

QCF Conference 2023

Empowering the CaLD Communities in Queensland

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About us

In the last forty years, the population of Chinese migrants and Chinese Australians settling in Queensland has increased substantially. During the same time, over forty community associations and organisations have been formed within different sectors of the Chinese community looking after the interests and welfare of their members.

In spite of their varied objectives and activities, the majority of the Chinese community associations support the idea that there should be a body representing the Chinese community when important issues affecting the whole community arise and need to be addressed. Resources and energy can also be pooled and channelled effectively for activities and initiatives benefiting all members of the Chinese community.

The Council of Chinese Organisations of Queensland was first proposed in 1984 by several Chinese ethnic community leaders and an interim committee was set up as the preparatory group. This was in response to a nation-wide controversy on Asian immigration during the Hawke Labor Government.

The Council was renamed the Liaison Committee of Chinese Organisations of Queensland in 1987; and later as the Queensland Chinese Forum (the Forum, QCF) when it was formally constituted in 1994, with seven member associations:

- Cathay Community Association
- Chinese Business and Professional Association Qld
- Chinese Ethnic Broadcasting Association of Qld
- Chinese Fraternity Association of Qld
- Hong Kong Business and Professional Association of Qld
- Qld Chinese Food and Beverage Hospitality Association
- Taiwan Friendship Association Qld

QCF was incorporated in January 1995.

Our Aims

QCF's aims is to facilitate the state's Chinese community in four areas:

- Provide a forum for delegates from local Chinese organisations to discuss and jointly act on domestic matters of importance affecting Queensland's Chinese community.
- Facilitate communication, co-operation and support amongst Queensland's Asian-Chinese associations.
- Promotion and advancement of Chinese culture and multiculturalism in Australia
- Advancement of the interests of ethnic Asian-Chinese in Australia

Our Executives

President	Mr Clement Sham
Vice Presidents	Mr Ian Ling Mr Peter Zhuang
Secretary	Dr Xiaying Qi
Treasurer	Dr Kee Cheung OAM
Honorary Presidents	Mr Peter Low OAM Dr Kee Cheung OAM Dr Peter Ho AM

The 7th QCF Conference

We experienced a very challenging year in 2020. Queensland Chinese Forum (QCF) and the Chinese Community have been facing different uncertainties and difficulties due to COVID19. QCF, as a peak Chinese Community Organisation, has worked with different levels of the Government and Government Departments to provide maximum supports to the community to get through one of the most challenging time in history.

We are very fortunate to live in Australia. Queenslanders have worked together to make Queensland become one of the safest places in the world. The pandemic has completely changed the world and the way we live.

Many people have been affected by the pandemic and have suffered physically, mentally, and financially. The government provides many supports and incentives, but some community members may not know how to access the resources and adapt to the new normal.

The Conference's primary purpose is to work with both the public and the private sectors to provide information and resources to the community to adapt to the new life after the pandemic. There will be keynote speakers to address different topics, stalls for government departments and private organisations to help all attendees to have a better understanding and supports.



Queensland Chinese Forum regularly holds conferences on topics relevant and essential to the community.

2019 - Calling Queensland Home

2016 - Australian Politics, Its Election Systems and the Influences and Impacts for the Australian Chinese Community

2014 - Optimising Trade and Investment between Australia and Asia

2012 - Confucianism Conference: What Confucianism means to Overseas Chinese

2009 - Q150 Celebration: Virtual Exhibition of the History of Chinese Settlement

2007 - Australian Chinese and Australian Politics

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Our Project Team

Mr Daniel Wong *Project Co-Chair*	Immediate Past President - Queensland Chinese Forum
Ms Vicky Yu *Project Co-Chair*	Chairperson - Australia China Chamber of CEO
Dr Xiaying Qi *Project Secretary*	Secretary - Queensland Chinese Forum Secretary - Queensland Zhejiang United Association
Dr Kee Cheung OAM *Project Treasurer*	Honorary President - Queensland Chinese Forum Treasurer - Queensland Chinese Forum
Dr Peter Ho AM *Project Committee Member*	Honorary President - Queensland Chinese Forum Chinese Museum of Queensland
Mr Andrew Foo *Project Committee Member*	President - Singapore Business Group Australia
Mr Ian Ling *Project Committee Member*	Vice President - Queensland Chinese Forum Singapore Business Group Australia
Ms Jeannie Mok OAM *Project Committee Member*	President - Multicultural Community Centre
Ms Fanny Lam *Project Committee Member*	Chinese Fraternity Association of Queensland
Mr Ang Li *Project Committee Member*	President - Cathay Community Association
Mr David Chen *Project Committee Member*	Australia Queensland Fujian Association

Lucky Draw Prizes

Prizes will be drawn at the end of each session
抽獎會在每場討論結束之後開始

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Programme

Friday 10 Feb 2023

10:00	Opening Ceremony
11:00	Session 1 - Small business support
12:00	Session 2 - 2032 Olympics and business opportunities
13:45	Session 3 - Mental health
15:00	Session 4 - Mental health Chinese session 中文精神健康論壇

Saturday 11 Feb 2023

09:15	Session 5 - Social cohesion and racial discrimination
11:00	Session 6 - Domestic and family violence
12:00	Performances

Small Business Support

Panel Moderator - Mr Andrew Foo

Andrew Foo is the current President and Founder of the Singapore Business Group (Australia) Inc. (SBGA), a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to facilitating trade and investment between Singapore and Australia.

Andrew has in the last 30 years been engaged in international business across Asia, joint ventures, start-ups, market research and small business mentoring. His passion currently lies in increasing Australia's competitive advantage in the global arena.

Speakers

01 Hon Di Farmer MP

Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development
Member for Bulimba

02 Mr Warwick Powell

Warwick Powell is founding chair of Smart Trade Networks, a blockchain technology development group focused on cross border trade and flows. He is also Adjunct Professor at QUT, where he works with industry and researchers to address pressing issues in digitalisation and digital enablement of economic and social governance and development. He is the author of "China, Trust and Digital Supply Chains. Dynamics of a Zero Trust World" in which he explores the impacts of blockchain technologies with Chinese characteristics on the future of supply chains and the contours of global commerce."

03 Mr Arthur Liu

Arthur Liu is the Managing Director of Novotel Brisbane South Bank and the Director of Kinstone Developments. Arthur and his family immigrated to Australia from Taiwan more than 30 years ago. Studying in a Brisbane high school and has been living in Brisbane since.

With the dedication to create a better future for the Brisbane communities, he has been in the real estate development industry for 18 years. Arthur is also the Immediate Past President of the Buddha's Light International Association of Queensland.

2032 Brisbane Olympics and Business Opportunities

Panel Moderator - Mr Michael Chan

Michael was born in Brisbane with a family history in Brisbane going back 4 generations to 1879 when my great-grandfather migrated to Australia from China. He was educated at Brisbane State High School and at Queensland University and QUT and he is a lawyer. Travelled in Europe and worked internationally in England and Hong Kong before returning to Australia - the best country to live in the world.
Currently the Chairman of the Chinese Club of Queensland since 1997 and the Chair of the Lord Mayor's Multicultural Business Roundtable since 2011.

Speakers

01 Cr Krista Adams

Deputy Mayor of Brisbane
Civic Cabinet Chair for Economic Development and the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Committees.

02 Dr Diaswati (Asti) Mardiasmo

Dr Diaswati (Asti) Mardiasmo is the Chief Economist of PRD Real Estate providing high-quality property, housing, and market research to the PRD franchises. Prior to this, she was Visiting Fellow at the Law and Justice Research Centre in the Faculty of Law at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT). Diaswati holds a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Law at QUT, a Master in business (Research) and a Bachelor of Economics and International Business. She was previously an industry partner within the Australian Federal Government's Australian Research Council Linkage on Sustainable Housing.

Diaswati is the industry co-lecturer and research supervisor for QUT's Bachelor of Property Economics. Diaswati has provided expert property and real estate commentary at national and international seminars, as well as to various print, online, radio, and TV media. She has published specialized property-related research as well as in a wide range of journals, books, industry reports, and national/international conference proceedings.

Diaswati has recently been appointed by the Queensland State Government to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Legacy Committee. Diaswati is a member of the Residential Committee 2023-2024 for the Property Council of Australia, a member of the Reserve Bank of Australia Liaison Program, and sits in the Board of Directors for UPLIFT Affordable Housing company. She has a deep passion for multiculturalism, diversity, and inclusion; reflected in her position as Board of Directors for Multicultural Australia since 2022.

Understanding Mental Health and Support Services

Panel Moderator - Ms Jeannie Mok OAM

B.A., M.A. (Hons), M.A.(Min), Dip.Ed. St., Dip.Ed., Cert IV Assessment and Work Place Training. A University of Malaya lecturer for 8 years, Jeannie is now Foundation Principal of Asian Pacific Institute, Director (Volunteer) of Multicultural Community Centre (MCC) and CEO Diverciti Services, Brisbane. Jeannie received the Premier's Multicultural Service Award (1998), the Australian Centenary Medal (2003), Lord Mayor's Cultural Award (2006) and in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2013, the Order of Australia Medal.

She has served on the Federal Government Australian Refugee Resettlement Advisory Council, the Premier's China Council, Multicultural Advisory Council and Council for Women; the Royal Children's Hospital District Health Council, Queensland State Library Multicultural Consultative Committee etc. Currently, she is a committee member of the Chinese Museum of Queensland and the Queensland Chinese Forum.

She has written several government-funded books launched in Parliament including, 'The New Wave – Multicultural Women Volunteers', 'Multicultural Trailblazers'; 'Cherbourg Dorm Girls' (2005), 'Ethnic Communities Council Queensland - A 30 Year History', 'Tales of Australian South Sea Islander Women' and in 2016, the KDU University College (now Wollongong Univ Penang) coffee-table book 'Metamorphosis'. She is also a life- coach; and a cross-cultural trainer and free-lance writer for many international magazines and newspapers.

Speakers

01 Ms Bernice Chong (Bernie)

Registered Psychologist with Assure Programs, Casual Academic with the University of Queensland, School of Psychology and School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work.

Bernice has over 10 years work experience in counselling, psychology and mental health sectors. She sees clients across the lifespan – young people to seniors, with diverse presenting concerns e.g. adjusting to life transitions, managing medical illness, dealing with relationship conflict or workplace issues, and living with stress and anxiety. She finds meaning and fulfilment in supporting her clients to overcome their life challenges, feel more energised, refocus on what are important to them, and rebuild their lives. She also does wellness coaching and supports clients who want to improve themselves and work on a particular health or mental health area in their life.

02 Ms Evelyn Xu

Evelyn Xu is a senior bi-cultural mental health clinician with Queensland Transcultural Mental Health Centre, and an advanced social worker with division of mental health alcohol and other drugs in Darling Downs Health. She came to Australia from mainland China in 2013 to study social work and has always been very passionate about promoting mental health and well-being of CALD communities throughout her social work career. She has worked in NGOs and Queensland Health, and specialised in both clinical interventions and service development. She believes that empowering communities to gain awareness and knowledge of mental health is essential in breaking down the stigma and barriers for people to access appropriate service and supports. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling, exercising, exploring new cafes and restaurants, and spending quality time with her family.

中文論壇：精神健康

Panel Moderator - Mr Paul Shih

施伯欣老師是PRET Australia澳洲專業地產培訓學院的首席華語講師，是布理斯本市長慈善基金會的榮譽慈善大使，也是我們南區SunPAC表演藝術中心的市政府委派董事、大洋洲台灣商會聯合總會的名譽總會長。

Speakers

01 Ms Bernice Chong (Bernie)

註冊心理學家
昆士蘭大學心理學院和護理、助產與社會工作學院的 Casual Academic

Bernice 在諮詢、心理學和心理健康領域擁有超過 10 年的工作經驗。她看到了整個生命週期的客戶——從年輕人到老年人，他們提出的問題各不相同，例如。適應生活轉變、管理疾病、處理關係衝突或工作場所問題，以及在壓力和焦慮中生活。她在支持她的客戶克服生活挑戰、感到更有活力、重新關注對他們重要的事情並重建他們的生活的過程中找到了意義和成就感。她還提供健康指導，並為想要改善自己並在生活中的特定健康或心理健康領域工作的客戶提供支持。

02 Ms Evelyn Xu

Evelyn Xu 是昆士蘭跨文化心理健康中心的高級雙文化心理健康臨床醫生，也是 Darling Downs Health 心理健康酒精和其他藥物部門的高級社會工作者。

她於2013年從中國大陸來到澳大利亞學習社會工作，在她的社會工作生涯中一直熱衷於促進CALD社區的心理健康和福祉。她曾在非政府組織和昆士蘭衛生部門工作，專門從事臨床干預和服務開發。她認為，賦予社區權力以獲得心理健康意識和知識對於打破人們獲得適當服務和支持的恥辱和障礙至關重要。工作之餘，她喜歡旅行、鍛煉、探索新的咖啡館和餐館，以及與家人共度美好時光。

Racial Discrimination and Social Cohesion

Facilitator - Dr Peter Ho AM

Dr Peter Ho AM is a retired civil/structural and forenisc engineers with over 40 years professional experience in Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Dr Ho is an Honorary President of QCF and had been involved with the community for many years including President of Radio 4EB, President of Engineers Australia Queensland Division, Past District Governor of Lioins Club International, and many years of involvement with Instiution of Structural Engineers as one of the Chief Examiners.

He is currently Secretary and Director of CROSS-AUS Ltd, a non profit organisation promotion safety in the construction industry, President of Chinese Museum of Queensland, and lectures at QUT as a Sessional Staff.

Speaker - Commissioner Chin Tan

Chin Tan is the current Race Discrimination Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission. He commenced his term as Race Discrimination Commissioner on October 8, 2018. Prior to joining the Commission, Chin spent three years as the Director for Multicultural Engagement at the Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne.

Chin was the Chairperson and Statutory Head of the Victorian Multicultural Commission from 2021 to 2015. Previously he enjoyed a successful career of more than 24 years as a practising lawyer in Melbourne.

He has extensive experience, expertise and is a recognised leader in engaging and working with culturally diverse communities, organisations and governments in promoting social cohesion and for a culturally diverse, inclusive and equal society.

Family and Domestic Violence

Panel Moderator - Dr Faiza El-Hingzi OAM

Dr El-Higzi is a well-regarded political scientist, academic and a social justice advocate. Currently Dr El-Higzi is the Deputy Chair of the Cultural Inclusion Council at the University of Queensland, a member of the Queensland Multicultural Advisory Council, Chair of Ethnic Broadcasting Association Queensland and community Radio 4EB, and a Board member of the peak body Queensland Council for Social Services.

Dr El-Higzi has been involved in the development of the Domestic and Family Violence Not Now Not Ever Strategy since its beginning in 2015 and is currently a member of the QLD Domestic Violence Implementation Council. Her community leadership was acknowledged by a Queensland Multicultural Outstanding Achiever award in 2018 and an Order of Australia Medal in 2020.

Speakers

01 Ms Samantha Hajek

Ms Sam Hajek is a Domestic and Family Violence Visa Support officer from the Department of Home Affairs. Sam is part of a national team who provide immigration support to temporary visa holders who may be experiencing domestic and family violence in Australia. Sam works closely with DV service providers, legal services, police and other government agencies in order to assist clients with their immigration matters. The primary goal of the team is to support clients so that they do not feel compelled to remain in DV relationships due to their visa status.

02 Acting Senior Sergeant Kerry McKAY

North Brisbane Vulnerable Person Unit, previously reliving as Domestic & Family Violence Project Coordinator of State Domestic, Family Violence and Vulnerable Persons Unit, Queensland Police Service.

03 SPLO LiShan (Purdy) Huang

First Nation and Multicultural Affairs Unit, QPS
Over 20 years experience in serving Chinese speaking communities in Brisbane as Police Liaison Officer.

04 Ms Abby Jiang

Solicitor, Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (RAILS)

Abby decided to study law to empower herself after a challenging period in life. After being admitted as a lawyer in late 2019, Abby decided to use what she learned to empower others.

Abby was a volunteer lawyer at RAILS until she became an employee in late 2020. Abby is passionate about her work and believes that her role as a lawyer is not just providing free immigration advice and assistance to the most vulnerable members of the communities but also empowering them.

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As a national platform, the Foundation works across business, government and communities to strengthen constructive engagement with China and build links across greater China. Working with others, we provide practical support and expertise, facilitate connections, commission research, and coordinate training and exchange programs.

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- Crime prevention & police recruitment
- Age Care Service
- University Student Affairs

List of member associations:

- Australia Asian Affiliate
- Australian Cantonese Association
- Australia-China Chamber of CEO
- Australia Queensland Fujian Association
- Australia Shandong Association
- Australia Zhejiang United Council
- Chinese Ethnic Broadcasting Association of QLD (4EB FM)
- Chinese Entrepreneurs & Small Business Association
- Chinese Fraternity Association of Queensland
- Chinese Museum of Queensland
- Multicultural Community Centre
- Queensland Chinese Association of Scientists & Engineers
- Singapore Business Group (Australia)
- Zhongshan Society of Qld

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Daniel Wong

QCF Conference 2023 Project Chair

> As a peak community organisation, Queensland Chinese Forum (QCF) has been contributed significantly to the Chinese and multicultural communities over the past 29 years. I am honoured to be the chairperson for the 7th QCF Conference. COVID-19 has created many challenges for all members of the communities, including personal, economic, financial, and social challenges. QCF takes this opportunity to work with different levels of government and stakeholders to deliver essential contents to benefit the communities. It also helps with social cohesion by bringing everyone together as a whole. Thank you for attending the Conference. Together, we will make the Queensland community better!



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