
**MM14/17 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION - Mayor,
Councillor Jerome Laxale**

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On Sunday 10 December 2017, Council held its Community Christmas Celebration in Ryde Park.

This was the seventh year in a row that the event has been held at Ryde Park and it is growing in popularity each year with approximately 6,000 residents attending this year.

The event was planned with children of all ages in mind. Entertainment ranged from stage acts featuring local groups and popular ABC childrens' personalities to artists who mingled with the crowd carrying out activities such as hoola hooping and balloon sculpture.

Rides including waterslides and jumping castles were very popular as were the more passive activities such as craft and the giant sandpit.

I am also pleased to advise that the gold coin donation sausage sizzle run by Ryde SES raised \$2,049.50 for Ryde SES.

The Mayor's Christmas party was held on site during the event and I received numerous comments regarding the community spirit engendered by the Community event.

The event was only possible due to the hard work of staff and I would like to place on record my thanks to all those who worked on the day or behind the scenes to make the event possible.

Staff who deserve special mention include:

Liz Berger, Michelle Carter, Laura Dunn, Stephanie Foley, Nakita Mitchell, Karlton Pollard, Bao Hoang Vo – all from Customer Service, Communications and Events, Linda Smith from the Mayor's Office and Monzer Charif and Adrian Cooke from Public Works. Vince Galletto also deserves special thanks for fulfilling the role of a very special guest from the North Pole.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the success of the Community Christmas event held in 2017 and that the staff mentioned in the report be thanked for their work and assistance in making the day a success.

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ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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