

Near You

NEWS FROM YOUR SUBURB

GRAFFITI

Hotline to dob in a vandal

CONCERNED residents can use a new, toll-free hotline to dob in vandals spraying graffiti. The hotline was launched this week by Attorney-General Greg Smith in an effort to cut down on vandalism. All of the reports will be compiled before being sent on to the relevant government agency or local government area. All LGAs in NSW have established email addresses to receive public referrals to the hotline. Call anonymously to 1800 707 125 during office hours.

EASTWOOD



Leisure Lea Gardens' resident ambassadors and village manager Ben Mangion (right) present the cheque for \$500 to Katherine Jones of the youth cancer charity, Canteen.

Funds potted for charity

THE Potted and Indoor Plant Show at Leisure Lea Gardens proved to be a great success for the avid gardeners and for Canteen, the young people's cancer charity. Not only did the residents of the complex on Epping Rd, Eastwood, benefit from learning the right and wrong way

to look after indoor and potted balcony plants but they also raised \$500 for their favourite charity. "Our team of resident ambassadors provided a beautiful morning tea and we raised funds at the same time for a wonderful charity that gets no government funding whatsoever," Jan Foulcher, presi-

dent of the resident's committee, said. "They are dependent upon corporations and individuals donating money so we hope our little bit helped." Many plants were purchased as well as accessories. These will add to the already plentiful gardens that surround the units in the village.

RYDE

Tigers on the prowl for the big bash



Benji Marshall celebrates his match-winning drop goal.

Robbie Patterson

A MAJOR negative could turn into a positive for northern district residents after the last-minute cancellation of Ryde Council's charity weekend, due to poor weather - with the chances of a Wests Tiger sighting on the rise. Bec Ho, the playground project manager for the Touched by Olivia Foundation, said the events are scheduled for next weekend. And the fundraiser to build an all abilities playground called Livvy's Place at Yamble Reserve could now be bigger and better. "We might have more players," Ms Ho said of the rescheduled Mayor's Big Bash cricket game, in which the Mayor's XI will take on a team from the Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates club.

WHAT'S ON

On Saturday: The free showing of *The Smurfs Movie* at Yamble reserve, Quarry Rd, Ryde, from about 8pm.
On Sunday: The Mayor's Big Bash Charity cricket match will be a star-studded event at Ryde Park, Princes St, from 9am to 2pm.

She is hopeful Wests Tigers NRL players will now be available to participate. The Tigers played Cronulla Sharks last Sunday, which the Tigers won with an amazing drop goal by Benji Marshall. "They couldn't come last weekend, but they might be able to make it this week," Ms Ho said. "We are very hopeful."

LANE COVE

Zen-inspired letterheads

NORTHERN district artist Franz Cheung will stage his third solo arts exhibition *Breaking the Mould* from March 13 to April 3 at the Lane Cove Music and Culture Centre. His paintings and calligraphy display Zen concepts from Buddhism. The exhibition will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am-4pm. For further details call 0415 695 568.

EASTWOOD

Bring balance and harmony to your home



Jane Langof.

JINGWEN SUN

FENG shui master Jane Langof, from Hunters Hill, says that feng shui is not about superstition or placing tacky objects around the home to bring good luck. Instead, it is the application of statistics and observations gathered through thousands of years. Ms Langof, who studied for five years before setting up her Feng Shui Concepts business, said the practice concerned the relationship with

your home and environment and how energy in your surroundings can affect your mind, body and spirit. "Feng shui is used to bring balance and create more harmony and engagement within a home," she said. "We believe that your home is a reflection of your life and you can make positive improvements by changing your surroundings." Ms Langof says feng shui is usually used when doing renovations, designing a new home or choosing a property.

clients also ask for advice to improve the energy in their business premises. Ms Langof will give a lecture at Eastwood Library next Wednesday at 10.30am. "Feng shui is important because each home has a unique map of energy that influences the health, wealth and relationships of people living there," she said. The free seminar will be held at Eastwood Library, corner Hillview Rd and West Pde, Eastwood. For bookings and information phone 9952 8375.

CARLINGFORD

Family history workshop free

DISCOVER your family history at Macquarie Community College's free genealogy course to celebrate Seniors Week. This workshop is running at the Carlingford Campus on Tuesday, March 23 from 10am to 1pm. The college is also offering a free Facebook for Seniors course on Tuesday, March 20 from 9.30am to noon. Lunch will be provided. Limited places are available, so book for either course, phone 8845 8888 or email info@macquarie.nsw.edu.au

NORTH RYDE

Classes help you settle into Sydney

THE Rock International Ministries will hold classes tomorrow on settling into a new life in Sydney. Topics include an introduction of Australian culture and lifestyle, how to apply for Medicare and government benefits, finding schools, job applications and taking public transport. The free session will run from 10.30am to noon at 5 Talavera Rd, Unit 6C, North Ryde. Bookings: 8065 7626.

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