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LARGE CROWDS EXPECTED FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEST RYDE EASTER PARADE AND FAIR

There will be something for everyone at this year's West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair, with a day of festivities to take place on Saturday 24 March.

This year's West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair will take on added significance with the ever-popular event also celebrating its 25th anniversary. The fair was started in 1993 and is now regarded as the largest Easter event in the City of Ryde.

Approximately 5000 people are expected to attend the fair, which begins with a parade at 9.15am that makes a journey from Miriam Park to West Ryde Plaza.

Highlights for this year's fair include:

- Dance – traditional and modern styles
- Music – school orchestras and community bands
- Singing – church choirs and the Royal Rehab Choir
- Displays – Air League drill on the Plaza and marching pipe band
- Competitions – including best Easter Bonnet and the West Ryde Singing Star talent competition

There will also be a full program of family entertainment, carnival rides, international food stalls, displays, as well as market and information stalls.

In addition, children will be able to take advantage of unlimited rides on a giant slide, jumping castle, mechanical horses, 9-D Cinema, petting zoo, reptile display, racing car rides, flying elephants and much more for \$15 per person. The first 500 people will also receive a complimentary fair show bag.

Nora Etmekdjian, Secretary of the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair Committee, said this year's fair would showcase local talent, community groups, churches, schools and businesses.

"Easter is an important time for many people given its significance on the Christian calendar, and it is terrific that we can once again come together and celebrate this occasion," Ms Etmekdjian said.

"I hope everyone can join us for this the 25th anniversary of the West Ryde Easter Parade and Fair and enjoy the large amount of activities we have planned for this year's event."

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