

CADCAI NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS, Julia Volkmar OAM



CADCAI sincerely congratulate and acknowledge the work of Ms Julia Volkmar, who was presented with the medal of the order of Australia (OAM) by his Excellency, the Honourable Paul de Jersey AC, Governor of Queensland, at a special Australian Honours and Awards ceremony for 9 recipients residing in north Queensland in Cairns on Saturday, 14 September 2019.

The Governor cited Julia's award *"for service to community history through membership of the Cairns and District Chinese Association and through co-founding the Hap Wah and Andrew Leon Historical Project as well as publishing other historical material related to the Hap Wah company, the Cleary family, and other significant individuals and families in the district."*

The **Hap Wah plantation (1878-1886)** was the spark that ignited the Cairns region's sugar industry. In 1882 the Hap Wah Company's Pioneer Mill crushed and manufactured the first cane sugar, and exported 110 tons valued at £3060. This Chinese venture, Australia's most unique sugar producer, was financed by Hong Kong and local investors. Andrew Leon was the selector, manager and spokesman for the 1,250 acre plantation which today is covered by the suburbs of Earlville and Woree. A plaque honouring the Hap Wah enterprise was installed on the site of the former plantation in Stockland Cairns shopping centre in January 2013.

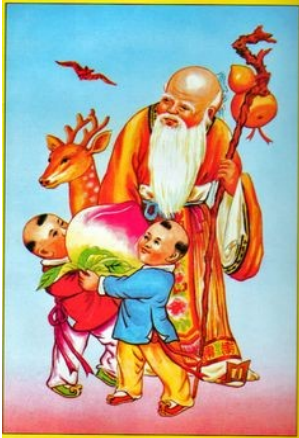
The Chinese characters for 'Hap Wah' means 'Combined Chinese' or Chinese joint venture. Joel of Auxiliary Central recreated the Hap Wah Coy stamp and adapted it for this logo. Partners in the plaque project were Cairns and District Chinese Association, Cairns Historical Society, Cairns Regional Council, Chinese Heritage in Northern Australia, Julia Volkmar and Stockland Cairns.



Kevin Wong Hoy & Julia Volkmar at the unveiling of the Hap Wah commemorative plaque



Shouxing



The longevity god, *Shòu*, is recognized by his high, domed forehead and is depicted smiling and friendly. He holds a peach and carries a long staff with a gourd and scroll. The peach, gourd, and scroll are symbols of longevity or immortality. Sometimes he is accompanied by the stag and the bat, which are both symbols of happiness ("fu"). The Chinese character for "bat" (*fú* 蝠) sounds like the word for "good fortune" or "happiness".



Shou symbol & character

2019 CADCAI 33rdAGM & Special General Meeting 2-5pm, Sat 26 Oct, 2019

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

CADCAI advises that the CADCAI Annual General Meeting and a Special General Meeting will be held on Saturday 26 Oct 2019 from 2.00- 5.00pm

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AGM

Please note this is an election year. All positions on the CADCAI management committee including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and six committee member are declared open for nominations.

If you are passionate about advancing CADCAI objectives please consider nominating yourself or another suitably qualified member of CADCAI on attached form. Please return completed nominations to secretary@cadcai.org.au by Wednesday, 23rd October 2019.



Passionate about our cultural centre?

**Be sure to attend the AGM and SGM
to hear recent updates and have your say
on our next step forward**



Congratulations!

Christopher Cheng & Kiko Ko



Former Cairns and CADCAI member Christopher Cheng married his Hong Kong girlfriend Kiko Ko on 12 September 2019. The wedding took place on a sunny, spring day in western Sydney at Parramatta, in the presence of close family, friends, classmates and teachers.

The happy couple met at the Chinese University of Hong Kong when they were students of anthropology but only started dating when Kiko had begun working as a college teacher instructing a range of courses like social research methods, inter-personal communications and liberal studies. The wedding coincided with their 4th year dating anniversary.

Christopher is the son of CADCAI member, Judy Cho and brother to Marita. We extend our congratulations to Judy, Christopher and Kiko and wish them good luck and double happiness in their future life together.

Being a regional city like Cairns many of our young people inevitably leave for greener pastures so it's great to be able to share their news and success stories.



Chris on stage at the inaugural Year of the Monkey 2004 Cairns CNY Street Festival



Happy 90th Birthday George Wah Day!



CADCAI would like to extend our warmest congratulations to George Wah Day on his recent 90th Birthday celebrations! George is one of the inaugural committee of 1978 and past Vice-President of CADCAI



George, Kwai Fong
And the Wah Day siblings



14th Sept, 2019

A record number of people attended the annual Mid-Autumn Festival hosted by CADCAI at the Northern Activity Precinct at Cairns Esplanade on 14th September, 2019.

There was a large variety of foods being shared by the gathering of friends and families on one of the major festivals celebrated by Chinese people all over the world.

Mid-autumn Festival falls on the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month each year, when the moon is at its brightest.



28th Sept, 2019

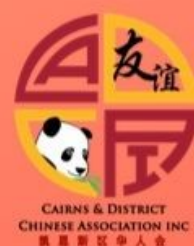
**Lantern Lane Stockland
Grand Opening**

Congratulations!



CADCAI

Lion team
Dragon Team
Molihua Chinese Dancers



Student Memberships \$15

Lion & dragon classes: Free training
Held every Saturday of the school term
at Balaclava State School, 3-5pm



Enquiries

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Molihua Dance classes
held at FNQ Dance Academy
Sunday 930-10300am
Fees apply



Any queries?

If you would like more information, or wish to be involved in any of our activities,
Please feel free to contact a member of the Committee, send us an email or head to our website.

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