

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Signs of recovery of the economy are slowly emerging over the last month. However, businesses around Haymarket are still struggling as the majority are reliant on the patronage of international tourists and students. We look forward to the international border being open again next year starting with a few travel bubbles organised with a few selected countries.

In the meantime, we hope that all our members and businesses around Haymarket will sign up and register for the Dine and Discover Vouchers offered by the NSW Government through Service NSW and support businesses in Haymarket by using the vouchers in the participating restaurants and entertainment venues in Chinatown and the Haymarket area in general.

We will continue to weather the storm and Chinatown will be as vibrant as it was eventually.

Simon Chan
President

CHINATOWN NEWS

Chungking Malatang brings Sichuan street food to Dixon Street



Chinatown's Dixon Street recently welcomed the arrival of Chungking Malatang, a restaurant specialising in the Chinese spicy hot pot dish that originated in Sichuan province. Diners can choose their preferred toppings including meat, vegetables, dumplings, tofu and noodles, before selecting the spiciness, flavour and soup base. Then it's sent to the kitchen and cooked immediately before being served to the diner. With malatang restaurants popping up all over Sydney (including in Haymarket), Chungking Malatang is the first to appear in Chinatown's main strip.

[Chungking Malatang, 73 Dixon St, Haymarket](#)

Qing Ming Festival celebrations



Sydney's Chinese community have joined other Chinese communities around the world to celebrate the Qing Ming (or Ching Ming) Festival from 4 April to 20 April. It is one of the most dedicated cultural events in the Chinese calendar.

Chinese families make pilgrimages to cemeteries with bundles of joss, paper money, incense, gold and silver paper ingots, and paper cars, TVs, clothes, to burn at the gravesites as the gates of the spirit world open. It is said only during this period are the ghosts of departed able to receive these for use in the other world.

From 2,500 years ago, the graveside gatherings of generations of family have adhered to the Confucian form of respect of deceased family and elders, and apart from cleaning grave monuments, there is a graveside ritual commenced by the older generation who will offer tea and alcohol followed by the younger generations.

An array of foods, suckling pig or pork, vegetarian noodles, fruit, a whole fish and a whole cooked chicken will be part of the offerings to celebrate the life of the departed.

After the graveside ceremonies, families will celebrate with picnic lunches at the cemetery before each will receive a portion of the offerings to take home.

City of Sydney Council elections



The next election for the City of Sydney Council will be held on Saturday 4 September 2021. The [current Council](#) will remain for a 5-year term and the new Council that is elected at the 2021 election will serve for a 3-year term.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW Government postponed the 2020 Local Government elections for 12 months.

If you're a resident in the [City of Sydney local area](#) you can check if your enrolment details are up to date with the [Australian Electoral Commission](#). You must enter your details exactly as they appear on the electoral roll.

If you're not a resident, you may be entitled to vote if you own, occupy or lease property in the local area as a corporation, business or individual. [Check your eligibility](#).

Iconic Australian architect's Haymarket project to be sold



Iconic Australian architect Harry Seidler's first commercial project in Sydney, "Workhouse", is on the market.

The 8-storey boutique workplace at 398-402 Sussex Street in the heart of Haymarket was reconstructed originally in 1990 and extensively refurbished in 2019 to include five levels of office space, two ground floor prime retail tenancies, a basement retail tenancy plus a rooftop terrace.

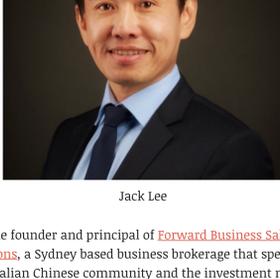
Seidler is lauded as one of the most-awarded Australian architects and leading exponents of Modernism in the country.

Haymarket church set to add 13-storeys



The Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament has lodged plans for a \$40-million redevelopment of its Haymarket church at 641 George Street, with nine levels of A-grade commercial floor space.

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Jack Lee

Jack is the founder and principal of [Forward Business Sales and Acquisitions](#), a Sydney based business brokerage that specialises in the Australian Chinese community and the investment migrants. Jack and his team serve small to medium-sized business sales and acquisitions primarily transacting general line wholesalers, light industrial manufacturers and local brand owners.

Since 2013, his focus has been facilitating China's investment migration to Australia. It is now extended to the greater local Chinese community in Sydney and Melbourne. In the field of investment migration, Jack has had the privilege to work with some of Sydney's best migration agencies and law firms and is proudly regarded as the most experienced Chinese business broker and the 188A (B1IP) specialist in Sydney. As a Malaysian Chinese who used to be a migrant himself, Jack leads his team with the belief that the business that is essentially a sound investment will help in the process of successfully navigating through the migration program.

Jack has been a member of HCC since 2012. He became a member of the Executive Committee in 2019 to serve the business community and support their business growth in the area.

NEW MEMBERS



Jennifer Wang
[OpenLegal](#), Commercial Lawyer

OpenLegal is a full-service commercial law firm. We cover the spectrum of business law including contracts, litigation, finance, intellectual property, and employment. We work on a fixed fee (rather than hourly) basis, and use project management to ensure all our client's matters proceed according to set timelines. We are actively improving the way that legal services are delivered, and take pride in creating a law firm that centers around its clients.

We joined the Chamber to embed ourselves in our local community, and build relationships with fellow business owners. Let's all grow together!

BUSINESS TIPS

Dine & Discover NSW voucher program



The NSW Government's Dine & Discover NSW is now well underway, with businesses encouraged to sign up to accept vouchers and redeem them through the Service NSW for Business app.

All eligible businesses across NSW can now [register for the scheme](#).

NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for two \$25 Dine NSW Vouchers and two \$25 Discover NSW Vouchers through the Service NSW app.

[Search here](#) for a list of participating venues in Haymarket.

COVID-19 restrictions ease

A number of COVID-19 restrictions across NSW have recently eased as the state continues to move forward in a COVID-Safe way.

The following rules now apply:

- no caps on weddings and funerals
- no restrictions on singing including in places of worship
- no restriction on dancing including at weddings and in pubs and nightclubs
- all venues to move to the one person per [2sqm rule](#) (venues allowed 25 people before rule applies)
- 100% seated capacity at entertainment venues including stadiums and theatres
- [mask use](#) including on public transport will move from 'mandatory' to 'strongly recommended'.

Businesses and other organisations must continue to ensure they keep accurate records of all attendances, including through [QR Codes](#), to enable fast contact tracing in the event of any community transmission.

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