



Chinese Australian
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澳洲维省华裔家谱协会

**CHINESE AUSTRALIAN FAMILY HISTORIANS OF VICTORIA (CAFHOV)
FAMILY HISTORY DAY – SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019**

- 10.30am Welcome to the Chinese Museum – John Griffiths, Chinese Museum Board Member
- 10.35am CAFHOV President, Sally Keam, opens the day and introduces our Guest Speaker
- 10.40am ***Uncovering the Lives and Deaths of Persons Interred at Bendigo Cemetery's Chinese Section - Guest Speaker - Leigh McKinnon of the Golden Dragon Museum, Bendigo***
Bendigo Cemetery's Chinese Section has an array of traditional gravestones dating from the 1860s through to the 1970s. Most are monolingual, inscribed only in Chinese characters giving details of the deceased's ancestral village, native county as well as the date, and sometimes even the hour, of death. The English language burial records for the grave sites also provide further information about the deceased's situation as well as leads for further funeral, newspaper, inquest, and probate records, for further insight into the lives, deaths, and family connections of those buried there. But it is only through using both English and Chinese sources in conjunction that the fullest possible picture emerges, which Leigh will illustrate with examples from his own long-term research into the people who have been laid to rest in the Bendigo Chinese Section.
- 11.15am *Tea break*
- 11.30am ***Bringing Home Robert Hendy - Sally Keam***
Like a mist appearing then quickly fading, so a mysterious child named Robert Hendy appeared in her Chinese family history before disappearing without a trace. This is the story of how Sally was able to write Robert back into the historical record and complete his story.
- 12.00pm ***Book Launch - Journeys into Australian Chinese Family History - Sophie Couchman***
CAFHOV is proud to launch our latest book, Journeys into Chinese Australian Family History. This book captures some of the collective knowledge and skills of our members - both family historians and historians with a particular interest in life histories of families. Be tempted by some of the stories and tips within it. There's plenty to surprise - tracking family to southern China, links to Cuba, a bushranger's missing stash, researching in Hong Kong and more...
- 12.30pm *Lunch break or tour of Museum*
- 1.00pm ***The tale of Two Chinese Women in Tsin Chin Shan - Yvonne Horsfield and Noela Bull***
The amazing story they share between their two Chinese great grandmothers who arrived 126 years ago from China in 1893. They faced the unknown challenges of a foreign country, strange language and culture, plus the prospect of a new life with no hope of ever returning to the country of their birth.
- 1.30pm *Tea break*
- 1.40pm ***Every Family Has A Mystery - And who doesn't like a mystery? - Mark Hillyer***
Perhaps every family has a secret, but is it a really a secret if no-one knows about it? Mark Hillyer's exploration of his Chinese ancestor, who came to Australia in the 1850s, highlighted a mystery that led to an unexpected and fascinating story.
- 2.10pm *Tea break*
- 2.20pm ***Mary Chen - an unconventional life - Michelle Lau***
Born in Wahgunyah in 1888, Mary led a very interesting life spent between Australia and China. Disregarding all convention, Mary converted to Christianity before deciding to return to China as a Missionary and later becoming a household name within the Pentecostal church.
- 2.50pm Wrap up by President thanking presenters and attendees
- 3.00pm *Finish*