

Dr. Janis Hanley

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Speak about

Coorparoo and surrounds Chinese Past

By the turn of the 20th century, after the flurry of gold mining had settled, significant numbers of Chinese immigrants were living on Brisbane's southside. While the numbers in Coorparoo weren't huge, there was a much large presence across South Brisbane, and the shire of Stephens This talk looks at where the Local Chinese people were located, who they were and what they did. The talk also examines methods for researching our local Chinese past.

Janis works as a heritage consultant and is also an adjunct with Griffith University's Centre for Cultural and Social Research. Her field is critical heritage, particularly the heritage of those who have been marginalised. While her doctoral research was on Queensland's woollen textile manufacturing heritage, with its largely female workforce, she has been drawn to researching the state's Chinese past. /

Janis's focus is on what heritage can create — the ways it is remembered and how it affects and inspires. Even forgotten places can become part of the living heritage of a community.

Stories have a magic to them, that reaches beyond history, and Janis enjoys sharing stories, making her research accessible in various media including video, audio, signage She recently co-curated a bi-national exhibition. 'Parallel Threads', in Rhode Island, USA, and is currently working on an audio trail for Croydon's former Chinese Temple site in the Queensland's Gulf country.

Come along and listen to Janis speak about the Chinese past presence in the area. She is very interested in also meeting with any Chinese descendants