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the History and Heritage of
Chinese who have come to Australia

CHRISTMAS ISLAND: AT THE CROSSROADS

In the 5 years since the tiny community of Christmas Island put its Chinese heritage preservation plan into practice, it has been buoyed by a growing list of achievements. In 2016, these included an award-winning Heritage Cemeteries Restoration project, an SBS News feature and a dedicated focus document in the National Trust of WA's Christmas Island Heritage Policy & Strategy commissioned by the Commonwealth. In 2017-18, specific aspects of the Island's unique Chinese heritage have been focus themes in a series of conferences and initiatives, including the One Million Stories project currently under development.

However, despite such progress, recent events have left Christmas Islanders once again asking what the future holds for them and for the indelible Chinese heritage footprint they have worked so hard to preserve.

Helene Bartleson first introduced us to the Chinese heritage of Australia's Christmas Island in 2013. In this update, she shares the achievements and the ongoing challenges faced by this resilient little community, and asks the question "Where to from here?"



*Direction Stone, Phosphate Hill
Photo: courtesy Helene Bartleson*

DATE: Saturday, 3rd November 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