

Friday 5 October 2012



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GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL – A Celebration of Our Community!

Maria Ann ‘Granny’ Smith was a local. She and her husband Thomas had a farm in Eastwood, near the Field of Mars. It was here, in 1868 that she ‘accidentally’ grew the first Granny Smith apples, when some crab apple seeds sprouted in the compost heap, and she recognised them as a new kind of seedling.

Today these tangy green apples are grown, eaten and enjoyed throughout the world. Granny Smith would have been astonished!

Every year at the Granny Smith Festival in Eastwood, the whole City of Ryde community comes together, not just to celebrate Granny’s achievements, but also to celebrate our vibrant community.

Grown-ups and kids, teenagers and grandparents, old-timers and new arrivals: all are welcome at the 27th annual Granny Smith Festival.

And what will you find there? Something for everyone!

- Over 280 variety stalls selling food from around the world, craft, jewellery, clothing and much more.
- Six stages will showcase local talent, with entertainment for everyone, and there will be jumping castles and carnival rides for the kids at Eastwood Oval.
- ‘The Core’ is a cool place for local teens to hang out with friends, enjoy live music by local bands, and take part in youth-focused activities. ‘The Core’ will run from 1.00 – 5.00pm at the Hillview Lane Car Park and Glen Reserve.
- In the evening the Festival wraps up with a Family Concert, commencing at 6.45pm at Eastwood Oval. Put on your sunglasses and shake your tail-feather with the Australian Blues Brothers Show! This will be followed by a fireworks spectacular at 8.00pm.

When: Saturday 20 October 2012, 9.00am – 9.00pm

Where: Eastwood Shopping Precinct and Eastwood Oval, (Rowe and Trelawney Streets)

For further information go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/grannysmithfestival or call 9952 8222.

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