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STARS COME OUT FOR LIVVI'S PLACE CHARITY DRIVE

Residents are in for a star studded weekend when the City of Ryde pulls out all the stops to raise funds for *Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve*, the first playground for children of all abilities to be built in our City.

The *Livvi's Place* weekend fundraiser features stars of both the celestial and celebrity kind, in two great family charity events.

Saturday 3 March *The Smurfs Movie* 'under the stars' at Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde. Movie starts at sundown (approx 8.00pm). Evening includes special presentation on screen showing the plan for Livvi's Place All Abilities Playground to be built at Yamble Reserve, as well as special kids' activities. Pack a picnic and low chair and bring the family. All donations go to Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve.

Sunday 4 March *Mayor's Big Bash Charity Cricket Match,* Ryde Park, Princes Street, 9.00 am – 2.00pm. Hosted by the City of Ryde, in partnership with the Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates Cricket Club. The Mayor's XI all-star line up includes such luminaries as:

- Jay Laga'aia, 'Play School' presenter, actor, musician and Touched by Olivia Ambassador
- Greg Matthews, former Australian cricketer
- Lachie Turner, Australian Rugby Union International
- Paul Clarke, former Balmain great
- Steve Edmed, former Balmain star
- Stephen Peacocke, 'All Saints', 'Packed to the Rafters', 'Home and Away'
- John Alexander, Member for Bennelong
- Lisa Gormley, 'Home and Away'
- Lincoln Younes, 'Home and Away'
- Jason Hodges, 'Better Homes and Gardens'
- Robert Mammone, 'Underbelly', 'The Matrix'

City of Ryde Mayor, CIr Artin Etmekdjian said: "This is a chance for the whole community to come together in the spirit of fun and generosity. Every donation, no matter how small, can help us build this unique playground. It's also a great opportunity to see just what those Pirates are made of when they face up to the Mayor's All Star line up."

Bring the family down to Ryde Park as the Mayor's celebrity team goes bat to ball with the Pirates' best! There will also be a barbecue and entertainment for the kids. All donations go to Livvi's Place at Yamble Reserve.

Photo Opportunity: 10.00am Yamble Reserve, Quarry Road, Ryde, Wednesday 22 February. Media contacts: City of Ryde: Lee Kirkland Media Officer 9952 8083. Touched by Olivia Foundation: Rebecca Ho 0414 506 606