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Dear Members and Friends,

Rio has celebrated the opening of the 2016 Olympics and, at the time of writing, Australia had won four gold medals. My niece, noting that the broadcasting network has three stations in use, wondered how they coped in pre-digital days when there was only one station broadcasting “the lot”.

### History Week

The theme for History Week is “Neighbours”. Kathie Blunt will present a talk, “Neighbours Excluded”, about the Chinese in Papua New Guinea on September 3rd 2016 at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. For more information, check the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter.

### Beechworth Chinese Cemetery Commemoration

Beechworth Chinese Cemetery will be commemorating its 160th anniversary on September 24th. Margaret and I will be attending this important commemoration and we will report on it in our next newsletter.

### Tang in Cheek

As part of the recent Tang Dynasty exhibition, “Tang: Treasures from the Silk Road Capital”, at the Art Gallery of NSW, the ‘after dark’ program included a series of four interviews, titled “Tang in Cheek”, with prominent members of the Chinese community, hosted by Benjamin Law. CHAA member Claudia Chan Shaw was one of the interviewees and she revealed in a number of anecdotes her journey as a fashion designer, television celebrity and artistic curator.



L-R: Margaret Cumines, Claudia Chan Shaw, Vivian Chan Shaw, Cheryl Cumines, Benjamin Law. (Photo: C. Cumines)

### Baby Congratulations

Congratulations to CHAA members Kathie (Vice-President/Treasurer) and Doug Blunt (committee member) on the birth of their grandson Thomas on August 2nd. CHAA sends its best wishes to the new parents.

Congratulations also go to Sophie Loy-Wilson, our July speaker, and her husband, on the birth of their daughter on July 25th. Attendees at that talk, on Daisy Kwok, will remember that Sophie was very expectant at the time.

## **July Talk**

Speaking of Sophie, in her talk, she referred to the numbers of Australian Chinese who went back and forth to Hong Kong or Shanghai, especially during the 1920s and 1930s. Some of you may have memories of family or friends who did just that. Daisy Kwok, the subject of Sophie's talk, demonstrated remarkable resilience in the face of the changing politics in China.

## **Membership Renewals**

Thank you to everyone who has renewed their membership. If you have still to do so, memberships must be renewed by September 30th in order to vote at the AGM. A membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

## **Federal Election**

CHAA committee member Kingsley Liu ran for a seat in the House of Representatives in the recent Federal Election. Although Kingsley was unsuccessful, his witty campaign posters garnered a lot of positive media attention. Well done.

## **Ethnic Communities Council of NSW**

CHAA is a member of the Ethnic Communities Council of NSW (ECCNSW). After the Federal Election the ECCNSW released a statement in regards to multiculturalism. You can read a copy of that statement at the end of this newsletter.

## **Family History Research**

If you are in the process of working on your family history, Ancestry.com has released a guide on how to conduct oral interviews, including the types of questions that can be asked. You'll find a copy of it at the end of this newsletter.

## **CHAA Website**

Our apologies if you had tried to access CHAA's website and had problems getting up-to-date forms or news. After a number of difficulties, ownership of the website has reverted to CHAA. As a result our webmaster is now able to access the website to update it.

That's all for now.

*Cheryl Cumines*  
President



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# NEIGHBOURS EXCLUDED

HISTORY WEEK 2016

## NEIGHBOURS

3-11 SEPTEMBER 2016

As one of Australia's nearest neighbours, Papua New Guinea has a very special place in Australian history. It is usually considered in terms of its former colonial status, or as the place where Australians fought bravely to stem the advance of the Japanese during World War II, or simply as an exotic and primitive travel destination. Rarely has the Chinese population of Papua New Guinea been considered a source of historical investigation.

From being “neighbours excluded and ignored” due to Australia’s restrictive immigration policy, to “neighbours included”, Dr Kathie Blunt will explore the history of the Chinese in Papua New Guinea, their little known suffering and contributions during WWII, and subsequently, their growth and entrepreneurial successes that have been beneficial to the development of Papua New Guinea. The current dilemma between the “old” and the “new” Chinese in Papua New Guinea will also be discussed.



**Bernard Chan OBE and Family**

Photograph courtesy Bernard Chan OBE. Port Moresby PNG

**DATE:** Saturday, 3rd September 2016  
**TIME:** 2.30 – 4 pm  
**VENUE:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts,  
Mitchell Theatre,  
280 Pitt St Sydney NSW  
**COST:** \$8 members, \$10 non-members  
**BOOKINGS:** Kathie – 4861 3078 or [dblunt@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dblunt@bigpond.net.au)  
Light refreshments included

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