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LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

A spectacle of colour, flavour and excitement will welcome in the Year of the Rabbit when the City of Ryde celebrates Lunar New Year.

The week-long program climaxes in a Grand Celebration Day of art, food and performance in Eastwood Plaza on Saturday 12 February.

Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: "The City of Ryde is home to a vibrant Chinese and Korean population and our Lunar New Year celebration has grown to be the largest in Sydney's north and north-west region.

"Not only has the festival become one of the highlights of our events calendar, it is the perfect opportunity for the whole community to come together and share in these unique celebrations."

Everyone from visiting artists to senior citizens, school students, local chefs, tai chi groups, pipa players, even the Italian Women's Group of Marsfield, will be embracing the celebrations this year to make it the biggest and best ever.

Goodwill and good fortune are qualities of the Year of the Rabbit and those attending the Grand Celebration Day in Eastwood Plaza on Saturday 12 February can demonstrate these virtues by donating a gold coin to the Queensland Flood Disaster Appeal.

City of Ryde Lunar New Year Celebrations

Thursday 3 February to Saturday 12 February

From traditional to contemporary - art, food and performance - the City of Ryde Lunar New Year celebration has something for everyone.

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear

- Ettason Cooking Competition (Heats Sun 6 Feb. Finals Sat 12 Feb)
- Hundreds of performers – music, song, dancers
- Ancient art of calligraphy
- History and significance of Lunar New Year
- Tai Chi and Korean martial arts
- Carpet bowling
- Fire crackers
- Chang An Drum & Music (direct from China)
- Free food tasting
- Food stalls