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THE MANY HISTORIES OF SAM POO AUSTRALIA'S CHINESE BUSHRANGER



<http://www.dailyliberal.com.au/story/2866513/aust-ralias-only-chinese-bushranger-remembered-150-years-on/>

Bushrangers are remembered in Australia today as men who took to the bush, surviving by committing “robbery under arms”; they are associated with bravery, chivalry and ridiculing inept or corrupt authorities. Traditionally, these bushrangers have all been white... or have they?

How does history see a bushranger who was culturally different from the traditional?

Sam Poo, believed to have been Li Hang Chiak, was Australia's only Chinese bushranger. Would he have been treated differently if he had been white? Would he have been remembered differently?

What happens when we look into Sam Poo's past? What happens when we consider his actions alongside his experiences and his culture?



Join Meg Foster, a PhD candidate at the University of Sydney, as she ponders these questions as she looks into the many histories of Sam Poo.



LI HANG CHIAK
The wounded Chinaman, whose photo was taken outside the Mudgee Gaol by Mr. H. Thurston.

<https://aguidetoaustralianbushranging.wordpress.com/2017/09/13/cranky-sam-poo/>

DATE: Saturday, 7th April, 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