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FABULOUS FAMILY THEATRE AT TOP RYDE STARTS THIS WEEK

Over the first two weekends of September the talented teenagers from the Ryde Youth Theatre will produce their first play for young children and families in the Underground performance space at Westward Cottage in Top Ryde.

Written by 17-year-old Dylan Pitt, *All The Good Superhero Names Are Taken*, is a funny, original and local take on a superhero story. The play focuses on Virgil and Verona, a brother and sister who blow up their school science project and accidentally give themselves superpowers. It seems like a fabulous situation until media celebrity, jealousy and sibling rivalry threaten to bring disaster to Sydney.

The production combines live actors with ingenious shadow puppets designed by 15-year-old Ava Princi, to create an exciting, action-packed experience in this tiny theatre. Shadow puppets are an ancient and compelling way to tell fantasy stories. Ryde Youth Theatre has used them to tremendous effect in previous productions including a very well received play for children staged at the Ryde Library in 2014.

All The Good Superhero Names Are Taken is an ideal way to introduce children as young as six to the magic and imagination of live theatre. The play is designed by young people to speak directly to what children are interested in, with a sense of humour adults will enjoy. With a running time of approximately 45 minutes it's a short, funny superhero story set here in Sydney with bin chickens, Youtube dare-devils and a particularly dramatic appearance by the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

At only \$6 for all tickets, at Westward Cottage, a short walk up the hill from Top Ryde Shopping Centre, this is a great outing for families to do on the weekend.

Performance dates and times:

Saturday, 1 September, 11am and 2pm

Sunday, 2 September, 11am and 2pm

Saturday, 8 September, 11am and 2pm

Saturday, 9 September, 11am and 2pm

All tickets \$6 available from stickytickets.com.au/74442.

Performances will be held at The Underground at Westward Cottage, 8 Turner St, Ryde.

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