

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the PRESIDENT 2010-2011**

### **PREAMBLE**

Firstly, it was with great honour to have held the position of President of the Chung Wah Society NT throughout the past year. We are a community-based, non-political organisation which has about 300 members, the majority of whom reside in the Darwin region.

The main goals and objectives of the Society are to promote harmony, goodwill and cultural understanding between the Chinese residents and people of other nationalities. Our other main aim is to provide and maintain both the NT Chinese Museum as a place of history and the Chinese Temple as a place of worship.

The Society strives to achieve its aims and objectives through active participation within the wider community. We encourage a broad based membership and throughout the past year the Society arranged sponsors, supporters and volunteers to host a number of major events closely related to Chinese Festivals. Other activities included sporting, seniors, youth, cultural, fund raising, historical and other general social activities.

Since our establishment in 1946, our Society has grown and prospered in one of the most multicultural city not only in Australia but the world. The Northern Territory is blessed with people from all walks of life and our greatest asset is its people, especially our younger generation who will in turn be the leaders of the future.

Everything is closely linked through the Past, Present and Future. In order to appreciate the present and our future, we must know our past, our heritage, our ancestors and our culture.

It was once said that "Australians" don't have a culture as such, however, I feel we have the best culture of all as we have managed to pick the best out of the many cultures within our community and we celebrate them all with a passion.

A Culture of Family and of Mateship is one to be proud of..... Indeed.

## 2010/2011 CWS MANAGEMENT

### OFFICE HOLDERS

Mr Richard (Dick) Griffiths	Patron
Mr Adam Lowe	Vice Patron and Past President
Mr Alfred On OAM	Vice Patron
Mr Austin Chin Jnr	President
Mr Daryl Chin	Vice President
Ms Jan MacPherson	General Secretary and Public Officer
Mr Roland Chin	Treasurer
Mr Daniel Chow	Chinese secretary

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### Subcommittee Co-ordinators

Mr Andrew Chin	Building/Maintenance
Mr Dennis Low	Temple Officer (with Roland)
Mr Desmond Yuen	
Ms Jade Schembri	Newsletter/Membership (with Jan, Camille, Natasha and Roger)
Mr Joel Tinley	
Mr Michael Lui	
Ms Natasha Yuen	Jade Dragons
Mr Nathan Tam	Lion Dance Troupe
Mr Randall Chin	
Mr Richard Quan	Museum (with Adam)

Mr Roger Lowe	Computer Support (with Michael and Daniel) Car Parking (with Jan)
Ms Tiffany Rinaldi	Youth / Hall bookings
Ms Tina Griffiths	Events / Fund Raising
Ms Tanya Fong Lim	
Mr Warren Wong	Lion Dance Troupe

### **Other Posts**

John Hetherington	Auditor
Ms Melanie Chin	Seniors Group (with Aunty Leila)
Mr Adam Lowe	NT Chinese Museum
Ms Susan Lay	Community Support Worker
Mr Paul Ho	Temple Caretaker

It has been an honour and privilege to have worked with all the committee members and I would like to thank each and every one of them for all their hard work and dedication to the betterment of our Society.

I have worked with many community groups, and I must say that the Chung Wah Society is blessed with many people who have volunteered their services for no other reason than to help the Society and its' members to grow and prosper.

These are the people who motivate and inspire me, these are the "Quiet Achievers" that we all respect and admire. They are always there to lend a helping hand or just working quietly in the background getting things done and never expecting any recognition or thanks. A special thanks to those who may not be re nominating for the committee, may your life's journey continue to prosper and may you make many more new friends.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010-11**

- **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November: “Road to Bendigo” Fundraising Dinner, the Lion Dance Troupe showed their talent and skills were not restricted to only Lion Dancing, what a great night !**
- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010: Annual Children’s Christmas Party was a big success as always.**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010: Seniors Christmas Party, many thanks to Melanie and her mother for making the CWS Seniors Group such a fantastic social gathering of good friends, young and old.**
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010: New Year “Beach Party” at the Hall, what a great night that was.**
- **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January: Dragon Eye-Dotting Awakening Ceremony, as always, a very auspicious event.**
- **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January: Annual Temple and Hall Working Bee, getting ready for the New Year**
- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Hoy Yin (opening seals) Official service at midnight Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February: Yook Wong Di, Official service at 0800 hours**
- **February 12<sup>th</sup> Darwin, 19<sup>th</sup> Northern Suburbs and 20<sup>th</sup> Palmerston Chinese New Year Shop Blessing by the Lion Dance Troupe. Also Troupe visited Alice Springs for their shop blessings, many thanks to Nathan and Warren for all their time and efforts.**
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February: Chin Lo Kwan, Official service at midnight Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February**
- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Harmony Day Dragon Boat Regatta, Cullen Bay Marina – Birth of the “Komodo Dragons” racing team**
- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Kwan Yin Official Service at 1800 hours**
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> april: Seniors Group in conjunction with Alzheimer’s Australia NT and COTA function**
- **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April; Ching Ming Festival – Stuart Park Cemetery**
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Buk Di official service at 0800 hours**
- **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April: Yuen Hun & Yee Ling official services at 0800 hours**

- **Friday 22nd April: Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe travel to Bendigo to participate with the Bendigo Chinese Association Easter Festival.**
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: Seniors Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Fund Raising for the Cancer Council**
- **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Dragons abreast Dragon Boat Festival Cullen Bay Marina**
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Family Camp at Pine Creek, many thanks to Eddy Ah Toy for arranging visits to Chinese Historical sites.**
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July: Sartee threading for the Royal Darwin Show**
- **Wednesday 13th July: Loo Bun official service 0800 hours**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Kwan Yin official service 0800 hours**
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: Major Fund Raising Sartee stall at Royal Darwin Show, many thanks to Richard Quan and all the volunteers**
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Kwan Sing Di official service 0800 hours**
- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August: Yee Lun Festival aka Hungry Ghost Festival**
- **Sunday 21st August: His Excellency Mr Chen Yuming, Peoples Republic of China Ambassador to Australia visits Chung Wah Museum and Temple**
- **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August: Toy Buk Sing Goon official service 0800 hours**
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Jade Dragons perform on stage at the Palmerston Festival**
- **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Ho Wong official service at 0800hours**
- **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September: DBNT Regatta, Cullen Bay Marina, Komodo Dragons wins the "Open Event"**
- **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September: Moon Festival CWS Courtyard, over 300 guests**
- **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Launch of Second edition of Temple book by Dr Kok Hu Jin. Also CWS Chinese Temple DVD by Tim Forday launched**
- **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October: Kwan Yin official service at 0800 hours**
- **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Children's Halloween Party, a good night was had by all.**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October: Wah Kwong official service 0800 hours**

**In addition to all the above events, our society has continuously played an active part in participating in many other community events and remains an intricate part in the development of the Territory.**

**Our Museum is visited by many southern and overseas tourists and comments and expressions of congratulations fill our visitor's book.**

**Uncle Adam is always looking for more volunteers to help out at the Museum so if you can spare a bit of time, I'm sure he will love to hear from you.**

**Our Temple is used by many of the other Chinese community groups and is a very popular attraction to the many visitors who come to Darwin for a holiday or to visit family and friends.**

**I encourage more of our members to play an active role within the Society by considering coming onto the committee or joining some of our many sub committees.**

**In conclusion, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude to all our volunteers and to thank all our supporters who make the Chung Wah Society the successful entity that it is.**

**Special thanks must go to our Major supporters such as the NT Government, Sony, Optus Business and Alfred's.**

**Austin Chin**

**President**

**30<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

