



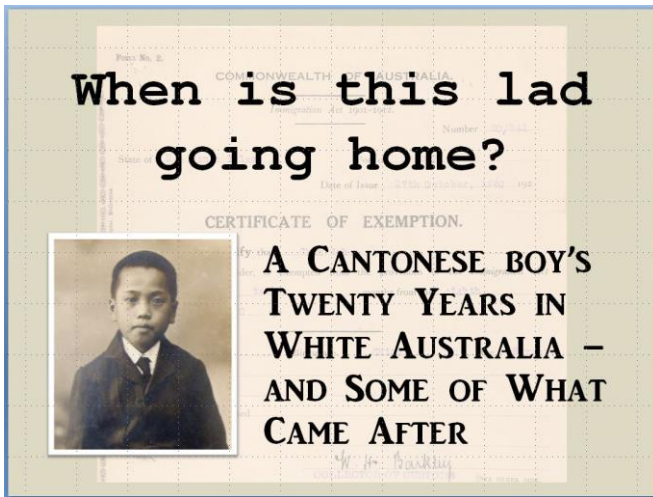
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Exploring and Sharing
Australian Chinese Heritage and History

When is This Lad Going Home?

At the end of 1910, Henry Fine (Cheng Fan Chong, 鄭蕃昌) enlisted the support of fellow members of the NSW Chinese Merchants' Society to petition the Minister for External Affairs to allow his nine-year-old nephew Chun Wah to "enter the Commonwealth" for study purposes. Although 'Arthur' Chun Wah's Certificate was for only 12 months, renewable from year to year for a total of three years, he stayed for nearly *twenty-one* as he progressed from Forest Lodge Primary School to become the first Chinese-born civil engineer to graduate from Sydney University. The family's success in working the system prompted one Australian public servant to plaintively ask "When is this lad going home?"



Join Brad Powe as he examines the interconnection of Sydney's Chinese community in the early 20th Century; one family's interaction with the people responsible for overseeing the White Australia Policy; how Arthur's life developed here; and what happened when he did indeed go 'home' to Cheungshan, to Shanghai – where he joined the thriving community of Australian-born and -enriched Chinese – and ultimately to Hong Kong, where he was finally able to put his degree to good use.

Please note the talk starts at 11:30 am.

DATE: Saturday, 11th November 2017

TIME: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

VENUE: Sydney Mechanics School of Arts,
Mitchell Theatre,
280 Pitt St Sydney NSW

COST: \$8 members, \$10 non-members

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