

COMMUNITY MESSAGE

GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL

The Granny Smith Festival – which honours the legacy of Maria Ann Smith, the Eastwood local who created the famous apple that bears her name – will once again transform Eastwood into a fun-filled, all-day carnival ground on Saturday 19 October.

Running from 9.00am – 8.30pm, this year's Festival is packed with highlights, beginning with the famous parade and its colourful and vibrant marching bands, dance groups, cultural performers, and festival floats.

Kids' shows include Aussie favourites Bluey and Bingo in the 'Bluey Live Experience', and there are singing, colouring in and apple pie eating competitions, as well as a Youth Zone featuring live music, dance workshops and arts & craft, camel rides on the oval, thrilling amusement rides and plenty of food and drink options.

The Wiggles Sound System featuring DJ Dorothy is making a special appearance

at the Finale Concert on Eastwood Oval, with new high energy versions of some of the internationally famous group's biggest and most recognisable hits sure to get the crowd dancing and singing along from 6.00pm.

For full details go to:

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GSF

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

City of Ryde's Diwali Festival of Lights competition is back for its second year, with \$2,500 in prizes on offer for the most creative and spectacular household displays and this year the competition will include submissions of residents' Rangoli artworks.

Ryde residents from all backgrounds are encouraged to light up and decorate their homes and apartments to celebrate the 2024 Festival of Lights, which is the biggest and most important holiday on the Indian calendar.

This unique competition also promotes sustainability within the City of Ryde, with

Council encouraging participants to use energy-efficient LED or solar LED lights.

For more details and to enter, go to:

ryde.events/DiwaliComp

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for City of Ryde's 2025 Citizen of the Year awards, which is an opportunity to publicly recognise the outstanding contributions and accomplishments of individuals from our diverse community.

We have added two new categories for next year's awards: Sports person of the Year, and Environmental Citizen of the Year. They join the existing categories of Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year.

Nominations close on Sunday 10 November 2024, with the awards ceremony to take place on Monday 20 January 2025. For more details, go to: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/COTY

LIBRARY NEWS



INFLATABLE BACKYARD BUDDIES CRAFT

1-9 OCT
WHEN: 1 October – 9 October
TIME: 10.30 – 11.30am
WHERE: Ryde Library
AGES: 6 years +
COST: \$7.00

Join us for our 'Backyard Buddies' School Holiday Program, with fun inflatable craft. Using a few simple craft materials, kids can construct their favourite animal, buddy or monster that expands and emerges from its own burrow.

Book now: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/SchoolHolidayProgram

HAVE YOUR SAY

OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Denistone Sports Club Site – Future Use (Closes 29 September 2024)
- Planning Proposal – 4 Pittwater Road, Gladesville (Closes 29 September 2024)
- Proposed Relocation of Existing Bus Stop on Taylor Ave, Melrose Park (Closes 9 October 2024)
- Draft Amendments to Development Control Plan 2014 – Tree Preservation (Closes 27 October 2024)

Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HaveYourSay or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.

EVENTS IN OUR CITY

City of Ryde

Diwali Festival of Lights Competition

Entries open!

\$2,500 worth of prizes available
 Best Home Lighting and Rangoli Artwork categories
Entries close 5 November 2024

For more information visit ryde.events/DiwaliComp

City of Ryde

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2025 AWARDS

2025 NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

Nominations close Sunday 10 November 2024

CATEGORIES

Citizen of the Year 2025
 Young Citizen of the Year 2025
 Sports person of the Year 2025
 Environmental Citizen of the Year 2025

For more details and to nominate please visit: www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/citizen