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SHE'S APPLES AT THE GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL 2014

Granny Smith's famous apple put Eastwood on the map. Now people come from near and far to get a taste of what makes the GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL great because,from dawn to dusk, there's fun, food, fireworks and entertainment at the Granny Smith Festival.



The first Granny Smith apple was accidentally grown on an Eastwood farm back in 1868 by local orchardist Maria Ann 'Granny' Smith. It quickly became the 'apple of choice' for cooks right across the country and now this little aussie apple is grown and eaten all over the world.

The Eastwood town centre swells with more than 80,000 visitors who come to soak up the atmosphere, grab a bargain and a bite and some good old fashioned fun.

The Granny Smith Festival celebrates the local community and is supported by local businesses, sporting and service organisations, schools and the wider community. Highlights include a street parade, 280 market and food stalls, 60 acts on 6 stages, carnival rides, competitions and The Core youth zone. The climax is a family concert, this year featuring the Bon Jovi Tribute Band, followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

There really is something for everyone at the Granny Smith Festival. Here's why:

- **Street Parade** (starts at 9.30am)
2,000 participants including marching bands, Mounted Police, floats, school groups, dancers, street artists and community characters.
- **280 stalls**
There's a treasure trove just waiting to be found at hundreds of stalls selling everything from art to antiques, tools to sun hats, jewellery, tea, jams and Turkish towels, cufflinks, plants and showbags, clothing, candles and soap. There's even a garage sale!
- **Food to munch, crunch and slurp**
Start with some Aussie Apples, BBQ, Chinese, Korean, Cuban, Nepalese, Jamaican Jerk Chicken, French crepes, burgers, dumplings, churros, cookies, fruit frappes, satay sticks, noodles, nuts, stir-fry, sizzling sausages, ice cream, fairyfloss, gozleme and more.
- **Kid-friendly attractions**
Animal farm, show bags, face painting, rides and slides, 11.00am – 4.00pm.
- **60 acts on 6 stages**

Live entertainment all day – including favourites like Sparkles the Clown. Bands (rock, concert, brass, pipe, school, hip-hop, retro, country, blues, swing) dancers, poets, singer-songwriters, cultural performances

- **Grand Finale** (starts at 6.15pm)

Family Concert Bon Jovi Tribute Band pays homage to one of the world's best-selling bands of all time. From rock, to hard rock and glam metal this is the closest thing you'll get to the real deal. Celebrate the band that made Runaway, Wanted Dead or Alive and Living on a Prayer rock anthems.

Fireworks Spectacular 8.00pm

- **Competitions and giveaways**

Big Apple singing competition 11.45am – 4.00pm, win Surf Ryder Experiences, apple temp tattoos, sun visors, recycle bin bags

- **'The Core' Ryde Youth Council** (1.00 – 6.00pm)

Free activities and attractions for young people 11-25 yo

- **Granny's a green zone AND an alcohol free zone**

Bring your own reusable carry bag and water bottle – all plastic bags/straws/food containers are banned! Fill up your water bottle at the Better Homes Realty free Refill and Bubbler Station next to the Oval Stage and do your bit to reduce the estimated 5,000 plastic bottles thrown away at the Festival.

- **Safe for everyone**

St John Ambulance, SES and Ryde Police on duty to ensure your comfort and safety.

Pick up the Festival program for all the highlights, including map and entertainment guide.

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