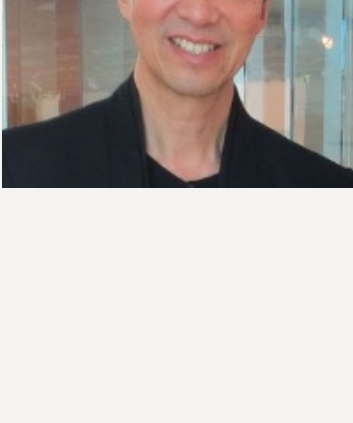


November news

President's Welcome



Life is slowly coming back to Haymarket and Chinatown with the easing of the lockdown and we will definitely look forward to the international border being open to international tourists and students. We do need to bring people back to the city and arts and culture can play a significant role in the revitalisation of the Haymarket and Chinatown area.

Haymarket Chamber of Commerce, Chinese Garden of Friendship, Museum of Chinese in Australia (MOCA), 4A Contemporary and Capitol Theatre can work together to attract an audience to attend art and culture events to help to activate Haymarket and Chinatown. We also welcome City of Sydney's initiative with their proposal to turn Haymarket and the southern end of the city into a theatre precinct, and also their next focus on the refurbishment and upgrade of Chinatown and Dixon Street.

This will be my last President's welcome message as I will be stepping down after our AGM in December. I will still be actively involved moving forward and will look forward to seeing you at our Chinatown End of Year Celebration music and dance performances supported by City of Sydney, Darling Square Community Bank and 2cr radio at Dixon Street in front of Harbour Plaza near the corner of Goulburn Street on Sunday 19 December 12 noon to 2pm.

Simon Chan

President

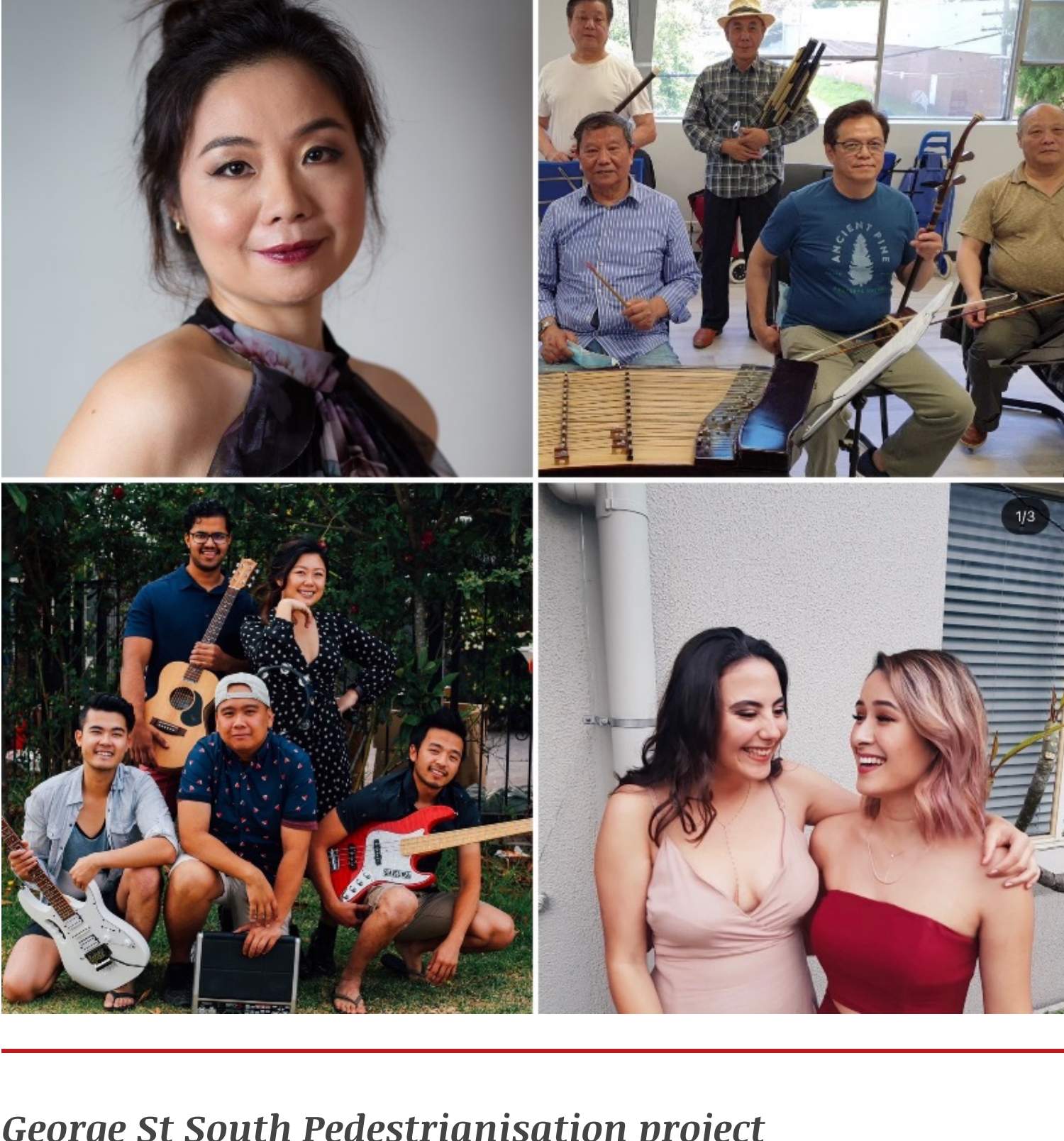
Latest News

Chinatown End of Year Celebration

The Chamber is pleased to host an End of Year Celebration event on **Sunday 19 December from noon-2.30pm at Dixon Street Mall** outside of Harbour Plaza. There will be street performers as part of the event, which is aimed at reinvigorating Chinatown and the surrounding Haymarket area.

We have organised a fantastic line-up of performers for the event, including pop artist Zhuli, Vocal Duo with Larry Ng & Yanping Zhu, the Malasoul dance group, Xo Music band and classical Chinese music group Huaxia Chinese Music Society.

Thank you to the City of Sydney for supporting this event, and please head down to Chinatown on the day!



George St South Pedestrianisation project

The City of Sydney is continuing its work on extending the pedestrian boulevard of George Street, Sydney from Bathurst Street to Railway Square. Construction has now reached Chinatown, especially from Hay Street onwards (near the light rail tracks).

The estimated construction period for the overall project is March 2021 to Mid 2022. The Chamber will liaise with the Council to explore ways to speed up the construction process.

[Get project updates >>](#)

International borders open

From 1 December, fully vaccinated eligible visa holders will be able to travel to and from Australia without a travel exemption. Previously, only Australian citizens, permanent residents, and a very small group of visa holders were able to travel without obtaining an exemption.



For businesses and universities hit with the worker shortage and economic downturn, the reopening of our international borders is a welcome step on the path to recovery. The Australian government estimates around 200,000 temporary visa holders to take advantage of the relaxed travel restrictions.

The Chamber welcomes this news as it will provide welcome relief to businesses in Haymarket.

[Learn more >>](#)

Soul of Chinatown community group



Soul of Chinatown is a community non-profit organisation that champions Chinatown through storytelling, advocacy and community work.

They recently launched their Rice Fund initiative, which raises money to provide programs to disadvantaged people with connections to Chinatown. They partnered with supermarket Thai Kee to provide 35 care packages to Chinese-Australians living in social housing in Surry Hills.

Soul of Chinatown is working to expand its Rice Fund next year to help more disadvantaged people and support Chinatown businesses. You can make a donation and [find out more about the Rice Fund here](#), and follow them on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

[Soul of Chinatown >>](#)



Chinatown Open for Lunch

The New South Wales Government is bringing Sydney alive on Friday, 3 December for the *Sydney's Open for Lunch* event, aiming to turbocharge the recovery of the city's hospitality industry after a challenging period.

Haymarket businesses that are participating in the event with special menus include The Eight, Zilver, Dodee Paidang.

[Book now >>](#)

New Members



Luciana Ozcan

Swift Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd

Luciana is an Executive Consultant with Swift Insurance Solutions Pty Ltd, assisting clients with their commercial and business insurance needs. She has more than 25 years of experience in various senior management positions within the banking, stockbroking and finance industry. She has also served as Chairman and Director on the board of a public listed property funds management company.

She believes strongly in the concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and in giving back to the community, and is particularly passionate about health, education and domestic violence issues impacting the lives of women and children. She has helped raised much needed funds for charities, such as Lou's Place and The Sebastian Foundation to support their work with providing shelter and support services to women and children whose lives have been disrupted by domestic violence.

Luciana also volunteers her time to serve in various capacities on the boards of several non-profit organisations. She is on the management committee of the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation (ACCF), as well as member of the Board of Trustees for The Charitable Heart of Sydney Foundation.

Business Tips

Further easing of restrictions

The NSW Government has updated the roadmap for easing restrictions after the State reaches the 95 per cent double dose vaccination target, or 15 December, whichever comes first.

Adjustments include:

- Masks will only be required on public transport and planes, at airports, and for indoors front-of-house hospitality staff who are not fully vaccinated (previously all indoors front-of-house hospitality staff regardless of vaccination status)
- No density limits (previously one person per 2sqm)
- COVID safety plans will be optional for businesses and will be supported by SafeWork NSW
- QR check-ins will only be required at high-risk venues including hospitals, aged and disability care facilities, gyms, places of worship, funerals or memorial services, personal services (e.g. hairdressers and beauty salons), limited hospitality settings (including pubs, small bars, registered clubs and nightclubs)
- Proof of vaccination will no longer be required for most activities (businesses can still require proof at their own discretion)

[Keep updated so your business is compliant >>](#)

Dine and Discover program expanded

The Dine & Discover NSW Voucher scheme will be expanded to 6 x \$25 vouchers. The additional 2 vouchers are now available through Service NSW. Existing customers will not need to reapply to receive the additional vouchers.

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