

Sydney Markets gets a taste for yum cha

TINGHA's new home within Tigers Sydney Markets is proving popular with locals says Tigers President Kevin Rooney.

"TINGHA are so pleased to have such a wonderful catering partner in TINGHA. Our Members and new visitors to this venue are very impressed with all that TINGHA is offering," he said.

This restaurant is the newest in owner Ricky Char's growing restaurant business, who operates restaurants in Blacktown, Parramatta, North Sydney and Castle Hill.

"The key to the success of any of my Chinese Restaurants is at the heart of the food," Ricky said. "TINGHA Sydney Markets is one of my proudest ventures yet."

This new restaurant offers local diners yum Cha every day til 3pm. By night, the menu converts to five star a la carte Chinese offering everything from live mud crab to traditional Peking duck.

The official opening was celebrated in traditional extravagant Chinese fashion with several key councillors amongst the 180 guests including Jack Au and Lily Lam from Auburn Council and Henson Leung, from Burwood Council.

TINGHA Sydney Markets is open seven days for Yum Cha from 9:30am to 3:00pm and A La Carte 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Coffee Shop open 7 days from 6:00am to midnight.



TINGHA Sydney Markets

Unique building award

Ryde builder, Ricardo Fioravanti who began Unique Constructions just six years ago has won the NSW Master Builders Association's Housing Award for Builder of the Year for his work on a Strathfield renovation in Simone Crescent, Strathfield for a project up to \$150,000.

The renovation and alteration involved the front facade and with a record number of entrants in this year's awards Ricardo, at just 34 years of age, is proud to win such a prestigious award.

"This year I was told a record number of builders entered the competition so I am even prouder of my team for winning this award," Ricardo said.

"I am ecstatic and really happy to know that all our hard work is recognised and appreciated," he added.

Owners Tim and Trish Murphy are equally happy with the outcome.

"Tim and Trish are really pleased with how the house turned out," Ricardo explained. "From a tired early 70's facade, they now have a great mixture between the old style and a more contemporary finish," Ricardo said.

The presentation night for the NSW master Builder's awards will be held on September 4 at the Sydney Convention Centre.



4 Simone Crescent, Strathfield before and after its renovation.



Literature skills on the rise at Strathfield Girls



Strathfield Girls' Literature Extension Program students.

Back row: Emily Wang, Dharmita Padhi, Amelia Navascues, Emma Castro, Melanie Jiang, Lucy Han
Front row: Emma Tang, Odellia Quek, Alexandra Jones, Hannah Lott

Despite the many modern distractions in their life, Strathfield Girls' High students still find time for a good book as part of a Literature Rotary initiative.

The program, managed by Strathfield Girls' English teacher Gabrielle Correy, involves Year 9 and 10 students reading six novels, all short listed by the Book Council of Australia as part of the 2010 Book of the Year Awards.

After reading the books, the girls work as a team to review and choose the best book followed by a presentation of their findings at a special dinner hosted by Strathfield Rotary.

On August 11, the fifth annual review was presented at Strathfield Golf Club.

Alexandra Jones chaired proceedings and ensured a relaxed, and entertaining evening for an audience of family friends, teachers and Rotarians.

Dharmita Padhi introduced the reviews with thought provoking comments on the importance of reading in improving understanding and respect between cultures and communities.

Outlining the judging process, Lucy Han explaining that the books were awarded points for plot, characters and purpose.

The novels for 2010 reviewed were The Winds of Heaven, Odellia Quek, A Small Free Kiss in the Dark, Stolen, Jarvis 24, Liar and Loving Richard Feynman.

Stolen, written by Lucy Christopher, was announced as the winning book.

Strathfield Rotary President Peter Smith said that the reviews had been of an impressively high standard.

"Many of the Rotarians have now resolved to read more books after the the wonderful reviews presented by all the girls," Pete Smith said.



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