

CHAA President's Update 30 July 2011

To: CHAA Members and friends
From: Daphne Lowe Kelley

Since the last news update two months ago, life continues to be as busy as ever.

1. On the 31 May 2011, I attended the celebration at Parliament House to mark the **50th anniversary of the establishment of the Archives Authority of NSW** and the launch of *State Records NSW 1788-2011* by Dr Peter Tyler.
2. Our joint event with the Chinese Women's Association on 11 June 2011, ***Lambing Flat: Past Present and Future***, was packed to capacity with many people having to stand as more people than expected turned up (including a number who had not booked in advance). However, presenters William Yang and I were really pleased at the turnout and interest.
3. The CHAA committee met on 26 June 2011. Reminder that **membership renewals for 2011-2012 are due** (Membership Renewal form attached). Next committee meeting scheduled for 7 August 2011 (good to see a number of new member applications).
4. **An article I wrote (see below) to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Lambing Flat riots**, which was submitted to the Opinion Page editor of the Sydney Morning Herald, was not only published on 30 June 2011 but generated an enormous amount of media interest and coverage, both nationally and internationally. I can now tell you what its like to be besieged by the media (radio, print and TV) wanting interviews etc – everyone from shock jocks to the Times and the BBC.
5. Back to the Stranger's Dining Room at Parliament House on 1 July 2011 for **Premier Barry O'Farrell's morning tea for representatives from the Chinese Community**. Mainly a PR photo exercise with not much said and no questions asked, so Vice president Cheryl Cumines and I got into the spirit and had our photo taken (see below).
6. ***Chinese Australian Women's Stories***: good progress on the joint project with Jessie Street National Women's Library. Committee (Sybil Jack, Michelle Cavenagh, Karla Whitmore, Kathie Blunt and Daphne Lowe Kelley) met 14 July 2011.
7. 23 July 2011-11 March 2012 ***From Canton with Courage: Australian Chinese in Parramatta and beyond* exhibition** (official launch 6 August 2011). Partnership between author Jack Brook and the Parramatta Heritage Centre, 346A Church Street, Parramatta (phone 8839 3311). CHAA has been assisting and CHAA members Cheryl Cumines and Kaylin Simpson Lee have added their family stories.
8. **Randwick Open Space and Environment Discussion Paper**: Thank you to all those who made a submission by 29 July 2011 to Randwick City Council supporting Council's proposed zoning of the Chinese Market Gardens at Phillip Bay, as RU4 Primary Production, Small Lot.
9. Next CHAA Event **3 September 2011 (Sat) 2:30pm** SMSA, 280 Pitt Street. CHAA's History Week event *Saving the La Perouse Chinese Market Gardens* – this year's theme is EAT History. Guest speaker – Christa Ludlow, National Trust (NSW) Landscapes Advocacy Committee member. See details and booking details under "Upcoming Events."
10. **6 October 2011 (Thurs)** Mark your diary for CHAA AGM and Dinner (details later).