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# FAMILY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHINESE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN WHITE AUSTRALIA, 1901–1973

Between 1901 and 1973, thousands of Chinese Australian women were resident in Australia. With the White Australia Policy as the backdrop for the duration of that period, many of these women experienced various degrees of racism and exclusion.

These women also encountered positive experiences of inclusion and participation in a variety of social contexts that spanned public and private domains.



Fong See Lee Yan and her first-born daughter outside her husband's and her long and short soup shop in Cairns, Queensland, in the early 1940s.

*Source: Courtesy of Eileen Yip.*

Such experiences were not only shaped by their 'race' or ethnicity, but also by their gender and class. Chinese Australian women played important and specific roles in the development of Chinese Australian communities throughout this period and contributed to the broader development of the Australian nation—politically, culturally, economically, and socially.

Join Dr Alanna Kamp as she draws on interviews with 19 Chinese Australian women to focus on the presence of Chinese Australian women in homes and families in the White Australia Period and the contributions they made to domestic life and the family economy.

**DATE:** Saturday, 25th March 2017  
**TIME:** 2.30 – 4 pm  
**VENUE:** Sydney Mechanics School of Arts,  
Mitchell Theatre,  
280 Pitt St Sydney NSW  
**COST:** \$8 members, \$10 non-members  
**BOOKINGS:** Kathie – 4861 3078 or  
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*Light refreshments included*