



## Selection of previous research projects undertaken by the Chinese Museum (1999-2008)

### ➤ **Remembering Chinatown, 2008**

<http://www.chinesemuseum.com.au/chinatown-heritage-tours>

'Remembering Chinatown' is a self-guided mp3 walking tour of Melbourne's Chinatown area which provides a history of the area through the eyes of the Chinese-Australians who lived and worked there. As part of the project oral history interviews were recorded with Alan Lew, Raymond Lew-Boar and Mabel Wang. These are now stored in the Chinese Museum's oral history collection.

### ➤ **Chinese-Australian Historical Images in Australia, 2005**

<http://www.chia.chinesemuseum.com.au>

The Chinese-Australian Historical Images in Australia (CHIA) database is a catalogue of historical images of Chinese, Chinese immigrants and their descendants held in Australia. It primarily draws on the photographic holdings of the Chinese Museum but also includes photographs from other online archives, publications and private family collections

<http://www.chia.chinesemuseum.com.au/about.html#collections> Digital copies of many of these images are available for research purposes.

CHIA also includes the beginnings of an encyclopaedia of Chinese-Australian history, complete with bibliography, aimed at providing contextual information for database images. This is a work in progress and we hope users will be inspired to write contributions to build this aspect of the database.

CHIA was a joint project between the Chinese Museum and La Trobe University supported by the Australian Research Council. We are pleased to collaborate with Australian Science and Technology Heritage Centre (now called e-Scholarship Research Centre). Sophie Couchman was the doctoral candidate on the project.

### ➤ **Studies in Victoria's Chinese Goldfield Heritage: The Mt Alexander Diggings 1851-1901, 2001**

This project explored the history and archaeology of the greatest shallow alluvial goldfield in world history: the Mount Alexander Diggings in central Victoria. Building upon a small pilot study, it examines the goldfield from discovery to Federation. Particular attention will be paid to Chinese settlers, the largest group of non-British immigrants on the goldfields. The project's findings will be used by the Chinese Museum and by the Mount Alexander Shire to assist tourism and heritage management in the central Victorian goldfields region. As part of the project the conference 'Hidden Histories, Active Voices', was held at the Old Castlemaine Gaol, Castlemaine (which resulted in the publication of 'Active Voices, Hidden Histories: The Chinese in Colonial Australia', a special issue of the *Journal of Australian Colonial History*, vol. 6, 2004). Keir Reeves and Zvonka Stanin were doctoral candidates on the project.

➤ **Chinese Heritage of Australian Federation, 1999-2001**

<http://www.chaf.lib.latrobe.edu.au>

The Chinese Heritage of Australian Federation Project celebrates the contribution of Australia's Chinese communities to the early founding and subsequent development of Australia. It focuses on the private, community and public life of Australia's Chinese communities before and after Federation in 1901. Project outcomes include the recovery and presentation of historical materials and indexes concerning Chinese Australians, translation of Chinese-language historical documents, a world-wide web site, a travelling exhibition, and publications.

The project included many elements including an international conference, travelling exhibition, development of online resources (including an English-language index for the Tung Wah newspaper) and the development of online education resources.

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