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## **COUNCIL LAUNCHES THE NEW RYDE WHARF MARKET REVAMPED EASTWOOD NIGHT MARKETS ALSO TO RETURN**

A brand-new outdoor market is coming to the City of Ryde, with the Ryde Wharf Market to showcase a variety of delicious food, fresh produce, arts, craft and other popular offerings right on the picturesque Parramatta River foreshore.

Commencing on 8 November, the Ryde Wharf Market will take place between 8am and 2pm on the second Sunday of every month at Ryde Wharf Reserve next to Anderson Park.

There will be 70 stalls and food vendors in operation providing marketgoers with the perfect place to pick up a gift, grab a bite to eat or simply browse what is on offer.

Not only will the market have a stunning backdrop, but it will also be in close proximity to Meadowbank town centre as well as transport links such as the Ryde Riverwalk, Meadowbank Ferry Wharf and Meadowbank Train Station.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said Council had delivered on its promise to provide more regular markets that the entire community could enjoy.

“The new Ryde Wharf Market will be the place to be this Summer by creating a vibrant and exciting atmosphere along the beautiful waterfront location next to Anderson Park,” Cllr Laxale said.

“While these markets will be on the doorstep of Meadowbank residents, its accessible location at Anderson Park will mean everyone in the City of Ryde will be able to take part in them.”

The Eastwood Night Markets will also return in November, featuring some new and exciting food vendors and stallholders.

Starting on 7 November, the revamped night markets will operate every Saturday between 4pm and 10pm at Eastwood Plaza and assist in Council’s effort to revitalise Eastwood’s town centre.

“The return of the Eastwood Night Markets is very timely and will provide another welcome boost to Eastwood’s economic recovery by encouraging shoppers to return to the town centre in a safe environment,” Cllr Laxale said.

“Both the Ryde Wharf Market and Eastwood Night Markets will deliver on Council’s commitment to activate our public spaces, boost the local economy and provide residents with a fun and social outing in a safe, open environment.”

The Eastwood Night Markets and the Ryde Wharf Market will operate with COVID-Safe plans to ensure the health and safety of everyone. Market stalls will be adequately spaced out, enhanced cleaning of the sites will be undertaken, adherence to the four-square-metre rule will be monitored and hand sanitiser will be available for all members of the public to use.

The Eastwood Night Markets and Ryde Wharf Market will be designated Waste Wise Events.

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