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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018. Margaret and I have recently come home from a quick trip to Yulara (Ayers Rock Resort). A very interesting time.

The Many Histories of Sam Poo, Australia's Chinese Bushranger

Few people are aware that Australia's history does indeed boast its own Chinese bushranger. This talk is at 2:30 pm on Saturday 7th April 2018 in the Mitchell Theatre, Sydney Mechanics School of Arts. For more information, check the attached flyer.

The Yin and Yang of the Dog

Marilyn Sue Dooley's Chinese New Year talk was well received and well attended. We welcomed members of the Chinese Women's Association who also had their talk on the same day.

Dr Kathie Blunt, in her vote of thanks, said it was the best of the series yet, and I have to agree wholeheartedly.

Chinese New Year

I hope you were able to see the new lanterns around Circular Quay during Chinese New Year. This year's animal, the dog, was at the Opera House, complete with wagging tail and panting tongue. Other lanterns well worth seeing were the tiger, languidly draped over one of the approaches to a ferry wharf, a new sheep at Circular Quay (rather like the one in Goulburn!) and a new dragon near the Museum of Contemporary Art.

The launch was once again held on Sydney Harbour with a chance to view the Bridge being lit up to the accompaniment of fireworks, followed by a reception at The Star.





That's all for now.

Cheryl Cumines
President



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THE MANY HISTORIES OF SAM POO AUSTRALIA'S CHINESE BUSHRANGER



<http://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/2866513/aust-ralias-only-chinese-bushranger-remembered-150-years-on/>

Bushrangers are remembered in Australia today as men who took to the bush, surviving by committing “robbery under arms”; they are associated with bravery, chivalry and ridiculing inept or corrupt authorities. Traditionally, these bushrangers have all been white... or have they?

How does history see a bushranger who was culturally different from the traditional?

Sam Poo, believed to have been Li Hang Chiak, was Australia's only Chinese bushranger. Would he have been treated differently if he had been white? Would he have been remembered differently?

What happens when we look into Sam Poo's past? What happens when we consider his actions alongside his experiences and his culture?



Join Meg Foster, a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney, as she ponders these questions as she looks into the many histories of Sam Poo.



LI HANG CHIAK
The wounded Chinaman, whose photo was taken outside the Mudgee Gaol by Mr. H. Thurston.

<https://aguidetoaustralianbushranging.wordpress.com/2017/09/13/cranky-sam-poo/>

DATE: Saturday, 7th April, 2018
TIME: 2.30 – 4 pm
VENUE: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts,
Mitchell Theatre,
280 Pitt St Sydney NSW
COST: \$10 members, \$15 non-members
BOOKINGS: Kathie – 4861 3078 or dblunt@bigpond.net.au
Light refreshments included