HAYMARKET
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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President's Welcome

The Federal Government's proposal to introduce Sustainable Income Reporting and Climate Disclosure requirements for large companies and companies operating from 2030 onwards has the potential of being a game changer for the way in which international education industry and should be accomplished.

It is generally accepted that the banking of international students brings substantial benefits to the economy and the community. Some of the important aspect arises, whether directly or indirectly, and the benefit also goes far beyond the immediate economic benefits.

Whilst it is true that there is much room for reform within the sector, including steps to ensure that student visas are not strategically used by some students to gain access to Australia, it is important that the international students contribute further than that. At its core, it would appear to be about reducing numbers of students, and with it, the associated underlying value, for at what cost?

As the short term, a reduction in student numbers will have a significant negative impact on businesses and will result in some like-for-like profit-taking can be expected. Longer term, in the longer term, the education industry will be forced to focus on providing quality education provider risk being prematurely damaged with likely minimal corresponding benefits to the banking sector.

Increasing housing supply including purpose-built student accommodation and affordable housing would be the better and less damaging approach to housing accessibility. This requires collaboration between the Government and the industry including the education and property sectors. Our premium visa tax incentives to encourage quality and greater diversity in the sector, and the Government could and could press to be very useful.

On Tuesday 24 September 2024, the Chamber will be co-hosting a mid-winter forum/ cocktail celebration with the Victoria Hotel, and we look forward to you joining us. Please see the Events section below and visit our website regarding Victorian General event and Victorian Chamber 2nd event (Mark Mitchell).

Warren Gear
President
Haymarket Chamber of Commerce

Latest News

Invitation to MGA Autumn Festival Celebration in Sydney's Chinatown on 28 Sep 2024

Haymarket Chamber of Commerce and our Chamber member **Sussex Street Dining Precinct** are hosting the **Mid-Autumn Festival** (also known as **Moon Festival**) celebration at the Sussex Street Dining Precinct in Sydney's Chinatown on **Tuesday, 28 September 2024.**

Mid-Autumn Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the eighth lunar month, marking the peak of the autumn season. It is one of the most important celebrations in the lunar calendar. The aim of this event is to promote unity and harmony among people, as it is a time for the reunion of many of you as possible are able to attend and so that you can spend the actual day with your families.

Concerts and drinks will be streamed throughout the evening including award-winning scenes from our Chamber member Willow Kitchen.

There will be a special **yuefeng mooncake performance** by mooncaker from the **Sydney Sussex Sussex Gardens Mr. Sandman** for approximately 30 minutes.

Another highlight of the evening will be a **sky-length strip tease** performance by professional by our Chamber member **Jade Chen** of Alibaba Sue. You will be served in all guests, to be engaged with mooncakes and be treated to a special surprise member of our community, Jesse Jackson.

We have reserved seating all members and friends of the Chamber come together again for this special event. We are currently expecting a full capacity of around 200 guests, and have an only a few tickets left.

Date: Tuesday, 28 September 2024
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Venue: Sussex Street outdoor Avoid
Address: Sussex Street Dining Precinct, Haymarket, Sydney 2000
TicketS: Member $35, Non-Member $240

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Sydney Streets Festival 28 September, Sat 21 Sep 2024, 11 am – 10 pm

The City of Sydney's **Streets Festival** returns to Haymarket on Saturday, 21 September 2024.

Come join us for a day of fun in Sydney's Chinatown for the whole family. Enjoy a vibrant mix of food, music, dance, culture, fun, big and bright home stories and the iconic Sydney.

Local businesses will showcase their best with special offers including food and drink specials, and special promotions including a Chinese celebration, cultural performances and craft stalls.

Experience the vibrant festival atmosphere with live music, entertainment, kids' activities, and photo-taking.

There will be a performance stage set up at the corner of Dixon St and Little Hay St. Performances scheduled will be announced on the day, and will feature the event.

For further information, visit Sydney Streets in Haymarket | City of Sydney | 08 9475 2700, City.sydney.gov

Photos: Authentic Longhua

Chinatown Ceremonial Gates restoration begins

Photo: Chris Southwood

Work has begun on the restoration of the two iconic Chinatown gates on Dixon Street and Hay Street. The gates were originally built in 1986 by Grant Chinatown and designed by artistic Bruce Young Bob Wong and Associates, and have been a landmark in Sydney's Chinatown.

Since the gates are over 30 years old, and in need of refurbishment, with the deterioration to paint the structure in the original and the further decorating panels upgraded. The ceramic roof tiles will also be replaced and new lighting installed.

Restoration of the gates is being led by City of Sydney and guided by a heritage study from Gabe Kerry Pty Ltd in consultation with Kerry Young.

The job formed in the project being completed in early 2025.

Introducing our new Haymarket Coordinator

As part of the City of Sydney Haymarket and Chinatown revitalisation program, the City council recently appointed Nicole Wong as our new Haymarket coordinator.

We very much welcome Nicole's appointment as prior to her taking up this role, she was the City of Sydney's Cultural Partnerships Officer in Chinatown as a volunteer for the last of Chinatown over a year.

As Haymarket Coordinator, Nicole's role will include the following:

- Coordinating local stakeholders including residents, local organisations, businesses and businesses.
- Managing key projects and programs within the Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy in collaboration with key internal stakeholders, government, social, cultural, and environmental outcomes.
- Coordinate the monitoring, evaluation and reporting of the economic, social, cultural, and environmental impact of precinct programs.
- Maintaining awareness and expertise in relevant local projects, developments, and news, as well as wider economic issues, methods, policy and legislative changes.
- Providing advice to senior management on the City's support for the delivery of the Haymarket and Chinatown Revitalisation Strategy and other initiatives and projects, and the impact on the precinct economic, social, cultural and environmental outcomes.

Open Letter to NSW Premier on the Proposed Lightrail from Parramatta Road to Green Square via Central

On 5 August 2024, an open letter was sent to the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon. Chris Minns MP, by the Haymarket Chamber of Commerce, Inner Light rail Non-Cross Parramatta Road and Broadway to Green Square via Central Station.

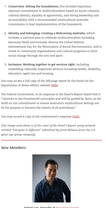
The letter was signed on behalf of an organisations including City of Sydney by Lord Mayor Clover Moore AO, Committee for Sydney by Co-CEO Simon Crean, Chinese Australian Forum by President Ms Lucy Zhang, Haymarket Chamber of Commerce Mr. Warren Gear, Haymarket Living and others including University of Sydney, UTS, University of Notre Dame, Sydney Chinese Art Centre, Sydney Chinese Theatre, Sydney Council of Australia and Independent Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the key benefits highlighted in the letter were the following:

- Light rail along Parramatta Road will attract investment in desperately needed new housing, contributing towards the National Housing Accord Target of 1.2 million homes. This will improve affordable housing, and be well located, close to parks, recreational facilities, schools and universities, shops and services.
- Reclaiming Parramatta Road as a high street is possible with light rail on the catchpit. Making great places that people want to spend time in, and businesses want to operate in, is a key focus of the City of Sydney's wide-ranging work.
- It will transport thousands of workers and students to jobs and education, boost businesses, support the at-heat economy, and contribute to Sydney's net zero future by enabling more trips to be taken by walking and cycling.
- Light rail through the Central precinct will connect Sydney's Chinatown, Haymarket and Darling Harbour precincts and will deliver, attracting access for Sydney residents and visitors. This will also ease congestion on Sydney's busiest bus corridor, and deliver a dramatically improved, more attractive, safer, and global competitive setting for an international office precinct.
- The route will service key places people want to go to such as the Sydney Opera House, Darling Harbour, Chinatown, Sydney Chinese Art Centre, Sydney University of Technology Sydney, Tech Central and the Olympic, aquatic centre and other community facilities at Green Square Town Centre and Central Town Centre.

You can read a full copy of the open letter to Premier Chris Minns on our website.

NSW Small Business Month – Sydney Expo 2 October 2024



The NSW Small Business Commission is hosting a series of Small Business Month events across South Sydney to celebrate the contribution that small businesses make.

The Sydney Expo will be held on Wednesday 2 October 2024 (from 12pm - 7 pm) at the Mina at Sydney, at 400 George Street.

This is a free event, but registration is required.

To attend, register here.

For more information on the NSW Small Business Month, visit its website.

Multicultural Review Framework Report released

Under the Commonwealth Government's October 2024 budget measures, **A commitment that works for Multicultural Australia**, the Australian Government has released the Multicultural Review Framework Report **towards** which is aimed to ensure the Government's multicultural policy settings and institutional arrangements were fit for purpose to further advance Australia's multicultural society.

A panel of three eminent Australians - Dr Kenan Aziz (lead), Ms Jacqueline Lim and Professor Ian Chesterman - was established and appointed to conduct the Review. The Panel was supported by a dedicated group that included people with lived experience in or supporting multicultural communities, and with expertise in multicultural opportunities. The dedicated group members were Ms Samuel Chen, Ms Sarah Dunn, Ms Rosa Ebrahimi, Mr Rachat Heidi, Mr Jobe Kamara, Ms Pamela Lenyi and Mr Mohammad Al-Mashta.

Last month, the Panel's report **Towards Fairness - a multicultural framework for all** was released. It covers Multicultural Australia, Partnership and Multicultural Affairs, the way ahead and the DIE.

The Review was endorsed by all public consultations across Australia. **Haymarket Chamber of Commerce** was represented at one of the consultations and was pleased to see our feedback included in the Panel also considered the public submissions (85 in language other than English, 1,000 in English) and consultations with 70 children and young people, exploring all questions and concerns.

As to report, the Panel made 20 recommendations and proposed a road map for a multicultural framework which "aligns with the right multicultural settings, and to provide the continuous needed to sustain a successful, fair multicultural Australia by 2030".

The Panel's road map outlines the following three core principles:

1. **Connection, belong the foundation.** This includes bipartisan commitment to multicultural Australia, institutional and community cultural diversity, equality of opportunity, and strong leadership and governance. Our Multicultural Australia Partnership and Multicultural Commission is both implementation of the framework.
2. **Identity and belonging: Creating a welcoming Australia,** which includes a national plan to celebrate multiculturalism including multicultural days, and a national multicultural day, and international day for the elimination of racial discrimination, and to invest in community organisations and cultural programs to drive social change through the arts and sport.
3. **Inclusion: Working together to get access right,** including economic participation, social participation including health, disability, education, aged care and housing.

You may access a full copy of the the report by the Panel via the Department of Home Affairs website here.

The federal commitment, in its response to the Panel's Report stated that it is committed to ensuring that Australia's multicultural society is seen as an commitment to remain respectful multicultural society and to be for purpose to harness the talents of all Australians."

You may access a copy of the commonwealth response here.

(The image used photo of the core of the Panel's Report using artwork called "Kangaroo in different" submitted by artist Melissa Jones-Ma, a 6 years age group category)

New Members

Valdmir Lim, Founder of Executive Grooms

Photography and video help businesses stand out in a competitive marketplace.

Whether you need some corporate headshots, product photography, or a full-scale event, Executive Grooms brings to have a fully-equipped studio and pro gear.

Flute Photology: Flute believes in authenticity. Clients connect with photos that feel real, not just perfect — genuine, unfiltered, by partnering to get your story.

Valdmir's Journey: With over a decade of experience, Valdmir has been featured in publications and seen standout recognition internationally for diverse topics, he broad his calling photographing people with all their quirks and their brilliance.

Building Trust: Trust isn't built on stock photos. It's about showing the real people behind your business. Valdmir's approach ensures that your brand feels like clients they already know you, and that, and trustworthy.

Valdmir's Empowerment: Most people are not comfortable in front of a camera. But that's the secret sauce of great brand storytelling. Valdmir helps protrays and expressions coaching you'll look the best you've ever been.

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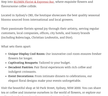

Thomas Boswell

Thomas Boswell is a partner at national law firm Piper Alderman, based in Sydney and specialising in small business formation, business disputes, employment, commercial contracting and restructuring, as well as general regulatory and legal compliance.

Thomas is also a member of the Law Society of New South Wales, where he sits on the Professional Conduct Committee, which oversees the conduct of lawyers registered in New South Wales. Thomas has practiced law in Sydney for over 10 years, and has worked with small business clients, including hospitality, property and construction, retail and manufacturing.

Thomas is "Welcome to starting" and is often engaged as an advisor to clients from Sydney's diverse multicultural communities. He speaks Mandarin at home, as well as Cantonese, Mandarin and Indonesian.

In his spare time, Thomas enjoys taking his cars out on the racetrack, playing golf and spending time with his family. Thomas is a great person to know and he can make his cars go faster than other people's cars!

MCFEEN Food & Express Inc

Step into McFeen Food & Express Inc, where exquisite flowers and Hairstyists offer a blend

Located in Sydney's CBD, the boutique showcases the best quality seasonal flowers sourced from international and local growers.

Their passionate florists spread joy through their artistry, serving regular customers and those seeking unique gifts for various occasions (including Valentine's Day, Christmas celebrations, and more).

What sets them apart:

- **Unique Display Ideas:** Beyond bouquets, they offer creative Hairstyists Grooms for hangs.
- **Personalised Service:** Dedicated to your budget.
- **Decadent Pairings:** Our floral experiences with delicious coffee and indulgent treatments.
- **Community Engagement:** Active participation in celebrations, our charity Floral Design make your events unforgettable.

Visit the Haymarket shop at 94 Bathurst Street, Sydney, NSW 2000. You can always contact them at 0411 000 000 or hello@mcfeen.com.au for inquiries and bookings.

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