

# Ryde



> Granny Smith Festival Eastwood. Third Saturday in October.



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## The Granny Smith Festival

The Granny Smith Festival, held in Eastwood on the third Saturday in October, is the highlight of a busy year of community events. The Festival is in honour of one of the area's great pioneers Maria Ann Smith who, back in 1868, developed the Granny Smith apple on her Eastwood property. In 2008 it will be held on Saturday 18 October and in 2009 on 17 October.

Attracting then of thousands of visitors, this colourful Festival sees over 60 entertainment acts on six stages as well as street performers, 280 fete stalls and an International Food Fair. On Eastwood Oval there's fun for all with children's rides, bands playing throughout the day, a karaoke competition and an animal nursery.

The highlight of the Festival, the street parade, commences at 10am and works its way from Rowe Street through the busy precinct of the Festival. The parade has marching bands, stilt walkers, dancers, decorated floats and plenty of fun and excitement. The day concludes with a Family Concert, and spectacular fireworks display.

## FESTIVAL CALENDAR

Other annual events on the City of Ryde's calendar include the Australia Day Family Concert and fireworks spectacular at North Ryde Common, followed in February and March with the very popular Cinema in the Park series and Harmony Festival. The Ryde Aquatic Festival on the Parramatta River in September each year features Dragon Boat racing and lots of fun family activities. The year is rounded off with Carols by Candlelight at various locations throughout the City.

## information



For local information and advice, to find out 'What's On' or for a full list of places to go, things to see and do and where to stay, eat or be entertained... City of Ryde Tel: (02) 9952 8222 (Mon-Fri 8.30am- 4.45pm) or go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au) Transport Information and timetables Tel: 131 500 [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)



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