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Borallon Correctional Centre to Celebrate Chinese New Year

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(IPSWICH, Queensland) – There may be a six-foot barbed wire fence to keep inmates away from the community, but that won't keep Management & Training Corporation (MTC) from bringing the Chinese New Year celebration to the Borallon Correctional Centre. MTC – the managers and operators of the correctional facility – will celebrate Chinese New Year with the prisoners on the 20th February.

Borallon General Manager Troy Ittensohn said *"I think of our prison facility as a community within a community. It is important we celebrate culturally significant events such as Australia Day, Chinese New Year and other events. We are a multicultural community at Borallon. I believe it is critical we support all cultures."*

To mark the occasion, MTC will host an in-house Chinese Lion Dancing event. Also, Buddhist Monk Master Chueh Shan has graciously agreed to open the Borallon Celebration.

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration on the Chinese calendar. The new year begins on the first day of the Chinese calendar, which usually falls in February. Festivities typically run for 15 days.

During Chinese New Year celebrations, people customarily wear red clothing, give children 'lucky money' in red envelopes and set off firecrackers. Red symbolises fire, which the Chinese believe drives away bad luck. Family members normally gather at each other's homes for extravagant meals during the celebration as well.

For more information on Management & Training Corporation please visit www.mtctrains.com.

For more information on Borallon Correctional Centre please visit www.borallon.com.au.

For more information on the Chinese New Year please visit <http://www.chinapage.com/newyear.html>.

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