



The Coptic community enjoyed traditional foods at Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative's celebrations.

The oldest calendar

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TRADITIONAL Easter celebrations might have come and gone but that didn't stop Campbelltown's Coptic community having some fun with their own celebrations on April 28.

The community celebrates Easter according to the Coptic Orthodox calendar which varies from the more common western calendar.

The Coptic calendar, the oldest in history, originated three millennia before Christ and determines dates for religious holidays differently.

Macarthur Diversity Services Initiative (MDSI) organised the Coptic Easter celebrations at its Browne Street offices. MDSI Arabic com-

munity support worker Najla Abou-Halloun said all participants enjoyed the event.

"The community enjoyed a traditional Egyptian lunch including smoked fish, boiled eggs, tourmos and sweets," she said.

"People were happy to get together and share Easter celebrations.

"It was rewarding to see people helping during the event, having fun and exchanging traditional food and sweets to share."

New Year also falls differently for the Coptic community with celebrations usually taking place around September rather than December.