

Members' Newsletter – March 2016
 澳洲華人歷史協會會訊
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Heads-I-win-tails-you-lose

The test it was a crime to fail

12458 Name *Loon Ah Choon* 6

Date when Portrait was taken *29-7-1912*

Native place *China*

Year of birth *1854*

Arrived in (Ship) *Aldenharn*

Colony (Year) *1912*

Trade or occupation (previous to conviction) *Seaman*

Religion *Pagan*

Education, degree of *Rand W (F)*

Height, without shoes *5 feet 1 inch*

Weight { On committal *124*

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Colour of hair *Black*

Colour of eyes *Brown*

Marks or special features *Rounded*

scar outside right forearm scar along side right eye

FAILED

50 words of dictation

13 A 15
14 R 10
(No of previous Portrait.....)

Q-25-5-07.

CONVICTIONS.

Where and When.	Offence.	Sentence.
<i>Water Polo 26-7-12</i>	<i>Prohibited Immigrant</i>	<i>6 months H/L</i>

The Dictation Test

A presentation by Dr Michael Williams

DATE:

Saturday, 16th April 2016

TIME:

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

WHERE:

**Sydney Mechanics School of Arts
 Level 1, 280 Pitt Street, Sydney**

COST:

\$15.00 non members

\$10.00 members includes Afternoon Tea

For much of the 20th century Australia implemented a ‘White Australia policy’ and for much of this period it did so with the help of the Dictation Test. However, despite its long history, much confusion about what the dictation test was and how it was implemented exists.

This confusion and ignorance was no coincidence, for the original administrators of the test began by attempting to keep aspects of its operation a secret. In fact, throughout its more than 50 year history, beginning with its first administrators, police, magistrates, lawmakers, and journalists, as well as potential immigrants and even museum curators and historians today have continued to mistake the nature of this ‘test’.

This presentation will outline the origins of the dictation test and explain some of the issues and contradictions this ‘test’ it was a crime to fail generated.

Reminders for your dairy

2016 lectures series continues (3rd Saturday)

1. **Chinese of Bathurst** (June 18th)
2. **Cabinet Makers** (August 20th)
3. **Clans/district associations**

History Week - September (Theme - Neighbours)

4. **A Chinese Bushranger** (November 19th)

All presentations held at the

Mechanics School of Arts - 280 Pitt St. Sydney

Chinese Family History and Migration to Australia
Saturday 30 April 2016, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Join historian **Dr Kate Bagnall** as she takes us on a journey into the history of Chinese Australian families. Starting with an overview of Chinese migration to Australia from the 1810s to 1940s, Kate will explore the different kinds of records you can use to uncover information about your Chinese ancestors. She will also share tips about Chinese names and ideas for tracking family back to China.

Location: Richmond Villa, 120 Kent Street Sydney

Presenter: Dr. Kate Bagnall

Bookings essential: \$22 SAG members, \$35 non-members

See link:

<http://www.sag.org.au/events/events-by-month/icalrepeat.detail/2016/04/30/110/-/chinese-family-history-and-migration-to-australia.html>

What's new on the website?

White Australia policy survivors 1949-1959

A work in progress – suggestions welcome

As a consequence of the anti-Japanese war the small community of Chinese-Australians who were the survivors of the [White Australia policy](#) were supplemented by a proportionally significant group of wartime refugee stayers. However, it was the post-1949 situation in China that created a refugee population in Hong Kong, including many people with Australian connections. One result of this situation was an increase in the numbers of people applying to enter Australia as sponsored employees, as well as in those smuggled into Australia on board ships who subsequently took up market gardening and other roles within the Chinese-Australian community.

For more on this significant period in Chinese-Australian history see:

<http://chineseaustralianhistory.org/white-australia-policy-survivors/>



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CANBERRA BUS TRIP

The National Library of Australia in Canberra in partnership with the National Library of China in Beijing is holding an Exhibition on the *Celestial Empire: Life in China 1644 - 1911*. It is a presentation of an extraordinary array of illustrated texts, popular and official, from the Qing dynasty, the last to rule China. This will be a memorable occasion.

On arrival at the National Library we will enjoy an Asian inspired two (2) course lunch @ Bookplate Café at 12 noon. Tours of the Exhibition start at 2.00pm & 2.30pm (20 per group) - each with their own Tour Guide. Length of tour approx 45 minutes.

Bookings close on Monday 4th April 2016

Date:- Saturday 9th April 2016

Cost:- \$83.00 (includes coach & lunch)

Own Expense Morning & Afternoon Tea

Pick up Points:- Please be at pickup points 10 minutes before departure time.

Depart - Central Station 7.45am (Outside western concourse Platform 1
Country Link Terminal

Depart - Strathfield Station 8.15am (Everton Rd)

Return to Sydney around 8.00pm

Enquiries:- Contact Marie Chan **0410 582 338** or Rose Wong **9872 1580** or
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**Send to:- The Treasurer, Chinese Women's Association of Australia Inc. P.O. Box 195
Haymarket 1240. Payment must be made in full by Wednesday 6th April 2016.**

Please find enclosed cash/cheque/money order payable to Chinese Women's Association of Australia Inc.

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for ____ person(s) for **CWA Canberra Trip**

OR Direct Debit BSB:- 032 000 Account No:- 246 218 Refer- CWA Canberra Trip

**Preferred pickup
point**

Name(s).....

Phone Number:-Email address:-.....