Welcome to the Year of the Red (Fire) DOG
29 January 2006—17 February 2007

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The Chung Wah Society Inc.
wishes

- its members, friends and supporters;
- its major sponsors the Northern Territory Government and SONY Australia;
  - all other valued sponsors;
- members of other Chinese community organisations;
  - all Territorians;

a joyful, successful and fulfilling

YEAR OF THE DOG.
The Multicultural Solutions Project presents:

**FREE STYLE MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION**

Young people (10 to 18 years old) help us in our quest to find the best young multicultural artist (or collective of artists) to paint a 3m by 4m wall in the children's area of the community room at MCNT (Multicultural Council Northern Territory)!

Entrants in the competition are invited to send a plan on an A3 paper to Delphine Morris at the address above by the 28th of February 2006. The medium and the form are free (acrylic, spray paint, tag...). The theme is:

"Children of many cultures living in Harmony in the Northern Territory".

The applications will be judged by a panel of artists, community leaders and representatives of funding body. The winner will receive $300 prize during a ceremony to be held at MCNT in March and will be invited to paint the wall itself.

Please do not hesitate to contact Delphine Morris 89459122 for further information.

Some assistance can be provided with materials (paint and paper).

Looking forward to seeing your beautiful creations!

**UPCOMING CHUNG WAH EVENTS AND FUNCTIONS CALENDAR**

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* Organised by Hong Kong Club with sponsorship from Chung Wah Society
NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

An enthusiastic group of about 40 members and children braved the rather wet New Year’s Eve and gathered at the Hall for the annual get together. Home cooked dishes were the feature of the dinner which was enjoyed by all. It was good to see some of Ron Chin’s family turn up, especially after Ron’s 80th birthday party held the night before.

The acting Chief Minister, the Hon Sid Stirling MLA and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Kon Vatskalis MLA, attended the proceedings on their usual rounds of various gatherings that evening.

Apart from the dinner, party-goers were entertained by a hilarious game of “pass the parcel” and enthusiastic would-be stars trying their voices at karaoke.

The children entertained themselves with some indoor playground equipment donated at no cost by the Darwin Toy Library for the occasion. We thank the staff of the Centre for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

A number of families “slept” over but from all accounts, little actual sleeping went on.

Some images of the night of revelry and the prizes for winning the parcel!
CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET

This year, for the first time, the Banquet will be held on Sunday 5th February 2006. This is a departure from the normal Saturday but it was decided to do so in order to take advantage of running the Banquet back to back with SkyCity’s Chinese New Year function on Saturday 4th. By doing so, we will have the benefit of utilising decorations and other facilities already in place, thus saving us time and energy in setting up the venue.

Because of increased charges imposed by SkyCity, the price of a ticket to the Banquet has had to be increased to $55.00 (for members) and $60.00 for non-members. All children between 4 and 12 will be charged $30.00.

The evening will feature performances by the Lion Dance Troupe, the Chunlien Dance Group and Vernon Lowe’s Jow Gar Martial Arts Group. There will also be spot raffles for an array of goodies and music to dance to after dinner.

As in previous years, the Banquet has been fully subscribed but there may be some limited vacancies through last minute cancellations. Enquiries may be directed to Daryl Chin on 8999 3603 or 0422 056 905.

CHINESE NEW YEAR SHOP BLESSINGS

This year, the traditional shop blessings by the Lions will take place on Saturday 4th February and 11th February. Three Lions will operate on each day. The Darwin CBD and inner city areas will be covered on Saturday 4th while the major suburban shopping centres and local businesses in the northern suburbs and Palmerston will be done on Saturday 11th February.

Volunteers are required not only for the Lions but also in support roles are sought. If you have a couple of hours to help in any way, please contact one of the following:-

- Lions dancers and teams support staff: David Chin 0412 453 488
  Nathan Tam 0411 478 639
- Making of lunches etc Andrew Chin 0401 116 930

Media or general public enquiries should be directed to the President Adam Lowe on 0411 631 726.

RON CHIN CELEBRATES 80 GOOD YEARS

Chung Wah stalwart, Ronnie Chin, celebrated his 80th birthday at a dinner at the SkyCity Grand Ballroom on Friday 30th December. Over 200 of Ron and Theresa’s immediate and extended families and other friends made sure Ron knew he had a party. The Administrator, Mr. Ted Egan, contributed to the evening’s entertainment with a song he wrote about Ron’s grandmother “Granny” Mrs Lum Loy.

A slide show of photos highlighting Ron’s life was put together by his family. Congratulations Ron and we hope we will get an invite to your 90th.

GET WELL MESSAGES

On a more sobering note, we extend our best wishes to four of our senior members
1. Bill Wong (Temple Officer)
2. Eddie and Greta Quong
3. Cedric Chin.

for a successful recovery from their respective illnesses and conditions. We also extend our thoughts and well wishes to their families.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Scott and Nerida Pledger (nee Lowe) on the birth of their second daughter Morgan Georgia on 29th December. Morgan is the thirteenth grandchild for our President Adam and wife Roberta. They also announced that number fourteen is due in June and third child for son Laurie and wife Debbie in Port Hedland, WA.

Bronnie and Wayne Lo are expecting their second child in April.

Nigel and Norma Gum of Sydney celebrated their golden (50th) wedding anniversary on 7th January 2006. They are still current members of the Society.
CHINESE TRADITIONAL DANCE WORKSHOPS

Under a grant from the Northern Territory Government, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Rosalie Hiah of Melbourne was here in Darwin between 7th – 22nd January to run this year’s workshops. Ten girls enrolled for the workshop, four in the Senior Chunlien Group and six in the Junior Chunlien Group. The Lion Cubs Lion Dance Team also participated in the workshop by augmenting the Junior Chunlien Dancers in their routine. The two groups will make their public debut at the Chinese New Year Banquet.

Our sincere thanks to the parents and friends who assisted Rosalie and Melnaie in making the costumes for the two dance groups. Mrs Nen Nen Chin; Lisa Chin; Charlene Chin; Anna Maria Rinaldi; Tiffany Chin; Lyn Lee; Jade Sham; Tina Griffiths; Norman and Daryl Chin. (no mistake, the boys also did hand and machine sewing.)

BOOK ON DARWIN CHINESE TEMPLE

A book on the history and explanation of the various features of the Darwin Chinese Temple is due to be officially launched at the Chinese New Year Banquet on Sunday 5th February.

The book is the latest of a series of books written by Dr KOK Hu Jin on Chinese Temples in Australia.

The Chung Wah Society collaborated with the Golden Dragon Museum in Bendigo in funding the cost of the work in collecting and tabulating the information by Dr KOK. The Society felt it was most desirable that the story about the Temple be documented as part of our culture and heritage.

A special preview will be held on Sunday afternoon 5th February at the Chung Wah Hall with Dr KOK in attendance. The session will start at 1.00pm.

The books will be available for purchase at $40.00 per copy from the Chung Wah Society Inc. on Monday 6th February.

Enquiries: Adam Lowe 8985 2980 or 0411 631 726