

Monday 18 September 2017

**FAMOUS GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday 21 October 2017, 9.00 am – late**  
**Eastwood Town Centre and Oval**  
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The famous Granny Smith Festival returns to Eastwood on Saturday 21 October 2017 with a ‘core’ focus on family fun, food and fireworks.

Now in its 32nd year, the Granny Smith Festival draws in more than 90,000 mums, dads, kids and the young-at-heart, eager to be part of the special vibe of this colourful, community-inclusive event.

This festival has something for everyone, including a traditional street parade, all-day entertainment, 250 market stalls, international food fair, carnival rides, apple give-aways, a singing competition, plus a fabulous family concert and spectacular fireworks.

The Granny Smith Festival is a celebration of our vibrant community and the tangy green apple that had its beginnings in Eastwood back in 1868 on a family farm owned by Maria Ann ‘Granny’ Smith. ‘Granny’ didn’t know it then, but the humble green apple she accidentally grew on a compost heap would go on to become the apple of choice for cooks the world over and be one of our nation’s best known exports.

For a great family day out, put the date in your diary and come to Eastwood on Saturday 21 October, for all the fun of the fair.

#### **GRANNY SMITH FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Grand Street Parade** (from 9.30am) 1,000 participants including marching bands, Granny float, clowns, community and school groups, vintage cars, Mounted Police, fire fighters and the big garbo truck.
- **250 Market Stalls** with a treasure trove of finds from arts and crafts to showbags and plants.
- **International Food Fair** serving up noodles, kebabs, snow cones, vindaloo, chocolates, cup cakes, gozleme and home-made lemonade, to name just a few.
- **Kid Friendly** – from toddlers to tweens, there’s heaps to do ... including spinning tea cups, singing competition, giant slide, dodgem cars, cuddly animal farm, treasure hunt. There will also be a

- **Sustainable Kids' Play Hub** in the grounds of Eastwood Public School – with interactive fun for kids with a focus on sustainability, like a recycling relay challenge, garden space with DIY paper pot and seed sowing and craft workshops.
- **Kids' Entertainment Stage** featuring Sam 'Play along with Sam' Moran, Nay Nay from ABC Kids, and circus strongman 'Cedric Irving's Mighty Juggling Show'.
- **Core Youth Zone** free activities for young people organised by Ryde Youth Council – Apple Jam Block Party (2ON2 and 1ON1 dance battles) plus Laser Tag
- **Big Family Concert** (from 6.30pm) 'The Voice' Finalist, FASIKA, and her impressive big band, will get you up and dancing with their special brand of Soul, RnB and Jazz, from the 60s to now. Plus support act - JUNKYARD BEATS – will keep the party going with their high energy rhythm show combining movement, acting and drumming using unique and original instruments.
- **Mega Fireworks** spectacular at 8.00pm lights up the sky for a grand pyrotechnic finale.
- **Giveaways** Meet 'Granny' on Eastwood Oval for free Granny Smith apples plus the chance to win exciting gift vouchers in Granny's Golden Ticket giveaway.
- **Sustainable theme ...** be part of our sustainable festival theme and bring your own carry bag and refillable water bottle. Take advantage of the water station, recycle and waste stations and talk to Council staff about enviro-friendly actions you can be part of to make your life and our City more sustainable. Take the Waste Challenge and get free prizes.

**Interact and Share your Granny Smith Festival experiences with our official event hashtag [#WeLoveGSF](#), on [facebook.com/grannysmithfestival](#) and social networks *Pinterest, Twitter and Instagram*. Share photos on *Shap Chat (app)* with Granny Smith Festival filter.**

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