



Chinese  
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Exploring and Sharing  
the History and Heritage of  
Chinese who have come to Australia

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Dear Members and Friends,

A very merry Christmas. Fine weather is forecast for tomorrow. Have a happy day.

### Chinese New Year

The City of Sydney Chinese New Year Festival is now called the Lunar New Year Festival in a nod to those non-Chinese communities who also celebrate New Year at the same time we do. The Festival will run for just 10 days next year so a lot of activities have been compacted into a shorter period of time. Please note that there will be no paper guide to the Festival; all activities will be available on the City of Sydney website - <https://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/major-events/sydney-lunar-festival>.

### The Yin and Yang of the Pig

Marilyn Sue Dooley will again present the next in her series on the Yin and the Yang of the Chinese Zodiac. It will be again be at the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts on Saturday 2nd February 2019 at 3:30 pm followed by light refreshments. Please note the slightly different time as the SMSA has had to accommodate a number of groups presenting Chinese New Year activities in a shorter period of time.

As the City of Sydney style guide for Chinese New Year only arrived at the end of last week, there has not been time for a turn around for approval for our poster; it will be sent to you as soon as it is available.

### Chinese Australian Historical Society

CHAA's talk will be preceded by two events presented by CAHS. They are:

*February 2 (Sat) 10.30am: Chinatown Walking Tour* – Join former Chinatown resident King Fong on a walking tour of Chinatown and learn about its fascinating history of over 100 years, followed by a Yum Cha lunch. Meet in Dixon Street opposite Market City. \$30 tour and lunch for members, \$35 non-members. Tour only \$10 members \$15 non-members Book with King Fong 9452 3761 or [lowekelley@bigpond.com](mailto:lowekelley@bigpond.com)

*February 2 (Sat) 1.30pm: The Poison of Polygamy- Chinese-Australia's First Novel* (1909) was published over a century ago as a serial in a Chinese-language Melbourne newspaper. The novel tells a semi-historical story of the Chinese diaspora in which the author draws on his own family history, thereby, standing out as a rare and substantial contribution to our knowledge of the Chinese Australian experience as it was perceived and represented at the beginning of the 20th century. Don't miss this talk by Ely Finch, whose English translation is soon be released by Sydney University Press. Sydney Mechanics School of Arts, 280 Pitt St. Book [lowekelley@bigpond.com](mailto:lowekelley@bigpond.com)

## Australasian Arts and Stagework

*February 9 (Sat): Chinese Opera Favourites including Journey to the West: Pigsy's Wedding*

Australasian Art and Stageworks presents an afternoon of Cantonese Opera favourites at The Concourse, 409 Victoria Ave, Chatswood. Session 1 starts at 12 noon followed by Session 2 which starts at 3.45pm. Note that Session 2 will be presented with an English-speaking MC, Claudia Chan Shaw, and English subtitles.

Tickets are \$35 and \$25 plus booking fee. Online booking is at the Concourse Theatre or through Ticketek.

Inquiries to Gabby Chan 0414 329 880

## Chinese Women's Association

The CWA event will be held on Saturday 9th February at SMSA. Details are unavailable as yet but they will be sent out as soon as possible.

## Heaven and Earth in Chinese Art: Treasures from the National Museum, Taipei

Don't forget this exhibition from Taiwan which will be on display at the Art Gallery of NSW from 2nd February to 5th May 2019. This is the first time an exhibition of this calibre has come to Australia from Taiwan. Note that this is not a free exhibition – charges will apply. Check the Art Gallery's website – [www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au](http://www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au) for more details.

## Christmas Island: At the Crossroads

In November, Helene Bartleson brought us an update on the situation on Christmas Island, which this year celebrated the 60th anniversary of its incorporation into Australia. Sadly her talk was not well attended and I urge you, if you are able, to come to our talks.

The Chinese heritage of Christmas Island has been researched and brought to public notice through Helene's work. One disturbing piece of information she gave us was that the temples used by early Chinese settlers may be under threat. The economy of the island is in dire straits as the island is no longer used to house refugees and offshore workers are being brought in for many jobs, cutting the locals out of a living.

Helene will be publishing a new book about Christmas Island, due in April 2019. I will let you know once details come to hand.

## New Year

On behalf of CHAA's Committee, I send best wishes for the New Year.

*Cheryl Cumines*  
President

