



維多利亞省中華協會

Chinese Association of Victoria Inc.

Annual General Meeting



All Members Welcome!

Date: Sunday, 29th March 2009

Time: 2:00 pm

**Venue: CAV Centre, 320 Ashley St.,
Wantirna (enter from Ashley Street)**

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Charity Lunch at CAV

Sunday 15 March 2009

11.00am to 2.00pm

All proceeds go to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009

- ✓ Fried noodles
- ✓ Curry Laksa
- ✓ Curry Rice
- ✓ Curry Puff
- ✓ Mixed Vegies
- & many more



If you can help
please contact
Vincent Chow
on 0413 734 088



CAV is registered with the Australian Red Cross to collect **donations** for the Victoria Bush Fire Appeal 2009. Please kindly make your cheque payable to the **"Australian Red Cross Victorian Bush Fire Appeal 2009"** and send it to

The Red Cross, c/o CAV, 320 Wantirna Road, Wantirna 3152.

Tax deductible receipts (donation above \$2-00) will be sent directly to you from the Australian Red Cross after our collection date expires on 31st March 2009.

(Enquiries: Vincent Chow - 0413 73 4088)



PRESIDENT'S SPEECH



Time has flown past quickly and I am at the end of my second year term as the leader of our Association. In these two years, I have gained an enormous amount of experience on many fronts. I thought I've always understood the criticality of team work but it is not until I run an 'all volunteers' organization like CAV that it dawned on me how tricky team work can be as everything we do are done either after hours or on weekends. As everyone is a volunteer, the entire team work is based on goodwill and yet, I am lucky to say that I have had an endless supply of assistance from many individuals, some of whom have stuck by me through thick and thin. I am sure these people know who they are and I thank each and every one of them from the bottom of my heart.

The experience of running CAV has made me a stronger and wiser person. 'Buy-ins' to ideas is more essential in an all volunteers Association as the belief from others in one's idea is what brings the people together. In the corporate world, one must always get buy-ins to ideas but if that fails, one can put on the 'boss's hat' and instruct for things to happen. In an Association of volunteers, one has to convince the others that one's idea is sound and worth realizing.

I have also learnt to juggle a full time job, my own company, my family as well as running the Association. My family has supported me through these two years, especially my husband Vincent, who has been my tower of strength, encouraging me and assisting me in everything I did. I used to boast to him, "Hey Vincent, don't forget that I'm the wind beneath your wings which allowed you to fly high!" Well, in the last two years, I have to admit that the role has changed. My dear husband Vincent is now the 'wind beneath my wings'. My husband who is selfless and patient is committed to assisting me succeed. Without his believe in me and his passion for CAV, I can never achieve what I have to date. Marriage is a committed partnership where each party draws on each other's strength and supports each other's weaknesses. These two years is prove of this. Thank you Vincent!

As many of our members believe in the importance of integration of the Chinese Community into wider Australia, they have sacrificed their personal time to ensure that our Association succeeds in its undertakings. Support is wide amongst our members and every sub-group has contributed in some shape or form through the 2008 year and has worked closely and supported EXCO. It felt good at the annual Thank You dinner where the spirit of "One Team" was strong and the sense of 'belonging' was high. As each sub-group chairperson explained the objectives of their group and their year long achievements, it gave everyone present including, the Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Mr Shen Wei-Liang and his entourage, a deeper insight of our Association and what we stand for. According to Mr. Shen, China would like to see overseas Chinese integrate well into the countries of their choice as this provides a good image for all Chinese worldwide. Our hard work and attitude is recognized and supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commissioner, George Lelakis as well as the Member of Parliament, Heidi Victoria.

CAV continues to be involved in external major cultural events. Both Ken Ong and Vincent Chow are once again the key organisers in the Melbourne Chinese New Year Festival at Russell Street. Our CAV Karaoke and Cultural Dancing Groups performed at the event. Due to these persistent annual celebrations, Chinese New Year is an icon festival in the main Victorian landscape. This is enhanced by the Glen Waverley New Year & Lantern Street Festival where CAV's strong organisation skills were demonstrated once again.

The Glen Waverley Street Festival event led by CAV through our Public Relations Officer Vincent Chow (event lead organiser) and Lawrence Phoon was a huge success. There were free kids rides, lions dancing on poles, dragons, food stalls, information stands and a colourful and interesting cultural corner. I am proud to say that we generated an enormous interest in the cultural activities. We had young and old participants in the Calligraphy workshop, Chinese Painting, Chinese Chess, Lantern Painting, Red Packet paper folding and Mahjong. The Victoria Chinese Immigrants display, sketch, opera face painting, east meets west musical instrument performance, opera face painting, karaoke and lion dance workshop also created a lot of interest. Most people were surprised that approximately 20% of residence living in the Monash council is of Chinese origin.

Besides the two street festivals, CAV represented by Ken Ong in the Australian Chinese Events Committee (ACEC) organised the annual Gala Ball at the Palladium to raised funds for Special Kids and Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

We have indeed had a good year. CAV received generous donations to our school building fund totaling over \$20,000; raised \$52,412 at the Gala Ball and approximately \$5k from other functions. Thanks to the kind support and generosity of our sponsors and donors, this has been a good fund raising year.

Sunday March 29 is our Association's Annual General Meeting. Non-profit organisations like ours rely fully on volunteers to carry out their objectives. There is no doubt that doing voluntary community works require time and sacrifices but do not under estimate the sense of achievements and level of satisfaction you can gain from your contribution. CAV needs your help and I hope you will consider joining the new 2009 Executive Committee. Your contribution, whether big or small, will be appreciated. Do not forget, every ounce counts and that it is the little drops that formed the ocean. Join us. Like me, you will find it rewarding.

Last but not least, CAV is organising a fund raising lunch for the Victorian Bushfire victims on 15 March09 between 11am - 2pm. Please come support this good cause. All proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross for this appeal.

Khim Chow, President

Special Thank You

The inaugural Glen Waverley Chinese New Year & Lantern Festival held on Sunday 8th Feb was a great success. Everything went like clock work and even the weather was kind to us. Activities picked up after the morning rain. A constant stream of people came to the festival right up to the end. The Monash council estimated close to thirty thousand attended the festival which is triple to what the organising committee was hoping for. It was a 'real' family affair. Both young and old were enjoying the food, entertainment, cultural workshops and the free rides for our younger friends. Smiling faces could be seen every where. The highlight of the day was when the Lions danced on the 10 foot poles, jumping from one to the other to the amazement of the crowd. The VIP guests were also impressed by the magnificent skills of the troupe.

Besides the Glen Waverley Kingsway shops, close to 60 trade stalls took part in the festival. Every single trader including the Glen Waverley shops felt that business was good that day, a big boost to business even under the current economic climate. The festival has been excellent for trade in the area, something that is valuable to everyone.

CAV ran an Ice Kacang stall, CAV Information stall, the Karaoke Competition as well as the Cultural Corner. The activities at the Cultural Corner started with Mahjong and Chess sessions. It was interesting to hear the excitement of the players, observed by many curious passers by especially those of non-Chinese origin. The public was invited to join in to learn the games.

Next in the program were Chinese Painting and Calligraphy workshops. It was exhilarating to see so many enthusiasts either showing off their own skills or learning from our Chinese painter Tammy Duong and our young calligraphy experts from China who also happened to be champions in their national competitions, the Li brothers. The lanterns painting were received with eagerness and interest. Both young and old were showing off their creative talent and some even learned 'on the spot' Chinese writing on their lanterns. All these activities which were provided free of charge encouraged participation and generated significant interest from people of non-Chinese origin as well as our younger generations.

The Lantern Parade which was led by the five Lions, seven Dragons and the Waist Drummers provided a grand finale to the night. Our 'young' were looking proud of what had been delivered on this day. I received many words of Congratulations but the ones from the younger generations touched me the most, as I could feel and see them standing tall, being proud of their heritage. This festival is also another step towards cultivating interests of our culture to mainstream Australians. CAV is proud to be a part of this Festival.

It has been a long time since CAV made a strong presence in a public event. The endorsement of the EXCO for CAV to be a member of the Monash Chinese Events Organizing Committee Inc which runs this Festival has given us an opportunity to be heavily involved in this Festival, both as an organiser as well as a participant in this Festival. I would like to thank Lawrence Phoon and all those who help ran the Cultural Corner; Information and Ice Kacang stalls; our cultural dance troupe; our newly formed CAV School orchestra; CAV Karaoke Group and Marie who presented the history of Chinese Immigrant in Victoria and the Chinese Immigration play. CAV has mobilized approximately 40 of our members, friends and family in this event. Your effort had contributed to the success of the Festival. Thank you very much.

Vincent Chow,



CONGRATULATIONS CAV Chinese Language School !

TOP V.C.E.

2008 Score: 48

Pass Rate: 100%

Lowest Score: 37

CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, 29th MARCH 2009
VENUE: CAV CENTRE

YEAR 2008 AGM MINUTES

The President Khim chow opened the meeting at 2.30 p.m.

1.0 Attendance:

1.1 Present:

Vincent Chow, Khim Chow, Clement Chan, Grace Chan, Kim Saw, Mai Saw, Lawrence Phoon, Bill Ho, Kenny Lau, Leon Han, Evelyn Han, Ka Sing Chua, Ramona Chua, Sue Labberton, Robert Labberton, Robert Chong, Steven Cook, Raymond Wong, Helen Wong, Oon Huat Yeoh, Judy Yeoh, Richard Ong, Frank Chew, Hong Chew, Melanie Soon, Ken Ong, Kim Ho, Peter Ho, Eng Seong Tan, Shirley Tan, Lip Chye Tan, Elizabeth Tan, Harrison, Kenneth Boothroyd, Chin Lim, Julia Lim, Jackie Ooi, Chong Ooi, Marie Wong, Clement Wong, Cleve Chu, George Liew, Terry Chong, Carrol Chong, Anne Wong, Penny Thia, Teck Thia, Harry Eleftheriadis, Seek Eng Eleftheriadis.

1.2 Apologies:

Eng Ong, Min Loh, Adeline Sze, Simon Soon, Chooi Hon Ho, Yik Chee Ho, Lillian Lai, Susan Woon, Sherilyn Yong, Daniel Yong & Josephine Pang

2.0 Receive and adopt the Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting was received and adopted subject to the following amendments:

- inclusion of omitted attendees Frank Chew and Ken Ong.
- Correction of attendee's name "Chong On" to read "Chong Ooi".
- Sue Labberton raised the issue that the Associate Members Robbert Labberton, Julia Lim and Harry Eleftheriadis, Steve Cook should also be recorded as attendees but as per Constitution C1 3.3.1 cannot vote at the AGM.
- Item No 6 – Nominations for the Honorary Fellowship Award – Frank Chew.
- Correction on point 3, "accesses" should read "assesses".

Moved by Ka Sing Chua

Seconded by Ken Ong.

3.0 President's Address (please see attached)

- President Khim Chow read her report "President's Report – AGM 2007. A copy was distributed to the Attendees.

4.0 Matters arising from previous minutes – a. Constitutional Review Committee Update.

- The Constitution Review Committee update reported by Chooi Hon (refer attached) was read by Leon Han that the CRC seeks an extension for the review due to the importance of the constitution.

Queries raised by members:

- Ken Ong - whether there are major changes in constitution.
- Ka Sing - could submission from members still be accepted, George Liew asked for time extension.
- Lip Chye - will the proposal be submitted to members.
- Clement Wong - could the old and proposed Constitution be circulated early to members to allow comparison before formal voting.

Answers to queries:

Leon – there are extensive changes but preferred not to discuss it at this meeting and submission from members is now closed. Affirmative to Clement Wong's suggestion that both documents will circulate to members as proposed. Frank Chew stated that any alteration made in the constitution require a vote passed by ¾ of members entitled to vote.

Sue Labberton and Raymond Wong highlighted that the intent of the Constitution has not changed and that the current Constitution needs to bring up-to-date in line with the Incorporations Acts, Equal Opportunity Act etc.

Majority voted and accepted CRC's proposal that the draft submission for EXCO be extended and ready for approval/endorsement by June 2008.

Proposed by Ken Ong
Seconded by Ka Sing Chua.

5.0 School Principal's Report (Please see attached)

- School Council Chairperson Mai Saw introduced new School Principal, Ramona Chua.
- Ramona states that she has put in lots of changes to improve the school system, especially the VCE link with Dept of Education, a uniformed curriculum for each class and encouragement to students to practice speaking the language at school. The key to success is to encourage parents' participation and involvement.

6.0 Receive and adopt the Treasurer's Annual Report (please see attached)

6.1 Financial Statement and Performance of CAV for the year ended 31 December 2007

- Assistant Treasurer Lawrence Phoon read "Treasurer's Report 2007". A copy was distributed to the Attendees.

Queries from members:

- Ken Ong queried the operating results for the year 2006, in the second paragraph of the Treasurer's report the deficit should read a surplus \$6,685. The net reimbursements from the School Building Fund of \$15,804 should also be included. The \$18,150 conversion of loan from the members should mention in the income and expenditure statement of the School Building Fund.
- Lip Chye asked why there is no cash flow statement that it should be included in the report and requested that it be included for future AGMs. This might have negated, said Ken Ong as he thought that this is not a legislative requirement.

Treasurer's report accepted unanimously by members subject to the proposed amendments stated above have to be included in the Year 2008 report.

Moved by: Bill Ho
Seconded by: Robert Chong

6.2 Independent Auditor's Report

Assistant Treasurer Lawrence Phoon read "Statement by the Management Committee for the year ended 31 December 2007". A copy distributed to the Attendees.

Auditor's report was approved unanimously.

7.0 Appointment of Independent Auditor for 2008

- Khim will approach KST Partners to be the Independent Auditor for 2008

8.0 Building Project – Frank Chew

- Frank Chew introduced three young enthusiastic architects: Andrew, Chris and Henry to present their proposed Master Plan for CAV future development. Initial plan was for a courtyard extension but it soon extended to a commercial development proposal such as restaurant/convention centre and possible Age Care facilities. The project will cost approximately \$40-50 million. However, the outcome of the discussion is to form a committee and raise funds for Courtyard of Eternal peace \$ Serenity/ Ancestral Memorial Wall.

Proposed by Ka Sing Chua
Seconded by Eng Seong Tan.

9.0 Election of Incoming Committee by the Returning Officer

- Khim Chow thanked all the past committee members who have served under her in 2007
- Khim Chow invited the Returning Officer Robert Chong to proceed with the election. All the submitted nominations were read-out and voted by attendees.

All nominations read and accept by members unanimously.

The new committee members for 2008/2009 are:

President:	Khim Chow
Vice-President :	Evelyn Han Mai Saw Lillian Lai
Secretary:	Grace Chan
Assistant Secretary:	Leon Han
Treasurer:	Vacant
Assistant Treasurer:	Lawrence Phoon
Public relations Officer:	Vincent Chow
Other Members:	Adeline Sze Bill Ho Josephine Pang Kenny Lau Susan Labberton Susan Woon

- The president Khim Chow thanked Robert Chong for conducting the election and all members for attending the meeting.
- There being no other business the meeting was announced close at 4:30 p.m.

Khim Chow
Chairperson

Dated

Grace Chan
Secretary

Dated

Leon Han
Assistant Secretary

Dated

NOTICE OF THE 27th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 2009 Annual General Meeting will be held at the CAV Centre on Sunday, 29th March 2009 at 1400 hours.

AGENDA

1. Registration of Attendance
2. Receive and adopt the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- Business**
3. President's Address
4. School Council report
5. Receive and adopt the Treasurer's Annual Report on the:- 2009
 - a. CAV Financial Statement & Performance year ending 31st December 2008
 - b. Independent Auditor's Report.
6. Appointment of an Independent Auditor.
7. Matters arising from the previous minutes:-
 - a. CRC Update
 - b. Proposed Amended CAV Constitution
8. Building Project
- 10 Election of Incoming Committee by the returning officer

Members are asked to note the following:

NOMINATION PAPERS:

- Nomination Papers should be submitted to the Secretary by **18th March 2009**.
- Arrangements will be made to distribute the curriculum vitae, of no more than 200 words, for any candidate if submitted to the Secretary by this date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Any members wishing to raise any matter for discussion at the AGM should submit notice of such business to the Secretary 21 days prior to the AGM i.e., by **9th March 2009**

Contact the Honorary Secretary if you require a copy of the constitution

Mrs. Grace Chan (Secretary)
Email: cglkchan@alphalink.com.au

THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

2010 - 2011

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 - 2010

28th March 2010

Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, 29th March 2009 at 1400 hours.

Venue: CAV centre, 320 Wantirna Road, Wantirna, Victoria 3152.

Nominations are invited for the following positions from members, fulfilling the requirements of an ordinary member.

- ◆ The President
- ◆ The Vice-Presidents (up to 3 positions)
(First, Second & Third Vice-President)
- ◆ The Honorary Secretary
- ◆ The Assistant Honorary Secretary
- ◆ The Honorary Treasurer
- ◆ The Honorary Assistant Treasurer
- ◆ The Public Relations Officer
- ◆ Ordinary Committee Members (7 positions).

Position Descriptions which is in the constitution for the above positions are available upon request from the Honorary Secretary

Nominee's acceptance of nomination/s stated below:

Name of Nominee: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

POSITION TITLE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
	NAME:	NAME:
	MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:	MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:
	DATE:	DATE:
POSITION TITLE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
	NAME:	NAME:
	MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:	MEMBER'S SIGNATURE:
	DATE:	DATE:

- ❖ This nomination paper must reach the CAV Secretary by 18th March 2009.
- ❖ It can be delivered by hand or sent to - CAV Centre, 320 Wantirna Road, WANTIRNA, VICTORIA, 3125.

Please note:

- 1 Only financial ordinary members who have joined the Association at least three (3) months before the AGM are eligible to stand for election and to vote.
- 2 An eligible member may be nominated for more than one position.
- 3 A Life Member is entitled to a vote if he/she otherwise fulfils the requirements of an ordinary member.
- 4 For those paying family-rate subscriptions, both husband and wife are entitled to a vote each.
- 5 Those standing for election may provide curriculum vitae of not more than 200 words for distribution at the AGM.



BACKGROUND

At the CAV Annual General Meeting held on 18th March 2007, a proposal was tabled at the meeting for amendments to the Constitution. The general consensus at the meeting was that the matter required detailed and careful consideration. A motion was passed that the incoming EXCO (Executive Committee) took steps to establish a committee to review the Association's constitution and make recommendations by September 2007. At its first meeting, EXCO endorsed Mrs. Chooi Hon Ho as the Chairperson of the CAV Constitution Review Committee (CRC).

Members of the Committee:

Chooi Hon Ho (Chairperson)
Leon Han
Sue Labberton
Michael Thong
Evelyn Han & Ray Wong (Secretary)

Terms of reference:

1. The CRC will review the current CAV Constitution, propose amendments where appropriate, and submit its recommendations to the EXCO by end September 2007.*
2. The EXCO will call a special meeting to discuss the proposed amendments to the Constitution by early December.

SUBMISSIONS

The CRC kept the membership informed of its progress through the CAV Newsletter. Members were requested to send their submissions to the Committee.

The CRC received written comments and submissions from 5 members. Gim Leong Teh, Vincent Chow, Frank Chew, Yik Chee Ho, and Michael Thong.

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION

The CRC has reviewed the entire constitution and went through all the submissions received from members in detail. Whilst the existing constitution is sound and robust, there was a need to standardise terminology and numbering format. As the proposed changes are extensive and complex, the Committee has gone through the entire constitution to ensure that all aspects are covered and cross-checked. It has considered the wording and content of the current Constitution, submissions from the membership, an independent legal opinion on some sections, and comments from Consumer Affairs Victoria and lengthy discussions and considerations in interpreting all the information gathered

It has been a lengthy process, but it is critical that the review is comprehensive and that the revised Constitution is in line with the model of rules of the Associations Incorporation Act. Consequently, it was not possible to meet the time-frame that was stated in the original terms of reference.

**At the AGM held on 30 March 2008, a report was made to the meeting and the membership approved an extension of time to June 2008.*

MEETINGS

1. CRC meetings.

The CRC held 11 meetings over the 12 month period from April 2007- May 2008:

- 2007 - 21 April, 10 June, 4 August, 25 September, 11 October, and 12 December
- 2008 - 16 January, 5 February, 5 March, 9 April, 30 April.

CRC presented its recommendations to EXCO on 16 May 2008

2. Meetings Convened by CAV President Khim Chow August-December 2008

- o August - EXCO meeting with CRC to discuss CRC Recommendations (Report of 16 May 2008)
- o November - CRC meet with honorary CAV legal adviser Kin Chua to follow through proposed amendments raised at EXCO meeting of 11 August.
- o 25 November - CRC and Trustees meet to follow through suggestions of Kin Chua/Tan
- o 1 December - Final meeting to complete unfinished business of 25 November meeting

Khim Chow circulated the Draft Constitution on 5 December 2008 to all CAV Subgroups for comments at the Q & A meeting on 14 December 2008.

3. Q & A Meeting held on 14 December 2008

21 members attended the Q& A meeting at the CAV Centre. Clarification was sought on several points and after discussion, appropriate changes were made to the proposed amended constitution.

The proposed amended constitution will be listed on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting to be held in March 2009.

4. Advice from Department of Justice

In January 2009, Khim Chow sent the proposed amended constitution to Fred Green, Indigenous Consumer Unit, Department of Justice for his advice. Fred Green informed Khim that the CAV rules were fine but we should insert a rule for disciplining members and grievance procedure in accordance with the model rules. This advice was taken aboard and the relevant rules inserted in the proposed amended constitution.

The following information is provided by Khim Chow: *"Green is a qualified accountant who specialises in non-profit organisations. He reviewed our proposed constitution against the Tax Act and the constitution was passed to a group of lawyers from the Justice Department who reviewed our proposed constitution from all legal aspects including the Equal Opportunities Act. My understanding is that this group of lawyers constantly reviews constitutions for numerous non-profit organisations & associations and are well-versed in constitutional law and requirements"*

"Fred has replied to my request for confirmation of our 'Non-taxable' status and compliance to the Equals Opportunity Act regarding our proposed constitution changes. Please refer to his email trail below.

Also, for your information, I verbally enquired about the possibility of non-compliance to the Equals Opportunities Act with regards to the acceptance of government grants. Fred's opinion is that CAV is considered to be an 'Association' and not a 'Club' from an Equal Opportunities Act perspective and receiving grants from VMC or other governments should not compromise our Equal Opportunities position. He also mentioned that numerous Associations apply and receive grants. The key thing is to ensure guidelines for the grants are followed. Please also refer to the comments on his email below. "

-----Original Message-----

From: Fred.Green@justice.vic.gov.au [mailto:

Fred.Green@justice.vic.gov.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 03 February 2009 1:05 PM

To: Chow, Khim

Subject: Re: FW: Chinese Association of Victoria (CAV) - Amended Constitution

Khim

Your draft constitution does comply with the current Tax Office guidelines for a non-profit organisation. In regards to the Equal Opportunity Act there is no problem in restricting your membership to a particular community or ethnic group. There are thousands of ethnic associations in Victoria that restrict their membership to a particular nationality or even to a specific clan, tribal or group within a particular State or area of a country.

Regards

Fred Green

Indigenous Consumers Unit

Ph: 03 8684 6456

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fred.green@justice.vic.gov.au

SUMMARY: The proposed amended constitution will be circulated in the next Newsletter and the item will be listed on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting to be held in March 2009.

Chooi Hon Ho

Chairperson

CAV CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

21 December 2008

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT, 1981 VICTORIA

SECTION 5(b)

CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC

Part 1: STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

The Statement of Purposes of the Association shall be:

- 1.1 To promote the Chinese language, art, dance, music and other activities consistent with the Chinese culture, custom and heritage.
- 1.2 To provide facilities and venues for the education and learning of Chinese language, culture, custom and heritage.
- 1.3 To provide assistance and relief to individuals and families in need in the Chinese community.
- 1.4 To assist and encourage new arrivals of Chinese origin to integrate with the Australian community.
- 1.5 To encourage and foster goodwill, cooperation and understanding with similar Chinese organizations and the wider communities in Australia.
- 1.6 To represent the interest and concerns of Chinese Australians in Australia. The Association does not have any political or religious affiliation.
- 1.7 To provide facilities and opportunities for social, sporting and other recreational activities ancillary to the stated purposes of the association and as a centre to support the above purposes.

Part 2: RULES OF CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

1. **NAME:** The name of the incorporated association is CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INCORPORATED (in these Rules called "the Association")

2. **DEFINITIONS:**

In these Rules, unless the contrary intention appears:-

"Act" means the **Associations Incorporation Act 1981**;

"Executive Committee" means the committee of management under rule 10.1.2 ;

"financial year" means the year ending on 31 December;

"general meeting" means a general meeting of members convened in accordance with rule 10.9

"member" means a member of the Association;

"ordinary member of the committee" means a member of the committee who is not an officer of the Association under rule 10.2;

"Regulations" means regulations under the Act;

"relevant documents" has the same meaning as in the Act;

"resolutions" are those passed at an Annual General Meeting;

"special resolutions" are those passed at an Extraordinary or Special General Meeting.

"financial member" means a member who has paid his membership fees for the financial year

3. **MEMBERSHIP:**

3.1 **ORDINARY MEMBER**

Any person of Chinese origin aged 18 years or above who is an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia shall be eligible to be an ordinary member, either on a family or single basis upon payment in advance of the fee and annual subscription prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

3.2 **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:**

Any other person aged 18 years or above who is interested in furthering the purposes set in the Statement of Purposes of the Association shall be eligible to be an associate member, either on a family or single basis upon payment in advance of the fee and annual subscription prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time

3.3 LIFE MEMBER:

Any member of the Association shall be eligible to be a Life member upon payment in advance of the life membership fee or such payments prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time.

4 ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

- 4.1 An application by a person for membership of the Association must be made in writing in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee or in such other manner as may be formulated by the Executive Committee from time to time.
- 4.2 Upon payment of the joining fee, annual subscription fee and other fees as may be prescribed by the Executive Committee in any manner and method as it sees fit from time to time and upon approval by a simple majority of the Executive Committee, the applicant shall be admitted as an ordinary or associate member as the case may be.
- 4.3 Within 28 days of receipt of payment of the fees and subscription, and approved by the Executive Committee, the Association Secretary must enter the applicant's name in the Register of members.
- 4.4 If the Executive Committee rejects an application for membership, the Executive Committee must notify the applicant in writing that the application has been rejected without giving any reasons whatsoever and fees will be refunded. The decision of the Executive Committee is final and is not subject to any review or appeal by the applicant.
- 4.5 Where membership is applied for and approved on a family basis, the spouse of an ordinary member or associate member shall be deemed to be a member of the Association according to Rule 3.

5 REGISTER OF MEMBERS:

The Secretary shall keep and maintain a Register of Members in which shall be entered the full name, address, class of membership and date of entry of each member. Any request for members' information must be made via the Association Secretary in writing, subject to the Australian Privacy Act.

6 PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS:

6.1 ORDINARY MEMBER:

A financial ordinary member is entitled to:

- 6.1.1 subject to a minimum of three months membership, vote at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM"), Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") or Special General Meeting ("SGM");
- 6.1.2 subject to a minimum of three months membership, be nominated for Executive Committee at an AGM.
- 6.1.3 receive newsletters and other publications of the Association;
- 6.1.4 subject to guidelines laid down by the Executive Committee from time to time:
 - 6.1.4.1 attend all functions and activities of the Association;

6.1.4.2 have right of access to and use of the premises and facilities provided by the Association.

6.2 **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:**

A financial associate member is entitled to:

6.2.1 participate in AGM, EGM and SGM but is not entitled to vote or be nominated for Executive Committee, and

6.2.2 all other privileges conferred on ordinary members.

6.3 **LIFE MEMBER:**

6.3.1 An ordinary life member is entitled to:

6.3.1.1 subject to a minimum of three months membership, vote and/or be nominated for Executive Committee; and

6.3.1.2 all other privileges conferred on ordinary members.

6.3.2 Any other life member who is not an ordinary member is entitled to:

6.3.2.1 participate in AGM, EGM and SGM but is not entitled to vote or be nominated for Executive Committee; and

6.3.2.2 all other privileges conferred on ordinary members.

7 RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS: -

7.1 A member accepts the purposes set out in the Statement of Purposes of the Association and agrees to comply with the Rules of the Association.

7.2 A member shall pay an annual subscription and any other fee, as determined by the Executive Committee. The annual subscription shall be due and payable by the 1st day of January each calendar year. For the purposes of general meetings, a member is a financial member who has prior to the general meetings, paid the annual subscription for the current year and any arrears.

7.3 A member shall undertake to exercise due care and responsibility in the use of premises, facilities, equipment and other property of the Association.

7.4 No member of the Association shall commit the Association to any contractual or other liability or commitment without first obtaining the written approval of the Executive Committee of the Association under its Common Seal.

7.5 Notwithstanding the prohibition in the preceding Rule 7.4, a member of the Executive Committee may, where necessary for the purposes of carrying out his/her duties, enter into commitments on behalf of the Association but only up to such amount or other extent as may be prescribed in writing by the Executive Committee from time to time.

7.6 No member of the Association shall act in any way contrary to the purposes set out in the Statement of Purposes and Rules of the Association.

7.7 No member of the Association shall conduct personal affairs in the name of the Executive Committee or of the Association.

7.8 The Association, through the Executive Committee, shall be entitled to claim full indemnity from any member for any loss or other liability incurred by the Association directly or indirectly as a result of any conduct by that member in contravention of any of his/her responsibilities as a member of the Association.

7.9 Discipline, suspension and expulsion of members

7.9.1. Subject to these Rules, if the committee is of the opinion that a member has refused or neglected to comply with these Rules, or has been guilty of conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interests of the Association, the committee may by resolution--

7.9.1.1. fine that member an amount not exceeding \$500; or

7.9.1.2. suspend that member from membership of the Association for a specified period; or

7.9.1.3. expel that member from the Association.

7.9.2. A resolution of the committee under sub-rule (1) does not take effect unless--

7.9.2.1. at a meeting held in accordance with sub-rule (3), the committee confirms the resolution; and

7.9.2.2. (b) if the member exercises a right of appeal to the Association under this rule, the Association confirms the resolution in accordance with this rule.

7.9.3. A meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1) must be held not earlier than 14 days, and not later than 28 days, after notice has been given to the member in accordance with sub-rule (4).

7.9.4. For the purposes of giving notice in accordance with sub-rule (3), the Secretary must, as soon as practicable, cause to be given to the member a written notice--

7.9.4.1. setting out the resolution of the committee and the grounds on which it is based; and

7.9.4.2. stating that the member, or his or her representative, may address the committee at a meeting to be held not earlier than 14 days and not later than 28 days after the notice has been given to that member; and

7.9.4.3. stating the date, place and time of that meeting; and

7.9.4.4. informing the member that he or she may do one or both of the following--

7.9.4.4.1. attend that meeting;

7.9.4.4.2. give to the committee before the date of that meeting a written statement seeking the revocation of the resolution;

7.9.4.5. informing the member that, if at that meeting, the committee confirms the resolution, he or she may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.

7.9.5. At a meeting of the committee to confirm or revoke a resolution passed under sub-rule (1), the committee must-

- 7.9.5.1. give the member, or his or her representative, an opportunity to be heard; and
- 7.9.5.2. give due consideration to any written statement submitted by the member; and
- 7.9.5.3. determine by resolution whether to confirm or to revoke the resolution.

7.9.6 If at the meeting of the committee, the committee confirms the resolution, the member may, not later than 48 hours after that meeting, give the Secretary a notice to the effect that he or she wishes to appeal to the Association in general meeting against the resolution.

7.9.7 If the Secretary receives a notice under sub-rule (6), he or she must notify the committee and the committee must convene a general meeting of the Association to be held within 21 days after the date on which the Secretary received the notice.

7.9.8 At a general meeting of the Association convened under sub-rule (7)--

- 7.9.8.1 no business other than the question of the appeal may be conducted; and
- 7.9.8.2 the committee may place before the meeting details of the grounds for the resolution and the reasons for the passing of the resolution; and
- 7.9.8.3 the member, or his or her representative, must be given an opportunity to be heard; and
- 7.9.8.4 the members present must vote by secret ballot on the question whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.

7.9.9 A resolution is confirmed if, at the general meeting, not less than two-thirds of the members vote in person, or by proxy, in favour of the resolution. In any other case, the resolution is revoked.

8 DISPUTE AND RESOLUTIONS:

The grievance procedure set out in this rule applies to disputes under these rules between (A) a member and another member; or (B) a member and the Association.

8.1 The parties to the dispute must meet and discuss the matter in dispute, and, if possible, resolve the dispute within 14 days after the dispute comes to the attention of all of the parties.

8.2 If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute at the meeting, or if a party fails to attend that meeting, then the parties must, within 10 days, hold a meeting in the presence of a mediator.

8.3 The mediator must be –

8.3.1 a person chosen by agreement between the parties; or

8.3.2 in the absence of agreement in the case of a dispute between a member and

the Association, a person who is a mediator appointed or employed by the Dispute Settlement Centre of Victoria (Department of Justice).

- 8.4 A member of the Association can be a mediator.
- 8.5 The mediator cannot be a member who is a party to the dispute.
- 8.6 The parties to the dispute must, in good faith, attempt to settle the dispute by mediation.
- 8.7 The mediator, in conducting the mediation, must –
 - 8.7.1 give the parties to the mediation process every opportunity to be heard; and
 - 8.7.2 allow due consideration by all parties of any written statement submitted by any party; and
 - 8.7.3 ensure that natural justice is accorded to the parties to the dispute throughout the mediation process.
- 8.8 The mediator facilitates the process and shall not determine the dispute.
- 8.9 If the mediation process does not result in the dispute being resolved, the parties may seek to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Act or otherwise by law.

9 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Association shall continue until it is terminated in any of the following ways:

- 9.1 Upon receipt by the Secretary of a written notice from the resigning member of the resignation
- 9.2 Upon failure to pay the current annual subscription by the last day of the current calendar year provided that membership is revived:
 - 9.2.1 on acceptance by the Executive Committee that there was reasonable cause for the failure to pay; and
 - 9.2.2 on payment of all overdue fees within a further period of twelve (12) months.
- 9.3 Upon expulsion by the Executive Committee for conduct which, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is detrimental to the interests of the Association.
- 7.9 Upon termination of membership of the Association, a member shall forfeit all rights to and claims upon the Association and is no longer entitled to exercise the rights of membership of the Association.

10 ADMINISTRATION:

10.1 AUTHORITY

- 10.1.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed and administered by the Executive Committee.
- 10.1.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of:
 - 10.1.2.1 the officers of the Association; and

10.1.2.2 six ordinary member of committee or such other number as the Executive Committee determines from time.

The Executive Committee members shall serve on an honorary basis.

10.1.3 The Executive Committee:

10.1.3.1 shall control and manage the business and affairs of the Association; and

10.1.3.2 may, subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, exercise all such powers and functions as may be exercised by the Association other than those powers and functions that are required by these Rules to be exercised by general meetings of the members of the Association; and

10.1.3.3 subject to these Rules, the Act and the Regulations, has power to perform all such acts and things as appear to the committee to be essential for the proper management of the business and affairs of the Association.

10.1.3.4 shall have full power to control all matters necessary for or relevant to the efficient administration of the Association including the appointment and dissolution of adhoc committees and sub-committees.

10.1.3.5 shall have the power as and when casual vacancies of the Executive Committee arise to co-opt financial ordinary members, of a minimum of 3 months membership, to fill such vacancies and who will hold such vacancies until the next Annual General Meeting.

10.2 COMPOSITION

The officers of the Association shall be:

10.2.1 The President,

10.2.2 Three Vice-Presidents,

10.2.3 The Secretary, who shall also be the Public Officer,

10.2.4 The Assistant Secretary,

10.2.5 The Treasurer,

10.2.6 The Assistant Treasurer,

10.2.7 The Public Relations Officer.

10.3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

10.3.1 The President shall be responsible for:

- chairing all meetings of the Committee;
- the overall management and implementation of policies and programmes;
- presenting an annual address at the Annual General Meeting.

10.3.2 The Vice-Presidents shall be responsible for:

- assisting the President in the management and implementation of policies and programmes;
- acting on the President's behalf in his/her absence at meetings;
- undertaking specific as well as the above duties as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

10.3.3 The Secretary shall be responsible for:

- arranging meetings of the Executive Committee;
- sending out all relevant notices for any special or extraordinary general meetings and the Annual General Meeting;
- official correspondence of the Association;
- preparing the Annual Report for the Annual General Meeting;
- keeping an up-to-date Register of Members and other matters relating to the administration of the Association;
- keeping, updating and distributing copies of the Statement of Purposes and Rules to interested members.

10.3.4 The Assistant Secretary shall be responsible for assisting the Secretary in his/her duties and/or other specific duties as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

10.3.5 The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

- keeping up-to-date, proper and correct records of all financial transactions of the Association;
- the safe keeping and investment of relevant funds of the Association;
- preparing and presenting a statement of the current financial position of the Association at each Executive Committee meeting;
- presenting an audited statement of the income and expenditure and a balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

10.3.6 The Assistant Treasurer shall be responsible for assisting the Treasurer and / or other specific duties determined by the Executive Committee.

10.3.7 The Public Relations Officer shall be responsible for:

- liaising with the public in matters not assumed by the President or any of the Vice Presidents;
- liaising with other associations and with authorities or agencies in matters prescribed by the Committee.

10.3.8 Other ordinary members of the committee shall be responsible for specific duties assigned to them by the Executive Committee.

10.3.9 Each member of the Executive Committee must act in accordance with the Act, the Rules and the Regulations.

10.4 MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

10.4.1 Executive Committee meetings shall be called at least once every two (2) months by the President, a Vice President or the Secretary for the administration of the Association.

10.4.2 The necessary quorum for such meetings shall be constituted by the presence of two thirds of members of the Executive Committee.

10.4.3 Decisions at Executive Committee meetings shall be determined by a majority of members of the Executive Committee present.

10.5 RESIGNATION AND EXPLUSION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

A member of the Executive Committee may be expelled from the Committee if:

- 10.5.1 he or she makes improper use of his or her position in the Association so as to gain, directly or indirectly, any pecuniary benefit or material advantage for himself or herself or any other person;
- 10.5.2 his or her conduct, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, is detrimental to the interests of the Association:
Such member shall be regarded as expelled from the Committee upon a resolution passed by at least two thirds of Executive Committee members.
- 10.5.3 A member of the Executive Committee who, in the opinion of the other members of the Executive Committee, fails without good reason to attend any three consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee may be required by the other members of the Executive Committee to resign from the Executive Committee.
- 10.5.4 A member of the Executive Committee shall be deemed to have resigned from the Executive Committee only when notification in writing has been delivered on behalf of the Executive Committee to that member.

10.6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meetings of the Association shall be convened by the President or a Vice-President and shall be held before the end of March each year. The President, or in his or her absence, a Vice-President shall take the Chair at the Annual General Meeting.

All notices of Annual General Meetings and the agenda shall be posted by ordinary mail fourteen (14) calendar days beforehand to the address of members recorded on the register of members.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- 10.6.1 to receive and adopt the minutes of:
 - 10.6.1.1 the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 10.6.1.2 any Extraordinary General Meetings and / or Special General Meetings held since the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 10.6.2 to receive and adopt the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.
- 10.6.3 to receive from the Executive Committee reports upon the transactions of the Association during the preceding year.
- 10.6.4 to elect officers and other members of the Executive Committee for the forthcoming year.
- 10.6.5 to appoint an Auditor.
- 10.6.6 any other business.

The quorum for such a meeting shall not be less than 15% of the financial ordinary members entitled under these Rules to vote, or 50 financial ordinary members personally present entitled under these Rules to vote, whichever is the lower.

10.7 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING:

An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called either by the Executive Committee or financial ordinary members.

10.7.1 The purpose of an Extraordinary General Meeting is to discuss and decide on the following matters:

- 10.7.1.1 Amendments to the Statement of Purposes and Rules of the Association
- 10.7.1.2 Sale or purchase of land and / or real estate
- 10.7.1.3 Matters brought forward by written petitions of financial ordinary members
- 10.7.1.4 Dissolution or winding up of the Association

10.7.2 If an Extraordinary General Meeting is called by the Executive Committee, the President, a Vice-President or Secretary shall hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on the date stated in the written notice sent to the members of the Association at least twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the meeting with the stated objective of the meeting.

10.7.3 If an Extraordinary General Meeting is requested by financial ordinary members pursuant to the following provisions:

10.7.3.1 Any financial ordinary member of the Association may by written petition request an Extraordinary General Meeting with the written support of not less than 80 financial ordinary members entitled under these Rules to vote or 15% of the financial ordinary members entitled under these Rules to vote, whichever is the lower.

10.7.3.2 The petition for such an Extraordinary General Meeting must –

- 10.7.3.2.1 State the objects of the meeting; and
- 10.7.3.2.2 Be signed by the members requesting the meeting; and
- 10.7.3.2.3 Be sent to the address of the Secretary

10.7.3.3 The President, a Vice-President or Secretary shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving written petition in accordance with these rules.

10.7.3.4 The President, a Vice-President or Secretary shall hold an Extraordinary General Meeting on the date stated in the written notice sent to the members of the Association at least twenty- one (21) calendar days prior to the meeting with the stated objective of the meeting.

The quorum for such a meeting shall not be less than 20% of the financial ordinary members entitled under these Rules to vote, or 100-financial ordinary members personally present entitled under these Rules to vote, whichever is the lower.

10.8 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

In addition to the Annual General Meeting, other general meetings may be held in the same year. All general meetings of the association other than the Annual General Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting, are Special General Meetings of the Association.

10.8.1 Special General Meetings of the Association shall be: -

- 10.8.1.1 convened by the PO+resident or Vice President; and
- 10.8.1.2 shall be held as it is deemed necessary.

10.8.2 All notices of Special General Meeting and the agenda shall be posted by ordinary mail twenty one (21) calendar days beforehand to the address of members recorded on the Register of Members of the Association.

The quorum for the Special General Meeting shall be constituted by the presence of 50 financial ordinary members entitled under these Rules to vote, or 15% of the total financial ordinary members personally present entitled under these Rules to vote, whichever is the lower.

10.9 Procedural rules for General Meetings of the Association

10.9.1 All notices of General Meetings:

10.9.1.1 Shall state the place, date and time and the agenda to be conducted at the meeting.

10.9.1.2 Shall be posted to each member of the Association by ordinary mail at least fourteen (14) calendar days for Annual General Meetings to each member of the Association on the Register of Members of the Association.

10.9.1.3 Where a special resolution has been proposed at an Extraordinary General Meeting or Special General Meeting, notice of at least twenty-one (21) calendar days of that resolution must be given to members of that resolution before the date of the General Meeting.

10.9.1.4 May be sent, if the member requests, by facsimile transmission or electronic transmission.

10.9.1.5 Business:

No business other than that set out in the notice convening the meeting may be conducted at the meeting.

10.9.2 Voting at General Meetings:

All financial ordinary members shall be entitled to one vote in person. Voting by proxy or Power of Attorney shall not be allowed.

10.10 ELECTION:

The annual election of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Annual General Meeting.

10.10.1 Nominations for positions in the Executive Committee shall be forwarded using the prescribed form in writing to the Secretary at least seven (7) calendar days before the Annual General Meeting.

10.10.2 The proposer and seconder shall be financial ordinary members.

10.10.3 Where there is only one candidate for a position the candidate shall be declared elected.

10.10.4 All financial ordinary members shall only be entitled to vote in person. Voting by proxy or Power of Attorney shall not be allowed.

10.10.5 Where there are two or more candidates for one position, voting shall be by ballot and the candidate with the majority of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie occurring, a re-election shall be held at that meeting.

10.10.6 All members of the annual Executive Committee shall hold office after the date of election until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

10.11 VOTING:

All financial ordinary members shall only be entitled to vote in person. No proxy or representative voting procedures shall be allowed.

10.11.1 Where there are two or more candidates for one position, voting shall be by ballot and the candidate with the majority of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie occurring, a re-election shall be held.

10.11.2 All members of the annual Executive Committee shall hold office after the date of election until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

11. RESOLUTIONS:

11.1 Resolutions at all Annual General Meetings shall be passed if a simple majority of the financial ordinary members at the meeting who are entitled under these Rules to vote, vote in favour of the resolution in person.

11.2 Special resolutions at all Special General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings shall be passed if at least three-quarters of the financial ordinary members at the meeting who are entitled to vote, vote in favour of the resolution in person.

12. AMENDMENTS TO THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSES AND RULES:

The Statement of Purposes or Rules of the Association shall only be altered in accordance with the Act and passed by a special resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

12.1 A special resolution must be passed when the Association decides to either:

12.1.1 change its name.

12.1.2 change its rules.

12.1.3 change its statement of purpose.

12.1.3 amalgamate with one or more incorporated association.

12.1.5 purchase, sell, mortgage or subdivide the land or real property of the Association.

12.1.6 wind up or dissolve the Association.

12.2 A special resolution is passed at the meeting if:

12.2.1 At least twenty-one (21) calendar days notice has been given (in accordance with the Rules) to all members entitled to vote, specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution at that meeting.

12.2.2 At least three quarters of the financial ordinary members at the meeting, who are entitled to vote, vote in favour of the resolution in person.

12.2.3 Any additional requirements of the rules of the incorporated association relating to the passing of a special resolution have been met.

12.2.4 The chairperson declares the resolution has been carried, unless a poll is demanded.

13. FINANCE:

13.1 AUDITS:

The accounts of the Association may be audited at any time and at least once a year.

13.2 BANKING:

The Executive Committee shall open such banking account in the name of the Association as it thinks fit and proper and all cheques and other negotiable instruments of the Association shall be signed by any two of the following officers or such other persons as the Executive Committee determines from time to time:

- the President
- the Treasurer
- the Secretary

13.3 CONTROL OF FUNDS:

The Executive Committee shall manage the Association's funds and apply these to conduct the Association's affairs in pursuance of its stated purposes.

13.4 SOURCES OF INCOME AND OTHER FUNDS:

Within the stated Purposes of the Association, the Executive Committee has the power to:

- 13.4.1 Prescribe annual membership fees, joining fees and other subscriptions determined from time to time by the Executive Committee in any manner and method as it sees fit;
- 13.4.2 Waive in part or in whole the imposition of any fees in respect of any person or member of any class thereof as it sees fit from time to time;
- 13.4.3 Raise funds by appeal for donations or by organizing fund-raising activities within the scope of its Statement of Purposes.

13.5 FUNDS:

The funds of the Association shall be derived from annual and other subscriptions, joining fees, donations and such other sources as the Executive Committee determines.

The assets and income of the Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of the stated Purposes of the Association and no portion shall be distributed directly or indirectly to the members of the Association except as bona fide compensation for services rendered or expenses incurred on behalf of the Association.

13.6 GIFT FUND:

The School Building Fund of the Association is established and maintained solely for the purposes of the school buildings for which the Association has been endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient (DGR).

Any other Gift Funds for specific purposes would need to be separately setup and endorsed by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient (DGR).

- 13.6.1 A board of trustee approved by the Association in a General Meeting shall manage the Gift Fund.
- 13.6.2 A separate bank account shall be set up and maintained for the Gift Fund.
- 13.6.3 In managing the Gift Fund, the board of trustees shall have the following powers:
 - 13.6.3.1 to accept gifts of money or property.
 - 13.6.3.2 to invest money of the fund in accordance with the law applicable to investments by trustees.
 - 13.6.3.3 to apply the money and property solely for the purpose of the Gift Fund in accordance with conditions laid down for the DGR status.
- 13.6.4 The Gift Fund shall not provide tax deductibility for income derived from:
 - 13.6.4.1 Sponsorship
 - 13.6.4.2 Commercial activities
 - 13.6.4.3 Raffles, auctions and fundraising dinners
- 13.6.5 The Association may wind up the Gift Fund by a resolution of financial ordinary members in a General Meeting of the Association.
- 13.6.6 In the event of winding up the Gift Fund or in the event of revocation of the Australian Tax Office endorsement of the Gift Fund, whichever occurs first, any surplus assets or money remaining after payment of liabilities shall be transferred to another gift fund or institution endorsed as a deductible gift recipient of similar purposes of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

13.7 **TRADING RESTRICTION:**

The Association shall not buy sell or deal in goods or services, or in any way trade or do any business except:

- 13.7.1 Where the transaction is ancillary to the stated Purposes of the Association and
- 13.7.2 Where the transaction is with the public, if:
 - 13.7.2.1 it consists of admission fees to displays, exhibition, contests, sporting fixtures or other occasions organized for the promotion of the stated Purposes of the Association;
 - or
 - 13.7.2.1 it is not substantial in number or value in relation to the other activities of the Association.

14. **DEALINGS WITH THE LAND OR REAL PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION:**

- 14.1 The Executive Committee Member shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for the following dealings with the land or real property of the Association:
 - 14.1.1 to sell, dispose, mortgage, or subdivide the land;
 - 14.1.2 to acquire, purchase, buy additional land or real property;
- 14.2 The above dealings with the land or real property of the Association must be passed by a special resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting by at least three-quarters of the

financial ordinary members at the meeting who are entitled to vote, vote in favour of the resolution in person.

- 14.3 The net proceeds from any sale or disposal of any land or real property must not be distributed to any members of the Association at all times. Such net proceeds must be used by the Association solely for the purposes set out in the Statement of Purposes.

15. BOOKS:

- 15.1 The books, records, securities and other documents of the Association (other than current books of account) shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary.
- 15.2 Subject to rule 5, the books and records of the Association shall be open to inspection by members of the Association upon receiving a written request from such interested members.
- 15.3 The current books of account shall be kept in the custody of the Treasurer.

16. SEAL:

- 16.1 The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary.
- 16.2 The Common Seal shall not be affixed to any instrument except by the authority of the Executive Committee and the signatures of two officers of the Executive Committee shall attest the affixing of the Common Seal.

17. DISSOLUTION OR WINDING UP:

- 17.1 Winding up voluntarily or dissolution of the Association must be passed by a special resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting by at least three-quarters of the financial ordinary members at the meeting who are entitled to vote, vote in favour of the resolution in person.
- 17.2 Any surplus funds, assets and properties, after meeting all legal liabilities, shall be donated to Chinese charitable organisations with similar purposes and is not carried on for the purpose of profit or gain to its individual members.
- 17.3 The execution of these matters shall be carried out by an appointed independent Administrator.

CAV GOLF



Since the last newsletter there has been a change of date for the Annual CAV Golf Championships from the 29th March to the 5th April 2009. This change was necessary due the clash with our CAV AGM which is scheduled for the 29th March. However the venue is still the same, i.e. the Eynesbury Golf Club on Sunday 5th April 2009.

Competition will be in 4 categories, Open Championship (stroke play); A, B and C divisions (Stableford) - in both Men's and Ladies'.

Cost: \$65-00 pp to cover the green fees and prizes.

Carts and lunches on your own.

Tee-Off time 8.30am - Two tees.

Bookings are now open (80) and will be on a first come first served basis. Email: fch97525@bigpond.net.au
Those who wished to be in the competition for the board events please ensure that your CAV membership is current. Social players are also welcomed and catered for with prizes.

APAC-CAV Challenge on the 26th Jan. at Settlers Run Golf course and the Valentine Shield on 15th Feb. at the Kew Golf Club would have gone to past by the time this newsletter is distributed and the results will be in the next newsletter. The next important event is the Annual CAV Golf Championship Presentation Dinner on Saturday the 23rd. May 2009 at our CAV Centre. Please put this down in your diary. As usual it will be a banquet dinner with entertainment and fun for all.

Those of you who are golf enthusiasts and wish to receive updated golfing news from the CAV Golf group, please send your email addresses to me. Equally those of you who have changed your email address please inform me otherwise you will miss out.

Happy Golfing,
Frank Chew
Golf Captain.

KARAOKE



SMILE. LAUGH AND SING!

Singing is a hobby of many people. Through singing, we can express our feelings as well as de-stress and have fun! Laughing and smiling are healthy things to do, so by coming every first and third Sunday of the month to CAV Karaoke club, you can do all of these, and much, much more! So I encourage you to come along with some friends, , laugh, sing and have plenty of fun.

We can bring joy to the community through some planned activities. On 20/12/2008, we performed Christmas carols at three retirement villages. The very positive experience has touched the audiences and singers alike. We would like to explore the feasibility of continuing with such community service

activities during 2009.

We have a fantastic start to the year of the cow. The group organised two very successful Street Karaoke Competitions. The first was held at the China Town Chinese New Year celebration on the evening of 1/2/09, and the second at Glen Waverley Chinese New Year Street Festival on 8/2/09. We received overwhelming response from members of the public who wanted to participate but due to time constrains, we had to turn away many registrants. Nevertheless there were much joy amongst the participants and the organising committee alike.



Our sub-group AGM was held on 4/1/09. A new enlarged committee was elected, with the welcoming infusion of newcomers. The committee members are as follows:

Chairman	Raymond Wong	Committee Member	Simon Wong
Deputy Chairman	Anne Wong	Committee Memb	Richard Mok
Secretary	Tien Loh	Committee Memb	Irene Ching
Assistant Secretary	Min Loh	Committee Memb	Linda Xue
Treasurer	Helen Qian	Committee Memb	Catherine Goh
Assistant Treasurer	Bill Ho	Public Relations Officer	Desmond Tan

The fee structure has been revised. Members can choose to pay upfront, at \$80 p.a., or pay at the door at \$5 per session. The respective amounts for non-members are \$130 and \$7. Raymond, Chairperson

Special Acknowledgement -

A big Thank You to Anne Wong for her kind donations of her birthday cash gifts to the CAV School Building Fund.



CAVTT 2008 Annual Dinner

There was laughter and song galore when members of CAVTT, together with other CAV members and friends, let their hair down at the CAVTT 2008 Annual Dinner celebrations held at Mabrown, Balwyn on the evening of Sunday, 16 November 2008. Eighty or so people turned up to share a night of good food, good camaraderie and good fun.

Master of Ceremonies, John Hee commenced proceedings with some of his observations on the not-so-serious-side of playing table tennis at CAV. After the customary address by CAV President, Khim Chow and by CAVTT Chairperson, George Liew, Frankie Lee kick-started the night's karaoke entertainment with an interpretation of "It's Now Or Never" that would have made Elvis proud. He was quickly followed by a galaxy of stars including Charles Chai with "Memory" (from CATS) and a Hokkien number and George Liew with a couple of Mandarin songs,

Helen Hong's 珠圆玉润's solo performance of 红豆词 (Song of Love Pea) was a welcome change from the predominance of male voices. Making her first karaoke appearance, Leong Fung's re-telling of 小城事 (A Small Town Story), was a breath of fresh air.

Other karaoke contributions came from Peng Chua, Ka Sing Chua and wife, Ramona, Vincent Chow, Rita Lee, Jonathan Au and brother, Andy.

In between karaoke numbers, John Hee, accompanying himself on guitar, reminisced about the country of his birth with a nostalgic ballad he called, "For The Moon Is Shining Bright over Malaysia" and followed up with a version of Willie Nelson's "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain".



Demand for karaoke was so great that the completion of the Raffle Draw had to be deferred to allow the growing queue of performers to take to the microphone. Had it been a Saturday, we would have sung all night and even asked for more.

The evening's mood was best summed up by Martin Chiew who said, "Good food, good company, good MC and good organization always spell success". Few present that night would have disagreed with Martin.

Consul-General of the People's Republic of China at CAV Centre for table tennis and EXCO "Thank You" Dinner

CAV/CAVTT had the pleasure of having the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Shen Wei Lian and Mr. Chen Di play a round of table tennis with CAVTT members at CAV Centre on Sunday, 30 November 2008 prior to the EXCO "Thank You" Dinner at which they (together with their wives) were guests of honour.

CAVTT's presence at the "Thank You" Dinner was represented by Jonathan Au, Leong Fung, Charles Chai and John Hee. On behalf of CAVTT, Jonathan Au handed over to CAV President, Khim Chow, the inaugural Inter-Asian Challenge Cup won by CAVTT's Over-50 Team at the Inter-Asian Games concluded that same day (see below) and a token donation of \$1,000 to CAV (the third contribution for year 2008).

Brendan Giang's TT win

A member of CAVTT's squad of promising young players, 14-year old Brendan Giang was a partner in a doubles team which won the Doubles Event in the Div 5 of the Croydon District TT Championship held on 16 November 2008.

Brendan takes individual lessons from a Japanese player, Shinji. He plays four times a week and is often seen "smashing and looping" away with his dad, Fai, and others on week-ends at CAV.

He is currently in year 8, loves music, sport and art. He plays the flute and recently completed the Grade 4 AMEB Examinations. Brendan is a student at the CAV Sunday Chinese School where his mum, Lillie, manages the School Canteen. He is also a member of the newly-formed CAV Chinese School Orchestra. He gave up karate for basketball and later gave up basketball for table tennis.



More TT success stories

CAVTT featured prominently at the Inter-Asian Games held in Coburg on 29/30 November 2008 where our members scored the following successes:

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| • Tom Kee | Winner of Over-60 Singles Event |
| • Tom Kee/Albert Au/Andy Au | Winner of Over-50 Team Event |
| • Fatt Lee/Raymond Peng/ Felix Kung | Runner-Up of Over-50 Team Event |
| • Frankie Lee (as Doubles Partner) | Runner-Up of Veterans Doubles Event |

The team of Tom Kee/Albert Au/Andy Au brought home (to CAV) the inaugural Inter-Asian Challenge Cup for the Over-50 Team Event. The Cup will remain with CAV for a year and now stands prominently in CAV's Trophy Room.

Lawrence Qiu, the rising young star featured in our previous newsletter, has had further successes, winning the Sunbury Junior Open for Under-11. At the Croydon District Championship, Lawrence won the Division 2 Croydon Close and was Runner-Up in the Division 3 as well as the Under-21 and Under-15 Events.

CAVTT Sub-Group 2009 Committee

CAVTT held its Annual Members' Meeting on 23 November 2008 and elected the following to the Committee for the year 2009:

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| Chairperson: | Martin Chiew |
| Games Captain: | Jonathan Au |
| Secretary: | John Hee |
| Treasurer: | Fun Wong |
| Equipment Manager: | KY Wong |
| Committee Members: | George Liew
Lawrence Phoon
Charles Chai
Frankie Lee
Herman Chan |

CAVTT Fun Games & Social Day

To celebrate Christmas & New Year, CAVTT organized a social day for its members combining a "Christmas" lunch with "fun" table tennis games and karaoke (of course). Nearly 60 people (including spouses) turned out for the lunch. The majority also took part in table tennis matches with a difference. Based on a handicap system designed by the Games Captain to level out the playing field, participants had to put up with the sound of karaoke singing and music while playing and winners were awarded chocolate bars in lieu of medals. Still, there was hardly any complaints, and, by popular request, plans are afoot for a similar event to be held early in the new year.

John Hee
Secretary





From the C.A.V. School Principal, Ramona Chua

A very happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Golden Ox to everyone! Firstly, congratulations to all our VCE students! All VCE students who sat for Units 3 & Chinese as a Second Language passed their examinations with flying colours: the highest scores for the GA1, GA2, GA3 are A+, A+, A+ respectively and the lowest scores are B+, B+, B; the corresponding overall scores were 48 and 37 out of 50, excellent marks to be proud of. All students put in extra efforts in the final stage of the VCE examinations to come up with these excellent scores. Congratulations to all! Well done!

The 2009 school year starts on Sunday 1st February. As the Chinese New Year comes early this year, our school community will be celebrating Chinese New Year on the first day back, with the whole school curriculum being Chinese New Year, its history, legends, significance to the Chinese people, Chinese tablets and poems, etc.

As the summer temperature rises, parents please remind your children to bring their sun hats to school. It is the School's policy that any children without hats will not be allowed to play in the playground. I would also take the opportunity to invite all parents to stay back after you have dropped your children off in school. Members of the School Councils are in school each Sunday to meet parents, and you will also be able to speak to parents of children in your children's class. Besides, the school could do with volunteers. Should you volunteer to help in our school, you will be required to apply for a 'Working With Children' card. I have the application forms, and will assist you in this matter.

2008 has gone rather quickly when I look back; I wish to thank all teachers and casual relief teachers for their dedication to their work. All of us in the school have made friends with each other, and I had been asked to be an "elder" at one of our teachers' engagement and, later, wedding! ZhiMing and I went to visit Teacher Ma Lan who had a healthy baby boy in August. As the friendship between teachers and staff grows, it is with a touch of sadness that we farewell three of our teachers as they leave to teach full-time in regional Victoria. We shall miss them. However, the School must go on; welcome the new teachers replacing those who have left.

Special thanks to ZHAO Ling who has kindly donated the mini microphone system to our school. Ling helped the school to purchase the sets from China, however, she later chose not to accept any money, but donated the whole lot to the school, saying she was moved by the help, guidance and friendship she received from all in our school.

Our School has been fortunate to have so many people to help us in one way or another. On behalf of our school, thank you all, again (as I cannot thank you enough!), for your generosity in giving us your time and energy.

This year, the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne has once again kindly donated textbooks, exercise books, and some library books to our school. The books are very much appreciated by students, teachers, the school community and C.A.V. in general. All of us thank the Consulate, and in particular, Consul Chen D for his help in organizing the books.

During the summer holidays, I tried out the pilot project of giving some children, from our school, free English tuition which incorporated Chinese history and culture, including cooking. The project was a great success, with both children and parents requesting more of it. I would like to repeat that during the next school holidays. However, at this stage priority will be given to free Chinese-English translation classes for the VCE students and students in years 9 and 10.

2009 is going to be an exciting year with the school extension project.

I look forward to meeting all of you, new and 'old' parents and students in C.A.V. Chinese School!

Chinese New Year Celebration

In the evening of Sunday 1st February, 2009, C.A.V. members, friends, families and members of the local community celebrated the Chinese New Year, at the C.A.V. Centre. It was quite a night to remember: the evening began with two lions from the Hong De Lion Dance Association blessing C.A.V. and everyone at the hall. Then, there were lots of food and drinks, followed by cultural performance, raffle draws and 'hong bao' for children up to eighteen years old.

The old Chinese legend had it that if you caught the lettuce leaf and orange from the New Year Lions, you would have good luck. Everyone at the function witnessed this legend come true when Heidi Victoria, who caught both the lettuce and an orange, won three raffle prizes, much to the delight of her daughter, Charlie.

Apart from the lion dance, the evening's program included Tai Chi, three cultural dances by Shalin and her beautiful ladies; *you long xi feng* performance by Kenny Lau, Charles Chai and *Li Feng*; a solo Chinese flute player, Chun Le playing traditional Chinese music, and mass

Alishan Dance participated by all, young and old. The atmosphere was exactly that of a true Chinese New Year celebration, with smiles, greetings, goodwill and friendship, and excited children having a good time, as children should. This was one of those days when childhood memory was being knitted as the evening went on. At the end of the function, many people who came to say goodnight to me congratulated C.A.V. for putting on such a memorable dinner party. Seeing the expressions on the older people's faces, I was very moved by their pride in our culture, our association and what we did. The many non-Chinese people who were there indicated they enjoyed the evening very much, many of these actually got up and joined in the *Alishan* Dance, too! Already, some people were asking about booking for 2010 Chinese New Year party!

Congratulations to Mai Saw for heading up this function, and the Chinese New Year organising Committee consisting of Mai Saw, myself, KaSing Chua, Angie Ng, and Shirley Teh. The Committee was assisted by a large number of helpers such as Lillie Giang, Jenny Ngu, Mung Goh, Nancy Ashton, Suan Khoo (a brand new school mum) and her mother, and Shirley's team of the most efficient ladies including Helen Wong, Grace Chan, Adeline; and of course, we must not forget all the husbands who were always helping out here and there, wherever and whatever things needed to be done. Thanks Clement Chan, Raymond Wong, Raymond Goh, also thanks to Soon Heng, Kim Saw and others. It was good to see the younger generation of C.A.V. members and families who helped out that evening, in particular, Nancy's children Amanda Ashton, Steven Ashton, and Mai's son, Brandon Saw. Sandra and K. L. Siaw, with the help of Millie Ko and her friend took care of the raffle tickets sale. Thank you.

Apart from the food, the evening's success could be attributed to the strategic placement of tables and chairs by Raymond Wong and Robert Labberton. While Sue Labberton had the unenviable job of sorting out the seating arrangement, the two gentlemen spent many hours bringing out tables and chairs from the store room, and arranging them in such a way that we all had a big, comfortable space to do the mass *Alishan* Dance. The sheer number of people who participated in the dance was, indeed, very impressive. Later, Raymond Wong, with the help of Raymond Goh, kindly put all the chairs back into the classrooms at the end of the function. Thanks for being so considerate, Raymonds.

The cordless microphone helped enormously in allowing the MC to move freely among the crowd, thus creating that all inclusive and joyous atmosphere of the evening. Special thanks to Kenny Lau for setting up and looking after the sound system. Thanks also to Vincent Chow for stepping in to help when Kenny was busy changing into his costume for his performance.

At the end of the function, the tables and chairs were put away, floor swept, kitchen utensils, etc cleaned. It was as if someone waved a magic wand, transforming the hall and kitchen back to its original states, such was the power of the legendary C.A.V. 'mateship' which saw everyone chipped in to help. Sincere thanks to each and everyone of the helpers, whatever you may have done to help. Every bit of help you gave contributed to the success of this Chinese New Year Dinner Party. Xie xie!

By ~10.35p.m. I was already on my way home after locking up the centre with Mai Saw, KaSing Chua and Lillie Giang. The evening was truly a memorable one, a '*not to be missed party*' as one participant put it!

Ramona Chua, for the CNY Organising Committee, 2009.

I would like to extend my heartiest thanks to Ramona Chua for being the MC of the night and organising the cultural programs. She and Dr Ka Sing Chua have helped to sell the most number of tickets and helped to oversee the whole event.

As everyone would have known, being the MC, you have to stand up and talk for the whole night, I was amazed that Ramona still has the energy to perform the *You Long Xi Feng* with Kenny Lau and Charles Chai and led the mass *Alishan* dance. Sorry to hear that she had her dinner at 11:00 pm that day, next time, we have to make sure the MC will be fed first before the start of the event.

The Chinese New Year Dinner Committee would like to acknowledge the kind donation of following individuals: Mr Stanley SUNG - \$55; Mr Stanley SUNG's friend - \$50; Vincent CHOW, Ramona & Dr Ka Sing CHUA and Nancy SIM's niece for the raffle prizes.

Mai Saw, coordinator of CNY Organising Committee, 2009



SPEECH DAY - FUND RAISING LUNCH – 9th DECEMBER 2009



2008 has come and gone with a blink of an eye. 2009 will be a bigger and better year with Canteen introducing a wider range of goods for the kids.

Canteen volunteers had a fantastic year working for all the kids, young and old. Seeing the smiling faces each Sunday is enough to bring one's blood pressure down. The Canteen Team encourages more volunteers to come forth and join us. We do have lots of fun each week.

I am sure all the kids enjoy coming into the CAV kitchen each Sunday to spend their pocket money on their favorite treats. If you have any good suggestions for the canteen, please come and see me on Sunday.

On the morning of 7th December 2008, while our principal, Ramona Chua, and the teachers were running the presentation in the hall, we volunteers again ganged up together to cook up a free lunch for all the kids. The kids were treated to a sausage and bread, and an icy pole each. For those who were vegetarians, they were served a plate of vegetable stir-fried noodles and an icy pole.

As always, we had our Canteen helpers on site, they were Robyn Evans, Greg Matulich, Khim Chow, Uncle Cleeve and Janet Huynh. Thank you so much guys and girls. We cannot run a successful canteen without you all.

Apart from the Canteen volunteers, Mai Saw, Khim and Vincent Chow, Jenny Ngu, Eva Budzul, Michael Zhang and his husband, Fai Giang were also there to give us a much needed helping hand. A number of other parents were there to assist, but I am terribly sorry that I didn't get your names, but thank you all for all your efforts. You all did your kids proud. Thank you everyone for your contribution.

A big "Thank you" to Sue and Robert Labberton who not only volunteered their time, but also donated 5kg of sausages to feed the kids.

Lastly, a big thank you to Sandra Wu and her daughter, Ashley, for helping us run the Canteen every Sunday afternoon. You girls are doing a fantastic job. Keep it up.

See you all on Sundays

Lillie Giang, School Canteen Coordinator

CAV SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT



Another year passed us by quietly during our school holidays. I hope all students, parents, teachers and members of C.A.V. are healthy and well and ready to take on challenges coming your way in 2009. May I take this opportunity to wish you and family a successful Year of the Ox.

Chinese New Year falls on 26 January 2009 which is also Australia Day holiday. More celebration is planned for a Chinese New Year family dinner on Sunday 1 February 2009 for CAV students and families, members and friends and anyone from the Australian public who wishes to join us are welcomed as well.

Another celebration is planned at Kingsway, Glen Waverley for the Chinese New Year yuanshao on Sunday 8 February 2009. This is sponsored by the Monash City Council and local businesses. CAV and our Chinese School will be participating in various ways at CAV Cultural and information tent there. An ice kaching store will be set up to raise funds for CAV on the day. You and family are most welcome to participate. More detail information will be included in this issue of newsletter.

According to the Chinese twelve-year cycle, this is the year of OX or Niu nian. I am not superstitious but from what I read of Chinese horoscope, people born in the Year of OX are hard working and down-to-earth fellows. They can be decisive, visionary with leadership qualities, good nature in general but stubborn at times etc.

Since I am also an Ox, it appears I have to work hard like an OX for the School this year to make it even better than last year. However I cannot do it on my own, I need generous assistance from you lot as well, to make it better. I hope to recruit more new blood into CAV School team. I would like to throw in a few new ideas for your consideration. Among our students, parents and CAV members and friends we can find expertise in areas of Chinese education and cultural activities. You can join existing various subgroups or help to start up new one e.g. School Council, Canteen, Chinese cultural dance, musical instruments performance class, arts and crafts, cooking classes, lion dance and martial art /kung fu teaching, painting and calligraphy, Chinese chess classes; poetry and literature appreciation group; Chinese history and travel etc. I am looking for new subgroup leaders who can help to lead and organise, making full use of our Centre and classrooms. The community hub project that we are planning to build in future will provide further facilities for future activities. Interested persons please contact me during office hours 03-98735050. Hope to see you back at school and CAV centre on Sunday 1 February, the first day of our school for 2009..

Dr Ka Sing Chua

Ball Room Dancing

MORE CHALLENGES IN BALLROOM DANCING FOR 2009!



Our AGM was held on Thursday 27.11.08 and a new Committee was elected. The BDG would like to thank the outgoing Committee with Rex Lai as Chairperson, Lee Tan as Secretary, Kim Saw as Treasurer and Kim Ho as Committee Member. They had contributed a year of excellent work for the BDG.

The new 2009 Committee consists of 7 members:
Lillian Lai as Chairperson,
Mary Pong as Secretary,
Rex Lai as Treasurer,
Kim Saw, Elizabeth Tan, Chin Lim, Susan Woon as Committee members.



Before end of last year our BDG enrolment increased with about 10 new beginners who came to join us learn ballroom dancing. These beginners are keen to learn and with lots of practice they will improve very fast.



On 13th Dec. some of our BDG members attended the renowned Australian Dancesport Championship and witnessed the grace, skill & great poise in ballroom dancing. On the very next day, 14th Dec., we also watched the World Latin Championship. We were truly captivated by the excellence in top Latin dancing from all over the world. Indeed Melbourne is very honored to host this competition and everyone who takes up ballroom dancing had had been very fortunate to be a spectator.

We celebrated our last Thursday 18.12.08 with a Christmas Break-up Dance Party with every member bringing a plate for supper. Even the spouses of our teachers came to join us. We had a great party, breaking up for a rest of 3 weeks.

Our Ballroom Dancing starts on Thursday 15th Jan. 09 and this year will be more challenging than previous years as more dance routines and revision will be taught by our 2 excellent teachers, Irina & Jennifer. Every month we will have our own social dinner dance on a Sunday. Every BDG member is encouraged to attend as we can revise what we have been taught.

Anyone interested in joining us learn ballroom dancing, please contact us for more details. Your first lesson is free.

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Lillian Lai
Chairperson
BDG



CAV Annual Gala Ball 2008

BLACK AND WHITE GALA BALL 2008



CAV celebrated our Black and White Gala Ball on 8th November 2008 at the grand Camberwell Centre in Camberwell. It was a night of sheer elegance and formality with everyone dressed in black and white.

The young Ms Chelsea Bai welcomed the guests with her great Gu Zheng demonstration. Once when all the guests were seated, they were entertained non-stop till the evening ended. Our distinguished Master of Ceremony and newly elected Melbourne City Councillor, Mr. Ken Ong, showed his expertise in conducting the evening's programme.

This Gala Ball is another very successful CAV fundraising event and we thank everyone who came to support us. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our Corporate Platinum Sponsors (Central Equity & AMP), Gold Sponsors (Commonwealth Bank, Miring Corporation, Prosperity Telecom) and Silver Sponsor (CMC Markets). Thank you to the donors of the Auction Items: the Hour Glass, Keeair, Langham Hotel and Chinatique.

Our Raffle Draw was another big success. The total value of Raffle Prizes exceeded 4K and we sold an outstanding amount of more than 6K thanks to the guests who purchased the Raffle Tickets. Of course we encouraged the sale by giving an attractive prize to the table that bought the most raffle tickets.

Guests speakers were the Hon. Mr. Tony Lupton, Mr. Ted Bailleau, the Consul General of the Peoples' Republic of China, Mr. Shen Wei Lian and Ms Heidi Victoria. Following their speeches were the presentations of welcoming cheques by Central Equity and AMP and in return, our CAV President, Mrs. Khim Chow presented our CAV thank-you trophies to all our Sponsors.

Everyone at the Gala Ball was very impressed by the performing artistes. The beautiful and very talented Ms Shu-Chen Yu entertained us with her superior operatic singing. Many of us were captivated by her vibrant and sweet voice.

The guests were also entertained by the grace and poise of ballroom dancing performed by the Champion dancers from Belerus, Irina and Victor Borisevich. The very young couple, Siobhan Powers and Neville Parry, demonstrated the favourite Latin dances, showing their skill and artistic expression of their dancing.

Throughout the night, the music was played by the very entertaining "Romeo's Delight". Everyone enjoyed dancing to the good rhythm of this fantastic band and had an enjoyable time. We hope to see you all again at our next Gala Ball.

Special acknowledgement to:

1. Donors & Organisers of Raffle Prizes: Prosperity Telecom, Clement & Betty Lee, Flower Drum Rest. & Dr Michael & Anita Ho, Hock Khaw, Sargeants Doncaster Conveyancing, Ernie & Wendy Chin, Angela Tong Shangrila-Inn Rest., George & Jeannie Chan, Kunyit Rest. & Susan Woon, Som Thai Rest. & Angie On, Dr Robert & Peckyii Wong, Dr. Wayne & Grace Tan, Beraldo Coffee & Rex Lai, and Ken Ong.
2. Outstanding contributions by: Christopher Chan, Rex Lai, Marie Wong, CAV Women Interest Network, Royal Umbrella, Jackie Ooi, Yik Chee Ho, Peter Ho, Kim Saw.
3. Last, but not least, a BIG thank you to the Committee members who helped me organise this Gala Ball: Khim Chow & Vincent Chow, Ken Ong, Bill Ho, Angie On, Susan Woon, Josephine Pang and not forgetting all those who gave us a helping hand.

Lillian Lai,

Convener 2008 Gala Ball



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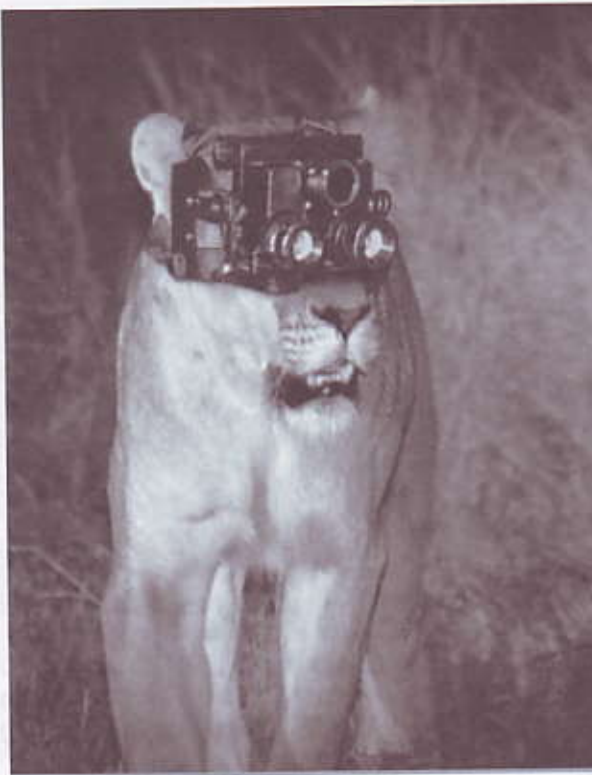
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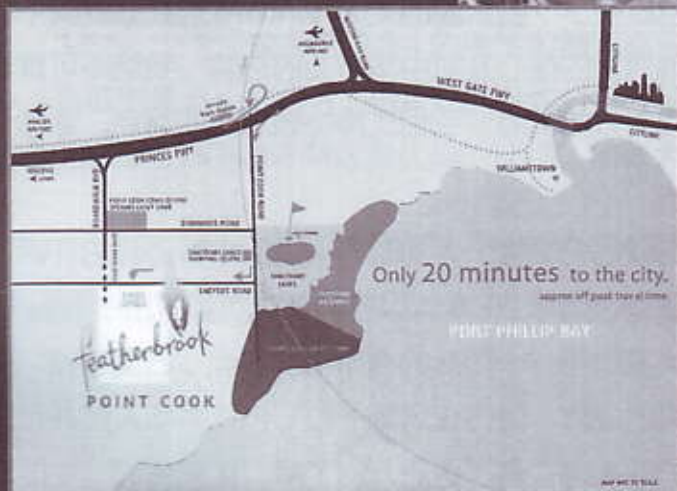
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会长的话



时光飞逝而我身为本会会长的两年任期已快要进入尾声了。这两年内，我得到许多宝贵的经验。原来以为深谙团队合作临界点的我，直到经营这个全由志愿者组成的中华协会，才让我明白团队合作有时是那麽微妙、难处理的，因为所有我们做的事，不是靠加班就是在周末完成，尤其是举办活动和会议期间。由於每一个人都是志愿者，所以整个团对都是出於善意，我很幸运有那麽多人无限的服务，有些人因此被我缠住，一路走来同甘共苦。我相信这些人知道他们是谁，我从心底感谢他们每一个人。

经营中华协会使我更坚强更有智慧。在全志愿者的协会里，接受别人的主意是更必要的，因为别人对你的意见有信心，才能使我们凝聚在一起。在公司行号里，你总是需要别人接受你的意见，如果行不通，可以以老板的威权指示人们服从。但在都是志愿者的协会里，你必须说服别人，你的主意有道理值得实行才行。

我也学会在全职工作、自己的公司、家庭及协会里变戏法。我家人这两年来都支持我，尤其是我先生 Vincent，他是我的力量泉源，在各方面鼓励我和协助我。以前我曾向他吹嘘：嗨 Vincent，别忘了我是你翼下的风使你高飞！嗯，这两年来，我必须承认角色改变了，我亲爱的丈夫 Vincent 现在是我翼下的风了。我无私又有耐性的先生保证协助我成功。没有他对我的信心及对中华协会的热情，我绝不可能达到今天的成就。婚姻是忠诚的伙伴关系，互相吸取利用对方的优点，互相支持补强对方的弱点。谢谢你 Vincent!

我们很多会员体认华人社区溶入澳洲社会的重要性，所以他们牺牲个人的时间，确保中华协会的许诺得以成功。会员们给予我们广大的支持，感觉很欣慰，所有次团体 2008 年以各种形式贡献付出，而且和 EXCO 合作密切，协助良多。去年年度感谢餐会上，大家觉得一个团队的合作精神很强，归属感很高。每一个次团体主席解释了他们团的目标，和一年来的成就，使得在场每一位，包括中华人民共和国总领事沈伟廉先生和随员，对我们和我们所主张、拥护的事情，有了更深入的了解。沈先生说，中国乐见海外华人溶入他们选择的国家里，因为可以提升全世界海外华人形象。此外，我们辛苦的工作及热忱的态度，也得到维州多元文化委员会委员 George Lelakis 及国会议员 Heidi Victoria 的认同。

中华协会继续参与外面主要的文化活动。Ken Ong 和 Vincent Chow 两位，再一次是 Russell Street 墨尔本中国新年节庆主要的策划者。中华协会 Karaoke 和民族舞蹈团当天表演了节目。由於这些连续的年度庆祝会，中国新年成为维州主要庆典象徵。Glen Waverley 的新年和灯节庆祝会时，再一次展现了

中华协会强大的组织能力与技巧。此一活动由中华协会公共关系组 Vincent Chow (活动主要策划者) 和 Lawrence Phoon 组织筹备委员会, 大大地成功。当天有免费搭车, 高架舞狮, 长龙, 食物摊贩, 服务台, 还有一个多采多姿又有趣的文化角落。我很骄傲地说我们在文化活动中激起观众广大的兴趣。

除了这两个街头庆祝活动, Ken Ong 代表中华协会, 为澳华活动委员会(ACEC)在 Palladium 组织了为特殊儿童及维州森林大火年度募款盛会。

今年我们真的很不错。中华协会接到学校扩建基金的慷慨捐助总数超过两万元; 年度盛会时募到 \$52,412; 还有从其他餐会募到大约 5 万元。

三月二十九日星期天是我们协会年度总会议, 像我们这样的非营利组织, 完全依赖志愿者达到他们的目标。毫无疑问, 为社区做志愿工作需要时间和牺牲, 但不要低估您能从奉献中得到的成就感和自我实现的满意感。中华协会需要您的协助, 希望您能考虑来参加2009新的执行委员会。您的贡献, 不管大小, 都值得感激。别忘了, 涓滴造成大海, 每一份心力都算数, 加入我们, 像我一样, 您将会发现那是值得的。

会长 钟美琴



中华协会中文学校马爱华校长的话

恭祝各位金牛年快乐、健康、大吉大利!

首先, 恭喜我们的 VCE 考生们! 所有应考 VCE 第二语言中文单元 3&4 的考生们都以高分通过: GA1, GA2, GA3 的最高成绩分别是 A+, A+, A+, 最低则是 B+, B+, B; 相对应的平均分数是 48 和 37 满分是 50, 真是令人骄傲的成绩。所有学生在最後阶段全力冲刺才有这麼优异的成绩, 恭喜大家, 太棒了!

2009 学年於二月一日星期天开学, 由於今年中国新年来得早, 返校的第一天学校协会就庆祝中国新年, 配合学校课程以中国新年为主题, 中国的历史、传奇、中国人特殊的事物、中国匾碑和诗词等。

夏日炎炎, 请父母亲们提醒孩子们戴帽子到学校。学校规定小朋友们如果没有戴帽子就不可以到外面游戏场玩。我要趁此机会邀请所有家长送小朋友到校後不要急着走, 可以留在学校, 校董会会员每个星期天都会在学校和家长认识, 你也可以和孩子的同学的家长谈话。此外, 学校需要志愿者帮忙。如果你可以留在学校帮忙, 会需要去申请一个儿童工作者证 (免费) 我有申请表格, 而且可以帮忙申请。

我现在回头看觉得 2008 过得好快, 感谢所有老师及代课老师们的辛劳贡献。我们大家也变成好朋友, 我甚至於被邀请做一个老师的订婚典礼上的长辈, 之後就是结婚典礼。志明和我八月份时去马兰

老师家探望她和新生的小宝宝。虽然老师及行政人员们之间的友谊日增，可是有三位老师因去维州郊区任职专任老师，不得不离开本校。我们想念他们，但同时也欢迎新老师加入我们的行列。

在此特别感谢赵凌慷慨捐赠迷你麦克风系统给学校，她帮学校从中国购买回来，后来决定免费赠送，因为她感念学校给予她的帮助、指导和友谊。

本校很幸运有那麽多的人在各方面给予我们协助。我代表学校再次谢谢大家（因为实在感激不尽）的宝贵的时间与精力。

今年，中华人民共和国墨尔本总领事馆依往例如常捐赠我校教科书、作业本、和一些图书。学生们、老师们、学校和中华协会都很喜欢、感激。我们都很感谢总领事馆，尤其是陈迪领事，帮助处理赠书事宜。

暑假期间，我尝试了一项领航计画，给一些我校小朋友英文辅导，教材融入中国历史、文化和中华料理。此一计画大大地成功，学生和家长们反应热烈，要求更多这种课程。我很乐意在下次假期间再次提供，但现阶段，第一优先是给 VCE 学生免费的中英文翻译课，和 9、10 年级学生。

2009 年学校扩建将会是令人振奋的一年。

我期待在中华协会中文学校和你们新旧家长、学生大家见面。

中国新年庆祝晚会

2009 年二月一日星期天晚上，在中华协会中心，协会的会员，朋友，家庭和当地社区会员一同庆祝了中国新年。那真是令人回味无穷的一晚啊：开幕式是两只 Hong De 醒狮团来的狮子，为协会及所有现场观众祈福，然後，民族舞蹈表演，丰盛宴席，抽彩，发红包给大到 18 岁以下的小朋友。

中国古老传说如果你接到舞狮的青菜叶和橘子，就会为你带来好运。餐会上每个人都见证到这个传说实现，Heidi Victoria 接到青菜和橘子，果然被抽中三个彩券奖，她女儿 Charlie 尤其高兴。

除了舞狮，当晚的节目还有太极，三个民族舞蹈，游龙戏凤的表演，笛子独奏中国乐曲，全体来宾不分老幼参与演出阿里山。微笑、寒暄、祝贺和友谊在现场酝酿散发，还有兴高采烈的小朋友们，真是十足中国新年的气氛啊。这将是小朋友们未来童年时难忘的一晚吧。餐会进入尾声，许多人过来向我道晚安时，恭喜协会办了这麽令人难忘的晚宴。看到老人家脸上的表情，他们这麽以我们的文化、协会、及我们所作所为为傲，令我深深感动。连许多非华人也过来向我表达他们多麽愉快，事实上他们许多人也加入了跳阿里山舞的行列！甚至已经有人想要预定明年中国新年晚宴的位子了。

恭喜 Mai Saw 带头办这次餐会，和中国新年筹备委员会包括 Mai Saw, 我自己, 蔡医生 Angie Ng, and Shirley Teh。委员会有大批人手帮忙像是 Lillie Giang, Jenny Ngu, Mung Goh, Nancy

Ashton (学校的新妈妈), Suan Khoo, and Shirley 的最有效率的团队包括 Helen Wong, Grace Chan,当然,我们一定不能忘记她们的先生们,只要有需要他们时,总是到处帮忙打点搞定。很高兴看到协会的年轻一代会员及家庭,那晚也来帮忙,特别是 Nancy 的小孩 Amanda Ashton, Steven Ashton, and Mai 的儿子 Brandon Saw. Sandra 和 K. L. Siaw, Zhi Ming, Millie Ko 和 Connie Chan 帮忙销售抽奖彩券,谢谢你们。

除了食物,当晚成功也可归功于巧妙的座位安排,这是 Raymond Wong and Robert Labberton 的功劳。Sue Labberton 辛苦精心规划摆放位置,两位先生费时费力从储藏室搬桌椅,所以我们才能有这么宽大舒适的空间,容纳那么多人跳阿里山舞。那么大规模的阿里山舞真是令人印象深刻啊。然后,晚会结束时 Raymond Wong 再加上 Raymond Goh 的协助,又把所有桌椅搬回教室,谢谢你们这么周到的服务,两位 Raymond 先生。

无线麦克风助益很大,让主持人可以在人群中自由走动,创造当晚包容的欢乐气氛。特别感谢 Kenny Lau 架设、照顾音响系统。也要感谢 Vincent Chow,当 Kenny Lau 在换表演服装时及时上来帮忙音响问题。

晚会结束,桌椅被搬走,地板扫干净,厨房用品等清洗完毕,就好像有人挥一下魔术棒,大厅和厨房立刻恢复原样,这就是传奇的中华协会的伙伴的魔力,每个人都尽一份心力帮忙。打从心底感谢你们,你们所做的点点滴滴使得新年晚会成功,谢谢你们为中华协会所做的一切。

晚上 10:35 我已经和 Mai Saw, KaSing Chua and Lillie Giang 锁好门,在回家的路上了。真是难忘的一晚啊,有一位来宾形容这是一个“不可错过的晚会”!

马爱华校长,中国新年晚会筹备委员会, 2009.

我要向马爱华校长致上最诚挚的谢意,因为她担任晚会主持人并且安排文化表演节目。她和蔡家生医生帮忙销售最多餐卷,而且监督整个活动事宜。

大家可能都知道,当主持人必须整晚站着和说话,我真惊讶马校长还有精力和 Kenny Lau and Charles Chai 表演游龙戏凤,又带领大家跳阿里山舞。真抱歉后来听说她那晚 11:00 才吃晚餐,下次一定要记得活动开始前,先把主持人喂饱才行。

Mai Saw, 中国新年筹备委员会协调人, 2009.

蔡家声医生的话 - 学校校董主席



悄悄地又一年在学校假期中过去了。希望所有学生,家长,老师及会员们健康如意,并且准备好迎接2009年的挑战。请容许我借此机会祝福您们阖家牛年成功如意。

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