

 City of Ryde

LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY
4PM – 9PM | EASTWOOD OVAL

**Year
of the
SNAKE**



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HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Welcome

The City of Ryde wishes you a happy Lunar New Year, celebrating the year of the Snake.

The Lunar New Year, which has been celebrated in many Asian cultures for around 4,000 years, is based on the cycles of the moon. It is also known as Chinese New Year or Spring Festival. There are four elements to the New Year festivities, starting a week out with Little Year, followed by a day of memorial and prayer, then New Year's Eve itself, and concluding with a day of reuniting and gift-giving.

Traditional ways to celebrate the Lunar New Year include putting up decorations, eating dinner with family on New Year's Eve, distributing red envelopes and other gifts, and watching lion and dragon dances.

Year of the Snake

The Year of the Snake has different meanings and connotations depending on culture. In Korea, 2025 is the year of the blue snake, a symbol of patience and immortality. In Chinese culture, the snake is also known as the 'little dragon', and it represents change and opportunity. In Vietnamese culture, the snake is a symbol of duality – intelligent, adaptable, and mysterious, but also a warning of danger.



Plan Your Trip

The Festival attracts large crowds which can limit parking options. Leave the car at home and catch a bus or train.

Visit Trip Planner at www.transportnsw.info to organise your journey or visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/GettingToLNY

Accessible Drop-off Zone



If you have a mobility parking permit and require close access to the Festival, use our drop-off zone. Enter Hillview Road via West Parade (see map).

There is limited mobility parking at Eastwood Shopping Centre and Glen Street car park.

Food Hubs and Seating

There is a range of Asian cuisines within our food hubs located on Eastwood Oval and along West Parade.

Grab some delicious food and take a seat at the allocated seating areas. This is also a great meeting spot to catch up with friends and family.



Look out for the food hub icon located on the Festival map.



Operation hours: 4.00pm – 9.00pm

Waste Wise Event

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to creating a sustainable environment, the Lunar New Year Festival is designated as a 'Waste Wise Event'.

Please remember to BYO water bottle as no plastic water bottles will be sold by our stallholders. Fill up for free at the refill water stations located around the festival site, which can be located on the festival map.

We also encourage festivalgoers to BYO re-useable bags and coffee cups.

Festival Map

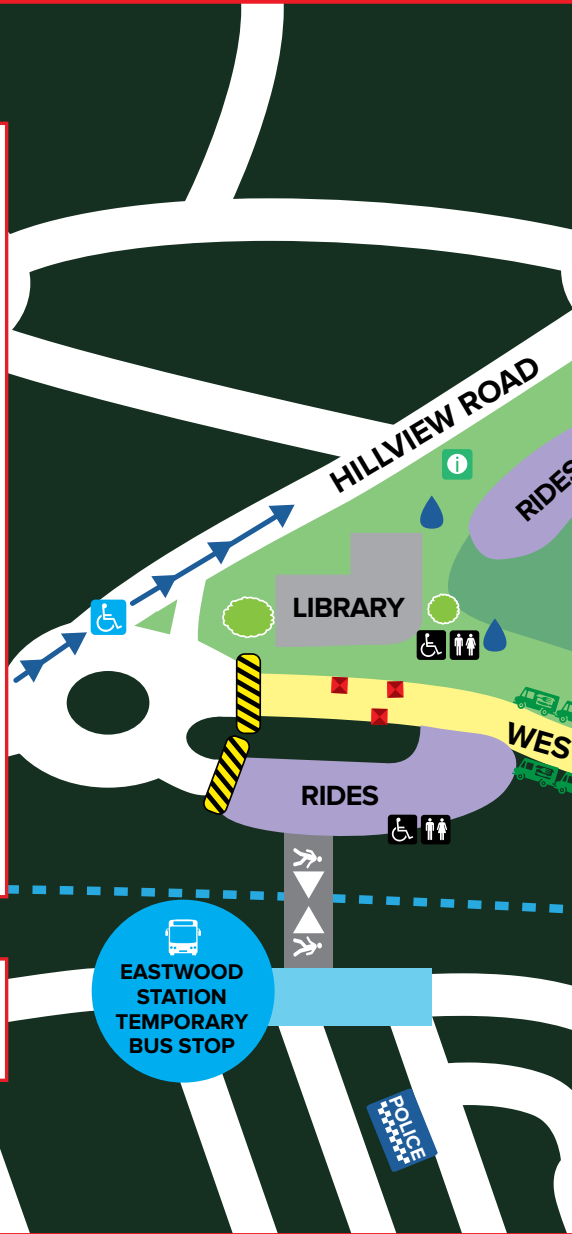
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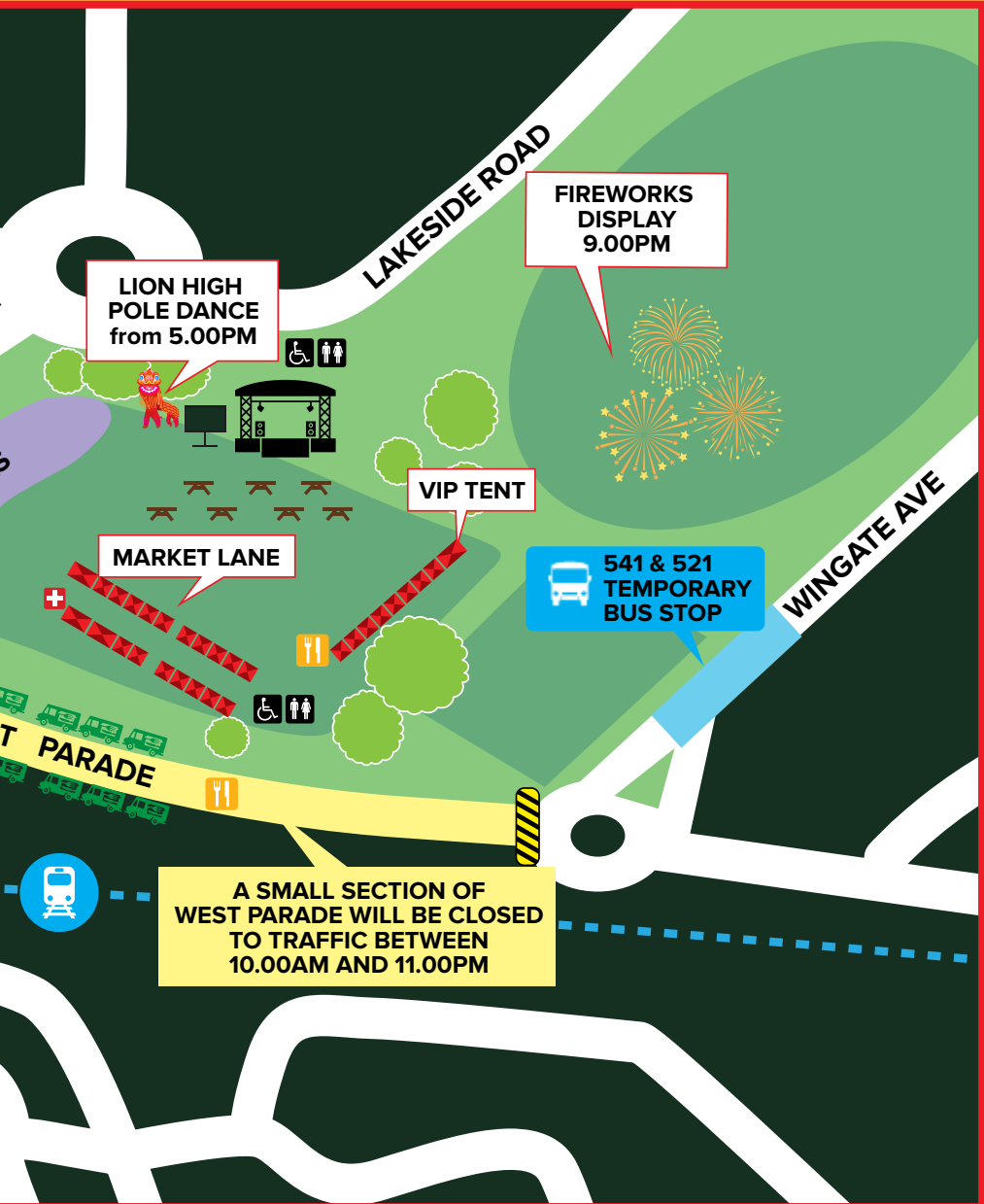
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-  ACCESSIBLE TOILETS

FESTIVAL OPERATING HOURS

 4.00PM – 9.00PM

 EASTWOOD STATION
TEMPORARY
BUS STOP





LION HIGH POLE DANCE from 5.00PM

FIREWORKS DISPLAY 9.00PM

VIP TENT

MARKET LANE

541 & 521 TEMPORARY BUS STOP

A SMALL SECTION OF WEST PARADE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10.00AM AND 11.00PM

Festival Highlights

Festival Stalls

Come by and find the selection of unique market stalls, food stalls and trucks at this year's Lunar New Year Festival.

With such an array of options from food to goodies available on the day, you will not want to miss out!



Carnival Fun



Located on the Oval and West Parade, a carnival experience packed with rides and games.

Take a ride on the giant slide, drive a dodgem car or grab a showbag, there's something for everyone.

Ride coupons can be purchased at the ticket booths on the Oval and at West Parade.

Free Craft and Face Painting

Have your face painted from one of our fantastic artists then head over to our free craft section to design your own fan or Sogo.

Take your craft home as a memento of your time at the 2025 Lunar New Year Festival.



Free Calligraphy



Receive your New Year good fortune from one of our traditional Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese calligraphers.

Stage Highlights – Event Starts 4.00pm

Cultural Performances

From 4.00pm, come and watch some incredible performances from the wide range of cultures that call Ryde home! From exciting K-Pop performances to beautiful Chinese dances and traditional music ensembles, there is something on stage for everyone.



Official Ceremony

Find the perfect spot in front of the stage from 5.00pm to help us welcome in the Lunar New Year. Ceremony will include traditional lion eye dotting, a high pole lion dance and a special snake performance.



Finale Show

Get ready for an exciting start to the Year of the Snake with a jaw dropping stunt show to close the stage!

Make sure to come to the stage at 8.00pm so you don't miss a second of this dramatic performance.



Fireworks Display – 9.00pm

Close out the 2025 Lunar New Year Festival with a bang at the 9.00pm fireworks spectacular! Gather with your friends or family at Eastwood Oval to watch this dazzling display.



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For more information about our emergency services on the day visit ryde.events/LNYEmergencyServices