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Hawaiian assets welcome the Chinese New Year

Traditional Chinese Dancers will visit Hawaiian centres in February to welcome the Chinese New Year by performing a "Lion Dance" and "Dragon Dance".

The Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration on the Chinese calendar, with festivities continuing over a period of 15 days.

Originating in China, both dragon and lion dancing forms an important part of the New Year celebrations, with their origins dating back to over 1,000 years.

The Chinese believe that lion dancing during Chinese New Year will chase away any bad omens and bring joy and good luck. The lively movements of the lion dancers, colourful decorations of the lion costumes, coupled by the noise of the drums and cymbals, are thought to frighten away the evil spirits and bring good luck to businesses and homes.

Both traditional dances will be performed by the WA Chin Woo Athletic Association, a non-profit Chinese performing arts group dedicated to promoting Chinese cultural arts to the community.

Performances on Saturday 5 February

- 12.00pm Carillon City

Performances on Friday 11 February

- 4.00pm 235 St Georges Terrace foyer

Performances on Saturday 12 February

- 9.00am The Park Centre
- 10.30am Bassendean Shopping Village
- 12.30pm Noranda Shopping Village
- 2.00pm The Mezz
- 3.30pm The Colonnade

Visitors to any of Hawaiian's shopping centres during these times can expect to be treated to a cultural display of energetic entertainment, spectacular costumes and vibrant music.

For more information on the WA Chin Woo Athletic Association, please visit www.chinwoo.com.au

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