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Do join our most popular Annual Family BBQ

**SATURDAY 18 MAY
2019
11:30 am – 3 pm**

Please join us and spend a relaxing Saturday with your families and friends whilst enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch. Our very popular Annual Family BBQ returns this year on Saturday 18 May 2019 at the Cumberland State Forest. It is a shady eucalyptus forest richly covered with lots of native trees and plants.

As usual, Dr Chak Chung and Betty Chung will hold fort from 1130 am for 1230 lunch.

Please note that the entrance to the State Forest is on Castle Hill Road, near the Koala Park but on the opposite side of the road.

Details

Date: Sat 18 May 2019
Time: 11:30am – 3:00pm
Venue: Shepherd Picnic Area (next to The Information Office)
Cumberland State Forest

Cost: \$10 pp (members & family) ; \$15 pp guests

Cash payable on the day

What to bring:

Just bring your own drinks, utensils and cutlery, and your favourite food e.g. salad, snacks etc. Meat, fruits, bread rolls and Chairman and Vice Chair specialities will be provided.

RSVP

For catering purpose please RSVP to hkuaansw@gmail.com indicating number of attendees by Sunday 12 May 2019

A Most Exciting Event to Start 2019

HKUAA NSW hosted a welcome lunch for Professor Xiang Zhang, HKU President and Vice Chancellor, together with Emeritus Professor Rosie Young and Professor Bernadette Tsui, Director, HKUDAAO.



HKU President and Vice Chancellor Professor Zhang with his new Australian bush hat

During his recent flying visit to Sydney to attend an academic Conference in February, Professor Zhang and his accompanying delegation (Emeritus Professor Rosie Young and Professor Bernadette Tsui specially made time available in their busy schedule to meet with HKU alumni on their first day of arrival. This is Professor Zhang's first visit to Australia, and his first contact with an overseas alumni association.

A total of 36 Alumni and guests welcomed Professor Zhang, Emeritus Professor Young, and Professor Tsui at a scrumptious seafood lunch at Greenwood Restaurant at North Sydney on Sunday 17 February.



Group photos on arrival at lunch



A light hearted encounter: Nelson Leung and Winnie Chan with Prof Zhang



Prof Zhang answers questions from the floor

There were little formalities or formal speeches, but a great chance to "press the flesh" with all the three Professors and to get to know them. Alumni were won over by the easy informality and friendliness of Professor Zhang, and there was an informal session where alumni were able to ask questions of Professor Zhang and Professor Young.

Professor Tsui kindly brought along some HKU Tshirts specific to the Hong Kong Marathon, which was concurrently run on the day, as lucky draw prizes.

At the conclusion of the lively lunch, Professor Zhang was presented with an Australian bush hat made of kangaroo skin, and Vice Chairperson Linda Tang also presented Professor Young and Professor Tsui with a small gift each.

We hope that the Professors will have fond memories of this Sydney visit and will return again to visit us soon.

Acknowledgement: This welcome lunch was supported by a generous sponsorship from our founding Chairman, Dr Edward Chung



Vice Chairperson Linda Tang presented tokens of our appreciation to Prof Young and Prof Tsui



Lucky draw winners: Rosemary Yim, Dr Mark Soo, Bill Ho, and Nelson Leung with Prof Tsui (left)



Prof Young with some of her previous medical students



Cathy Lam took Prof Zhang and Prof Tsui on an impromptu tour of Sydney's beautiful shoreline after lunch

HKUAA NSW Chinese New Year Annual Dinner Starts the Year of the Pig with a Bang



February 2019 was indeed a most social and busy month for HKUAA NSW.

On 2 February 2019, 82 alumni and guests enjoyed a most delicious Chinese banquet at Zilver Restaurant, Haymarket. We were honoured to have the company of VIP guests Ms Winnie Chan, Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Sydney, Mr

Nelson Leung, her husband, and Mr and Mrs Benedict Or, our Honorary Auditor for many years.

Winnie brought along some digital photo frames as table prizes. As usual, there were lucky draw prizes galore, given away by our Master of Ceremonies, Ken Hui. The highlights of the evening as usual were the games devised by committee member Scarlet Fung, a HKU Quiz and Guess the Song, ably conducted by Games Masters of the evening, George Wong and Terence Lam.

A great occasion to kick off the 2019 festive Chinese New Year season in the company of old friends and family.



HKUAA NSW Provides Mentors for Eight Mentees Under the HKU Mentors Program

In February 2019, eight HKU students arrived in Sydney as exchange students variously to Sydney University, University of NSW, and Macquarie University. Most of them will stay until June/July 2019 before they return to HKU to resume their studies. HKUAA NSW continues to this program by providing mentors to the students, as they have done so for many years.

On Saturday 16 March 2019, the Association hosted a welcome Yum Cha lunch at Marigold Restaurant to introduce some of the mentees to their mentors and to each other. We will further report on our involvement with this Program in our next issue.



From left: Benny Mok with mentee Ada Cheung, Cathy Lam, Dr Chak Chung with mentees Ryan Tse and Kathy Yeung, mentee Joey Lo with her mentor Pauline Wong.



Dr Chung with mentees Ryan Tse and Kathy Yeung



Mentee Joey Lo with Mentor Pauline Wong and son



Benny Mok with Mentee Ada Cheung



Participants at the joint 4 uni lunch on 13 March 2019



Our Hon Secretary George Wong gave an update on HKUAA NSW at the lunch.

Joint Hong Kong Universities' Alumni Yum Cha Lunches

**Wednesday 13 March 2019
Zilver Restaurant,
Haymarket**

The quarterly Joint HK Universities Alumni Yum Cha events were initiated in 2016. To date, alumni from University of Hong Kong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and HK Baptist University regularly meet quarterly over friendly cups of tea and dim sims.

On Wednesday 13 March 2019, the lunch was organised by Baptist College Alumni Association in Sydney. The occasion also marked the 63th anniversary of the establishment of Baptist College in Hong Kong. HKUAA NSW was well represented at this lunch by our committee members Linda Tang, Pauline Wong, George Wong, Terence Lam and Lily Mo.

MEMBERS CONNECT

Thank you for reconnecting with us:

William Ko
Dr Peter Leung
Dr Wayne Wong
Dr Lawrence Lai

Congratulations to Linda Tang for becoming first time “glam-ma” following the birth of her gorgeous grandson

We are profiling two of our members in this issue so we can all get to know them better.

PS Members are welcome to send in their profiles or family milestones to share

JOHN AU (Soc Sc 1981)

Most of us would no doubt know John as one of our most energetic past Chairmen, tireless yum cha co-ordinator, and a selfless Bushwalk Leader

Extraordinaire for many years.

It is no small achievement for John to organise single-handedly several bushwalks every year, for many years, leading at times large groups of fifty odd persons from various community groups and church congregations, of varying ages, strength and agility, over hills and bushes, and he has not lost one single bushwalker yet, however inexperienced these bushwalkers maybe. So popular are his bushwalks that they are now no longer HKU events but an activity that is open to all.

For someone who bills himself as BIG VOICE JOHN, and well known for his detailed and informative running commentaries on the history, significance, flora and fauna of the bushwalks that he leads, John is surprisingly modest and brief about his own profile.

In his own minimalistic style, John says:

“John Au, B Soc Sc 1981, major Economics and Management, aged 61 (*Editor – Wow , very honest and forthcoming !*), retired since 2012, now working as volunteer at an aged care day centre in Hurstville and palliative care hospital in Kogarah. Migrated to Sydney in 1988, joined HKUAA NSW

for over twenty-nine years, served as Committee Member for over ten years, and Chairman from 2000 to 2003. Still active in alumni affairs, involved in calling HKUAA NSW ‘s monthly yum chas.

Married with three grown up daughters, living in Gympie.”

Then John went on to say: “In spare time organise bushwalks and excursions (*Editor: where would he find spare time???*).

Enjoy reading, swimming, surfing the Youtube. Love Stephen Chow movies. Attending church most Sundays”

Now that we got all dizzy and tired reading about John’s ultra generous and busy life.

(*Editor: What a great role model on how to retire well, John !*)

TERENCE LAM (Architecture 2003)

Terence is one of our newest additions to the HKUAA NSW family, having joined us at the end of 2018. In his short time with us, he has become actively involved in the work of HKUAA NSW committee ever since joining.

Terence graduated from the Faculty of Architecture in 2003 with a doctorate in property and construction. Terence comments:

“It was a brilliant and exciting learning experience, opening my mind that we should look at things from different perspectives and knowing that I am so humble in this academic world. After that, I switched over my career from being a professional surveyor to an academic, working in England and Adelaide before I joined the University of New South Wales as a Senior Lecturer in Property and Development here in Sydney in 2018. Unlike England and Adelaide, I am so delighted to have a great opportunity to meet a group of HKU Alumni who are all very friendly and helpful, feeling like going back to HKU again! Sydney is urban and dynamic city but with access to the natural beauty and people in my workplace are approachable as well. All in all, it is a great place to live and work and I am pretty sure you would have the same feeling. I look forward to meeting more fellow alumni in the forthcoming events so that

we can share our experience in Sydney and elsewhere in Australia. Finally, I have a small family with two sons, both reading medicine at Trinity College Cambridge and Trinity College Dublin. We love to see them in their summer break but it means that they have to come back here to brave our winter chills!”

Editor:

Welcome and BRAVO! Terence. We have no doubt Terence will become, like John Au, one of our long term contributing members for many years to come.

Watch this space: More Members' Profiles to come in next issue

Upcoming Events

Annual BBQ

Cumberland Forest
Saturday 18 May 2019
1130am -3 pm

Monthly Yum Cha

Members & guests are welcome to join for a chat, particularly new members or graduates landing in Sydney looking for some long lost friends.

Monthly Yum Cha Venue:

King Dynasty
Restaurant
Chatswood
12.30 to 2 pm.

Dates: Last Thursday of every month

Upcoming monthly Yum Cha Dates:

- 25 April 2019
- 30 May 2019
- 27 June 2019
- 25 July 2019

Our March Yum Cha



Joint 4 Uni Lunch

Tuesday 11 June 2019
12 for 1230 lunch
@ Zilver Restaurant
Haymarket

Bush Walks

Our Alumnus John Au has been organizing interesting bushwalks. While these bushwalks are not HKUAA NSW organized events, these amazing bushwalks are open to all, including HKUAA NSW members. (See John Au's profile in this issue) Please make enquiries directly with John if you are interested.

HKUAA NSW Activities Whatsapp Group

To connect better with members, and to achieve timely reminders and management of upcoming activities, including our monthly yum cha activities, we have established a HKUAANSW Activities Whatsapp Group. This Group is open to HKU Alumni and HKUAA NSW members.

Renewal of Annual Subscription

The 2019-2020 annual membership subscription will be due soon in July 2019. Please feel free to renew in advance by

completing and returning the membership renewal form together with payment, or updating your contact details at hkuaansw@gmail.com

For life members who do not need to pay annual fees please kindly update your membership information and personal details, particularly your most up to date email address, by contacting hkuaansw@gmail.com

Life Membership

All current Ordinary Members with full membership of over one year can apply to become Life Members in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

The joining fee is 10 times the normal annual subscription fee. It will save you from worrying about renewal each year. Please note that associate

members are not eligible to apply.

Senior Membership

Members over 70 years old or close to 70 are eligible to become Senior Members and entitled to free annual subscription on condition that they are paid ordinary members prior to submitting their application for senior membership.

Senior Members are also required to renew their membership every year for the purpose of updating their personal record. Please send an email to hkuaansw@gmail.com to confirm your current contact details, email as well as your mailing address.

Associate members are not eligible for senior membership.

**The Association is updating its membership contact list
Please email our Hon Secretary at hkuaansw@gmail.com if you wish to
advise change of email address or are not receiving news from us.
And Life Members, please do not forget to send us an email to confirm your
current contact details.**

Thank you

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