

Tuesday 25 November 2014 (reissued)

JOIN OUR FESTIVE SEASON OF COMMUNITY GOODWILL

Our season of community celebrations is about to begin, so put these dates in your diary. For full details go to our community events page at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson

Community 'Beach Party' Christmas Celebration

Sunday 7 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm

Ryde Park, Blaxland Rd, Ryde

There's fun for the whole family at our Beach Party themed Christmas celebration, in beautiful Ryde Park. Make sure you pack the kids' cozzies and towels (for the water rides), plus sunscreen and sunhat for the whole family.

- Giant Sandpit
- Water based inflatables – Giant Water Slide, Giant Slip n Slide, Jump n Splash Jumping Castle, Giant Obstacle Course
- Mechanical surfboard and Flying Elephants ride
- \$10 for an unlimited rides ticket
- Aquatic Habitat Display
- Create a sea creature puppet and Christmas cracker
- Visit from Santa / photos with Santa and receive your free photo from Top Ryde Telstra
- Competitions and giveaways
- Musical performances by local artists
- Gold coin donation - sausage sizzle and refreshments (funds raised go to Salvation Army)

Cinema in Eastwood Plaza presents 'ELF'

Friday 5 December, 6.00 – 10.00pm (movie starts at 8.15pm)

This annual festive event has a double dose of fun with one of the funniest Christmas movies ever – *ELF*. Pull on your yellow tights, whack on those big ears and invite your family and friends to share in a great night of fun under the stars. Grab a bite to eat at one of the many local cafes or restaurants located within the Plaza. See you at ELF-wood!

Synopsis: As a baby, Buddy crawls into Santa's toy bag and is whisked off to the North Pole, where he is raised as an elf. A misfit who grows to be three times the size of his elf family, Buddy heads to his birthplace of New York City to seek out his roots. When he finds his Scrooge-like family don't know the meaning of the true Christmas spirit he sets out to teach them. Starring Will Ferrell and James Caan.

Christmas Lights Showcase

Every year front yards, rooves, chimneys and verandahs all over the City of Ryde get the festive treatment with Christmas lights and scenes and hundreds of sightseers come from all over Sydney to gaze at the amazing sights. If you are planning to decorate your house, roof or front garden with Christmas lights this year, register now at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/christmas and to be part of our community Christmas Lights Showcase. The locations will be included on the Council website

and promotions material from 3 – 24 December. Some of the popular locations from last year include Chauvel Street/North Ryde, Stephens Avenue/Ryde and Blundell Street and Dacy Street/Marsfield.

Rotary Carols on the Common

Sunday 21 December, 5.30 – 9.30pm

North Ryde Common, cnr Twin and Wicks Roads

Families, neighbours and friends join together at North Ryde Common to share in the Christmas spirit. There are rides, entertainment, a giant sing-along and spectacular fireworks display. This annual event raises money for ROMAC and other Rotary projects and is Sydney's second biggest carols event. Carols on the Common is organised by North Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary Clubs and sponsored by the City of Ryde.

2015 EVENTS

Australia Day Celebrations, Monday 26 January

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement (Civic Hall 10.00am)
- Australia Day Family Concert, featuring the Whispering Jack Show (a tribute to the extraordinary career of John Farnham), and Fireworks Spectacular, North Ryde Common, 5.00-9.00pm

Cinema in the Park Festival

A season of movie hits enjoyed under the stars.

Friday 20 February - Morrison Bay Park, Putney

ET (rating PG)

Saturday 21 February - Eastwood Plaza

Ghostbusters (rating PG)

Friday 27 February - Macquarie University

The Big Lebowski (rating MA15+)

Saturday 28 February - Yamble Reserve, Ryde

Matilda (rating PG)

Lunar New Year, Eastwood

Celebrate the Year of the Sheep

Cooking competition Sunday 22 February

Parade and celebration Saturday 28 February