

# CHINESE HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th October 2013

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is the eleventh annual general meeting of the Chinese Heritage Association of Australia Incorporated (CHAA) and covers the financial period from 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013. Following this AGM, an Annual Statement will be lodged with the New South Wales Office of Fair Trading as required under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

#### 2012-2013 Executive Committee

President	Cheryl Cumines
Vice President	Marilyn Dooley
Treasurer	Kathie Blunt
Secretary	Margaret Cumines
Committee	Erin Chew, Kingsley Liu, Leanne Tam
Public Officer	Cheryl Cumines

The Committee met on six (6) occasions: 22nd July 2012, 23rd September 2012, 25th October 2012 (AGM), 25th November 2012, 20th January 2013, 7th April 2013. My thanks to all committee members and volunteers who contributed and served during the 2012-2013 year.

#### Activities and Events

CHAA has again had a very successful year. We have continued our close association with the City of Sydney, with three Chinese New Year talks at Customs House Library.

In conjunction with Sydney's Living Museums (previously the Historic Houses Trust), CHAA presented a very successful Chinese New Year event.

CHAA celebrated its tenth anniversary following the 2012 AGM, with the Honourable Tanya Plibersek MP, the then Federal Minister for Health, as our guest speaker. In addition, CHAA's collaboration with the Jessie Street National Women's Library concluded with the highly successful launch of *Chinese Australian Women's Stories*.

CHAA adopted a motto to identify its aims and objectives: *"Exploring and Sharing Australian Chinese History and Heritage"*.

A monthly newsletter has been instituted to keep CHAA members and friends updated.

CHAA members Erin Chew, Daphne Lowe Kelley, Susan Leong and Kingsley Liu have been involved in Project 1861, a campaign for a federal government response to the anti-Chinese poll tax established in 1861. To date, Michelle Rowlands MP, Member for Greenway, and Chris Hayes MP, Member for Fowler, have spoken in Parliament on the issue of the treatment of early Chinese migrants and the poll tax, leading towards a statement of regret.

## Activities, talks and presentations held during the 2012-2013 year:

- 7 July 2012                    *Courage, Exploitation and Triumph – the Chinese Contribution to Christmas Island*  
– John Hunt
- August 2012                    Sunday afternoon series of Chinese Australian Stories at the Chinese Garden of  
Friendship, Darling Harbour:
- Marilyn Dooley – *My Family's Chinese and Irish Connections*
  - Cheryl Cumines – *The Life of a Chinese Australian Family Living in the  
Rocks*
  - Brad Powe – *From Gold-seeker Gwok Ah Poo to Market Gardener George  
Harper*
  - Sally Pang Rippingale – *My Father's Passion – Penjing*
- 6 October 2012                *Stories Then and Now* in association with Performance 4A
- 25 October 2012              CHAA AGM and Annual Dinner  
Launch of *Chinese Australian Women's Stories*

### 2013 Chinese New Year Events

- 6 February 2013              Launch of *Vivian Chan Shaw – A 40 Year Retrospective*
- 12 February 2013              *Chinese New Year Traditions and Customs* – Angeline Oyang OAM: Customs  
House Library
- 13 February 2013              *The Yin and Yang of the Snake* – Marilyn Dooley: The Chinese Garden of  
Friendship
- 16 February 2013              *The Rocks, King Nam Jang and the Cumines Family* – Cheryl Cumines:  
AGL Theatre, Museum of Sydney
- 20 February 2013              *Feng Shui* – Anna Brandau: The Chinese Garden of Friendship
- 22 February 2013              *Feng Shui* – 2 sessions with Fen Ingersole, Vice President of the Association of  
Feng Shui Consultants: Customs House Library
- 9 March 2013                    *Launch of the Gold Trails Website and unveiling of interpretive signage* – Young  
and Harden Murrumburrah Shires
- 18 May 2013                    *Beechworth's Little Canton* – Vivienne McWaters

### Since 30 June 2013

- 14 September 2013            *Wedding Portraits – Portrait of a Nation*: History Week event – Dr Kathie Blunt
- 19 September 2013            } *Lost Years* – documentary film about a Canadian Chinese discovering the racism  
21 September 2013            } Chinese faced wherever the diaspora spread in the 19th and 20th centuries

CHAA already has plans in place for an exciting and interesting program for Chinese New Year 2014 as well as an ongoing collaboration with Sydney's Living Museums at the Museum of Sydney. I am sure the Committee looks forward to a successful year to come.

**Cheryl Cumines**

**President, Chinese Heritage Association of Australia Inc**

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