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RYDE LIBRARY'S GRAND PIANO HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

Ryde Library's Grand Piano has been selected as one of the Top 10 *#fabulousfinds* after a three months search and 131 entries in the Australian Library and Information Association annual Library Week celebrations (23-29 May).

Library Week's Top 10 *#fabulousfinds*

1. A surprise possum taking a nap in a wastepaper bind in Nerang Library (Qld)
2. A nine-chapter horror novella printed on toilet paper, University of Queensland Library (Qld)
3. Vial of penicillin from 1940 Rare Books and Special Collections, University of Adelaide (SA)
4. Jumping Castle, Alice Springs Public Library (NT)
5. Entrepreneur-in-residence Ian Reynolds helping people turn ideas into reality, State Library of Queensland (Qld)
6. 3D printer and tutorials, Karratha Public Library (NT)
7. Cowboy boots worn by actor Deborah Mailman from the film *Radiance*, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ACT)
8. Australia's first Digital Lab, State Library of New South Wales (NSW)
9. **Grand Piano at Ryde Library where local performers are invited to 'tickle the ivories' (NSW)**
10. Love – Anthony and Cassandra found love at Max Webber Library in Bankstown NSW. Library staff helped Anthony set up the perfect wedding proposal at the place they first met.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "Part of our piano's attraction is that local skilled players can come to the Library and play on a Grand Piano for free. You never know when an impromptu performance might happen."

Ryde's Kawai Grand Piano has been a star attraction since 2011, providing professional and talented local players the chance to 'tickle the ivories' for library visitors, offering anything from popular classics, to jazz and show tunes.

Local musician Domenico Sepe who regularly performs at the library said, "It is a great piano to play – the sound and the feel of it. Performing in the library creates an atmosphere most pianists never experience with lots of light and open space. Library visitors can discover not just books at the library, but music too."

Ryde Library's Grand Piano will take centre stage at July's Musical Morning Tea on Monday 11 July (10.30-11.30am) when Conservatorium of Music student Gabrielle Hui entertains with classical and popular piano pieces. www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library

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