

Members' Newsletter – July, 2015
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King Fong thanks speakers Michael Williams and Sophie Loy-Wilson for their talk at the recent AGM of the Society.

Annual General Meeting in June

The Society's June AGM was a great success. Well attended, the combination talk given by Drs Sophie Loy-Wilson and Michael Williams was both enjoyable and informative. The topic - for those of you who missed it - was on the value of China based material in researching Chinese-Australian history and included many pictures of a recent trip to Zhongshan County in southern China by a number of historians of Chinese-Australia.

The business of the AGM also went well and a new committee was elected that saw some new faces as well as a continuation of old ones to help the CAHS to continue to develop in the future.

New Committee

President	King Fong OAM JP
Vice President	Anna Lee
Secretary	Michael Williams
Treasurer	Agnes Cheung CPA
Committee members	
	Clifford To
	Helen Dunstan
	Kerry Choy

First meeting

The first meeting of the new committee is to be held on:

Saturday 18th July 2015
 at 10.30am
 at 82 Enmore Rd Newtown

All members welcome

Events of interest to members

Next month is *National Family History Month*. Use the link below to look at the list of the many information events talking place in NSW and around Australia.

<http://www.familyhistorymonth.org.au>

You will note that none of these are aimed specifically at families with Chinese related histories. This is a gap that the CAHS recognises and which was discussed at the recent AGM.

Hopefully by this time next year the CAHS will have begun to fill this gap. Those with special skills in this area might like to get in touch so we can organise a program to develop our Chinese-Australian family history services.

Suggested reading

If you are interested in learning more about the ever expanding field of Chinese-Australian history you might be interested in these:

Families of Fortune

<http://www.migrationheritage.nsw.gov.au/stories/families-of-fortune-video/>

Chinese-Australian History

Collection Online (Kuo Ming Tang, Melbourne)

<http://www.kuomintang.org.au>

Guide to Chinese-Australian Family Research

<http://www.chinesemuseum.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Guide-to-Chinese-Australian-Research.pdf>

Recent conferences

July is conference time and two were of especial interest to those interested in Chinese-Australian history.

Dragon Tails 2015 - Cairns

Held every two years this was the fourth such conference devoted solely to Chinese-Australian history.

Room does not permit a full description of the high quality and great diversity of this excellent conference. From Professor Evelyn Hu-DeHart's keynote presentation on the coolie trade to Cuba, through such topics as racism, temples and geomancy, currency, shopkeeping, politics and art, the numerous attendees were well rewarded for their time in sunny Cairns. A great mid-winter break for many,

Australian Historians Association (AHA) 2015 - Sydney

For those specialising in Chinese-Australian history the highlight of this annual conference, attended by over 400 of Australia's leading historians is that so many of the presentations were about Chinese-Australian history.

In fact seven papers were specifically on this topic, including ones by CAHS members Kate Bagnall and Michael Williams, former CAHS member Karen Schamberger and recent CAHS guest speaker Sophie Loy-Wilson.

Well connected is the CAHS!