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MULTI-FAITH MULTICULTURAL CENTRE



EVERYONE MATTERS - TOOWOOMBA, A MODEL CITY OF PEACE & HARMONY

Chinese New Year, also known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year, will be celebrated on 31 January 2014, and marks the start of the Year of the Horse. Celebrations last for fifteen days, ending on the date of the full moon. This year will be the 4712th year in the Chinese Calendar.

Over a sixth of the world's population celebrates Chinese New Year. Customs vary in different parts of the world, but the essence of the celebrations is having the family together for a reunion dinner. This is also the time to wish everyone good fortune, longevity, and peace in the coming year. It is also customary for the young to call on the elders to pay their respects. The children look forward to receiving red packets from the elders.

Australia prides itself as a nation of diversity across multicultural communities that thrive on democracy. To keep up with the richness of the diverse Australian diverse culture, we celebrated Australia Day together with the Chinese New Year on 25 January 2014. This is a unique celebration where our community comes together to share the joy of being Australians and at the same time to experience the Chinese New Year celebration.

May the Year of the Horse brings all of us good fortune, longevity and peace.



Australians singing the Australian National Anthem, which was lead by Shantelle Shore.



Placing good wishes for Australia on our wish tree.



Honourable John McVeigh, M.P. Member for Toowoomba South and Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, giving his address.



Tossing the Yusheng as high as possible, making wishes for longevity, good fortune, peace, and harmony for the new year.



Our Aboriginal Elder, Gwen Currie, giving her acknowledgement to the country.




The faith leaders delivering the common prayer for Australia.



The certificate of appreciation presented to the wonderful family band Yakety Saxes who have given us so much joy and happiness through their music.



An exciting and well-known tradition of the CNY is the lion dance.

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