

# New Council Opposes Eastwood Park Carpark

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The first action of the new City of Ryde Council was to vote on a Mayoral Minute to oppose a car park being built in any part of Eastwood Park.

The meeting resolved eight votes to four to advise Transport for NSW, the Minister for Transport and the Local Member for Ryde, Victor Dominello, of its opposition to the proposal.

Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "The people of Ryde elected a Council to protect Eastwood Oval and we did so as our first matter of business. We will now use every resource we have to protect Eastwood Park."

The meeting also resolved to no longer provide assistance to Transport for NSW, or its agents, in respect of any car park proposal affecting Eastwood Park and to prepare a submission stating Council's opposition to Eastwood Park being used for the purpose of a car park, should a proposal be published seeking feedback.

The meeting recommended that Council enter into bilateral discussions and investigations with the State Government, local residents and local land owners for redevelopment of the existing car parks in Glen Street and Rowe Street, Eastwood.

# New Mayor and Deputy Mayor Elected to City of Ryde Council

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The City of Ryde has a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor following elections held on Tuesday night, 26 September 2017.

West Ward Labor Councillor Jerome Laxale was elected Mayor for a two year term. Cllr Laxale previously held the Mayoralty in 2015-16.

East Ward Greens Councillor Christopher Gordon was elected as Deputy Mayor for a one year term.

In taking up office, Mayor Laxale thanked his fellow Councillors and the community for their support, adding that he was honoured to serve both and eager to unlock the enormous potential of the City.

“The community has elected a Council that will always stand up for what is best for our residents.

“Ryde now has a truly progressive Council that will act on housing affordability, protect the environment and use every resource it has to protect Eastwood Park.

The Mayor said Ryde is unique as a stand-alone Council following the State Government’s unsuccessful forced amalgamation. “With amalgamations rightly off the table, our City can focus on achieving great things for Ryde.”

The Deputy Mayor, thanked the Mayor and his fellow Councillors for entrusting him with the role of Deputy Mayor. Cllr Gordon said he looked forward to the opportunity

of serving as Deputy Mayor and to working with the Mayor and the community in his new role.

“I believe the most important thing we can do as Councillors is to work together for the advancement of our City and its citizens with a new vision that will lift the spirits of the community.”

The next full meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 24 October 2017, in the Council Chambers on Level 1, 1A Pope Street, Ryde, (above Ryde Library), commencing at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

# THE CORE is live at Granny Smith Festival

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**Saturday 21 October 2017 12noon - 5.00pm**

**Eastwood Primary School**

**Presented by Ryde Youth Council**

**THE CORE youth program** at the Granny Smith Festival is back with five-hours of dynamic fun and free activities devised 'by young people for young people'.

Presented by Ryde Youth Council, **THE CORE** is specifically for young people 11-25 years of age. It is a smoke, drug and alcohol free event.

## **Apple Jam Block Party - main event**

Sing? Dance? Perform? Step up and shine at THE CORE Apple Jam Block Party. There'll be a 2on2 Open Battle, 1on1 Battle (under 18 novice), Talent Quest, Soul Train Party. Check out [www.dancekool.com](http://www.dancekool.com) for details. Register in advance with Lenny on [lennyboi@gmail.com](mailto:lennyboi@gmail.com) 0410 627 138 or on the day from 11.00am

## **Laser Tag**

Duck and dive behind inflatable barriers while you try to shoot (or avoid being shot by) the opposing team. Come to The CORE and have a go. Sign up in groups or on your own for 10 minutes of adrenaline fuelled fun.

This activity is free of charge and will be operated on a first come, first served basis. You can sign up for 10 minute sessions, with 5-a-side, at the Ryde Youth Council stall located at THE CORE youth hub in the grounds of Eastwood Public School (maximum one session per hour).

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# New Council Confirmed

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*City of Ryde Councillors (L-R): Clr Maggio, Clr Zhou, Clr Brown, Clr Purcell, Clr Clifton, Clr Gordon (Deputy Mayor), Clr Laxale (Mayor), Clr Pedersen, Clr Lane, Clr Kim, Clr Yedelian, Clr Moujalli*

Results of the Local Government Elections held on Saturday 9 September have now been confirmed. The new Council is made up of 12 Councillors who will stand for a three year term.

The Councillors by Ward and alphabetical order are:

## Central Ward

- Clr Edwina Clifton
- Clr Chris Moujalli
- Clr Bernard Purcell
- Clr Sarkis Yedelian

## East Ward

- Clr Christopher Gordon
- Clr Jordan Lane
- Clr Roy Maggio
- Clr Penny Pedersen

## **West Ward**

- Clr Trenton Brown
- Clr Peter Kim
- Clr Jerome Laxale
- Clr Shuo (Simon) Zhou

### **EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday 26 September 2017, at 7.00pm, at the Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde, when a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor (optional) will be elected.

# Famous Granny Smith Festival

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**Saturday 21 October 2017, 9.00 am – late**

**Eastwood Town Centre and Oval**

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

The famous Granny Smith Festival returns to Eastwood on Saturday 21 October 2017 with a 'core' focus on family fun, food and fireworks.

Now in its 32nd year, the Granny Smith Festival draws in more than 90,000 mums, dads, kids and the young-at-heart, eager to be part of the special vibe of this colourful, community-inclusive event.

This festival has something for everyone, including a traditional street parade, all-day entertainment, 250 market stalls, international food fair, carnival rides, apple give-aways, a singing competition, plus a fabulous family concert and spectacular fireworks.

The Granny Smith Festival is a celebration of our vibrant community and the tangy green apple that had its beginnings in Eastwood back in 1868 on a family farm owned by Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith. 'Granny' didn't know it then, but the humble green apple she accidentally grew on a compost heap would go on to become the apple of choice for cooks the world over and be one of our nation's best known exports.

For a great family day out, put the date in your diary and come to Eastwood on Saturday 21 October, for all the fun of the fair.

**GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Grand Street Parade** (from 9.30am) 1,000 participants including marching bands, Granny float, clowns, community and school groups, vintage cars, Mounted Police, fire fighters and the big garbo truck.
- **250 Market Stalls** with a treasure trove of finds from arts and crafts to showbags and plants.
- **International Food Fair** serving up noodles, kebabs, snow cones, vindaloo, chocolates, cup cakes, gozleme and home-made lemonade, to name just a few.
- **Kid Friendly** – from toddlers to tweens, there’s heaps to do ... including spinning tea cups, singing competition, giant slide, dodgem cars, cuddly animal farm, treasure hunt. There will also be a
- **Sustainable Kids’ Play Hub** in the grounds of Eastwood Public School – with interactive fun for kids with a focus on sustainability, like a recycling relay challenge, garden space with DIY paper pot and seed sowing and craft workshops.
- **Kids’ Entertainment Stage** featuring Sam ‘Play along with Sam’ Moran, Nay Nay from ABC Kids, and circus strongman ‘Cedric Irving’s Mighty Juggling Show’.
- **Core Youth Zone** free activities for young people organised by Ryde Youth Council – Apple Jam Block Party (20N2 and 10N1 dance battles) plus Laser Tag
- **Big Family Concert** (from 6.30pm) ‘The Voice’ Finalist, FASIKA, and her impressive big band, will get you up and dancing with their special brand of Soul, RnB and Jazz, from the 60s to now. Plus support act - JUNKYARD BEATS – will keep the party going with their high energy rhythm show combining movement, acting and drumming using unique and original instruments.
- **Mega Fireworks** spectacular at 8.00pm lights up the sky for a grand pyrotechnic finale.
- **Giveaways** Meet ‘Granny’ on Eastwood Oval for free Granny Smith apples plus the chance to win exciting gift vouchers in Granny’s Golden Ticket giveaway.
- **Sustainable theme** ... be part of our sustainable festival theme and bring your own carry bag and refillable water bottle. Take advantage of the water station, recycle and waste stations and talk to Council staff about enviro-friendly actions you can be part of to make your life and our City more sustainable. Take the Waste Challenge and get free prizes.

**Interact and Share your Granny Smith Festival experiences with our official event hashtag #WeLoveGSF, on facebook.com/grannysmithfestival and social networks Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram. Share photos on Shap Chat (app) with Granny Smith Festival filter.**

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# Thank you to National Tree Day Volunteers

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National Tree Day at the Field of Mars Reserve, Gladesville was a huge success for Australia's 22nd National Tree Day.

The site was prepared prior to planting with 50m<sup>3</sup> of mulch and the installation of log edging.

Over 150 volunteers from the local area attended and helped plant around 700 native seedlings consisting of grasses, shrubs and trees at the Field of Mars Reserve. The plantings will help improve the wildlife corridor along Buffalo Creek, while also supporting the natural environment.

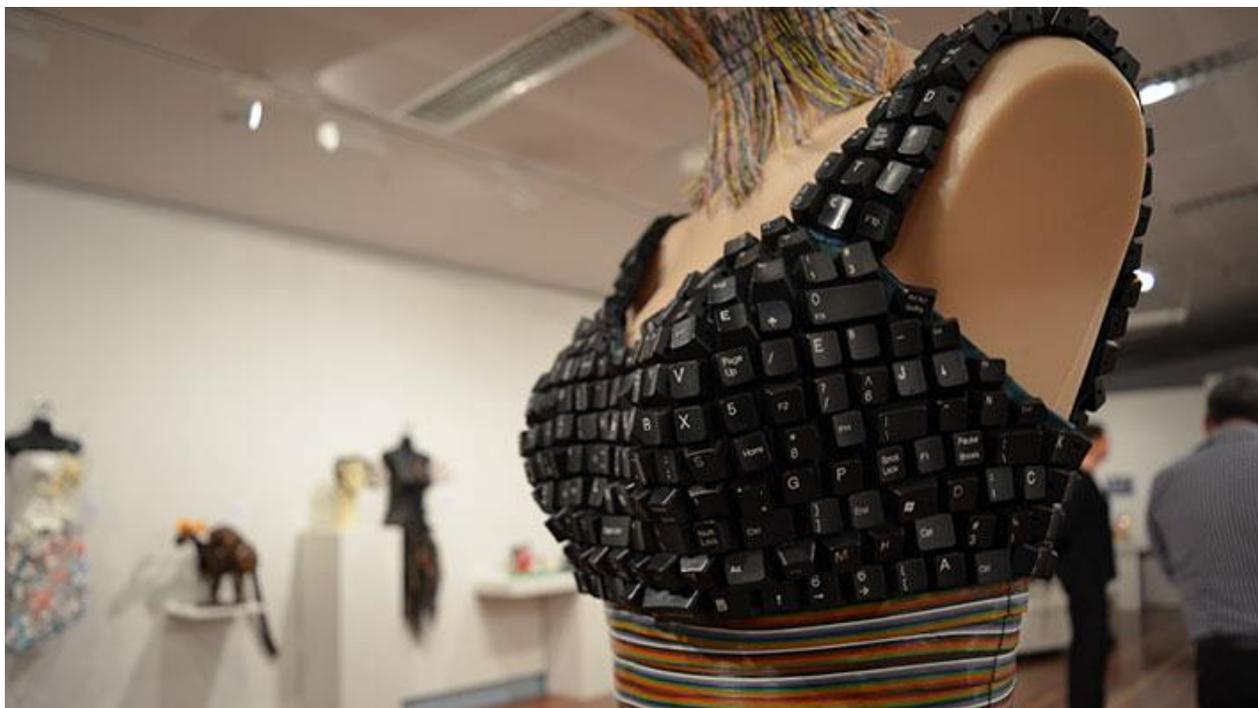
The volunteers had great fun spending their day immersed in nature with family and friends.

The City Of Ryde would like to thank the Ryde-Hunters Hill Flora and Fauna Preservation Society (RHHFFPS) who staffed the BBQ and the Field of Mars Environmental Education Centre for providing additional trowels and mattocks.

Planet Ark says thank you for taking part in National Tree Day - your help means the world to us!

# Sustainable Waste2Art Prize Winners Announced

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Winners of the City of Ryde SWAP (Sustainable Waste2Art Prize) 2017 were announced this week.

Using recycled materials and the theme of 'sustainable living' judges chose 79 works from 160 entries for exhibition from artists as young as eleven.

SWAP Curator, Ben Eadie, said: "We were stunned by the quality and diversity of the works. Each piece showed a creative, imaginative understanding of the sustainable living theme."

Members of the public are invited to vote for their favourite artwork in the People's Choice Award. **Voting closes 20 September.**

## Sustainable Waste2Art Prize Winners

### SWAP OPEN CATEGORY (18+)

**Winner:** Leanne Cowie - *An Ocean of Plastic*

*Judge's comment: This artwork has a strong message and is also a beautiful piece of art.*

**Second Place:** Michelle Robinson - *The Phoenix Arises*

**Highly Commended:** Robert Hulland - *Elements of Past Time*

### YOUTH ENVIRONMENT PRIZE YEP (16 - 25 YO)

**Winner:** Ted Hines - *Hare*

**Second Place:** Tom Johnston - *JD Tractor*

## **JUNIOR YEP – YOUNGER CATEGORY (11-15 YO)**

**Winner:** Elise Bejjani - *Fascinator*

*Judge's comment: This artwork cleverly makes use of ugly toxic material and makes them beautiful.*

**Second Place:** Stella Houlihan - *Cruate Animale*

**Highly Commended:** Trinity Myers - *Revenge of the Environment*

## **FUNCTIONALITY AWARD (JUDGED ACROSS SWAP, YEP AND JUNIOR YEP)**

**Winner:** Stephanie Powell - *Obsolete.com*

*Judge's comment: This artwork uses different materials to create something elegant.*

Visit the [SWAP Flicker page](#) for a glimpse of the SWAP Opening Night and winning entries