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GRANNY SMITH 31st FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

The 31st Granny Smith Festival has been hailed a major success by festival goers, organisers and participants.

City of Ryde Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jane Stott, said “Thanks to the thousands of people who visited Eastwood to celebrate this great community event, I was delighted to represent the Council at the official opening and extend my congratulations to the organising committee and the events team for another outstanding event!”

The annual event held on the third Saturday in October saw crowds of 90,000 turn out to enjoy the festival and the wonderful weather.

With live music and dance performances, market stalls, great food from here and around the world, carnival rides and community pride added up to a perfect day of fun for all.

Highlights included the 2,000 strong street parade, the Orange Farmers Market, the family chill-out zone, the CORE youth zone with wheelchair basketball, laser-tag and the Apple Jam Block Party, Simon Marnie from ABC Local broadcasting live on the day, Channel Nine’s Ben and Andy from The Block, and the apple pie eating contest held on the Northern District Times Plaza Stage.

More than sixty live acts including the Australian Army Band delighted us with their roving pep band, DJ Jazzy and ABC Splashdance entertained the kids, and as the sun went down, *Nada & Jasmin* from ‘*The Voice*’ rocked the record crowd and then the fireworks spectacular lit-up the night sky in a fitting tribute to a great festival for the community.

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