



# Eastwood in Focus

## Eastwood Chamber of Commerce

### March 2011

#### For Your Diary

**March meeting - morning**  
14 March at 7.30am  
Hosted by Eastwood Hotel  
Special Guest speaker  
Jerome Laxale, the Labor  
candidate for the seat of Ryde  
in State election March 26

**April meeting**  
11 April at 6pm  
Hosted by St George Bank

**May meeting - morning**  
9 May at 7.30am  
Hosted by Mayor of Ryde,  
Artin Etmekdjian

**June meeting**  
20 June at 6pm  
Hosted by Allegiance Home  
Loans and Austin  
Conveyancing

**July meeting**  
11 July at 6pm  
Hosted by White Lady  
Funerals

**August Meeting**  
8 August at 6pm  
Hosted by Westpac Eastwood

**September meeting**  
12 September at 6pm  
Hosted by Achieve Australia

**October meeting morning**  
**17 October**  
Host TBA

**November meeting**  
**14 November**  
Host TBA

#### From the President



**On Saturday 12 February 2011**, the organisers of the Ryde Lunar New Year Celebration were again glad to bring thousands of people together at Eastwood Plaza despite the rain this year. The grand celebration day was well attended by many political, business and community leaders. In particular, we were privileged

to welcome Mayor of City of Ryde Artin Etmekdjian, Ryde MP Victor Dominello, Bennelong MP John Alexander, Epping MP Greg Smith, the Consul General of Republic of Korea Mr Jin-soo Kim and the Deputy Director General of Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Department Mr Li Quan Hu and Edward Lee, CEO of Hyundai Motor Company Australia.

The highlights of this year's celebration day included a traditional drum and performance group travelling from South Korea and the Chang An Drum Wind and Music Group travelling from China as well as the Ettason Cooking Competition finals and a performance by the biggest Lion Head in Australia brought by Jin Wu Koon Academy.

**On Sunday 6th of February**, Eastwood Plaza was a buzz with "celebrity chefs" in the Lunar New Year Cooking Competition, proudly sponsored by Ettason.

The chefs had to cook a dish with the sauces provided by Ettason – celebrities included: Federal member for Bennelong John Alexander, local State member Victor Dominello, Agnes Shim from our Korean community

Eastwood Chamber Executive Committee member Albert Yun and our Eastwood Local Area Superintendent Peter Marcon, whose cooking expertise took the winning trophy.

Congratulations to the Ryde Lunar New Year committee for organising these, and the many other events, for Ryde.

**During February**, Eastwood restaurants received some good publicity in the Sydney Morning Herald. In the February 1 Good Living liftout, Eastwood Garden Peking Restaurant was referred to as a leading example of Beijing cuisine and the Da Wan Lai Restaurant, the leading restaurant in Sydney for Shandong cuisine. BBQ One was listed as one of our leading Hong Kong cuisine restaurants.

Da Wan Lai received another favourable mention for its Shandong cuisine (Northern China) on 22 February. Well done to the chefs of Eastwood.

## NEWS

On Tuesday morning 22nd Feb 2011, Macquarie Park Rotary Club held their Pride of Workmanship Awards ceremony "Do It Once, Do It Well". There were 4 awardees for the morning.

One of the awards was presented to Courtney Long who works for the City of Ryde as Events Officer. She is involved in major community events for the City of Ryde including Granny Smith Festival, Lunar New Year, Carols in the Plaza and Australia Day festivities. She ensures the planning and smooth running of these events, a need for great organization skills. Courtney continues to build professional relationships within the community and takes pride in her work.

The Eastwood Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Courtney on this community acknowledgement.



**Trina Mosley presenting the award to Courtney Long, with Derek McCarthy form the City of Ryde and Macquarie Park Rotary president, Ross Rocca.**

### **Contestants at the Celebrity cook-off in Eastwood Plaza on Sunday February 6.**



### **ECC member, Margaret Greig outside her stall at the Lunar New Year festival**



**A performance by the Jin Wu Koon Academy was moved into the Eastwood Shopping Centre. It featured the biggest Lion Head in Australia.**

## **YOUR CHAMBER**

The Chamber is here to promote business within Eastwood, both amongst members, and through the wider community. We also provide a voice to City of Ryde councillors and staff and the Eastwood Police. Our regular business after hours meetings are a means for you to network with other local businesses and hear news of local issues impacting business. When you host a meeting, you have the opportunity to showcase your business and increase your exposure. There are a few meetings later in the year if you would like to take up one of these opportunities.

## **Your Chamber Executive**



**Peter Sullivan**  
**President**



**Rickie Lui**  
**Vice President**



**Roseanne Gallo**  
**Eastwood Promotions  
committee**



**Trina Moseley**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**



**Albert Yun**  
**Committee**



**Gavin Mussone**  
**Committee**

## achieve employment has moved to Devlin Street Ryde

Achieve Australia Disability Employment Services has relocated to Devlin Street, Ryde. The relocation of the Meadowbank operation will accommodate our increasing jobseeker base, improve accessibility and provide more modern facilities, equipment and technology.

The new office is located opposite Top Ryde City Shopping Centre at:  
Suite 301, Level 3, 5-9 Devlin Street, Ryde 2112.

For more information, contact us on 02 9334 0900.

## Summer 2011 Achieve News is now available

Find out about all the exciting things Achieve Australia has been achieving lately in our new-look Summer 2011 edition of Achieve News.

The newsletter is now available for viewing on our website [www.achieveaustralia.org.au](http://www.achieveaustralia.org.au).

## Annual Grand Bazaar – Saturday 7 May 2011

The Annual Grand Bazaar will be held on Saturday 7 May at 76 Belmore Street, Ryde.

Planning is already underway and our volunteers have told us that this year's event will be bigger than ever before with lots of bargains and treasures to be found.

There'll be great value fabrics, needlecraft, the very popular Lines of Linen as well as refreshments on sale.

For more information contact us on 02 8878 3353 or 02 9034 1600.



### One-stop shop for all your party needs

At Complete Party you can purchase balloons, banners, tableware, masks and novelties. Party equipment such as tables, chairs, glassware, crockery, cutlery and linen is also available to hire. Proceeds from sales are channelled back into Achieve Australia, providing more opportunities for people with disability to achieve a meaningful and valued life.

**Opening Hours -**

**Monday to Friday:** 9am – 5pm

**Saturday:** 9am – 4pm

**Sunday:** CLOSED

For more information or to ask for a quote contact us on 02 9804 8533.



And finally, we have received notification this week of the Community Information Expo to be held in Eastwood Plaza next week. The actual notice follows.

## **COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXPO 2011**

**This year the Community Information Expo 2011 will be held from 10.30am – 2.30pm on 17 March at the Eastwood Plaza. This event is presented by the City of Ryde and supported by Ryde Family Support Service, Police, Eastwood shopping Centre, Christian Community Aid, Ryde Library Services**

The Community Information Expo is part of the Harmony Day celebrations in Ryde and will provide the opportunity for more than 40 local service providers, government and non government to promote their services to families living in the Ryde and Hunters Hill Local Government Areas. This event also is a great opportunity for service providers for networking and gives the chance for possible partnership with other services.

The Expo will have information stalls providing information for the families on services including: legal, health, employment, education and training, family support services, settlement as well as information from community groups.

Also available on the day will be children activities, bilingual story time (held at Eastwood Library) and much more....

Residents are invited to come and find out about some of the services which are on offer from their area...