

**The Ninth CHINA Inc “no fuss” Conference
Darwin, Northern Territory
20-23 September 2024**

***Northern Gateways: Chinese Heritage and
History in Northern Australia***



Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia Incorporated (CHINA Inc.)

in association with

Chung Wah Society's NT Chinese Museum

About CHINA Inc

Chinese Heritage In North Australia (CHINA Inc) is a not for profit organization formed in 2005 by Kevin Wong Hoy, Kevin Rains and Sandi Robb with the generous assistance and support by parents, partners and friends. With the key focus to research, write and promote Chinese History and Heritage across north Australia, it was envisioned that CHINA Inc would host a regular small “no fuss” conference where the efforts of anyone who is interested in Chinese history and heritage could share their research in a welcoming, equal and affordable environment. Since 2006 CHINA Inc has hosted biennial “No Fuss” conferences. From humble beginnings, each conference has built upon the last, and we are proud to say CHINA Inc has grown into an active and vocal “Little Lion” of the north. CHINA Inc is committed to maintaining a “No Fuss” conference, where the costs are kept low, everyone is equal in the room, no matter what their background, and research experience is shared, acknowledged and enjoyed by all.

About Chung Wah Society

The Chung Wah Society Inc (CWS) was formally established in 1946 through the amalgamation of the several Chinese organisations that existed in Darwin prior to World War II. The Society is a community-based, non-political organisation with approximately 300 members, the majority of whom reside in the Darwin area. The main aims of the Society are to promote harmony and goodwill between Chinese residents in the Northern Territory and people of other nationalities; promote the general, cultural educational and social interests and welfare of its members; and maintain the Chinese Temple as a place of worship.

The Society arranges and sponsors a range of sporting, seniors, youth, cultural, fund-raising, historical and general social activities. Major on-going projects include the NT Chinese Museum and the annual blessing of businesses and homes by the Lion Dance Troupe.

The Chinese Temple (Hall of the Ranking Sages) has been on its current site since 1889. It was re-built in 1978, after being destroyed by Cyclone Tracey in 1974. It serves as an active place of worship and ceremony for followers of Tao, Confucius and Buddha.

The NT Chinese Museum was opened in 1996, following the CWS “Chinatown ‘42” exhibition to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin in 1942. It is aimed at highlighting the contribution and history of Chinese settlement from the 1880’s and displays photographs, historical texts and stories of Chinese people as well as a modest collection of early memorabilia. It features family charts of early Chinese settlers whose descendants are still living in Darwin.

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Chinese festival, Darwin. Ca.1922
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Registration fees

Full conference 20 - 23 September	\$80.00
Saturday 21 September	\$45.00
Monday 23 September	\$45.00

Registrations - close 20 August 2024

Register by sending an email to: “Registration - 9th CHINA Inc no fuss conference” to:

museum@chungwahnt.asn.au

Include your name, email and mobile phone contact details and the conference days you wish to attend. Your registration will be confirmed by email once you have paid the conference registration fee. Please pay fees by direct debit to:

Chung Wah Society Inc
Bank account details:
BSB: 035-309
Account Number: 25-0796
Account name: Chung Wah Society

Please include your last name and the first two letters of your first name to enable us to match payment to your email registration. Please feel free to email the Museum with any queries or concerns.

Friday 20 September

2.45—3.45pm

Registration

4.00—6.00pm

Official welcome and function

Conference venue and location

Chung Wah Society Community Hall

25 Woods Street, Darwin, Northern Territory

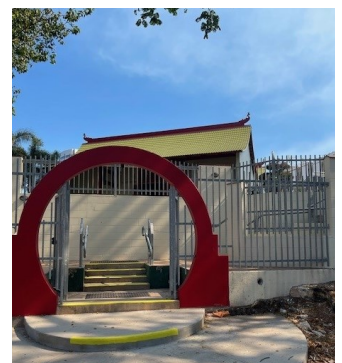
The venue can be accessed from both 25 Woods Street and 6 Litchfield Street, Darwin



Entrance at 6 Litchfield Street

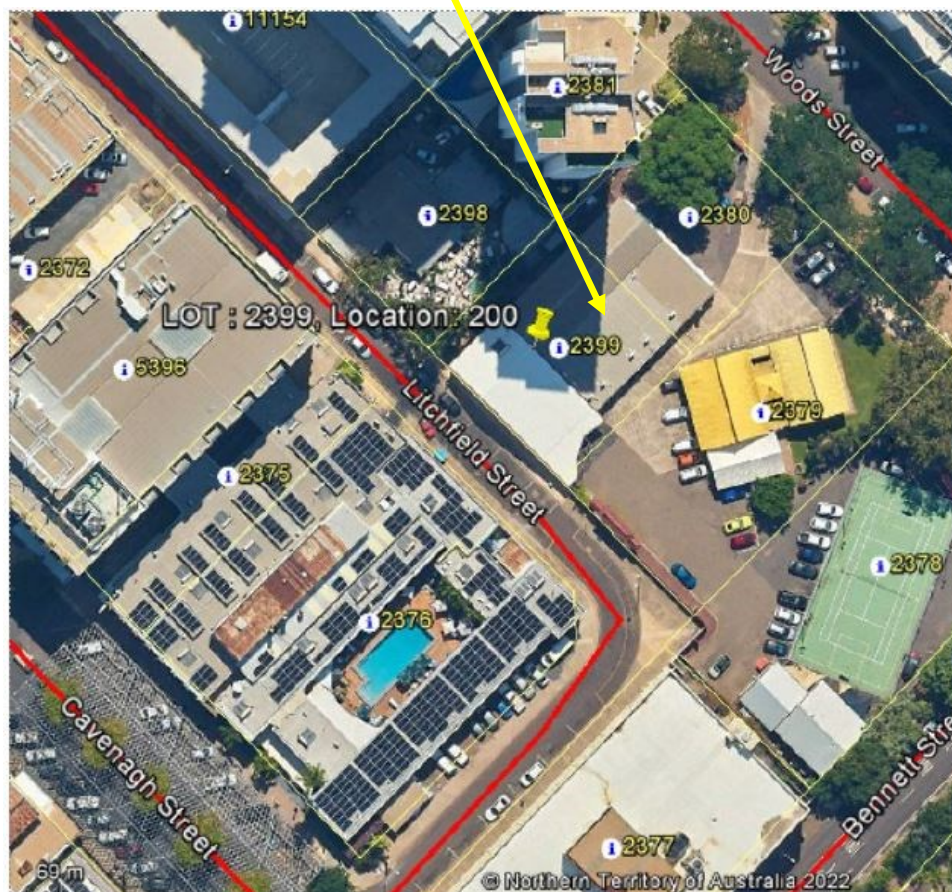


Entrance at 25 Woods Street



Temple entrance Woods Street

Conference Location



Saturday 21 September

8.30 - 9.00	Registration	
9.00 - 9.10	Conference welcome	Kevin Rains CHINA Inc
9.10 - 10.00	Keynote presentation Chinese and Aboriginal People in Australia's Northern Territory	Peter and Sheila Forrest Chair: Neville Jones
10.00 - 11.25	Session 1 Chinese families and Chinese family history	Michael Chin - Confucian Practices and Values in Darwin's Chinese Community Glynis Lee and Rhonda Walker - Chinese Ancestors in Northern Australia - Trials and Tribulations Allan O'Neil - The Hang Gongs: A North Australian Family Natalie Fong - Returning to Roots Chair: TBA
11.25 - 11.45	Morning tea	
11.45 - 1.05	Session 2 Direct action and courts	Darryl Low Choy - The 'Chinese Revolution' at Atherton Claire Lowrie - Chinese Cooks and the Origins of the 1918 Darwin Rebellion Sophie Loy Wilson - Chinese Australians in NT Court Records, 1870 - 1940 Chair: Noreen Kirkman
1.05 - 2.05	Lunch	
2.05 - 3.25	Session 3 Welfare, repatriation and war	Hilda Maclean - At the end of their lives: repatriation of the Northern Territory's aged Chinese Weida Chen - Managing to Survive: The Impact of the Second World War on the Chinese in the Northern Territory Noreen Kirkman - The Australian Army's 7th Labour / Employment Company (Chinese) in Northern Australia during World War II Chair: Gordon Grimwade
3.25 - 3.45	Afternoon tea	
3.45 - 4.45	Session 4 Scattered legacies of language and objects	Ely Finch - Australia's Chinese - Language Place Names Michael Williams - The Scattered Legacy of Northern Australia Chair: Darryl Low Choy

Sunday 22 September

Optional Tours and Social Event

Full day* **Pine Creek and Adelaide River Tour**

Guided tour of Pine Creek with local resident Mr Eddie Ah Toy

Further details and cost to be provided

Lunch venue or arrangements TBC

5.00 - 8.00 **Conference Social Event**

Mindil Beach Sunset Markets

Free admission, drinks and food at own expense or BYO

Cordoned area with seating and esky.

A small range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks can be purchased the Sunset Lounge.

Food can be purchased at market stalls

Arts, crafts and souvenir stalls.

Time TBC **Darwin Cultural Institution Tour**

Conference hop-on / hop-off bus circuit

Free transport, admission fees at own expense. Further details to be provided

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Monday 23 September

8.30 - 9.00	Registration	
9.00 - 10.25	Session 5 Ports, travel routes and connections	Kevin Rains - Golden Gateways Marilyn Sue Dooley - The Chinese Store as a Time Capsule in Australia's history Craig Smith - Surabaya to Darwin (TBC) Paige Taylor - Behind the Business Card: the life of Shing Lep Chair: Natalie Fong
10.25 - 10.45	Morning tea	
10.45 - 12.05	Session 6 Worship and temples	Neville Jones (with Dennis Low) - The Darwin Chinese Temple Through a Family History Lens Gordon Grimwade - Worshipping the North Jared Archibald - Northern Territory's Brocks Creek Chinese temple lions and the Australian Capital Territory's Menin Gate lions Chair: Hilda Maclean
12.05 - 1.05	Lunch	
1.05 - 2.25	Session 7 Objects as tellers of history in collections	Christine Tarbett-Barkley - The Shao Lao Figurine - a tangible link to the 19th century and Chinese settlers in Darwin Nicolas Hadnutt - Exploring representations of China within the [Queensland] State Collection Leigh McKinnon - Northern Australia in the Collections of Bendigo's Golden Dragon Museum Chair: Noreen Kirkman
2.25 - 2.45	Afternoon tea	
2.45 - 4.05	Session 8 Objects as tellers of history in archaeology and art	Marc Cheeseman - Politics and Pork: Zooarchaeological Insights into Food, Identity and Adaptation in Colonial Queensland and Beyond Yongjun Qui - Archaeology of ceramic sherds (TBC) Shuxia Chen - Telling Chinese Stories through Art Objects and Practices Chair: Gordon Grimwade
4.05 - 4.45	Panel Discussion Future northern Chinese Australian research	Natalie Fong Darryl Low Choy Gordon Grimwade Kevin Rains
4.45 - 5.00	Closing Remarks	Kevin Rains and Darryl Chin



Above: Chinese Temple—Hall of Ranking Sages

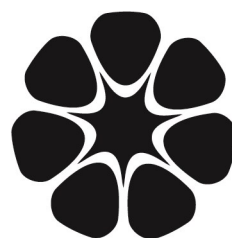


Above: NT Chinese Museum



Left: Chung Wah Society Community Hall

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