



Coast Confidential 
 with Katrina Jones



Lucky Diamond Rich

Inked Rich extremes coming our way

THE world's most tattooed person, Lucky Diamond Rich, is coming to the Gold Coast.

Rich may have only one tattoo but for three years he has been recognised by the Guinness Records for a monumental work of art which stretches from the tip of his shaven head to the soles of his feet.

The tattoo extends inside his mouth and ears, on his eyelids and even adorns the delicate skin between his fingers and toes.

The former New Zealander will be a special guest at SURFn'Ink from

January 15 to 17 where he will perform his chainsaw juggling, sword-swallowing circus routine and share his body art.

"For years I have travelled the world attending other events and have made hundreds of friends on the international tattoo convention circuit," he said.

"Now they're all coming to Australia, and at last I'll have the opportunity to show the rest of the world that people in this country are just as supportive of tattoo art as anywhere else on the planet."



THE BIG TO DO

GUANGZHOU

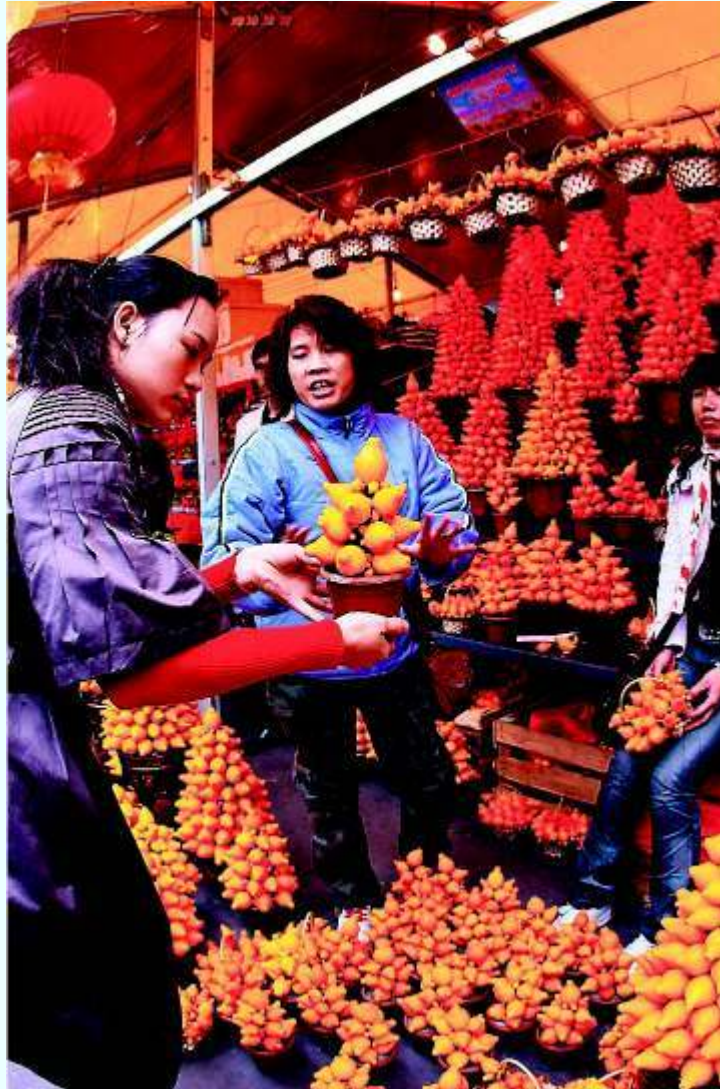
Feasts, firecrackers, family, friends ... and flowers. Spring Festival (known in the West as Chinese New Year) is when the kumquat tree (symbolising wealth and luck), the peony (richness and luck) and the peach flower (longevity and the strongest defence against evil) form the basis of major decorations. Guangzhou hosts four flower fairs, usually beginning three days before the Spring Festival and reaching a peak on the eve. The Spring Festival is from February 14 to 19. See asiarooms.com.

NORFOLK ISLAND

Australian sopranos Jennifer Parish and Sally Harrison, along with Kiwi baritone Stewart Cameron and Tongan-Samoan tenor Benjamin Fifita Makisi star in the 2010 season of Opera in Paradise, the Norfolk Island festival taking place among the ruins from February 15 to 19. See operatif.com.au or norfolkisland.nf.

GOLD COAST

Live airbrush body painting, best tattoo competitions, body piercing, circus acts, a fashion parade, custom motorbike show, DJs, art-fusion and performances by the world's most tattooed man, Lucky Diamond Rich, accompany Australia's first international Surf n' Ink Tattoo Convention from January 15 to 17. See tattoosurfink.com for all public events and surfinktravel.com for accommodation deals.



Pot luck ... Guangzhou hosts four flower fairs.

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