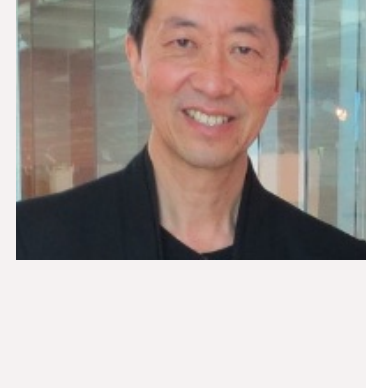




August newsletter

## President's Welcome



With the lockdown extended to the end of September and COVID-19 having an immense impact on our lives, we need to focus on the positive aspects of our current situation so we can see the rainbow at the end of the storm. Over six and a half million vaccine doses had been administered in NSW and the increasing rate of the vaccination rollout has been encouraging. We strongly recommend that anyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine should do so as soon as possible to protect yourself, your family and the community.

Our Chinatown Moon Festival Celebration performances with the support of City of Sydney scheduled for Sunday 19 and 26 September unfortunately will have to be cancelled due to the extension of the lockdown. In consultation with City of Sydney, we are planning to have a Chinatown End of Year Celebration in December instead and will confirm all the details in October.

Our Executive Committee had been active in working with our consultant on a new Haymarket Chamber of Commerce website, and we are also planning a webinar for our members next month. We have also included information in this newsletter about various COVID-19 support packages provided by the government. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information or assistance in any way. We hope that you will stay safe and vaccinated and we will look forward to seeing you at our next webinar.

Simon Chan  
President

## Latest News

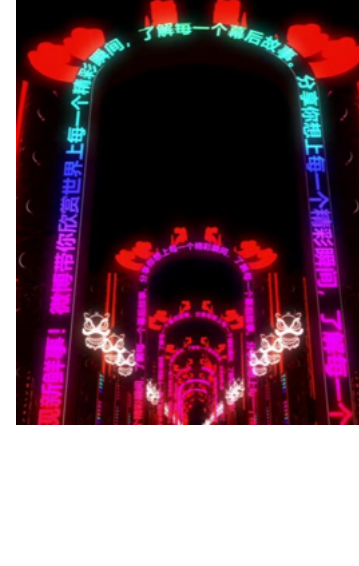


### Cancellation of Chinatown Moon Festival

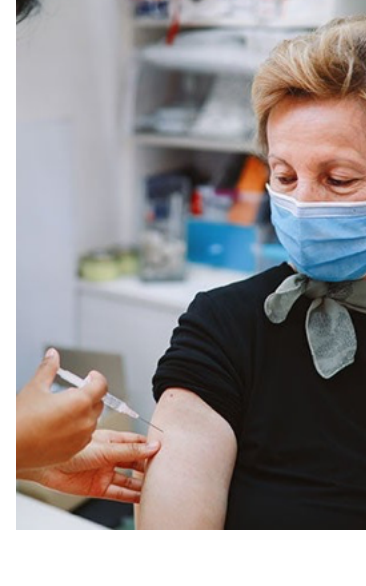
Due to the extension of the COVID-19 lockdown in Sydney to the end of September, the planned Chinatown Moon Festival Celebration with the support of the City of Sydney on 19 and 26 September 2021 will unfortunately have to be cancelled. We are currently intending to organise a similar street performance of singers, dancers and musicians at Dixon Street to celebrate Christmas on Sunday 12 and 19 December 2021 in order to reinvigorate Chinatown. Stay tuned for further details.

### 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art

The 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art located in Haymarket is currently closed for renovations, but they are currently [running virtual exhibitions](#) featuring Asian-Australian artists. Its 4A Digital program explores digital identity, virtual realms, and the depths of cyberspace.



[View Collection >>](#)



### COVID-19 vaccination

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic still continuing to affect Sydney amid the latest lockdown, the Chamber strongly encourages its members to get vaccinated. The Australian Government has provided some information about vaccination translated into other languages in the below links:

[English >>](#)  
[Chinese \(Simplified\) >>](#)  
[Chinese \(Traditional\) >>](#)

### Multicultural NSW community grants

Multicultural NSW is encouraging local community organisations and groups to apply for funding to deliver community-led grassroots projects, aimed at supporting vulnerable members of our community.

Eligible organisations can apply for funding between \$10,000 and \$30,000 for their projects.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 3 September.

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## Meet our Executive Committee

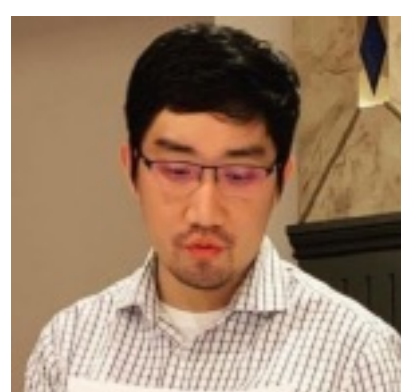


Richard Hughes  
Hughes & Co Solicitors

Richard Hughes has been a member of Haymarket Chamber of Commerce since 2010, an Executive Committee member since 2012, from 2014 to 2018 its Secretary and from 2018 to date its Public Officer. After 11 years based in Chifley Square in 2004 he moved his legal practice close to Haymarket on Pitt Street near the corner with Central Street when he purchased new premises there for his legal practice.

He has practiced as a solicitor since 1978 and a notary public since 1992. He conducts his own legal practice as Hughes & Co Solicitors mainly in commercial law and litigation particularly in equity and commercial law and has a speciality in international trade law. His ambition for Haymarket and the City of Sydney is for them to return to being the vibrant and prosperous commercial and social centres they previously were.

## New Members



David Fan  
Employsure Australia

David Fan is an experienced ER/IR consultant, employed as an Employment Relations Adviser at Employsure Australia. He specialises in handling complex and contemporary industrial and employee relations matters. Prior to entering the IR space, David worked in the legal industry and assisting clients with commercial matters. David is an admitted Lawyer of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and holds a Commerce and Law degree.

As a Rotarian and a charitable person, David has decided to join the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce to further advance engagement with the community.



Jennifer You  
Acurancy

Jennifer has worked in the Financial Services industry for over 10 years. Her father has run a successful financial planning and general insurance business in Sydney for 30 years – Acurancy Insurance Services, which inspired Jennifer to also pursue a career in this field. She joined KPMG Australia as an auditor in the Financial Services Audit division.

In 2018, Jennifer returned to the family business – a multi-award winning general insurance brokerage, taking on the role of Practice Manager. With offices in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, Acurancy provides tailored insurance solutions to suit the needs of businesses and individuals.

With Acurancy's headquarters in Haymarket, it is essentially her second home, which is why Jennifer decided to join the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce. Through HCC, she hopes to be more involved in the community and helping those in need.

## Business Tips

### COVID-19 business relief

There are [a number of support services](#) for businesses and employees affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including:

- JobSaver payment
- Micro-business grant
- Business grant
- Small business fees and charges rebate
- Payroll tax support
- Tourism support package

[Use Service NSW's assistance finder](#) to see what you might be eligible for - please don't suffer in silence!

### Business compliance: Mandatory electronic check-in

More businesses and organisations now need to have check-in set up at their premises. If your business or organisation falls into one of the categories below, you will need to have:

- a NSW Government QR code for your premises, venue or event so that staff and customers can check in using the Service NSW app
- the Service NSW business online form for staff and customers who do not have a smart phone or are unable to sign-in using the Service NSW app.

If your business or organisation already collects contact details using a NSW Government QR code or the Service NSW business online form, it should continue to do so.

### Commercial leasing changes

The NSW Government has made changes to commercial leasing regulations to ensure the economic impact of COVID-19 is shared by property owners and tenants. Under the new regulation, property owners must negotiate rent relief agreements with eligible tenants in financial stress due to COVID-19 public health orders. If you are a retail or commercial tenant struggling to meet rent demands or are otherwise in dispute under your lease, under the new legislation you may be an "impacted lessee" which could prevent your landlord from:

- Evicting you;
- Exercising their right of re-entry into premises; or
- Commencing court action for recovery of the premises, forfeiture, damages, possession or termination of lease.

[Find out more about the changes](#)

### Dine and Discover vouchers extended

The NSW Government has extended Dine & Discover NSW to 30 June 2022. This extension gives people across NSW the time to use their vouchers and support local businesses once COVID-19 restrictions ease.

[Sign up your business to the initiative](#)

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