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Exhibition: From Robe to Chinese Fortunes

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On Sunday 20 August, the exhibition 'From Robe to Chinese Fortunes' was launched at the Immigration Museum along with the Chinese Fortunes Festival.

Followed by speeches from CEO of Museums Victoria **Lynley Marshall**, Board Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka **Maha Krishnapillai**, Mayor of Ballarat Cr **Mark Harris**, Acting President of CCCAV **June Anderson**, and Deputy Consul General of China **Guobin Huang**, the Minister for Multicultural Affairs Hon. **Robin Scott** officially opened the exhibition.

The 'From Robe to Chinese Fortunes' exhibition will be held from **August 2017 to March 2018**. It shares the stories of early Chinese migrants seeking a better life in the Victorian gold-rush from 1851 to 1901 and honors their heroic courage, tenacity, bravery, sacrifice, suffering and resilience.

Organised by the Chinese Community Council of Australia Victoria Chapter (CCCAV) and the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (MADE), the exhibition marks the final highlight of CCCAV's '160th Anniversary Commemoration of the Walk from Robe' project in 2017. This year, CCCA has successfully organised a re-enactment of the historical journey, which resulted in an apology from the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews. The 'Beyond the New Gold Mountain' conference was later held to examine the trials, tribulations of the early Chinese, contributions of the Chinese in Australia and the present day importance of China as Australia's leading trading partner.

Quotes attributable to Hong Lim MP, the Chair of CCCAV Advisory Council

"This Exhibition would go a long way to commemorate the bravery, tenacity, resilience, sacrifice and suffering of those Chinese gold seekers, who walked from Robe 160 years ago. It also acknowledges the significant role and contribution of Chinese to the development and prosperity Victoria and Australia since that time."

From Robe to Chinese Fortunes

- **Immigration Museum: 400 Flinders St, Melbourne**
- **20 August 2017 to 04 March 2018.**
- **Adults \$14, Concession & kids FREE**

<https://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/whats-on/chinese-fortunes/>