydney, to the trenches of France and riots in the Domain, *Remember Me* asks what makes us valued, what makes us afraid, what makes us selfish and what makes us brave.

*Remember Me* opens on Friday 14 October at North Ryde School of Arts, 201 Coss Road, North Ryde. Tickets are \$21.50 and \$11.50 and are available from Sticky Tickets: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/43818>

*Remember Me* includes infrequent coarse language and is not suitable for young people under the age of 13.

**Performance dates and times:**

Friday, 14 October, 7.30pm

Saturday, 15 October, 2pm and 7.30pm

For more information contact: RYT Artistic Director, Suzanne Hauser on 0410 353 118

# The CORE is live at Granny Smith Festival

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**Saturday 15 October 2016 11.00am – 5.00pm | Eastwood Primary School  
| Presented by Ryde Youth Council**

**THE CORE youth program** at the Granny Smith Festival is back with six-hours of dynamic fun and a great choice of free activities by young people for young people.

From a talent quest and dance off, to wheelchair basketball and laser tagging ... have a go, test your aim, bust some moves and battle it out in an adrenaline and fun fuelled day.

**THE CORE** is presented by Ryde Youth Council specifically for young people 11-25 year olds. It is a drug and alcohol free event.

## **Apple Jam Block Party**

**THE CORE** Apple Jam Block Party encourages young performers from all walks of life – whether you are a stand-up comic, magician, dance crew or anything else. There'll be 2on2 All Styles Battle, 2on2 BBoy Battle, Talent Quest, Soul Train Party. Register in advance with Lenny Fung on [lennyboi@gmail.com](mailto:lennyboi@gmail.com) 0410 627 138 or on the day from 11.00am

## **Wheelchair Basketball** (presented by Wheelchair Sports NSW Roadshow)

You've seen it in the Paralympics, now come and have a go for yourself (wheelchairs are provided).

Wheelchair basketball is similar to the able-bodied game and is characterised by its own unique style. Wheelchair basketball is played according to FIBA (able-bodied) rules with some minor modifications. There is no double dribble violation and a player can take only two pushes of the chair before they pass, shoot or dribble the ball.

Technically and physically demanding, as well as fast-paced - these are the just some of the reasons why wheelchair basketball has one of the highest profile in the world of wheelchair sports.

## **Laser Tag Challenge**

Sign up in groups of five or on your own for 10 minutes of adrenaline fuelled fun. Duck and dive behind inflatable barriers while you try to shoot (or avoid being shot by) the opposing team. Free bookings from 12 noon at the Ryde Youth Council stall.

**[facebook.com/grannysmithfestival](https://www.facebook.com/grannysmithfestival) [facebook.com/rydeyouth](https://www.facebook.com/rydeyouth) #WeLoveGSF**

# Naming Competition For 'Design Our Ryde' Civic Precinct

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Voting is now open for the naming of the *Design Our Ryde* Civic Precinct site at 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said the site has been a compelling part of Ryde's history and skyline since early settlement.

"Following the announcement of the winning entry of the *Design Our Ryde* architectural competition by the Beijing Institute of Architectural Design in China, City of Ryde Council is giving the community the chance to vote in a 'Name Our Site' competition.

"There are five preferred names to choose from and each has a strong geographic and historical link to the site."

The five names are:

## **Wallumetta Green**

'Wallumetta' was the name given to this area by the original indigenous clan - the Wallumedegal. It is likely that the clan name was derived from 'wallumai', the snapper fish, combined with 'matta', a word used to describe a place, more often a 'water place'. The Wallumedegal then would be the 'snapper people'

## **Bennelong Place**

Woollarawarre Bennelong is one of the most significant figures in Australian history. He was an intermediary and ambassador between Aboriginal people and members of the First Fleet and sailed to England with Governor Phillip in 1792, returning in 1795. In later life he lived in the orchard belonging to James Squire at Kissing Point where he died and was buried in 1831. The website [www.findingbennelong.com](http://www.findingbennelong.com) commissioned by Ryde Council documents his life.

## **Blaxland Rise**

The name 'Blaxland' has been associated with our area for over two centuries. The best know member of the family is the Blue Mountains explorer, wine maker and agriculturalist, Gregory Blaxland, who built the now fully-restored Brush Farm House - one of the most substantial 19<sup>th</sup> Century colonial country homes surviving. One of his sons, Charles, owned the Cleves Estate on the Parramatta River. Another son, John, built and owned The Hermitage.

### **Devlins Corner**

Devlin honours the Devlin family, especially James Devlin who was born in the colony in 1808. He was elected an alderman to Ryde's first Council 1871, and helped shape the Ryde district. He built and lived in the colonial house 'Willandra' on Victoria Road and Church Street Ryde which the Council bought and restored. The home is listed on the NSW State Heritage Register and is described as perhaps the finest two-storey Georgian house built in the State.

### **Ryde Central**

The name 'Ryde' was first used in 1841 when James Devlin and James Shepherd offered a number of building lots for sale at public auction under the titled Plan of the village of Ryde Kissing Point NSW. Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, had been the home of Mary Turner, wife of the Rev. Turner of St Annes Church.

Vote now and be in the running to win one of ten \$50 gift cards. For full details of how to vote go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov/nameoursite](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov/nameoursite)

Voting closes Friday 28 October.