

Saving Australia's Early Chinese Links: Oral history interviews

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ANDERSON Fay (1934-)



Fay Anderson, born in Ballarat, Victoria in 1934 speaks about Verna Goon her Australian-born mother with Chinese ancestry; her maternal grandfather Frank Shum Goon a prominent herbalist in Ballarat; life growing up in Ballarat; living with her grandmother next door to Goon's herbal practice; management of practice by her uncle Colin in 1930s and 1940s; her grandmother's house; importance of music to the family; visiting Goon's practice in Exhibition Street in Melbourne which was managed by Mr Gim; eating at Yin Bun Lowe's café in Russell Street; impressions of seven aunts and uncles and their experience during WWII; the Lepp family in Ballarat; meeting F.S. Goon after the war as a teenager; time spent living in Iwakuni, Japan; training and working as a secretary.

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Fay Anderson，1934年生於維州巴拉瑞特，講述了她在澳大利亞出生、有中國血統的母親 Verna Goon 及其外祖父 - 巴拉瑞特當地著名中醫 Frank Sum Goon 的故事；其在巴拉瑞特長大的日子；與其外祖母住在毗鄰 Goon 中醫診所家中的日子；其舅父 Colin 在 1930 至 1940 年代接管診所業務；其外祖母的家；音樂對於家庭的重要性；前往座落於墨爾本 Exhibition Street、由 Gim 先生管理的 Goon 診所；在位於 Russell Street 的 Yin Bun Lowe 小吃店用餐；對七位姨母和舅父留有的印象以及他們在二戰期間的經歷；巴拉瑞特的 Lepp 家族；戰後十幾歲時與外祖父的相見；在日本岩國居住的日子；擔任秘書時的培訓及工作情況。

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DAWSON Robert (1931-)



Robert Dawson, born in Carlton, Melbourne in 1931 speaks of Jane Dawson (nee Hoong) his Australian-born mother with Chinese ancestry; Joe Lung his Chinese-born step-father; his parents meeting after Joe's ship was torpedoed; Joe's deportation by Arthur Calwell after the war, continued support of family after deportation; work at café in Hoddle street on weekends and Anthony Bearings in Preston during week; eating at Chung Wah Café every Sunday night; Joe speaking German, English and a few different dialects; his childhood stories; work as head greaser on ship; tax issues when Joe returned to Australia; Chinese women drinking whiskey; visiting Sun Shing Loon's for groceries and seeing opium smoking; swapping rice rations during the war; sister's marriage into the Kuramoto family; involvement in Young Chinese League; Alan Kuramoto's experience in the air force and involvement in football and boxing; mother's involvement in St Mark's church in Fitzroy; Melbourne's Chinatown in 1940s; Carlos Café Orient; home in Preston; schooling; different attitudes to Chinese post war; George Hoong's work at market and arrival in Australia; Joe's reluctance to return to China and anti-communist attitudes; work as an electrician, at Oliver J Nelson, then in own business; limited impact of Chinese ancestry on life; his wife Roma's family's attitudes to Robert.

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Robert Dawson，1931年出生於墨爾本 Carlton，談到了其在澳洲出生、有中國血統的母親 Jane Dawson (nee

Hoong)；生於中國的繼父 Joe Lung；Joe 行船觸魚雷之後邂逅其母；戰後 Joe 被 Arther Calwell 驅逐出境；被驅逐後 Joe 繼續養家；週末在 Hoddle Street 的咖啡館打工，平日在 Preston 的 Anthony Bearings 工作；每週日晚上在 Chung Wah Café 用餐；Joe 能講德語、英語和幾種方言；他的童年故事；Joe 重返澳洲後擔任輪船伙夫長的工作；Joe 重返澳洲所遇到的稅務問題；中國婦女喝威士忌；前往 Sun Shing Loon 購買日用品和看吸食鴉片；戰時交換糧米配給；姐姐出嫁 Kuramoto 家族；參與華僑青年協會的活動；Alan Kuramoto 在空軍的經歷及參加橄欖球和拳擊運動；母親對位於 Fitzroy 的 St Mark 教堂活動的參與；1940 年代的墨爾本唐人街；Carlos Café Orient；在 Preston 的家；上學；戰後對中國人態度的變化；George Hoong 在集貿市場的工作及抵達澳洲；Joe 不願意返回中國及其反對共產主義的態度；在 Oliver J Nelson 當電工，隨後開始自己的生意；中國血統對他生活的影響不大；妻子 Roma 的家族對 Robert 所持的態度。

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KIM Raymond (1923-)



Raymond Kim, born in Casterton, north-eastern Victoria in 1923, speaks about father's arrival from Hoy Ping to mine tin in Tasmania; unsuccessful attempt to break into fruit and vegetable industry; market gardening in Henty then Casterton and use of water in; return visit of family to China in 1923 probably for older brothers to marry; mother's Chinese ancestry and her involvement in Church of Christ and Salvation Army; family celebrations during Chinese new year, father's Chinese cooking and delivery of Chinese groceries from Melbourne; father speaking See Yup [siyi] dialect; school life including teasing; other Chinese in Casterton area; Sun Shing Loong general store in Melbourne; visiting Bendigo at Easter; Chinese medical remedies used by father; eating at Oriental café in Little Bourke street; enrolment, training and service in armed forces; experiences and travel during war including San Francisco, Vancouver, Brantford and London; studies in chemistry after war; meeting wife from the See Poy family in Queensland; brother's fruit shop in Hamilton; work as travelling salesman; involvement in Chinese Ex-Servicemen Association in Sydney; move to Sydney in 1963; pride in children and grandchildren's links with China; how Chinese ancestry shaped life, retention and loss of Chinese culture in family.

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甄聯章，1923 年生於維州東北部的 Casterton，談到了其父從開平來到塔斯馬尼亞採錫礦；他試圖進入果蔬行業的不成功經歷；先後在 Henty 和 Casterton 從事蔬菜種植販售業並使用灌溉水；1923 年回中國探訪，原因可能是為了兄長的親事；母親的中國血統及其對基督教會和救世軍活動的參與；中國農曆新年時家裡的慶祝活動；父親的中餐廚藝及從墨爾本運送中國食品雜貨；父親講四邑方言；學校生活，包括遭受戲弄；在 Casterton 的其他中國人；墨爾本的 Sun Shing Loong 雜貨店；復活節假期前往 Bendigo；父親使用的中醫治療方法；在小博街的 Oriental café 用餐；入伍、訓練和服役；戰時曾遊三藩市、溫哥華、Brantford 和倫敦的經歷；戰後學習化學；邂逅來自昆士蘭 See Poy 家族的妻子；兄弟在 Hamilton 的水果店；從事旅遊業推銷員；參與悉尼 Australian Chinese Ex-Services National Reunion/澳洲國家華人退役軍人團的活動；1963 年移居悉尼；為兒孫輩與中國保持著聯繫感到驕傲；中國血統如何形成其生活以及中國文化在家庭中的保留和遺失。

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KWAN Wally (1926-)



Wally Kwan, born in Shekki, Zhongshan, Guangdong in 1926 speaks about his early life there and the dialects spoken; pattern of family's migration to Australia; his father's fruit and vegetable business in Stanthorpe, Queensland; the social dynamic between his grandmother and his father's two wives in China; parents and their life in Australia; excitement on arrival in Australia; subsequent trips back to China and return to Australia due to war; family links in Sydney with Ping family of Campbell Street; nature of family life and food eaten; father's network of friends and methods of running business; expansion of father's business into restaurants, drapery and bakery; life at school and friendships; falling out with father and move into architecture; introduction to beer, steak and English classical literature; decline of father's business, experiences of racial taunting; involvement in the Crows Nest Club and subsequent naturalisation; involvement in establishment of the Mandarin Club in Pitt Street, Sydney; thoughts on being Australian and importance of similarities across cultures rather than differences.

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Wally Kwan，1926年生於廣東中山石岐，講述了他早年在石岐的生活及各種地區上的方言；其家庭移民澳洲的經過；其父在昆士蘭 Stanthorpe 的果蔬生意；其祖母與其父親在中國與兩位妻子的錯綜關係；父母及其在澳洲的生活；抵達澳洲時的興奮；隨後返回中國及因戰爭重返澳洲；與居住悉尼 Campbell Street 的 Ping 家族的家庭聯繫；家庭生活的性質及所吃的食物；父親的朋友圈子及做生意的方法；父親的生意擴大至餐館、服裝和麵包店；學校生活及朋友；與父親發生爭執並進入建築行業；開始接觸啤酒、牛排和英國經典文學；父親生意的落敗，經歷種族歧視的嘲弄；參與 Crows Nest Club 的活動及後來的入籍；參與建立在悉尼 Pitt Street 上的文華社 Mandarin Club，關於“作為澳洲人”的一些想法及文化上“求同重於存異”的重要性。

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LIU Paul (1928-)



Paul Liu, born in Taishan, Guangdong in 1928 speaks about his early life in village in China; his family's staggered chain migration to Australia which started with his great grandfather; family story that great grandfather walked from Robe to Ararat; grandfather market gardening in Boort and father in Donald; father's training as a TCM practitioner and work as herbalist in Donald then Nicholson Street, Melbourne; father's two wives; family's experience fleeing Japanese; prejudice in Australia, white Australian fears about Little Bourke Street; first visit back to China and views on Tiananmen Square riots; move to Warracknabeal during WWII for safety; photographer Tommy Chan who worked for Athol Shmith; his work at Chinese Legation in Sydney and Canberra; dealing with racism; postgraduate studies at Australian National University; fruit and vegetable business in Geelong; work for Norman W. Hutchinson steel importer; establishment of Mayfair Flat Restaurant, South Yarra and later catering business; how assisted people with immigration issues; involvement in Australia-China Friendship Society and other community organizations; dating in Australia and China and his marriage; bringing his mother out from China; nature of fathering and being Australian and Chinese.

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劉逢沛，1928年生於廣東臺山，講述了他早年在中國農村的生活；其家族連鎖交錯而逐步移民澳洲的過程始於其曾祖父；曾祖父曾從 Robe 步行至 Ararat 的故事；祖父在 Boort 及父親在 Donald 從事蔬菜種植販賣業；父親接受中醫培訓

並先後在 Donald 及墨爾本 Nicholson Street 從事中醫工作；父親的兩位妻子；全家逃離日本人的經歷；在澳受到的偏見，澳洲白人害怕小博街；初次回到中國探訪及對天安門事件的看法；二戰時出於安全考量移居 Warracknabeal；替 Athol Shmith 打工的攝影師 Tommy Chan；其在中國駐坎培拉、悉尼使館的工作；應對種族歧視；在澳洲國立大學讀研究生；在 Geelong 的果蔬生意；供職於 Norman W. Hutchinson 鋼材進口；開設位於 South Yarra 的 Mayfair Flat 餐廳及後來的餐飲生意；在移民問題上如何對他人提供幫助；參與澳中友好協會及其他社團組織的活動；其在澳洲和中國的約會及婚姻；將母親帶離中國；成為父親及作為澳大利亞人和中國人的本質。

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QUAI HOI Albert (1922-) Albert Quai Hoi, born in Brunswick, Melbourne in 1922 left to live in Fiji when he was 6 months old speaks of his father Quai Hoi who was born in Zhongshan, China; his maternal grandmother who had Italian ancestry, maternal grandfather Pow Loong who was born in China; his return to Melbourne in 1933-4 with his mother for a year; birth of his brother Phillip in Melbourne; strong memories of Melbourne at this time including attending Chinese school, living in Celestial Avenue with his adopted grandmother Mrs Por and her herbal business; family life and growing up in Fiji; Chinese community in Fiji and their support of the Kuomintang; his lifelong pursuit of education; work in his father's general store in Fiji, then Morris Hedstrom trading company before becoming a travelling salesman in Pacific; marriage to a Fijian woman with Chinese ancestry in Fiji; return to Melbourne in 1970s; graduation from architecture at RMIT at the age of 70; fluency in multiple languages and dialects.

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毛權英，1922 年生於墨爾本 Brunswick，六個月大時前往斐濟居住，談到了其生於中國中山的父親 Quai Hoi；其外祖母擁有義大利血統，外祖父 Pow Loong 生於中國；其於 1933-34 年間與母親返回墨爾本居住一年；其弟 Phillip 生於墨爾本；在此期間對墨爾本留有深刻印象，包括上華人學校、與義外祖母 Por 女士住在 Celestial Avenue（連同她的中草藥生意）；家庭生活及在斐濟長大；斐濟的華人社團及其對國民黨的支持；其對教育的畢生追求；先後在其父於斐濟的雜貨店及 Morris Hedstrom 貿易公司工作，之後從事太平洋地區旅遊業推銷員；在斐濟與一位有華人血統的斐濟女孩結婚；1970 年代返回墨爾本；70 歲時從墨爾本皇家理工大學 (RMIT) 建築系畢業；能流利地說多種語言和方言。

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THORNE Possy (1928-) Dorothy Thorne, known as 'Possy' was born in Preston, Melbourne in 1928 speaks of how her maternal grandfather Jimmy Houey Hay and her white Australian grandmother met; difficulties her mother had growing up in rural Victoria; visiting and eating at S.T. Goon's where Houey Hay lived and worked; selling of rural general store and move to Melbourne; Houey Hay's opium addiction and affect on family; other people linked to S.T. Goon's after Goon's death including Mr Hang and Mr and Mrs Sang who came from Darwin in WWII; her mother and how she met her father in Yarrowonga; work lives of her aunt and uncles; how she came to be called 'Possy'; visiting Little Bourke Street for shopping and eating; attending Cantonese opera performance; Autumn Moon festival offerings at Melbourne cemetery; attending Young Chinese League events; Chinese friends such as the Wong Dicks, the Woons and the Quons; schooling and work life; attitudes to her because she didn't 'look' Chinese; mother's description of her Chinese



cooking as 'Bastard Chinese food'; pride in her Chinese ancestry, return visit to China.

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Dorothy Thorne, 又稱 **Possy**, 1928 年生於墨爾本 **Preston**, 講述了其外祖父 **Jimmy Houey Hay** 如何邂逅其身為澳洲白人的外祖母; 其母在維州鄉村長大經歷的困難; 前往 **Houey Hay** 居住和工作的 **S.T. Goon** 店並在此用餐; 賣掉鄉村雜貨店並移居墨爾本; **Houey Hay** 吸食鴉片成癮及其對家庭的影響; **Goon** 去世後, 其他與 **S.T. Goon** 店有聯繫的人, 包括二戰期間從達爾文移居而來的 **Hang** 先生和 **Sang** 夫婦; 她的母親如何在 **Yarrowonga** 邂逅其父親; 其姑(姨)母、叔(舅)父的工作生活; 她是如何被叫做 **Possy** 的; 前往小博街購物和用餐; 參加粵劇演出; 墨爾本公墓園的中秋節祭拜; 參加華僑青年協會的活動; 華人朋友, 包括 **Wong Dick**, **Woon** 和 **Quon** 三個家庭; 上學和工作; 因為看起來不像華人而使別人對她持不同的態度; 母親形容她做的中餐為“冒牌中餐”; 為自己的中國血統感到驕傲, 回中國探訪。

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WHEE Alfred (1935-)



Alfred Whee, born in Hong Kong, arrived in Melbourne in 1939 when he was about four years old speaks about moving to Macau to avoid advancing Japanese troops; fund raising events for Chinese refugees in Melbourne; growing up in Fitzroy with his grandparents and aunt; eating different kinds of food; his family's involvement in different Christian churches; attending Presbyterian kindergarten, George Street Primary School and then Melbourne University High School; his paternal grandparents involvement in a laundry and then general store; his maternal grandfather who was a medical chemist in Guangdong; father's work with grandparents; regular Young Chinese League picnics at Aspendale and Carrum; Chinese businesses in Little Bourke Street and their non-standard working hours; attending Sunday school at Methodist church; tea meetings that his grandmother attended; family's involvement in Queen Victoria and South Melbourne markets; insecurity of not being able to stay permanently in Australia; experience of discrimination and process of obtaining permanent residency for his mother in the 1960s.

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吳超龍, 生於香港, 於 1939 年四歲時來到墨爾本, 談到: 為逃避推進的日軍而轉移至澳門; 在墨爾本為中國難民開展的籌款活動; 在 **Fitzroy**, 在其祖父母和姑姑的陪伴下長大; 吃過各種不同的食物; 其家庭參與不同基督教會的活動; 上學--**Presbyterian** 幼稚園, **George Street** 小學和墨爾本大學高中; 其祖父母先後開過洗衣店和雜貨店; 其外祖父是廣州的一名藥劑師; 父親與祖父母一同工作; 定期在 **Aspendale** 和 **Carrum** 舉辦的華僑青年協會野餐; 小博街上的華人生意及其不固定的工作時間; 參加衛理公會教堂的週日學校; 其祖母參加的茶會; 其家庭參與維多利亞女王及南墨爾本兩個集貿市場的買賣; 因不能永久居留澳洲而感到不安; 曾經歷歧視及於 1960 年代為其母親申請永久居留權的經過。

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WOON Alex (1916-)

Alex Woon, born in Carlton, Melbourne in 1916 speaks of his English-born mother Gwendoline and Chinese-born father Alexander Ah Goh Woon who arrived in Australia in 1886; his father's other wife and children in China; father's restaurant in Elizabeth Street, market garden in Richmond and then a fruit and vegetable store at the Queen Victoria Markets; Alex's experience working in the markets, driving a taxi and a tip truck and then working as a labourer in a timber yard; father who was a practising Christian and his relationship to family members; his mother; gambling and



opium in Little Bourke Street; prostitution in Carlton area, tea meetings at Chinese church in Little Bourke Street; how he discovered his Chinese family; sister's work in hosiery factory and troubled marriage; feelings about being Chinese; difficulties getting into the army; Chinese families in Carlton; eating at the Chung Wah café in Heffernan Lane; being bullied and bullying at school; businesses in Little Bourke Street; work with a Chinese hawker; advantages of working in markets during the depression; meeting his catholic wife; life in the air force during the WWII; working in the hosiery business; mixing with Chinese community; lack of Cantonese.

[197 words]

Alex Woon, 1916 年生於墨爾本 Carlton, 談到了其生於英國的母親 Gwendoline 及生於中國的父親 Alexander Ah Goh Woon, 後者於 1886 年來澳洲; 其父在中國的另一位妻子及孩子們; 父親的在 Elizabeth Street 的餐館、位於 Richmond 的蔬菜種植販售及後來的在維多利亞女王市場的果蔬商店; Alex 在市場工作、開出租車和卡車及後來在一家木料堆置廠當工人的經歷; 父親是虔誠的基督教徒及他與家庭成員的關係; 其母親; 小博街上的賭博與鴉片; Carlton 地區的娼妓; Little Bourke Street 上的華人教堂茶會; 他如何發現他的中國家人; 姐姐在針織廠的工作及不順的婚姻; 身為中國人的感受; 參軍遇到的困難; 在 Carlton 的華人家庭; 在 Heffernan Lane 的 Chung Wah café 用餐; 在學校受人欺侮和欺侮別人; 小博街的生意; 與某華人小販一起工作; 大蕭條時期在市場工作的好處; 邂逅他的天主教徒妻子; 二戰時在空軍服役的日子; 做針織品生意; 結交華人; 缺少廣東人。

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YON Kevin (1921-)



Kevin Yon, born in Brunswick, Melbourne describes his childhood home and neighbourhood; maternal grandfather Ham Hoyling's other properties and public generosity; life and family in Vaughan, Victoria; life of his uncle Harry Hoyling and his involvement in immigration scandal in 1912; father's work in the post office, as a professional tennis coach in the 1920s and telegraphist during WWII; Yon family's life in King Valley farming tobacco, hops and millet; Ham Hoyling's café in Little Bourke Street; nature of Chinese community during 1930s depression; involvement in tennis at high school and university; other Chinese-Australians at his school, experiences of discrimination.

[100 words]

Kevin Yon, 生於墨爾本 Brunswick, 描述了他童年時期的家及鄰居; 其外祖父 Ham Hoyling 的其他房產及對公眾的慷慨; 在維州 Vaughan 的生活和家庭; 其舅父 Harry Hoyling 的生活及其在 1912 年參與的移民醜聞事件; 父親曾在郵局工作, 1920 年代任職業網球教練並於二戰期間擔任電報員; Yon 家族在 King Valley 種植煙草、啤酒花和小米的生活; Ham Hoyling 在小博街上經營的小吃店; 1930 年代大蕭條時期華人社團的狀況; 其高中及大學階段參與的網球活動; 與其同校的其他華裔澳洲同學; 受到過歧視。

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