HAYMARKET CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HCC News – June 2024

President's Welcome

The month of June was a busy one for the Chamber. We co-hosted a panel event with the Singapore Global Network and also participated in numerous other events some of which are featured below.

On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to specially thank Dora Tan and Jessie Lim of the Singapore Global Network for all their hard work in achieving our most successful panel event collaboration. Special mention also goes to our own Secretary, San Koh, for her sterling work in organising and moderating the panel discussion.

The Chamber has also been working very closely with other members of our community in providing feedback to staff at the City of Sydney in relation to the Dixon Street upgrade and the precinct revitalisation. In this regard, we also look forward to the City's imminent appointment of a Haymarket coordinator/project manager.

I would also like to take this opportunity to once again thank all members and friends of the Chamber for your ongoing support of our events and the work that we do. If there is anything that the Chamber can assist you with, please do reach out to us.

Wishing you a productive month of July and for those taking time off for the school holidays, have a wonderful break with the family.

Vincent Lim
President
Haymarket Chamber of Commerce

Latest News

The Importance of Diversity in Leadership panel discussion and networking event held on 18 June 2024

Haymarket Chamber of Commerce and Singapore Global Network jointly hosted a panel discussion and networking evening at The Great Room in Sydney on **Tuesday, 18 June 2024**.

The panel discussion was on **The Importance of Diversity in Leadership** with panelists Liz Griffin (Principal, Complexity Consulting), Gillian Woon (Director, IP Support Unit, Baker McKenzie), Andrew Buay (Vice President, Group Corporate Sustainability, Singtel and Optus), and Shamane Tan (Chief Growth Officer, Sekuro), and our panel moderator was San Koh (Manager at RSM and Secretary of the

Haymarket Chamber of Commerce).

The feedback from event attendees on the session, superbly moderated by San Koh, was overwhelmingly positive. We have also received numerous requests for an extended session of this important topic in the near future.

We would like to thank our panellists for sharing with us their insights, knowledge, and personal experiences and also, for making the session most interesting and engaging. A big thank you too to our event partner, Singapore Global Network, for our successful collaboration and also to our venue host, The Great Room, for their very generous support.

Last but not least, many thanks to all of you who attended. Below are some photos taken that evening by the team from **VisionVivo** and there are also more on our Chamber website.

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Way In Network 32nd Anniversary Charity Gala Ball, Saturday 22 June 2024

Congratulations to the Way In Network on successfully hosting its 32nd Anniversary Charity Gala Ball at the Fullerton Hotelon **Saturday, 22**

June 2024 and raising substantial funds for the various charities that it supports.

This year the funds raised at the gala dinner were donated to *Medicins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders)* and The Warrior Women Foundation.

The Chamber strong supports the excellent work that the Way In Network does for the community and for those in need and was represented at the dinner by our President and many of our members.

Duanwu Friendship Through Sport event at the SCG on 9 June 2024

On Sunday 9 June 2024, close to 400 people attended the second Duanwu Friendship Through Sport event at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

This annual event is held to coincide with the **Duanwu Festival** (Dragon Boat Festival) and is dedicated to the promotion of closer relations between Australia and China through sport, and to celebrate the contributions of Chinese Australians to Australian culture including their involvement in the development of the sport of Australian football.

The Duanwu Friendship through Sport initiative was established more than 3 years ago by **Richard Colless AM,** Chair of Asset Management at MA Financial and Chairman of Sydney Swans between 1993-2013. Under Mr Colless' leadership, the Sydney Swans was one of the AFL's most respected and successful clubs. His reign at the club resulted in two premierships (2005 and 2012), four grand final appearances, and finals appearances in 14 of those seasons.

The inaugural Duanwu AFL game in June 2023 was between the **Sydney Swans** and the **West Coast Eagles** in which the Swans won by a crushing margin 31.19 (205) to 5.4 (34). This year, the top of the table clash was between **Sydney Swans** and the **Geelong Cats** and in another convincing victory for the Swans, they defeated the Geelong Cats 16.16 (112) to 12.10 (82).

Prior to the game, a VIP lunch was held in the Steve Waugh Room at the SCG which brought together leaders from the Chinese and Australian government, business and the community to celebrate the game and the importance of sport in strengthening the relationship between Australia and China. This year the special guests and speakers at the event included **Mr Xiao Xiayong**, Minister-Counsellor Embassy of the People's Republic of China, **The Hon Richard Marles MP**, Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Minister for Defence, **The Hon Stephen Kamper MP**, NSW Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Sport, **Pru Bennett**, Chair of the Advisory Board of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations and **Andrew Pridham AO**, Chairman of the Sydney Swans and Vice Chairman of MA Financial Group.

The Chamber is most grateful to **Richard Colless AM** and **Andrew Martin**, Head of Asset Management at MA Financial, for the kind invitation extended to our Chamber executive committee members and many other business and community leaders from Haymarket to this very special Duanwu celebration.

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The 2024 Annual Henry Chan Lecture on Tuesday, 23 July 2024 at the State Library of NSW

Dr Jennifer Hsu

The Chinese Australian Historical Society Inc. in conjunction with **the State Library of NSW** would like to invite you to the 2024 Annual Henry Chan Lecture on **"Navigating Chinese Identity in Australia in the 21st Century"** to be delivered by **Dr Jennifer Hsu** on 23 July 2024.

Dr Jennifer Hsu is a Visiting Senior Fellow at the Social Policy and Research Centre at the University of New South Wales. Dr Hsu was most recently a Research Fellow and Project Director of the Multiculturalism, Identity and Influence Project at the Lowy Institute. She is the author of the Lowy Institute's *Being Chinese in Australia: Public Opinion in Chinese Communities*.

Full details and registration link below.

Date: Tuesday 23 July 2024

Time: 6.00-8.00 pm

Venue: Dixson Room, entry via the Mitchell Library building at the State Library of NSW
1 Shakespeare Place

Sydney NSW 2000

Cost: Free

To attend, please REGISTER HERE at Eventbrite.

Voice and Identity Exhibition at Art Atrium, 29 June – 13 July 2024

Our Chamber member **Art Atrium** would like to invite you to its Voice and Identity Exhibition featuring important works of nine Australian photographers - **Mervyn Bishop, Brenda Croft, Blak Douglas, Sandy Edwards, Juno Gemes, Teena McCarthy, Barbara McGrady, Asher Milgate and William Yang.** The series of photographs by each artist in the exhibition is focused on First Nation communities and some of the First Nation's leaders who had made significant contribution to the culture and identity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The exhibition, which was launched by the **Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians**, on 28 June 2024, will be on until 13 July 2024.

To attend Artists in Conversation with **Blak Douglas** & **Teena McCarthy** this Saturday, 6 July 2024 (2.30 pm – 4.30 pm), register here RSVP: Artists in Conversation.

To attend Artists in Conversation with **Sandy Edwards** & **William Yang** on Saturday, 13 July 2024 (2.30 pm – 4.30 pm), register here RSVP: Artists in Conversation.

Soul of Chinatown charity donation

Our Chamber member and Chinatown-based non-profit Soul of Chinatown recently donated handmade scarves and beanies to elderly-Chinese clients of Advance Diversity Services based in Bexley - a multicultural service provider in the area.

The cost of the wool was donated through Soul of Chinatown's Rice Fund initiative, with volunteers knitting the winter warmers just in time for the cold snap.

The group regularly donates to a community food pantry in Ultimo, and other initiatives including bringing elderly Chinese to Chinatown for a yum cha lunch and shopping experience at Market City.

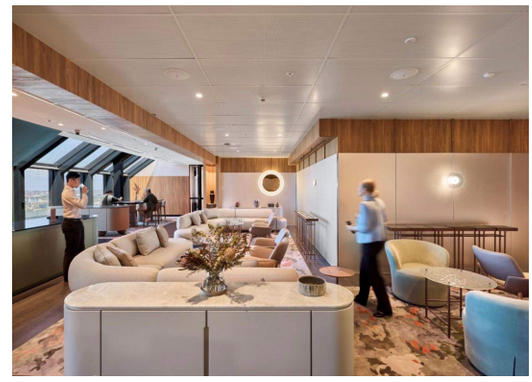
Email soulofchinatown@gmail.com or visit this site for more information about their work.

City of Sydney Year of the Snake video call-out

The City of Sydney is looking for people born in the Year of the Snake and with a great snake story, to join the Lunar New Year celebration video for 2025.

If you were born in 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001 or 2013, and you have a snake story, please email: lunarfestival@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au by 31 July 2024.

Complimentary Day Pass at The Great Room



The Chamber's good friends at premium coworking space **The Great Room by Industrious** would like to offer Haymarket Chamber of Commerce members and guests a complimentary day pass, valued at $70, to enjoy hot desking at their stunning office on Level 29/85 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

The Great Room was founded in 2015 in Singapore by Jaelle Ang and Su Ann Mi. It has since expanded to 6 locations in Singapore including Raffles

Hotel, 2 in Bangkok and 1 in Hong Kong. The new Sydney office is their first foray into Australia, and they are looking to expand in Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific region.

To hot desk for free for the day, please register your details here: The Great Day Pass at 85 Castlereagh Street | The Great Room

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Sydney Lunar Festival banner gallery artist opportunities

Picture: City of Sydney

The City of Sydney is inviting artists and creatives to design an outdoor public art installation celebrating the Year of the Snake in 2025.

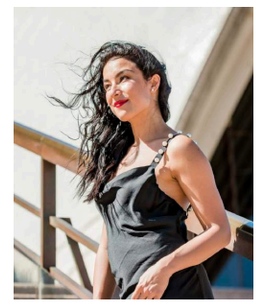
Up to 8 artists and creatives will be selected to design the banner gallery. Successful concepts will use the street banner network throughout the city centre in a corridor-like effect along key streets and transit routes.

Sydney Lunar Festival is attended by more than 1.3 million people each year and celebrates diverse cultural communities. The Sydney Lunar Festival includes Lunar Lanterns on George Street, Sydney Lunar Streets in Haymarket, Dixon Street Mall decorations, dragon boat races and more than 80 exciting associated events.

The banner gallery will be on show from 29 January to 16 February 2025. Applications close Tuesday 16 July at 11:59pm Sydney time.

Apply now

New Members

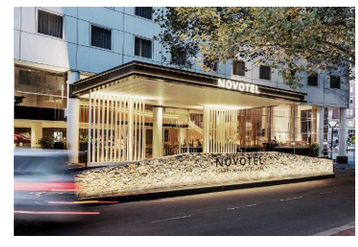


Soosan Abed

Soosan Abed is first generation Chinese-Iranian born in Australia. After studying jewellery design at the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in London, she took an internship at Bvlgari before relocating back to Sydney to start ILEKTRI Fine Jewellery.

ILEKTRI focuses on custom fine jewellery design services for special occasions such as engagement and wedding, anniversary and birthdays. The ILEKTRI online store offers a range of ready to wear 18K gold and diamond jewellery, as well as a fashion accessories line for men and women who appreciate quality and beauty.

To learn more about custom jewellery and the ILEKTRI ready to wear collections, contact Soosan on info@ilektri.com for more information.



Novotel Sydney Darling Square

Whether you are travelling for business, leisure, or both, **Novotel Sydney Darling Square** is the perfect home away from home.

The hotel offers 230 contemporary accommodation rooms with views overlooking the Darling Square precinct and The Chinese Garden of Friendship.

Novotel Sydney Darling Square is also the ideal venue for small to medium sized functions, meetings, and conferences for up to 120 guests. With six dedicated conference and meeting rooms, each room offers an abundance of natural light.

Whether you are looking to organise a small board meeting, a mid-size corporate event, or if you are looking for a unique venue for a themed cocktail event for up to 400 people ask our team about Pumphouse Sydney. Their dedicated and experienced meetings and events team will be able to assist you in finding out the ideal solution from start to finish.

Contact the team today to see how they can assist you.

HCC on social media

The Chamber is 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!

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