

Thursday 19 February 2015

## WISHING YOU GOOD FORTUNE IN THE YEAR OF THE SHEEP

City of Ryde's Lunar New Year celebrations offer a feast of good fortune for everyone ... so come to Eastwood to welcome in the Year of the Sheep (Goat).

During February, Eastwood comes alive to the sights, sounds and aromas of Asian culture, from food to fireworks, lanterns to lion dances, music to martial arts.

Ryde Mayor Cllr Bill Pickering is inviting everyone to join the celebration. "Our Lunar New Year Festival started seven years ago as a small community event. Now it is one of our most popular community events and attracts people from all over the region.

"Eastwood has emerged as Sydney's new Asian Eat Street and everyone has the chance to enjoy delicious, authentic food in the numerous restaurants and cafes that line the plaza or dine out under the leafy arbour.

"The Festival is a celebration of our city's diversity, uniting people from all cultures to share culture, food and festive good wishes to welcome in the Year of the Sheep. Kung hei fat choi!"

### Highlights



**Celebrity Cooking Competition** – woks and wontons at the ready!

Sunday 22 February, Eastwood Plaza, 11.00am



**Festival and Street Parade**

Saturday 28 February, Eastwood Plaza and Town Centre, 11.00am – 4.30pm

Family-friendly events include:

- Official Welcome
- Lion Eye Dotting
- High Pole Lion Dancing
- Dragon Eye Dotting
- Fire Crackers
- Dragon Parade
- Ping Pong Competition
- Traditional Chinese and Korean singing and dancing
- Balinese Dance
- Tai Chi demonstration
- Chinese Opera