

Thursday 19 January 2012

## **CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR**

The City of Ryde will welcome the Year of the Dragon with a spectacle of colour, flavour and excitement!

The month-long program climaxes in a Grand Celebration Day of performances, art, feasting and fireworks in Eastwood Plaza on Saturday 4 February.

“Everyone is welcome to join the celebrations,” said Mayor, Cllr Artin Etmekdjian. “You can meet members of our local Chinese, Korean and Indonesian communities, try a new activity such as tai chi or ballroom dancing, taste delicious delicacies from around the world and enjoy traditional performances and fireworks.

“The dragon is the ultimate auspicious symbol of success and happiness. May the celestial dragon bring great good luck and good fortune to everyone in our City”.

### **Eastwood Chinese Seniors**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with singing, dancing and games

Wednesday 25 January, 10.00am – 12.00 noon

St Philips Anglican Church Hall, cnr Shaftsbury Road and Rutledge Street, Eastwood

### **Lunar New Year Seniors Lunch**

The Australian Asian Association of Bennelong is hosting a special lunch for City of Ryde seniors

Bookings essential, email [info@aaab.org.au](mailto:info@aaab.org.au).

Friday 27 January, 11.00am – 4.00pm

Ryde Ex-Services Club, 724 Victoria Road, Ryde

### **Lion Dance and Fireworks**

Carlingford Village welcomes the Lunar New Year with traditional lion dance and fireworks

Saturday 28 January, 12.00 noon – 2.00pm

Carlingford Village Shopping Centre, cnr Marsden and Pennant Hills Road, Carlingford

### **Community Cooking Competition**

Local amateur chefs put their woks and skills to the test at the annual cooking competition. Free food tasting and cooking demonstrations

Sunday 29 January, 11.00am – 2.00pm

Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood

### **Ballroom Dancing**

Ballroom dancing under the arches. All welcome.

Sunday 29 January, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood

**Lunar New Year at Eastwood Library**

Morning tea, games and other activities

Monday 30 January, 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Eastwood Library, cnr Hillview Road and West Parade, Eastwood

**Italian Women's Group of Marsfield**

Morning tea and a visit from the God of Good Fortune

Tuesday 31 January, 11.00am – 12.00 noon

St Anthony's Church Hall, 54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield

**Korean Women's Group**

Morning tea and a visit from the God of Good Fortune!

Thursday 2 February, 11.00am – 12.00 noon

West Ryde Community Centre, 1A Station Street, West Ryde

**Korean Seniors Club**

Morning tea and a visit from the God of Good Fortune

Thursday 2 February, 11.00am – 12.00 noon

St Philips Church Hall, cnr Shaftsbury Road and Rutledge Street, Eastwood

**Ballroom Dancing**

Ballroom dancing under the arbour. All welcome.

Thursday 2 February, 7.00 – 9.00pm

Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood

**Eastwood Croquet Club**

Morning tea and a visit from the God of Good Fortune!

Friday 3 February, 9.30 – 11.30am

Eastwood Croquet Club, cnr West Parade and Wingate Avenue, Eastwood

**Grand Celebration Day**

Music and dance performances, pole-jumping lions, food stalls, fireworks and Eastwood's longest dragon parade

Saturday 4 February, 10.30am – 5.00pm

Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood

**Indonesian Welfare Association**

Morning tea and a visit from the God of Good Fortune

Tuesday 21 February, 10.00am – 12.00 noon

Argyle Hall, 33 Blaxland Road, Ryde

For full details of the Lunar New Year Celebration Program go to

[www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/lunarnewyear)