

Tuesday 15 November 2016

## DIARY DATES FOR THE FESTIVE AND HOLIDAY SEASON

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](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/whatson)

### Community 'Beach Party' Christmas Celebration

**Sunday 11 December, 3.00 – 7.00pm**

**Ryde Park, Blaxland Road, Ryde**

There's fun for the whole family at our Beach Party themed Christmas celebration, in beautiful Ryde Park. Make sure the kids have their list ready for Santa and their cozzies and towels for the water rides. Here's what to expect:

- Live performance by The Taylor Swift and Katy Perry Tribute Show
- Magic show by Cardistry
- Free snow-cones (limited quantities available)
- Visit from Santa
- Outdoor Christmas Photobooth
- Free Christmas and beach craft activities
- Hula Hoop workshops by Spin Joy
- Giant Sandpit – live sand sculpting artist
- \$10 for an unlimited rides ticket – rides include Mammoth Mountain Drop, Dunk Tank, Mechanical Surfboard, Giant Lawn Twister, plus lots more
- Sausage sizzle and refreshments (gold coin donation - funds raised go to Salvation Army)

Make sure you pack the sunscreen and sunhat for the whole family.

### Amazing 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 that attract hundreds of sightseers from all over Sydney. Some of the popular locations from last year include Chauvel Street/North Ryde, Stephens Avenue/Ryde and Blundell Street and Dacy Street/Marsfield.

This year Council will be supporting the Sydney Children's Hospital's Lights for Kids program and encourages all residents lighting up their house for Christmas to submit their house details to <https://www.lightsforkids.org.au/>. Council will be awarding a "Best Decorated Home" award with prize money being donated to the Sydney Children's Hospital.

## **CAROLS and Community Events**

### **Light up East Ryde, Sager Place shops, Sunday 27 November, 3.00-10.00pm**

Local Christmas Street Market with live entertainment, food trucks, petting zoo, face painting, craft beer and wine tastings plus the official lighting of the rooftop Christmas decorations at 8pm. All proceeds will go to local charities The Social Hub & Co and North Ryde Community Aid.

### **West Ryde Marketplace Thursday 15 December, 6.00 – 8.00pm**

All are welcome for this family friendly event celebrating the festive season - enjoy traditional Christmas carols, live music and more. Free balloons for kids.

### **Rotary Carols on the Common**

#### **Sunday 18 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 Council.

## **2017 EVENTS**

### **Australia Day Celebrations, Thursday 26 January 2017, North Ryde Common, 3.00pm-9.00pm**

- Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Announcement
- Australia Day Family Concert, featuring Powderfinger tribute band 'Vulture Street' and Steve Hart and the All Stars Band for classic Aussie rock covers, plus food trucks, face painting, kids' rides and ending with a fabulous Fireworks Spectacular.

### **Lunar New Year 2017 Year of the Rooster, Eastwood**

Celebrate the Year of the Rooster Cooking competition Saturday 4 February, 11.00am – 1.30pm  
Parade and celebration Saturday 11 February 10.00am – 5.00pm

### **Cinema in the Park Festival 2017**

A season of movie hits enjoyed under the stars in March 2017.

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