

Peranakan Association Australia NSW Inc

1<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting –10<sup>th</sup> March 2012

They say a week's a long time in politics which begs the question, what's a year? Well, for the PAA, the year seems to have flown by and the Association's first Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Pennant Hills Community Hall on Saturday the 10th of March 2012.

It has been quite a year for this fledgling association. The AGM was officially opened by out-going President Evelyn Tian who spoke of the events we have enjoyed since the PAA was incorporated. She spoke of the Chinese New Year dinner, the 'bak-chang' festival, the inaugural dinner and the video show, also the support the PAA gave to the performance of 'Emily of Emerald Hill' in Chatswood.

Evelyn also touched on the coming Federation of Peranakan Convention to be held in Malacca from 25 - 27 November 2012. This is also celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary. She encourages as many members as possible to attend. Details will be broadcast to all members as more information is obtained.

After opening statements, the nomination of new office bearers were carried out. As expected, Evelyn Tian was elected as President unopposed, ditto for all the following office bearers. Not surprising as everyone had given their best in their respective portfolios ..... congratulations to them all.

The President welcomed the returning Executive Committee Members:

Josephine Lim – Vice President  
Jerry Tan – Vice President  
Lian Tan – Honorary Secretary  
Derrick de Souza – Honorary Treasurer  
Bibi Teo – Committee  
Nigel Tan – Committee

And newly elected Executive Committee Members:

Tracy Tan Holden  
Gilbert Wong  
Phee Huat Cheah  
Prof. James Chin

President Evelyn Tian also acknowledged past Executive Committee Members for their valuable contributions:

Dr Donald Tan

Jim Teoh

Adrian Watts

And to RoseTan, as Events Coordinator.

She also acknowledged all Exco Members' spouse who gave their valuable time to PAA.

She then invited all Exco Members to give a brief introduction and how they see themselves moving forward with PAA.

It is a welcoming note that Jerry Tan, together with his brother Donald have formed a band to help entertain Association members during future gatherings. Singing is so much a part of Peranakan culture that this was inevitable. Other band members are Mr and Mrs Jonathan Yee and Collin Yeo. We can look forward to their debut at the next event and future events as well.

Phee Huat Cheah

PAA Editor

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