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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope you got the chance to watch *The Story of China* when it recently screened over a number of weeks on SBS. I loved the wonderful recreations of different periods in China's history and how expressive the storytellers in the inn were as they retold parts of that history.

Daisy Kwok

Our July talk is based on the life of Daisy Kwok, the Australian-born daughter of the family associated with the Wing On stores, her life in Shanghai and the changes in her life as a result of World War II and the events of 1949. The talk will be presented by Dr Sophie Loy Wilson from the University of Sydney at 2.30 pm on July 2nd in the Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. More details will be available soon.

Claudia Chan Shaw in Conversation

Congratulations to CHAA member Claudia Chan Shaw whose photographic exhibition, *Poster Boy*, was held at the Art Atrium as part of the Head On Photo Festival. On May 21st, gallery director Simon Chan hosted an Artist in Conversation with Claudia (pictured right). CHAA committee members Kathie and Doug Blunt and Margaret Cumines and I were privileged to attend that conversation where we learnt about the many interesting facets of Claudia's life and artistic career. Congratulations Claudia.



Interpretation Australia Award



Congratulations to CHAA member Angeline Oyang who received the *Best of Excellence Award 2015* at the Interpretation Australia National Awards for Excellence.

The award was for the project titled "The Emperor's Quest".

Illness

CHAA sends its best wishes to member Sally Pang who is ill. We wish you a speedy and full recovery. CHAA also sends best wishes to Leanne Tam who has recently been ill.

Anglo-Chinese Surname Project

Chinese-Australian photographer Ken Leanfore is preparing to undertake a project to photograph portraits of Chinese Australian individuals/families with Western-sounding surnames and possibly record sound interviews of their experiences. There are many of us who do have Western-sounding

surnames while also having a firm grounding in the Chinese Australian community, including some of CHAA's committee members.

More details as they come to hand.

Rookwood Cemetery

This week, the Rookwood Cemetery Trust announced that a new Chinese section, "Chinese 10", will be opened. The Cemetery Trust has begun a consultation process with a number of Chinese associations, including CHAA, in regards to the development of Chinese 10.

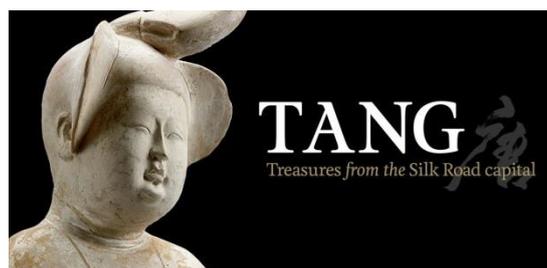
Also, in a reversal of previous policy, it is now possible to purchase grave sites in perpetuity for the future.

Tang: Treasures from the Silk Road Capital

This exhibition, at the Art Gallery of NSW, features artefacts from the Tang Dynasty capital Chang'an.

"Tang 唐: treasures from the Silk Road capital explores life in ancient Chang'an during the Tang Empire (618-907).

Each artefact carries a story from this extraordinary time; from the freedom and power of women to innovations in fashion and music, from the elevation of tea culture to religious tolerance and the rise of Buddhism.



Stand in the shoes of archaeologists and explore one of the world's most remarkable – and now inaccessible – heritage sites along the Silk Road with the augmented reality installation *Pure Land: inside the Mogao Grottoes at Dunhuang.*" (Source: <http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/exhibitions/tang/>)

The exhibition is open until July 10th; tickets are \$16 adult, \$14 concession, \$12 member, \$8 child (5-17 years), and \$40 family (2 adults + up to 3 children).

ReAlarm Your Home Against Fire – Photoelectric Fire Alarms

Fire & Rescue NSW Commissioner, Greg Mullins is recommending that every house in NSW be fitted with the latest photoelectric smoke alarm. Photoelectric alarms provide faster warning - and will keep you and your family safe for the next 10 years. They are available at your local hardware store.

Photoelectric alarms are more effective at detecting the types of fires that are most likely to cause a home fire death: smouldering fires. They are also less likely than other alarms to go off when you are cooking or using the shower. They will say 'photoelectric' on the packet.



Left: Samples of photoelectric fire alarms available in Australia. Please note that this is not a recommendation or endorsement of any particular brand.

(Sources: www.quell.com.au, www.family-first.com.au, www.officeworks.com.au)

Census

The Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for field officers who speak a language other than English for the Census. For details, please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

63rd Sydney Film Festival

The Sydney Film Festival will be held from June 8th – 19th, and includes five films, either from China or about the Chinese diaspora. The films are:

LIFE AFTER LIFE (Australian Premiere)

Winner of the Hong Kong International Film Festival Firebird Award, Zhang Hanyi's auspicious debut feature is a ghost tale of remarkable beauty with flashes of absurd humour.

Further information: http://tix.sff.org.au/session_sff.asp?sn=Life+After+Life

THE ROAD / 大路朝天 (Australian Premiere)

Zhang Zhanbo's astonishing film about the construction of a Chinese superhighway, screened in competition at the International Documentary Film Festival Amsterdam.

Further information: http://tix.sff.org.au/session_sff.asp?sn=The+Road

THARLO

During a visit to a nearby town, the peaceful life of a reclusive Tibetan shepherd is upended by romance and bureaucracy, in this visually stunning black and white drama.

Further information: http://tix.sff.org.au/session_sff.asp?sn=Tharlo

WHAT'S IN THE DARKNESS / 黑处有什么 (Australian Premiere)

A murder mystery set in a small Northern Chinese town that depicts a schoolgirl's burgeoning sexuality as she takes a serial-killer investigation into her own hands.

Further information: http://tix.sff.org.au/session_sff.asp?sn=What%27s+in+the+Darkness

Wait (Short film, World Premiere)

A Chinese migrant family in 1980s New Zealand is at the point of breaking apart, until a little girl intervenes.

Further information: http://tix.sff.org.au/session_sff.asp?sn=Wait

That's all for now.

Cheryl Cumines

President



August 9 is Census night, and right now, the Australia Bureau of Statistics is recruiting up to 38,000 Field Officers to work on the 2016 Census.

Census Field Officers will be responsible for making contact with households to ensure everyone can complete the Census. If you're comfortable using a computer, mobile or tablet device, have reasonable fitness, can speak a language other than English and want to work as part of a dynamic team then apply online today.

This is a challenging and rewarding role, so don't miss your opportunity to make a difference and play a role in shaping the future of Australia.

Job seekers from diverse backgrounds, including non-English speaking backgrounds and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, are encouraged to apply.

To apply:

1. Go to www.abs.gov.au/careers
2. Select your State or Territory
3. Complete and submit your application

Thank you!

Australian Bureau of Statistics