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the History and Heritage of

Chinese who have come to Australia

# THE HERITAGE CORRIDOR

## ASPECTS OF THE MATERIAL HERITAGE OF THE CHINA-AUSTRALIA HERITAGE CORRIDOR 1840S-1940S

In April 2019 a research team led by Associate Professor Denis Byrne presented *The China-Australia Heritage Corridor*, a talk which highlighted the migration of Chinese from Zhongshan in China to Australia. CHAA is pleased to invite Denis Byrne back to give us an update on this research project.

Denis will introduce us to a new approach to migration heritage, emphasising the two-way traffic of people which challenges the traditional 'one-way' concept of migration.

Central to the two-way traffic are the remittance houses in Zhongshan, which are regarded by heritage authorities in Zhongshan as representing China's history of overseas migration while at the same time reflecting Australia's immigration history. The nature of remittance houses was not static and Denis will examine how the architectural style changed over time.



Map from Marshan School  
Source: Denis Byrne

Due to the mobility of Chinese migrants, Denis proposes that we consider the places where Chinese migrants lived and worked in Australia as 'knots' in a fabric that are inseparable from the threads (lifelines) that connect them.

Denis will also consider the low visibility of Chinese material heritage in Australia – is there a racial logic in heritage practice that privileges whiteness?

Finally, we will have the opportunity to learn of current research on recent migrants from China and India in relation to the heritage of Parramatta and the migrants' own continuing attachment to their home countries.

DATE: Saturday, 2nd July, 2022  
TIME: 2.30 – 4 pm  
VENUE: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts,  
Mitchell Theatre,  
280 Pitt St Sydney NSW  
COST: \$10 CHAA members, \$15 non-members  
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*Light refreshments included*