

# A showcase of community spirit



Residents celebrate the start of the Fisher's Ghost Festival at the parade and carnival on Saturday.

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Festival committee chairman Rudi Kolkman said residents continued to show pride in the festival year after year. "The whole motivation behind the festival is to provide the community a chance to have affordable time together with their family and neighbours," he said. "Campbelltown and the Fisher's Ghost Festival are synonymous and it's definitely

a point of identity for our city. "It's something the community has embraced and everyone gets involved whether it's helping to organise things or participating in the festival."

Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative spokeswoman Marcela Fernandez said the organisation entered the parade for the first time this year. "We have so many groups and services that we de-

cidated the parade was a good opportunity to let people know we exist," she said.

Campbelltown Benevolent Society regional manager Melanie Andrews said staff enjoyed taking part in the parade each year.

"It's about participating in a community event and being part of that spirit," she said. "Our staff and volunteers get a great sense of pride as they walk down the street

and have people high-fiving them."

Cr Lake said residents were the reason the parade was the second biggest in Australia after Melbourne's Moomba Festival.



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