

MISSION STATEMENT

Christian Community Aid strengthens the life of the people in the communities it serves through effective and relevant programs based on its Christian heritage of reaching out to all who are in need.

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AID CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please participate in our Community Appeal

*Cash

*Christmas Food

- * jams
- * cakes
- * puddings
- * chocolates
- * cordial
- * dried fruit and nuts
- * tinned fruit
- * tinned fish



*Gift vouchers

- * book stores
- * music stores
- * department stores
- * movie passes
- * swimming centres
- * beautician
- * hairdressers



All donations will be warmly received and can be left at our Eastwood Office

I enclose a donation of \$ _____ for Christian Community Aid.

Name: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):

Address:

12 Lakeside Road EASTWOOD NSW 2122 Phone: 9858 3222
2 Dickson Avenue WEST RYDE NSW 2114 Phone: 9858 1377
Email: administration @ccas.org.au
Website: www.ccas.org.au

Donations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible. Official receipts will be posted.



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COMPANION SOUGHT

Quiet, friendly lady, late 40's, with a mild intellectual disability, has leased a two bedroom unit in Epping and would like to share with a non-smoking, considerate female companion. The lady has a very supportive family and works part-time in the retail industry. References are required. Costs to be negotiated in exchange for some support. For additional information please contact Moya on 9858 3222 at Christian Community Aid.

Christian Community Aid once again invites you to donate towards our **Annual Christmas Appeal**. With your assistance we can help those struggling to make ends meet, and express in a very tangible way the true meaning of Christmas.

POSSUM BROUGHT HER BED

The Jacaranda Room provides a wide range of activities designed for our senior clients. We meet every month on a Wednesday for various indoor activities including movies, guest speakers, craft, bingo, games, puzzles and cards. Last month, the room was transformed into a Wild Life Park. A variety of friendly reptiles was introduced to our intrigued seniors. The fruit bat proudly showed off his wings, while the possum slept peacefully in her very cute mobile bed. The lizard had a wonderful time climbing and exploring whilst the owl, with his big round eyes, was quite happy to sit and watch. Everyone wanted to take the big bright green frog home and, although the long slippery, sociable snake decided that the outdoors was a better place to be, the seniors enthusiastically followed and one-by-one took turns in holding him.

All seniors are welcome to join in the activities of the Jacaranda Room which is located in the Senior Citizens Hall, 159 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood.

Morning tea and lunch is served.





**A Husband and Wife Team
CECIL AND FLORA CHEUNG**

In 1976, Cecil and Flora, a young couple bursting with adventurous spirit, stepped out of Sydney Airport to begin a new life. In Hong Kong, Cecil worked as a professional photographer for a newspaper before moving to work with the Hong Kong Government News Bureau as a photographer/reporter, he was also a free lance producer for educational TV programs. Despite a string of qualifications and work experience in

Hong Kong, for a while after he arrived in Australia, Cecil was unable to find employment.

For the sake of survival, Cecil and Flora joined the familiar path of many Chinese migrants by embarking on a new career within a Chinese restaurant. Cecil started from the position of kitchen hand, working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in the kitchen. Being very resourceful and adaptable, it did not take too long for him to work up the ranks to become a chef. Flora worked alongside her husband in the same restaurant and her interests in cooking grew as she watched her husband cook. Many customers, mostly Australians, enjoyed their company and their food so much that they would go into the kitchen to thank Cecil after the meal. With encouragement from friends, Cecil and Flora uprooted themselves once again from Sydney and bought a restaurant business in Berry, which proved to be one of the busiest periods in their married life. Apart from tending a young family and a growing business, Flora took on a TAFE cooking course, learning Western culinary skills and eventually fulfilling her dream as a chef.

After 10 years of hard work, they sold their business and moved back to Sydney. Cecil is now working as a sales consultant in a Japanese car company and Flora continues to follow her passion in cooking. In 2005, Flora joined our team of volunteers, as cooking tutor in the Chinese Leisure Learning Centre. Her cooking class has become so popular that a long waiting list had to be drawn up for eager students.

It did not take long for Cecil's photography skills to be discovered. Cecil kindly agreed to use his one and only day off a week to teach a number of photography classes at Chinese Leisure Learning Centre. Cecil's success in teaching is well rewarded by his students' achievements. In the past two years his students have won various awards in open photographic competitions in different districts and their works have been exhibited around Sydney. At the end of this month, Cecil is taking his class to the rugged part of Western China to capture some rare scenic shots.

Thank You to the community for contributing, collecting and delivering the extremely generous donations of packets, boxes and tins of groceries. They were all very much appreciated. "The ability to help our local neighbourhood is a wonderful feeling..." These words reflect the feeling of those who donated food items towards our Winter Food Appeal.

Christian Community Aid held their Annual General Meeting and the following were elected to the Christian Community Aid Board. Congratulations to those who were elected:

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| President | Rev Dr Andrew Williams |
| Vice President | Deirdre Haywood, Dianne Ede |
| Treasurer | Andrew Weatherburn |
| Secretary | Robyn Gaspari |
| Board Member | Ben Campbell, Jennifer Denham |
| Board Member | Michael Lum, Nowell Moffat and Susan Thompson |

We warmly welcome our new Treasurer, Andrew Weatherburn. Andrew is a Qualified Accountant with over 10 years experience in senior level roles. He currently works for a small Human Resource company called DDI. At a personal level Andrew, who lives in the Ryde area, has a 3 year old daughter and 1 year old twin girls. He enjoys tennis and is an active member of the Eastwood Uniting Church.

Andrew's involvement in Christian Community Aid is to help the community he lives in, and also help teach the understanding and value of community service to the next generation.

Please consider supporting Christian Community Aid by purchasing our **Special Edition 2010 Calendar**. They will be available from November.

KNIT ONE - PURL ONE

A number of our senior clients, who attend the Jacaranda Room activities, have expressed an interest in learning how to knit. Although staff members are keen to teach their knitting skills, unfortunately, we do not have knitting wool or knitting needles. In order to make the knitting lessons trouble-free and enjoyable for all, only 8ply wool and the appropriate needles will be used. Christian Community Aid would greatly appreciate donations of these two items.

