

Friday 10 February 2012

EASTWOOD LIBRARY 21ST CELEBRATION

Eastwood Library has been operating for over 50 years, but it is about to celebrate its 21st birthday in its current location, directly opposite Eastwood Station and adjacent to Eastwood Park and oval.

It is fitting that Eastwood Library's 'coming of age' also comes at a time when local libraries are experiencing a surge in popularity as they transform from being a traditional quiet place of reading and study into vibrant community hubs.

Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian, said: "People use our libraries for a whole range of activities now. They come to meet other members of the community, take part in a workshop or reading group, participate in lifelong learning or join in a discussion group in English or Mandarin.

"Of course, you can still borrow a book, a CD or a magazine or make use of the library's IT resources," he added.

A week-long celebration of special events is planned including:

Bi-lingual presentation: Chinese market gardeners in the Ryde and Eastwood areas in the 19th and 20th centuries

Monday 20 February, 10.30am – 12.00 noon

A special bi-lingual presentation (in English and Mandarin) of the story of the Chinese market gardeners who lived and worked in the area. Bookings essential.

Culture Lovers Discussion Group for Mandarin Speakers

Wednesday 22 February, 10.30am – 12.00 noon

Topic: Understanding Australian Culture. Bookings essential on 99528222.

Love, Loss and Yearning: women and romance in the life of Governor Lachlan Macquarie

Friday 24 February, 11.00am – 12.00pm

An examination of the two marriages of Lachlan Macquarie presented by author Robin Walsh. Bookings essential on 9952 8222.

For further information go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/library or to book your place call **9952 8222**.

Photo Opportunity: Twenty-One Eastwood Library regulars, who take part in a wide variety of library activities, will gather to cut the cake on Friday 17 February 4.30 pm, Eastwood Library, cnr Hillview Road and West Parade, Eastwood.