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HCC January 2022 news - Celebrating Year of the Tiger, Happy New Year!

President's Welcome



I hope you have all had a nice and relaxing Christmas and New Year break with your family and loved ones and have started the new year with much zest and vigour.

The Omicron variant continues to have an impact on the way we live and work and on businesses in general. However, the path to normality, if we can use that word, has become clearer. With increases in the rates of vaccination, globally and in Australia, there are now more options open to us in our endeavour to get back to life as we knew it pre-Covid.

At Haymarket, we look forward to the return of tourists and international students, not only for their significant contribution to the local economy but that they have always formed the social fabric of our community. We have missed them and long for their return. In this regard, we understand the Federal Government is working on various proposals to facilitate and expedite their entry into the

country.

In a few days' time, millions around the world and in Australia will be celebrating **Lunar New Year** or **Chinese New Year**. The **Year of the Water Tiger** starts on 1 February 2022 and traditionally, celebrations continue for 15 days. The City of Sydney has put together a wonderful program for the **Sydney Lunar Festival** which will be launched in our own **Haymarket on Saturday 29 January 2022** and we encourage all of you to attend and participate in the festivities (details below).

On Sunday 6 February 2022, with funding and support from the City of Sydney, the Chamber will also be hosting a **Lunar New Year performances** event at Dixon St mall outside Harbour Plaza (program below). We would love to see you there can assure you of an enjoyable afternoon.

On Friday 11 February 2022, the Chamber will be hosting its annual **Chinese New Year Banquet** at the Eight Restaurant in Chinatown. This is an annual gathering of the Chamber's members, friends and special guests and we very much look forward to seeing you there (details below).

We look forward to your attendance and participation at one or all of the above events and wish you good health, prosperity and continued success in the Year of the Tiger.

Kong Hei Fatt Choi & Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Vincent Lim
President

Latest News

Chinese New Year Banquet

Come join us for our annual **Chinese New Year Banquet** on **Friday, 11 February 2022** at the **Eight Modern Chinese Restaurant** in **Chinatown** to usher in the **Year of the Tiger**. We are pleased to announce that NSW Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Seniors, the Hon. Mark Coure MP, Alex Greenwich MP (Member for Sydney), Dr Hari Harinath OAM (Chair of Multicultural NSW) and Dr Charlie Teo AM have all confirmed their attendance at the Banquet. Confirmations from other VIP guests will be announced as they are received.

Please be assured that there will be strict compliance with the NSW Government's COVID-19 requirements at all times as your safety is our number 1 priority.

Importantly, for the safety of all guests, we will also be requiring all attendees to have had at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccination. You will be required to show evidence of your vaccination status on arrival at the venue.

If you haven't already booked your tickets, you may do so here [BOOK HERE](#). Tickets are limited and are selling fast, please book early to avoid disappointment. In the event that you are unable to attend due to health or COVID-19 related reasons, you will receive a full ticket refund (other than booking fees) if you inform us at least 24 hours prior to the banquet.

Invitation to



Chinese New Year Banquet 2022 Year of the Tiger

Join us for this celebratory evening which will feature a delicious Chinese banquet, lion dance, entertainment, drinks and many prizes to be won.

Date: Friday, 11 February 2022

Time: 5.45 pm for a 6.30 pm start

Venue: The Eight Restaurant
Level 3, Market City, 9-13 Hay Street
Haymarket NSW 2000

Tickets: \$88 (members), \$108 (non-members)
\$1,000 for a Table of 10

Parking: Free parking after 6 pm at Wilson Parking,
Market City (enter via Quay Street), tickets to be
validated at the restaurant.

Places are limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to seeing you at the Banquet.

Please note that all attendees must have had at least two doses of COVID-19 vaccination.



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Sydney Lunar Festival 2022

The **City of Sydney** will be launching the **2022 Year of the Tiger Lunar New Year** celebrations with **Lunar Lanes** at **Dixon and Hay Streets in Chinatown** on **Saturday 29 January 2022**. There will be live entertainment, roving performers, food trucks and DJ's and there are of course also plenty of restaurants, cafes and bars at Haymarket catering to your every need and taste bud.

The Main Stage program at **Hay Street** is as follows:

- 5pm – Lion dancing
- 5.10pm – Lunar Spectacular Show
- 6.30pm – Lion dancing
- 6.40pm – Lunar Spectacular Show
- 8.00pm – Speeches and Lion Eye Dotting Ceremony
- 8.45pm – LED lion and dragon performance
- 9pm onwards – Fusion Mix band

The **Lunar New Year Fireworks** will be at **Darling Harbour** from 9 pm to 9.30 pm on the same evening, **Saturday 29 January 2022**.

For more information on Lunar Lanes, the Lunar New Year Fireworks and all the entertainment and events at the Sydney Lunar Festival from **29 January to 13 February 2022**, visit sydneylunarfestival.com



HCC Lunar New Year Performances

Sunday 6 February 2022

The Haymarket Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be hosting a **Lunar New Year Performances event** at the **Dixon Street Mall** (corner of Goulburn Street) in Chinatown, Haymarket, on **Sunday 6 February 2022** from **12 noon – 2 pm**. This follows the very successful [first show](#) that we hosted on 19 December 2021 as part of our Christmas celebrations that was enjoyed by many.



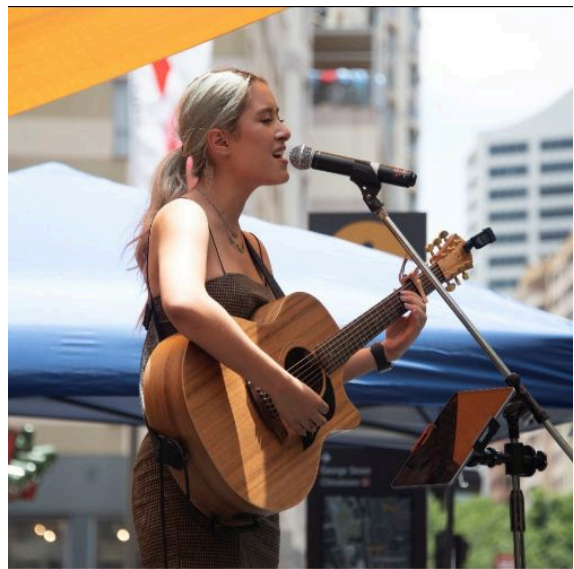
These performances are made possible and are funded by the [City of Sydney](#) whose financial support is much appreciated. We also thank the owners of the Harbour Plaza for allowing us access to their facilities.

Event Program

1. *Huaxia Chinese Music Ensemble (12 noon - 12:25 pm)*
2. *Sydney Acoustic Duo- Alana Patmore and Ali Zoghi (12:30 pm - 12:50 pm)*
3. *Bloom Dance Group (1 pm -1:10 pm)*
4. *Vocal Duo - Larry Ng & Yanping Zhu (1:15 pm -1:35 pm)*
5. *XO Music – 5-piece band (1:40 pm -2 pm)*

We would love to see you there and can assure you of an enjoyable afternoon.





George St South Pedestrian Boulevard Project – Proposed Traffic and Parking Changes

As part of the George Street South Pedestrian Boulevard project, the City is proposing to upgrade the public domain in George Street, between Rawson Place and Pitt Street, with wider footpaths, new trees and street furniture.

To achieve the boulevard vision, the following traffic and parking arrangements are proposed by the City:

- 45 metres of coach parking;
- Four Loading Zone / 4P Ticket bays;
- Three Funeral / Wedding parking bays;

- Introducing a “No Left Turn” restriction from George Street to Pitt Street; and
- Introducing a “No Entry” restriction for northbound traffic from George Street at Railway Square into George Street.

If you require any further information about these changes, you may contact the City’s Clement Lim, Senior Traffic Engineer on 902) 9265 9333 or at clim@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

You may also make a written submission by **5pm on Monday 31 January 2022** by sending your submission to council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au or post it to Traffic Operations, City of Sydney, GPO Box 1591, Sydney NSW 2001 quoting reference number **2021/522493**.

The City will consider submissions received and report the results to the **Local Pedestrian, Cycling and Traffic Calming Committee (LPCTCC)**, for consideration at its meeting on Thursday, 17 February 2022. **Members of the public are welcome to attend the Committee meeting to address the Committee.** The meeting starts at 10 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber at 483 George Street, Sydney. If you would like to address the Committee, you need to register by close of business on Monday, 14 February 2022. To do this, please contact Claudia Calabro on 9265 9648 or at ccalabro@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.



HCC on social media

The Chamber is now on social media, including [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#). Please keep up to date with the latest news from Haymarket and give us a follow and like!



New Members



Yvonne Young
[McGrathNicol](#)

Yvonne is an experienced restructuring practitioner at specialist Advisory and Restructuring firm McGrathNicol, with a highly developed skillset in investigations and forensic reviews for insolvency appointments.

She is fluent in spoken Mandarin and Cantonese as well as able to read and write Chinese, allowing her to manage stakeholders and offer personalised advice to clients. Prior to her role at McGrathNicol, Yvonne was a tax litigation lawyer where she developed the forensic analysis and corporate legal experience she brings to the firm.

Yvonne represents McGrathNicol in joining the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce to further advance their engagement and support of the community. McGrathNicol provides advisory and restructuring services to a broad range of industry sectors and business sizes delivering valuable advice and high-quality outcomes.

Business Tips

NSW COVID-19 restrictions remain in place

The NSW Government will extend current restrictions for another month. Current settings will continue until Monday, 28 February 2022, including:

- Hospitality venues, including pubs, clubs, restaurants and cafes, and nightclubs must follow the one person per two square metre rule indoors;
- Masks are required in all indoor settings (except residences). Masks are strongly encouraged where you cannot maintain a safe distance from others;
- QR code check-ins are compulsory at certain premises, including hospitality venues and retail shops;
- Singing and dancing is not permitted in hospitality venues, entertainment facilities, nightclubs, indoor music festivals and indoor major recreation facilities (except for weddings, performers, instructors and students).

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

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