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Dear Members and Friends,

As I write, the October long weekend is beginning with warm weather, daylight saving, bus chaos in Sydney with the closure of George St for the light rail construction and untold football finals!

Annual General Meeting RSVPs

CHAA's Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15th at 6.30 pm at the Marigold Restaurant. If you plan on coming to the AGM and the dinner following, please RSVP by 8th October either by email or by telephone (4628 9579).

CHAA Talk

A CHAA talk has been pencilled in for 7th November - the title is yet to be decided.

Chinese New Year 2016

Chinese New Year will be the Year of the Monkey. CHAA will be holding one talk only - this will be on Saturday February 6 2016, not February 20 as announced at our last event.

Marilyn Dooley will be presenting the next in her Yin and Yang series - the Yin and Yang of the Monkey, in the AGL Theatre at the Museum of Sydney. Keep an eye out for the flyer, which will be available later in the year.

70th Anniversary of the end of the Second Sino-Japanese War

The Second Sino-Japanese War, which began in 1931, ended in 1945 with the Japanese surrender on the deck of USS Missouri on September 2 1945. The surrender of hostile forces in China took place a week later. To commemorate this momentous event in China's history, a ceremony was held at the Chinese Ex-Services Monument in Dixon Street on September 12. Wreaths were laid by a number of Chinese-Australian organisations including the Chinese Women's Association and the Chinese Australian Historical Society as well as by CHAA. Congratulations to the Descendants of Chinese World War II Defence Force, led by James Yu (also a CHAA member) for their organisation of this important event. Left: Margaret Cumines, Kathie Blunt and Cheryl Cumines represented CHAA at the ceremony.

Right: The choir and two very talented young violinists

L-R: The Colour Party; CHAA pays its respects; James Yu wearing his father's medals



Wreath Laying at the Australian War Memorial

CHAA's executive was honoured with invitations to attend a reception at the Australian War Memorial on September 16, which was preceded by the Last Post Ceremony at the Pool of Remembrance, at which a Chinese-Australian WW I digger's war record was presented.

Wreaths were laid by Chinese-Australian members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve and by Tom Cheong, the President of the Chinese Ex-Services National Reunion, and other members of the Reunion, accompanied by Henry Tsang OAM.



Top left: AWM Director Brendan Nelson with members of the Chinese Ex-Services National Reunion and
Top right: Chinese-Australian members of the Australian Defence Force Reserve prepare to lay wreaths.
Left: Henry Tsang OAM and members of the Chinese Ex-Services Reunion prepare to lay a wreath.



Honouring those no longer with us.



Immediately after the Last Post Ceremony, members of the Chinese-Australian groups in attendance, including the Australia-China Friendship Society (Canberra), the Chinese Australian Historical Society, the Descendants of Chinese World War II Defence Force and CHAA, were invited to a private tour of the World War II Gallery.

Above and left: Two views of one of the banners on display in the World War II Gallery.



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Right: Part of a gatepost



At the reception which followed, the new AWM Media Centre was launched. The Media Centre was funded through a generous donation from Dr Chau and the Kingold Group.

In addition, a new book, "Quiet and Loyal Spirit, Commemorating Chinese Australian Military Service", edited by Henry Tsang OAM



was launched.

The Gold Trails Experience, Murrumburrah

Following on the launch of the Gold Trails (<http://www.goldtrails.com.au/>) across seventeen NSW shires, Murrumburrah has gone one step further, opening The Gold Trails Experience on September 19. This exhibition is both informative and hands-on, giving visitors the opportunity to use cutting-edge technology to explore the goldfields and learn more about both the bushrangers who stole the gold the Chinese who mined the gold, concentrating on the aftermath of the Lambing Flat Riots. 1000 Chinese miners fled Lambing Flat (in present-day Young) and took shelter at "Currawong", near Murrumburrah. Their story is told in a short animated film.

Congratulations to Stephen Byrne who has worked hard to get this project off the ground.

goldtrailexperience.com.au



Margaret and Cheryl with Stephen Byrne (centre), Peter and Alison Bradley

