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EVENT NOTICE: Chinese New Year Markets

Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival kicks off in Belmore Park on Friday 23 January with a weekend packed with music and dance, food and gift stalls and activities for all the family.

Make a wish at the God of Wealth shrine, check out the talent at Chinese Pop Idol, learn how to cook simple Chinese fare, try your hand at Tai Chi, lantern making or Mah Jong, watch acrobats, traditional dances and martial arts, pick up a gift, and taste food from all over Asia.

Belmore Park will be decked out with hanging red and gold lanterns, and a giant Ox lantern to welcome the Year of the Ox.

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP will launch the Festival at Belmore Park on Friday 23rd January at 7pm with entertainment and fireworks.

The Chinese New Year Markets mark the beginning of the largest Lunar New Year celebration outside of Asia. The Festival runs from 23 January – 15 February 2009 and features more than 50 events including temple tours, the first ever Sydney Chinese Film Festival, art exhibitions, childrens' events, history, food and cultural tours, calligraphy demonstrations, opera and banquets.

The full program is online at www.sydneychinesenewyear.com.au

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Where: Belmore Park, near Central Station
Time: 4pm – 10pm Friday 23rd January 2009
11am – 10pm Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2009

Cost: Free, gold coin donation for some activities

Diary Note: Chinese New Year Festival Twilight Parade Sunday 1 February 2009.

To apply for media accreditation to the Belmore Mark launch and/or Twilight Parade please download the form <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/cny/Media.aspx> or email City media contacts (details below).

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