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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT THIS YEAR'S GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL

One of Sydney's most popular street festivals is back, with the Granny Smith Festival to take place in Eastwood on Saturday, 19 October.

This year's festival promises to be the biggest yet with a great line-up of entertainment, delicious food and fun activities for all ages expected to attract more than 90,000 visitors.

The Granny Smith Festival celebrates the life of Maria Ann Smith, who grew the first Granny Smith apple on her Eastwood property in 1868, while also highlighting the City of Ryde's vibrant and diverse community.

Just some of the attractions at this year's Granny Smith Festival include:

- **Grand Street Parade.** Witness the streets of Eastwood being transformed into a sea of colour and sound with this 2000-strong community parade.
- **The return of Granny's Cider Bar.** Sponsored by Bilpin Cider Co, Granny's Cider Bar provides festivalgoers with the chance to chill out, listen to some quality music and sample some of the tastiest Australian ciders on offer.
- **West Parade entertainment.** There will be plenty of fun activities alongside Granny's Cider Bar including Mini Putt-Putt and a DJ Boombox Truck belting out popular tunes.
- **A huge finale concert.** Kicking off at 6pm, this year's concert will feature Baker Boys Band and Excité Live Stunt Show before a spectacular fireworks display.
- **Kids activities.** No matter the age, all kids will be entertained with performances from PJ Masks as well as stacks of activities taking place at the Youth Zone and Creative Kids Hub.

In addition, there will be close to 250 stalls offering a variety of gifts and products as well as five stages featuring dance and music performances from a wide variety of community groups and local performers.

There will also be the chance to win a fantastic prize thanks to Granny Smith Festival Platinum sponsors, RMA Eastwood. Simply post a favourite photo from the event onto Instagram with the hashtag #grannysmithfestival to go into the running to win a Granny Snap Pack with all the best mobile photography essentials worth more than \$1,000.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the Granny Smith Festival celebrates everything that is great about Eastwood and the City of Ryde.

"The Granny Smith Festival continues to evolve every year and with the entertainment planned for this year's event it will be one of Sydney's major community festivals that truly appeals to all ages," Clr Laxale said.

The City of Ryde would like to thank all sponsors of this year's Granny Smith Festival. They are:

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More information about the Granny Smith Festival is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/gsf.

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