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Exploring and Sharing
the History and Heritage of
Chinese who have come to
Australia



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Chinese Tombstones, Empty Graves

Many Chinese left China in search of better lives; their leaving sent them to points across the world. In Australia their search was fuelled in the nineteenth century by the discovery of gold. For those who left home, the hope was always to return.

Far too many Chinese never left Australia, living and dying in a land far from home. Their hope was for their bones to be repatriated and reburied with the ancestors in China.



Chinese Altar

Commemorating 160 years of Beechworth Chinese Cemetery. Photo C. Cumines

For some, the journey home would be interrupted by disaster, war and politics.

But this was not only the story of the Chinese who came to Australia, but also those who went to New Zealand, to Canada, to California...to wherever the diaspora took them.

It is also the story of the role played by the Tung Wah Hospital in Hong Kong.

Join CHAA President, Cheryl Cumines, as she investigates the how and the why of the desire of Chinese away from China to return to their ancestors and the ramifications of the development of modern China.

Cheryl Cumines is a retired secondary English, Modern History and English as a Second Language teacher and teacher trainer. In retirement, she continues to teach English to adults from non-English speaking backgrounds.

DATE: Saturday, 1st September 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