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Exploring and Sharing

Australian Chinese Heritage and History

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Dear Members and Friends,

It's definitely time to drag out the winter woollies! After a long and very hot Indian summer, the change to cooler temperatures was quite sudden and dramatic. I felt that we'd missed autumn altogether.

Given how dramatically the flu hit last year, please make sure you have your flu shot. The government has been plugging this for a while; don't be put off by news reports that there is a shortage of vaccine – apparently that's the children's dose, not the adult one. And of course, if you're over 65, there's a value-added vaccine with a little more oomph.

Chinese Whispers

Our next talk will be on July 7 when Alison Choy Flannigan and Malcolm Oakes will present the story of how they researched the life of Ivy Lai, Alison's mother. *Chinese Whispers* is the title of the book Alison wrote about their search for her mother. Keep an eye out for the flyer.

Book Launch

Congratulations to Michael Williams, whose book, *Returning Home with Glory: Chinese Villagers around the Pacific, 1849 to 1949*, was launched at Parliament House in May. While the book is based around the Long Du district near Zhongshan City in Guangdong, it is representative of all those families whose ancestors first came away from the Pearl River Delta to seek new lives. Margaret and my great-grandfather, Lo King Nam, was one of those who did return home with glory, back to Lo Village in Sanshui, where he is still spoken of today.

200th Anniversary of the Arrival of the First Chinese Immigrant

On Sunday 20th May a gala evening was held at the Sydney Town Hall to mark the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Mak Shiying, the first Chinese immigrant, who settled in Parramatta. His descendants attended as did the descendants of Quong Tart, the very successful Chinese mandarin whose Sydney tearooms were the setting for the meetings of some of the early women's suffrage groups. One of Mak Shiying's descendants had the distinction of being the first Australian Chinese to serve in an Australian (colonial) force overseas.

The evening was attended by representatives of many Chinese groups, including Margaret and myself representing CHAA as well as representatives of CAHS, the Chinese Women's Association and Australasian Arts and Stagework.

Vivid

Vivid began on 25th May; from news reports it all looks quite spectacular. Two Chinese artists are presenting works for Vivid in Chatswood.

Hong Kong born Elaine Chiu will be exhibiting on 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 & 16 June from 7pm on the Anderson Street side of the Concourse. This is a light show in which you will see her painting evolve from first brushstrokes to completion.

Tao Calligraphy: Beyond Art will be exhibiting at the Art Space on Concourse from 6th-17th June, 10am to 9pm daily.



Sydney Film Festival

The Sydney Film Festival runs from Wednesday 6th – Sunday 17th June and is again featuring a number of Chinese films. You can get more details on each film below:

An Elephant Sitting Still: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/an-elephant-sitting-still>

China Love: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/china-love>

Dragonfly Eyes: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/dragonfly-eyes>

The Taste of Rice Flower: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/the-taste-of-rice-flower>

Wrath of Silence: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/wrath-of-silence>

Yellow is Forbidden: <https://www.sff.org.au/program/browse/yellow-is-forbidden>

Banking Details

CHAA has recently changed its banking details. If you renew your membership by direct debit, the new details are as follows:

BSB 032-716

Account No: 435583

As renewal notices will go out towards the end of this month, they will include the new banking details.

Tagline

CHAA's current tagline is *Exploring and Sharing Australian Chinese Heritage and History*. However, there is apparently a feeling that CHAA's membership and interests are exclusive in that they only reflect Australian Chinese whose families have been in Australia for quite a long time.

With this in mind, CHAA's committee has been discussing possible, more inclusive, alternatives. A decision is still pending.

That's all for now.

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President