

Journeys of the Dragon

Chinese migration to Australia

1.00–5.00pm Saturday, 17 September

ANZ Theatre
Australian National Maritime Museum
Darling Harbour

Presented by the Australian National Maritime Museum and
Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc.

PROGRAMME

Welcome

1.00 – 1.20pm

Michael Crayford - Assistant Director, Australian National Maritime Museum
Henry Chan - President, Chinese Australian Historical Society

Session 1 – Journeys of the Dragon

1.20 – 2.30pm Journeys

Chair: Daina Fletcher
Senior Curator, ANMM

Arthur Gar-Lock Chang *The flying geese leave home*

Well-known Chinese community leader and activist, Arthur journeyed to Australia on the SS *Changte* in 1935

Dr Spencer Wu *Spencer's story*

Dentist Spencer Wu was an independent councillor in Ashfield, having arrived in Australia from Hong Kong in 1976.

Leonie Lam *The Lam family's journey*

Leonie is a member of the Chinese Vietnamese community who escaped Vietnam with her family by boat in 1981

My Le Thi *Songs my mother taught me*

Chinese Vietnamese artist My Le Thi explores her family's journeys and her own flight from Vietnam through her art and installations

2.30-3.00 pm Remembering King Nam Jang.

Chair: Henry Chan

Cheryl and Margaret Cumines

Henry Chan will introduce the session with a discussion of the roles of Hong King and its, *jinshanzhuan*, 金山莊, gold mountain firms in Chinese migration.

Then the Cumines sisters, descendants of the Cumines brothers that founded King Nam Jang, a Chinese store at 85 George Street, which acted as one of the Chinese migrant hostels in Sydney, will give a present on King Nam Jang.

3.00pm – 3.30pm: Afternoon tea

Attendees are invited to record their own journeys, and discuss caring for photographs and mementos with museum conservator, Sue Frost.

Session 2 – Dragon bones: Collecting and preserving Chinese Australian heritage

3.30 – 4.00 pm

Chair: Lindl Lawton

Curator, Post-Federation Immigration, ANMM

Dr Paul Jones

Unlocking the official record – Mapping the personal journey

Paul Jones has documented the rich collection of Chinese migration records held in the National Archives of Australia

4.00 – 4.30pm

Chair: Karen Schamberger

Committee Member, Chinese Australian Historical Society

Lindl Lawton

Chinese yokes and freedom boats – Asian migration stories at the Maritime Museum

Lindl is Curator of Post-Federation Immigration at the Australian National Maritime Museum who collects memories and explores stories of Asian migration to Australia.

Maria Fernandez

Inscribed in bronze: Chinese tales from our Welcome Wall

Maria Fernandez is co-ordinator of the Welcome Wall, a Museum project dedicated to commemorating the journeys of Australia's migrants

4.30 – 4.45: General discussion and conclusion.