

2012 Year of the Dragon New Year Dinner

Date: Sunday, 29 January 2012
Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm start
Venue: Castle Terrace Chinese Cuisine
 19-21 Terminus Street, Castle Hill
Ticket: Member \$45, Non-Member \$50
 or \$450/Table for 10

There will be raffle draw and entertainment on the night. Come and join us to celebrate the Year Of The Dragon.

This popular event is well liked by members. Seats will be sold out very quickly, so get your tickets early.



Tickets are available from :

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President's Message

Yue-yan Chan

There is always so much happening and so much to do at the end of a year.

In addition to the usual arrangement of Chinese New Year dinner, showing up in Christmas receptions, sending out season's greetings, there were school presentation days, and the presentation of Volunteers' Award Ceremony.

I was honoured to be invited by our management committee member, Mr. Mark Lau, to attend the presentation of Volunteers' Award Ceremony. 2011 was the 10th anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers. To commemorate this special year, each Member of Parliament is invited to participate in a nation-wide local awards campaign in their electorate. Mr. Philip Ruddock had selected ten people from his electorate to present them with the National Volunteer Awards. Mr. Mark Lau was selected for the outstanding contribution he made to his local community. Congratulations to Mark for a well deserved award.

I was also invited to present prizes to outstanding students in Year 10 at Cherrybrook Technology High School. Being a member on the Steering Committee of the school in the late 80's and early 90's, I am pleased to see the salient achievements the school has attained throughout the years. The school has come a long way since 1992, the year when the school was open.

For the first time, our Chinese Language School was without the presence of the Principal

on Presentation Day, and for a very good reason, too. Our school principal, Christine McDonald, was in Beijing to receive her award for being an outstanding Chinese language teacher. The association is very proud of her achievement. This year the Presentation Day was held in the school hall of John Purchase Public School. Our Vice-President Mr. Ken Yap, our school coordinator Dr. Jonathan Xie, and all of our teachers had worked very hard to put this together in an admirable way. I like to express my personal thanks to them all. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tan were present as honoured guests. My many thanks are due to Century 21 Joseph Tan Real Estate for its continued support to the association and to the school. Every year Mrs. Theresa Tan presented flowers to our teachers as a way of saying "thank you" to them for their hard work in educating the young. She really has a heart of gold. I salute you, Joseph and Theresa.

The Year of Rabbit is coming to an end soon. The Year of Long* (Dragon) comes early this year. According to the Chinese almanac, New Year day comes twelve days before the Beginning of Spring. It is because in the Year of Long, an intercalary fourth month was interpolated. Being a leap year and having the Beginning of Spring occurred twice within the year, it is commonly believed that it is an auspicious year for weddings. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the New Year Dinner on Sunday, 29 January, 2012.

*Long, in Chinese tradition, is a fabulous animal with benevolent attributes, while a dragon is a mystical monster slain by St. George. So I prefer using *pinyin* rather than the word dragon to name it.

Cherrybrook Lantern Night 2011

- A Multicultural Celebration of A
Traditional Chinese Festival

Peter Lai



The Lantern Night opened, on Saturday, 22 October 2011, in the Greenway Park on the ardent musical resonance of the Big Band of Cherrybrook Technology High School, and concluded on the spectacular fireworks from Century 21 Joseph Tan Real Estate, in the course of which drawing more than five thousand people, big and small, young and old, from across cultural backgrounds, from and beyond Cherrybrook.

The Hon. Barry O'Farrell, MP, Premier of New South Wales sent his congratulatory message lauding the contribution of Australians of Chinese decent and the effort of the CCCA in multiculturalism. Speaking to the assembly, the Hon. Victor Dominello, Minister for Citizenship & Communities, representing the Premier of NSW, and the Hon. Philip Ruddock, Federal Member of Parliament, both praised the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association in its committed work on multicultural integration and harmony and in promoting Chinese culture. Both lauded the Association's activities like the Lantern Night which will go a long way towards

fostering the spirit of multiculturalism in Australia. Also gracing the occasions were Consul Qin Xiangdong and Consul Yang Bao of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney, Mr. Nick Berman, Mayor of Hornsby Shire, the Hon. Dominic Perrotette, MP, Member of the Hills, Dr. Stepan Kerkyasharian, Chairperson of Community Relation Commission, Mr. Michael Richardson, former Member of the Hills, Ms. Monica Tilche, Community Liaison Officer of the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, and Acting Superintendent Graeme Pickering of the Eastwood Police Command.

There was no full moon in the night, but the full moon festive atmosphere of the Chinese traditional mid-autumn festival was nonetheless prevalent, epitomized in the high spirit of those attending, coming to create and share the fun. From late afternoon till late evening, the Greenway Park was filled with laughter, sighs of admiration, shrieks of excitement, and cries of joy. There were fun rides and games of entertainment; there were performances from schools, Indian dance groups, Chinese musicians and singers, Chinese martial arts group, and not the least, local young talents. And there was delicious food of various cuisines to feed the body and to gratify the senses. The highlight of the night was a vibrant lion dance, followed by a traditional Chinese lantern procession round the park, led by the untiring dancing lion, the embodiment of traditional Chinese value of courage and valour. The night canopy then broke up to flourishing sparkles and glistening showers, to the thundering joy of the audience.

Yue-yan Chan, President of the Association, spoke and stressed on the Association's major

objective of multiculturalism and interracial harmony. He expressed his earnest thanks to all the guests and to all who arduously support the work of the Association. He pointed out that the Hon. Barry O'Farrell, the Premier, is one of the Association's life members and has always given the Association his full support. He also expressed special gratitude to Hon Philip Ruddock, who has given his support to the Lantern Night since 1992 when it was first inaugurated.

The Association would like to thank all who have worked hard to help bring the event a success: all the volunteers who have sweated and, rather literally, worked their socks off to keep the event alive; SC Chiang, Deborah Lau, and Cathy Tan (who also sang a beautiful song to the applause of the audience) who mastered the ceremony; the Cherrybrook Technology High School, John Purchase Public School, Cherrybrook Public School, the labbv Hindi School, the Ruchi Sanghi Dance School, Ms. Bai Mei, Mr. Zhou Dong, Mr. Cao Yulin, The China Style Ensemble (Hu Huigang, Hu Lei, Hu Mingming, Nancy Chen, Nicole Chen and Jan Zhao), and the Shao Lin Martial Arts Group for their wonderful and excellent performances. Special thanks should go to Century21 Joseph Tan Real Estate, as well as Martelli's Fruit Market, Maxcom Technology, Pennant Hills Bakery and Mr. Michael Whiley for their generous sponsorship and assistance; and not the least, officers from the police and St. John Ambulance for their diligent attendance on the night. The efforts and contributions of all have added up to render successful a wondrous Chinese festive night with rich and colourful multicultural flavours.

Can't wait for the next year to come!



Chinese Language School - Message from the Principal



Christine McDonald

The year of 2011 has proved to be a very busy and exciting year for all members of our Cherrybrook Chinese School community. Personally I undertook the challenge of the principal role entrusted to me by the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association. During this time I implemented some new policies.

One initiative is that teachers are now sending out weekly e-mail to communicate with parents regarding students' learning progress and homework tasks. Feedback from parents has been positive. Furthermore, samples of completed written test result last week from Level 1, Level 2B and Level 3 show that this initiative is assisting with the raising of learning outcomes.

Throughout the year I followed closely the teaching and learning environment in each class, and brought to the students' attention such issues as classroom behavior, respect for classmates, teachers and school property. Students' response overall has been positive, and their standard of performance high.

During 2011 student enrollments increased from below 80 to 103. When parents enquired about enrolling their children, I would take time to interview both the students and the parents to share with them my vision of our school so that they have an understanding of our high standard. Through this process I would make sure students are placed within their abilities, and I would follow this up regularly with the teaching staff.

This year we made the appointment of two new teachers, Ms. Shirley Li and Ms. Jessica Cheng, and a relief teacher, Ms. Sally Chen. These teachers are dedicated and committed to the vision of the school and they have worked well with students.

Students showed a strong interest in learning through regular attendance and participation in class activities. During my class visits students were keen to demonstrate what they had learnt. This is further proved through the successful Mid-Autumn Festival celebration at the end of Term Three, where students enjoyed sharing their learning experience with the whole school community.

It is important that students would continue attending school, even after the final examination is completed, to review their learning progress for the year. It is also important for students to attend the end

of year assembly on 10 December 2011, which concluded the school year. That would include presentation of awards as an acknowledgement of students' hard work and commitment throughout the year. It would also include performances by individual levels, which some parents might have been unable to witness during the Mid-Autumn Festival celebration. Students had worked hard to prepare for the performance. Parents were therefore encouraged to join their children in celebrating their achievement in the year.

On the 8th of October I had the pleasure of attending the State Conference and Professional Development Training Day held by the NSW Federation of Community Language Schools, which had a strong turnout of more than 500 community volunteer teachers across NSW with some 54 different culture and language backgrounds. It was abundantly clear that all these teachers are dedicated in sharing their language expertise and cultural knowledge with both background speakers and local communities which show interest in learning new languages. There were representatives from both sides of political platforms who share the enthusiasm and are committed to support community language education. Your commitment and contribution toward your child's community language education is very much appreciated and valued by both sides of the government.

As we look forward to 2012, we plan to continue strengthening our teaching and learning environment to promote quality learning by implementing new activities such as public speaking, debate and composition contests in Chinese within the school community. Learning a language is more than

just understanding how to read, write, listen and speak. In order to communicate effectively one needs to understand the cultural background of the language hence we will include this in our lessons.

Learning is a life long experience, especially learning a new language. However, learning Chinese as a second language in Australia is very different to learning Chinese as a background speaker in China, Taiwan, Hong Kong or Singapore. I strongly feel that for students to have sustained interest in learning Chinese, they must fully understand and appreciate what they are learning. Therefore, there is a need to assess students' progress at the end of each school year prior to promoting them to a higher level.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all parents, teachers and volunteers who have made this a successful year for the school. As I would be attending a conference in Beijing from 10 December to 26 December 2011 regrettably I would not be able to join you and your children for the end of year assembly on the 10th of December. I like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back on Saturday, 4 February 2012 for the commencement of the new year.

Women's Group

Daisy Leung

Woman Group's activities were concluded early this November as most of the members went back to Hong Kong or Mainland China to

Membership Update:

Financial Membership - 650

Life Membership - 389

celebrate Christmas and New Year. It is lucky that Chinese New Year will be on 23 January, 2012, so people can celebrate the Year of Dragon with their family and friends before they come back to Australia for the new school term.

Thanks for our group members' support, especially Mrs. Kwong, Master Ping, Amy and Winnie. They always came to join the group even in bad weather. For the last meeting this term, Winnie prepared mango pudding for sharing too. We all enjoyed the meeting so much. Next term there will be more activities in our group, birthday celebrations, cooking demonstrations and sharing, line dance practices, acrylic painting, karaoke, knowledge for everyday use, and also knitting world by Master Ping. Advice as to how our group should go forward is most welcome too.

Will see you again on 10 February, 2012. Wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous year in 2012.

Members' News

Min Min

1. Congratulations to Longen Lan. He was awarded the 3rd prize in the Writing Competition 13 to 15 Age Group which is organised by NSW Chinese Language Education Council.

2. Congratulations to our Chinese School Principal, Mrs. Christine McDonald. She received the Outstanding Teachers Award 2011. She has been invited to attend the 'Overseas Outstanding Chinese Teachers visiting Beijing, Tianjin and Henan Forum' from 10 - 26 December 2011. This is organised by

the State Secretary for Culture of the People's Republic of China and Ministry of Education, China Overseas Exchange Association.

3. In our last issue we mentioned that TVBA came and filmed our activities. The program was about migrant settlement services. It was broadcast on 19 September. If you missed the program or interested in watching it, please follow the link below: http://www.tvb.com.au/video_category_index.php?cid=14&vid=365

4. On 31 October, Jenny Lau, the Vice President, was invited by SBS Radio Cantonese Program as guest to chat about "7 Billion Population and the Challenge that we are facing". The following is the link to the program. <http://www.sbs.com.au/chinese/audio/190873/>

5. Congratulations to our senior group leader Mr. Mark Lau who was awarded "National Volunteer Award" for his Commitment to Community Service. The presentation ceremony was held on 7.12.2011 at Hon. Philip Ruddock's office.



Mr. Mark Lau (second from left) received his award from the Hon. Philip Ruddock

6. CCCA President was invited as a guest of honour to present Year 10 Academic Awards at the Presentation Assembly of Cherrybrook Technology High School on 6.12.2011.

7. Chinese School Presentation Day was held on 10.12.2011 at the school hall of John Purchase Public School. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tan were the Guests of Honour.

Visit to Beijing, Shandong, and more

Jenny Lau

It's a great honour to be invited by the State Overseas Cultural Council to visit Beijing, Shandong and Shanghai from 14 September 2011 to 29 September 2011. The main purpose of the visit is to attend seminars on "Chinese Literature" and "Chinese Culture", visit Chinese Language teaching schools. Invited participants are representatives of Overseas Chinese Language School Directors or principals. A total of 137 were invited from over 40 countries e.g. America, England, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand. The rest are from South East Asia countries like Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma, Thailand and Laos.

I benefited a lot from this two-week visit. We spent the first week in Beijing and were well looked after by the Beijing Chinese Academy. Apart from visiting historical sites such as the Great Wall, Forbidden City, we also had the opportunity to spend a day at the Beijing Chinese School to observe how professors teach Chinese to foreign students. We were very fortunate to have attended two lectures; one is "Chinese Culture", which explained the formation of Chinese culture. Another lecture was "Chinese Characters", the speaker used examples to illustrate the origin, evolution of Chinese characters and the dispute between traditional and simplified characters. The topics were presented in such a lively and interesting manner that 3 hours simply flew by. The lectures also enlightened me on some

misconceptions about simplified Chinese characters.

The second week I went to Shandong, visited many attractions such as Confucius Temple, enjoyed the warmth and hospitality of Shandong people.

Although the visit lasted just over 10 days, it was a rare experience to broaden my horizons, and to build new friendship with other overseas participants who are passionate about teaching Chinese.

Talking to Michelle Chan

Gene Oldman

To many an old timer, Michelle belongs to the next, or younger, generation. To many of these old timers, Chan Chau is one of the old timers' family. Mr. Chan Chau indeed is one of the mainstays of the Chinese community in Cherrybrook and its adjacent suburbs. It seems that he has been here as long as Cherrybrook exists. People (the old timers, I mean, if you want to be more specific) know him by name. And Michelle was but a little girl. To them, therefore, Michelle is his daughter. I too, for one, happened to come to know of Michelle as Chan's daughter, since I have always regarded myself, and have been regarded as such, as his equal, by age certainly if not by anything else. On the rare occasions that we crossed path, and when I privately bid her as Chan's daughter while openly greeting her as Michelle, she would always smile her usual quiet yet polite smiles. It remained so until a couple of years ago when I came to know her better. To me, she has been Michelle since. Privately or openly, that is.

Michelle revealed that she and her two brothers migrated to Australia at a tender young age with their parents. She grew up completing her secondary and tertiary education here in Sydney, and is an accountant by training and by profession. After university, she spent a not inconsiderable period of time in Hong Kong, facing challenges, enjoying life whilst working hard, and job-hopping before eventually settling into more long term positions. That was a great time during which she got the flavours of life and went through the rigid tests of reality, and through which she toughened to an experienced and competent professional. Then she came back to Sydney, and has never looked back. It is not that she does not like Hong Kong. It is more that she finds herself at home in Australia, a place she calls home. The life in Hong Kong is vibrant, like riding a speedboat in turbulent waters, rocking hard and going fast. Here in Sydney you go steadily and far, like in a steamer in an ocean. It was a choice that she then made. And she thinks she has made the right decision.

Michelle joined the management committee this year as the Treasurer. It is her first attempt at community work. She said she always has the yearning to serve the community but never quite the opportunity. She is therefore pleased, and grateful, that she is now given the opportunity. More so, as she is given the opportunity to work with a group of people of equal enthusiasm, regardless of age, background and seniority, all devoted to the common good of the community. She hopes she can take this as the gateway to a new venture, one which she hopes she will find most challenging and rewarding.

You may readily find Michelle soft-spoken and

gentle. But you would, and indeed should, find her also energetic and determined, as she has always been on business matters. She may enjoy her private moments in reading, but she like travelling, and is a very good tennis player. She plays basket ball, and she practises Tai Chi. She is good at Chinese calligraphy too. I, for one, have the first hand knowledge in her excellent works in the running script of Mi Fu, whilst I am but a beginner at Wang Xizhi's.

Knowing Michelle better, I am beginning to think of Mr. Chan Chau more as Michelle's Father.

Peter Lai – An Ever-changing Life

Sarah Chan

Peter Lai, like Michelle Chan, is a new member to CCCA's Management Committee. He was born in Hong Kong, completing his secondary and tertiary education and spending almost forty years working there. Reuniting with his family, he and his wife are now settling in Sydney with their two sons and a daughter-in-law. He spends most of his precious time, or so he says, helping out in looking after his two beautiful little grand-daughters. Quite unlike Michelle, therefore, he certainly belongs to the older generation. An old timer, that is.

Peter was a literature student when young. Enlightened by an inspiring teacher, he had spent most of his after hours in his junior secondary school days in the Hong Kong City Hall Library when the small school library failed to satisfy his insatiable desire, looking up literature works, reading them whilst not really understanding what he read. He had aspired to be a writer, and had indeed enjoyed some rare moments of satisfaction when some

of his courageous but childish attempts gained publication in the students' corners of the local literature journals or newspapers. The dream of becoming a writer never materialised, though, but it had led him to pursue his study in literature in the university. And then, like many of his contemporaries, he became a teacher.

I enjoyed greatly my school teacher days, Peter said. Why did you change course then after only a few years? I asked him. It was that he suddenly felt a strong urge to step away from the comfort zone and to confront something new. He chose to go into the field of management and administration where rationalization and logical and objective mind is called for. More or less a 180-degree turn it was, he reckoned. Indeed he had to pick up a diploma and a master degree on the way to help change his orientation and perspective. He spent his next thirty something years there, and never looked back.

Now looking back, Peter reflected that his experience as a teacher, albeit but for a few years, has made him a teacher all his life: he relishes in teaching and preaching (does Mencius say that people's problem lies in their desire to teach others?). And his experience in management has made him a pragmatist, and one who always want to rationalize and to argue. Together this has made him a very difficult and tedious man to deal with, one whom people will always prefer not meeting, for want of a more peaceful mind. Why not the other way round, a sensible romantic? I said to myself. He grinned, seemingly reading my thought.

Now Peter seems to have taken another 180-degree turn. He writes for some non-

profit organizations, joins CCCA's Quarterly editorial board, learns Chinese calligraphy, and practises Tai Chi. I know Peter because we are classmates in Chinese calligraphy. I remember the first time I met him, two words came instantly to my mind, crazy man: he always said something serious when he was joking, and always made jokes to say something serious. Now I think I know him better: he is witty and has a quick mind; he observes and he is responsive; he knows what you are talking and talks to you knowingly. He is not a crazy man. Maybe he wants to be one, but he is not. Or, perhaps he is, but if he can make the world all merrier this way, may he be.

As an afterword, Peter revealed that his involvement with CCCA does not really start here and today. Many years ago, before Jeff Lin joined in to help out, CCCA's president doubled up as the editor and writer. James Chang was the president then, and for a while Peter helped him with the Chinese version and put the whole thing, Chinese and English, into a one-pager using Microsoft Publisher. When he left for Hong Kong, his young son took over. Those were the days, and now the CCCA Quarterly is a 20-page page-turner. What has Peter got from it? He began to master Chinese input methods and began to be able to work directly on the keyboard with Chinese without first doing drafts on paper. A great learning process, resulting in a great personal gain.

Sydney In Summer

A Li

Here I am, back in Australia, in summer time. Everything seems not quite the same.

Full in the eyes are the greenish luxuriance of trees, the verdant carpets of grasses and the colourful spreads of blossoming flowers. Even trees are flourishing, decorated in vibrant colours; even rocks on the sea shores are putting on makeup, dappled with flowering plants. This is the season, where flowers of all species are blossoming like ladies going to banquet parties, where ladies of pink, white, brown and black are gorgeously clad in summer dresses. All add to the grace and air of Sydney in summer.

I only have to take a glancing look at the roadside to come to realise that I am so ignorant about plants. Those clusters which I have always taken as weeds are now flowering, bearing fruits of shiny violet, large as soybeans. Those wild copses of grass, desolate and neglected they might have once seemed, are now raising their heads high, proudly showing off their crowns and pedals of reddish pink. Those trees, their name yet unknown to me, have stealthily changed their tone, and are now draped in clusters of egg-yellow little flowers. The jacaranda, which has half canopied the sky in bright purple, is now beginning to shed its dress, covering the ground in gauzy violet. The grass lawns are flowering with species of daisy, their tiny slender bodies dancing to the rhythm of the breeze, in a wavy sea of yellow.

I admire nature, every single shoot of plant, every single seed of grass. Wherever it descends upon, it finds its roots, to grow and to prosper, playing its role, quietly and seemingly stealthily, as a part of nature. Plants and grasses grow and prosper in the way they always do on earth. They do not have classes and ranks. It is human beings who separate

and divide them. Delicate or stout each may seem, each embraces life of its own, and each embraces the mystery of its own life. Together they bring you the mystery of nature, and the peacefulness of nature. This wonderful feeling no one can put across to you. You can only appreciate it when it touches your heart, when you are prepared to appreciate it. Feel it, and accept it. You will open up your mind. You will become grateful, thankful for the precious present from nature.

[Translation: Peter Lai]

Cherrybrook Cantonese Opera Singing Class

The President of Rainbow Heart Studio Inc., Mrs. Georgia Lee, and Ms. Sincere offered to come to Cherrybrook to teach Cantonese Opera Singing on a voluntary basis, and Mr. Y.Y. Chan will, at the start of each lesson, explain any literary allusions that might occur in the lyrics. He does so also on a voluntary basis. Both Georgia and Sincere are experienced and well known amateur performers of Cantonese Opera. They are enthusiastic in promoting Cantonese Opera in Sydney.

Female voice teacher: Georgia Lee

Male voice teacher: Sincere

Literary instructor: Yue-yan Chan

Lessons commences on Tuesday, 31st January, 2012.

Lesson Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Venue: Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre

Fees: \$80/term (10 lessons) for members, and \$100/term (10 lessons) for non-members.

Fees payable in the first lesson of each term to

cover rental, photocopying and miscellaneous expenses

From the Editor's Desk

Chen Tingfu

In October, through the effort of our many members and committee members, the association held a very successful Lantern Night, and weather was on our side. It was a pleasant surprise to have received a message from the Premier of NSW wishing us every success with our Lantern Night. Peter Lai gave a detailed account of the event on page 3.

In this issue, we interviewed our two new members of the management committee, Michelle Chan, our Hon. Treasurer, and Peter Lai, our Press Secretary. Both pieces were wittingly written. Readers shall find them enjoyable.

Summer in Sydney by A Li is a gem to read. The English translation by Peter Lai preserves the mode of the original work superbly.

As usual, our President composed a matching couplet for the New Year issue. But this time, instead of writing it out in official script, the *lishu*, he chooses to try out his seal script, the *zhuan shu*. I like it, and I hope you do, too.

Yes, it's the end of the lunar year. Chinese New Year's Day occurs on the 23rd of January, rather early this year. The association is holding its New Year Dinner on Sunday the 29th January which is the seventh day of the new year. Chinese believe that this is the day when men were created, and so it is the birthday of every human soul. May I wish you happy New Year and happy birthday?

**MESSAGE FROM THE NSW PREMIER
HON. BARRY O'FARRELL MP**

I extend my warmest regards to the **Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association** and wish you every success with the Cherrybrook Lantern Night.

For the last two decades, Lantern Night has been an important annual community festival organised by the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association, with the support of Hornsby Shire Council and several community organisations, to celebrate the traditional Chinese Moon Festival.

The commemoration of the Moon Festival is just one more way that the Chinese community plays an incredibly vibrant and active part in New South Wales life. Australians of Chinese descent contribute strongly to the State's commerce, culture and trade and to our successful diversity.

I wholeheartedly believe that multiculturalism is one of the state's greatest strengths, and it gives us the competitive edge in a globalised economy.

As Premier, I am proud that we are a state which actively promotes cultural diversity and social harmony as a way of life.

We are privileged to be able to celebrate festivals from different countries and cultures, such as Lantern night. This provides wonderful opportunities for creative collaboration and for the broader Australian community to learn from each other's rich cultural histories.

I congratulate you on the work you do and I wish you every success.



Barry O'Farrell MP
Premier



Wesson Road,
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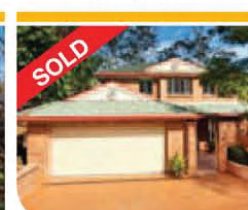
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