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RED LANTERNS LIGHT THE WAY FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR AT EASTWOOD PLAZA

Come to Eastwood Plaza to catch all the colour and excitement of Lunar New Year celebrations (Saturday 20 February) as our local community welcomes in The Year of the Tiger.

Already large illuminated red lanterns have been raised throughout the Eastwood precinct in the lead up to the week-long celebrations.

“The red lanterns add vibrant colour and a magical element to the festivities as they symbolise good luck, happiness and reunion”, said Mayor Michael Butterworth.

Along with the traditional attractions of noisy firecrackers, lion dances, martial arts and street stalls, there will be a giant community cooking competition.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Michael Butterworth, praised the local community groups, organisers and sponsors for putting on such a lively event with all-round appeal. “This is a great time of celebration for our local Asian communities. The colour, the drama and welcoming atmosphere make this celebration a popular fixture on our City’s annual calendar of ‘must attend’ events.

“We invite everyone to join us for a great celebration. Why not stay on to enjoy the many excellent local restaurants that provide some of the best Asian cuisine to be found in Sydney,” the Mayor added.

For details of the local week-long Lunar New Year celebrations, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear

Although customs for Lunar New Year vary in different parts of the world, the underlying message is one of peace and happiness for family members and friends. We look forward to welcoming all residents to herald in the Year of the Tiger.

Year of the Tiger

People born in the Year of the Tiger are straightforward and uninhibited in nature. They are generally well liked because of their charming personalities. The Tiger is a natural born leader and symbolises power, passion and daring.

The Lunar New Year dates from 2600 BC and changes from year to year depending on the lunar cycle. It corresponds to the new moon (black moon) in either late January or February. Traditionally, celebrations last for fifteen days, ending on the date of the full moon.