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Dear Members and Friends,

This is the last newsletter for 2016. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Chinese New Year 2017

Chinese New Year's Day 2017 will be on Saturday January 28. The City of Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival will run from 27th January to 12th February. Applications for the volunteer program are open now and will close at 5 pm, Tuesday 10th January. For more information, go to <http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/participation/volunteer-with-us/chinese-new-year-volunteer-program>.

The Yin and Yang of the Rooster

Marilyn Sue Dooley, a past Vice-President of CHAA, will be presenting the next in her Yin and Yang series, on the Rooster on January 28. Please see the attached poster for more information.

100 Yards of Silk

Wen Denaroo, a film maker who lives in Camden, premiered her short film, *100 Yards of Silk*, at the Camden Historical Society meeting on 14th December. The film is about the Chinese market gardens in the Camden area. Should you be in the area and have a chance to visit the Camden History Museum, ask to see her film.



Wen Denaroo (centre) with CHAA members Cheryl Cumines, Daphne Lowe-Kelley, Margaret Cumines and Susan Leong, pictured with the new Chinese market garden storyboard for the Camden History Museum's Chinese display.

Market Gardens in the Waverley Local Government Area

Speaking of market gardens, were you aware that there were Chinese market gardens in the Waverley area after the end of the gold rushes?

Joined Up Films is making a three-part series for SBS called *Secret History of Our Suburbs*, based on migration history, with filming to begin in March next year. The Associate Producer, Adam Collins, is looking for anyone who knows anything about those market gardens or who might be a descendant of one of the market gardeners.

If you have some information, please contact Adam directly on 0402 292 028 or adam@joinedup.com.au.

2017 NSW Seniors Card Discount Directory

The free 2017 NSW Seniors Card Discount Directory is now available. As it will no longer be delivered by post, you can pick up a copy from participating Australia post outlets, local councils and libraries, local Member of Parliament offices and community centres. It can also be downloaded from the NSW Seniors Card website.

To join the Seniors Card program you need to be:

- Aged 60 or over
- A permanent resident of NSW
- Working 20 hours or less per week, averaged over a year

If you're not already a member, you can join by calling **13 77 88**. To view the Directory and find discounts near you visit www.seniorcard.nsw.gov.au.

Ill-health

Former President Daphne Lowe-Kelley recently had a health scare. She is recovering well and was full of energy when Margaret and I saw her at the recent Chinese Women's Association Christmas lunch.

Chinese Australians in Shanghai

If you missed this talk by Dr Sophie Loy-Wilson in July, she will be presenting it for the Chinese Women's Association for Chinese New Year. Keep an eye out for information re the date.

Cantonese Opera Tour

A proposed school children's Cantonese Opera tour is being planned for 2017, which should include a concert. The children are from Hong Kong. More details as they come to hand.