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Vic Inc.

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President's Report

Dear Members,

May the Committee wish you all a healthy and prosperous year 2026.

Special thanks to Maria Hui and Paula Lau, who spent over nine months correcting the Club's name, which is now read as The Hong Kong Club Vic Inc. This is imperative in line with the records held by Consumer Affairs Victoria and the bank.

I am honoured to be elected president of the club for a second term. Since the inauguration, we have been bustling with the Club's activities. We had our inauguration together with the Mid-autumn Festival Dinner Celebration on the 29th of September 2025, sharing the singing performance by Teresa Tse, John Ho and new member Charles Ko.

I attended the 'Celebrate Wattle Day' informative session and a walk in Yarran Dheran on the 31st August 2025, led by Mart Hagel. Wattle is Australia's national floral emblem, symbolising unity, resilience, and the nation's spirit. HKC has built a close relationship with the Yarran Dheran Advisory Committee. We participated in National Tree Day on 27th July 2025 and a few walks at the Reserve organised by the Fitness Group Mark Cheuk.

Just before our inauguration, we attended a medical talk on the latest advancements in knee replacement by Dr Raphael Hau and a tour of Adeney Hospital on the 28th of September, 2025, which was well received by members.

On 22nd September 2025, the committee and members attended China's 76th National Day Celebration Reception in Melbourne.

On 26th October, 2025, with the joint effort of the committee, we organised a karaoke function at the Forest Hill Horticultural Centre, which was attended by over 40 members and friends. I am happy to see some young people enjoying the karaoke session.

We had our Annual Dinner Dance and Past Events Photo Exhibition by Lawrence Hui on the 22nd of November 2025. Lawrence has been volunteering to take photos for HKC for over 20 years; this exhibition could recognise Lawrence's photography professionalism, his contributions to the Club and some history of the Club's remarkable events.

Organising an activity for the club requires comprehensive planning, careful budgeting and manpower. Our recent photo exhibition took 6 months to plan, and the team had been meeting for the selection of photos, to print and to venue site visits over 15 occasions. Thank you to Peter Hui for allowing us to use his office for the final tacking of photos onto the board and for arranging the final logistics for the sales of the photos that the team spent many tireless evenings till midnight. Anyone who prefers not to be photographed should advise the photographer before or immediately after the photographs or videos have been taken.

We launched our 1st 2025 Federation University Hong Kong Club Scholarship during our 60th anniversary celebration in March 2025. The recipient, Angela Poon, who is from Hong Kong, attended and spoke out her thank you to the Club during dinner. HKC will continue to support the 2026 HKC scholarship, together with the proceeds from the sales of photos, after deducting costs, and will contribute to the 2nd 2026 HKC scholarship this year.

We also donated and continue to donate to Zero to Hero. Their mission is to "Stand up for young minds. We are dedicated to educating, engaging, and empowering young heroes to become mental health leaders and help prevent suicide in Western Australia." Their missions are meaningful to HKC's purposes. When I first researched to support this organisation two years ago, I wished that HKC could be the pioneer in extending a similar sort of meaningful support in Victoria.

On 26 November 2025, a large fire broke out at Wang Fuk Court, Taipo, Hong Kong, affecting thousands of families. The incident killed 161 people, including firefighter Ho Wai-ho, and injured many victims. HKC has high respect for firefighters who are always the first to respond to incidents and to risk their lives.

We had our Christmas Celebration Party on the 14th of December 2025 at Forest Hill Horticultural Centre. A fundraising appeal was launched for the Hong Kong Fire Services Welfare Fund. With the generosity of all attending guests, who collectively donated AUD 1,605, which HKC matched, bringing the total to AUD 3,210, and then rounded up to a total of AUD 3,300. Hon Bruce Atkinson remarked, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Echoing his sentiment, I quoted Mother Teresa: "It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." My heartfelt thank you to Maria Hui, Connie and Kendy Tat, spouses, members and the team for organising the Christmas Celebration Party for over 80 people, which was like the logistics of food for a troop of a small army. My special thanks to all members and friends who have brought plates of food to share. Thanks to all members, especially Andrew Mak and Robert Ying assisting in cleaning and packing up. Thanks to Teresa Tse, Maria Hui, and Peter Hui, who organised the games and raffles. Thank you to Patrick Leung for designing the club's flyer on many occasions and for attendance

registration. Thanks to Teresa Tse, Paula Lau and Andy Ng for arranging the donation to the Hong Kong Fire Services Welfare Fund.

The purposes of the club can be found on the Hong Kong Club website, where members share this core value, and I am taking this opportunity to list them below:

1. To promote the social, educational, intellectual and general welfare of the member;
2. To foster friendship, goodwill, co-operation and understanding among members;
3. To establish closer relationship with other communities in Australia;
4. To communicate with similar Australian and overseas organisations;
5. To provide a permanent place for members' social gathering and other activities;
6. To provide interpretation and communication services for members;
7. To provide consulting and educational information services for members;
8. To promote integration of the Association into the local community;
9. To assist and whenever possible to provide relief or charitable aid to members in need or in necessitous circumstances;
10. To participate in social, educational, intellectual, charitable and general welfare activities of any association as resolved from time to time by the Associations;
11. To do such other things which in the committee's opinion will provide for the well-being of the members; and,
12. To do all such things which are incidental to and conducive to the attainment of the abovementioned purposes.

HKC is a dedicated and prestigious club. Since my presidency in 2024, it has been my committee's mission to keep these defined purposes and members to share them as important core values. I believe in the Chinese proverb “築巢引鳳” and applying such a strategy of creating a favourable, distinguished and reputable platform for members and attracting talented individuals, especially younger people, to join the club. HKC is not a welfare organisation, and neither is it receiving any subsidies or funding from the authorities for such. It is against my personal wish to see HKC changing to be one of the seniors' clubs or my negative vision of leading the club, just catering for social activities in mind. HKC started with minimal assets and, throughout the years, has grown and acquired a piece of land in Philip Island, which eventually was sold, and the proceeds from the sale are kept in a term deposit. We are adopting prudent expense management. HKC always looks to contribute and give back to society, like establishing scholarships and meaningful donations and implementing educational and intellectual activities and those which fit into our purposes. Most members of the HKC are Hong Kong-originated, and it is also our core value to support Cantonese as our mother language, traditional Chinese writing, and Hong Kong and Chinese cultural and talent competitions.

We have received an encouraging and promising message from Dr Robert Chong, AM, former Mayor of Whitehorse: ***“Congratulations on your scholarship donations! This shows HKC's existence is not just catering social activities for its members but a club with leadership, vision and passion to contribute to bigger things and to the communities – there is no better way to start with providing scholarship.”***

Hong Kong Club cannot grow just sitting alone; we also fuse into other mainstream associations like the Federation University, Yarran Dherran Advisory Committee,

Heide Museum, our participation in National Tree Days, Wattle Day, environmental and Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), Lions' Clubs, Rotary Clubs and many other Chinese communities alike.

A lot of the clubs and associations are also facing membership ageing. We are delighted to welcome Karen Chan, daughter of L. K. Liu, a former HKC committee member in the 1990s, and hope the HKC second generation can participate and continue the club.

My sincere thanks and appreciation to my committee and subgroups for their contributions and support in fulfilling the Club's purposes. We are all volunteers for HKC; over 60% of the committees are either working full-time or part-time, and we all have families and personal matters to attend to. My special thanks to Maria Hui, Secretary, for minding and caring for the Club's hefty administration, and she has kept a library of HKC documents at home! Today's administration and compliance are demanding. It took Maria and Paula many hours to connect with ATO and CAV to update HKC's name. We must make appointments with the bank to do business and reviews for the club. We must even comply with requirements applying to hiring a venue like Forest Hill Horticultural Centre.

For the remainder of my term, not only am I supporting the above-mentioned two HKC scholarships and Zero to Hero projects, but we may also consider restarting the 'Line Dance' class, which was interrupted during Covid. I was thrilled to see so many performers at the Dinner Dance and 60th Anniversary Celebration and impressed that Keith Wolahan, former MP for Menzies, joined us for the dance. We may consider introducing Reiki Qigong classes, hiking and walks, and some other educational and intellectual activities, such as medical, as regular activities for the general well-being and fitness of members. We will continue to support environmental protection as a responsible association to the communities. We will keep our regular monthly or bimonthly dinner and carry on our traditional BBQ and excursion as far as possible.

It is also one of our aims to provide a permanent place for members' social gatherings and other activities; Peter Hui is studying the feasibility of investing the Club's money for better returns and aims to secure a Clubhouse. Investments are a complex subject, and there are always higher risks associated with higher returns proportionally. We will send out two consultation papers to gather comments from members, followed by an SGM for approval, before such diversified investments take place.

Thank you to Patrick Leung, membership secretary, and Peter Hui for designing a new digital HKC membership application form. Please remain vigilant in acquiring information and the posting of sensitive information on social apps to avoid fraud and the spread of misleading information, liabilities, and responsibilities.

We wish you all a flourishing, strong, and hearty Chinese New Year of the Horse that is around the corner; and we are looking forward to seeing you at the celebration dinner on the 25th of February 2026, at Golden Dragon Palace Restaurant.

Best Regards,

Michael Tse
President

Christmas Celebration & Fundraiser for the Hong Kong Fire Services Welfare Fund

Patrick Leung

Following the annual dinner and dance in November, the Victoria Hong Kong Club hosted its annual Christmas party on December 14. President Michael Tse Kwok Leung opened the event by warmly welcoming our fellow members and friends, VIP guests Hon Bruce Atkinson, Cr Anna Chen, Dr Robert Chong, and the following community leaders:

- President Selina Leung and Past President Hardy Shum President of The Chinese Senior Club of Manningham
- 維省華人婦女會會長 Jennifer Yeung
- 墨爾本臺灣商會劉國強名譽會長
- Penny Lam 惠安同鄉會
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- Rufina Chan 援風會
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- Wallace Poon,
- Trista Liu,
- Jason Chu

Amidst the joyful atmosphere, the gathering paused to remember the tragic fire disaster that struck Hong Kong's Tai Po Wang Fuk Court on November 26, 2025. This disaster affected nearly 2,000 households, claimed at least 160 lives (including the heroic firefighter Ho Wai Ho 何偉豪), and left many injured—a loss deeply felt by all. The assembly observed a minute of silence to honour the victims.

The bravery of firefighters was especially lauded, with recognition of their unwavering commitment and rapid response in times of crisis. Hon Bruce Atkinson remarked, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." President Tse echoed this sentiment, quoting Mother Teresa: "It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Inspired by these words, a fundraising appeal was launched for the Hong Kong Fire Services Welfare Fund. The guests collectively donated A\$ 1,605, which the Victoria Hong Kong Association matched, bringing the total to A\$ 3,210—then rounded up to a grand total of A\$ 3,300.

The event also featured a display of memorable photos from past activities, with proceeds from a charity sale dedicated to the Federation University Hong Kong Association Scholarships.

The venue was brimming with delicious food, thanks to the generous contributions of members and friends. The spread included a variety of salads, Christmas pastries, stir-fried rice noodles, ham, roasted chicken wings, toast, sandwiches, sushi, sticky rice chicken, specialty burgers, egg tarts, fruits, desserts, and more. After the meal, guests enjoyed a watermelon weight-guessing contest, with two watermelons of different weights challenging participants to guess their mass—the three closest guesses each won a prize. Next, Teresa Tse and Maria Hui hosted a lively Bingo game.

The grand finale was a lucky draw, with gifts donated by the association, members, and friends. Surrounded by an atmosphere of goodwill and joy, everyone participated enthusiastically, making the celebration a resounding success. As the event ended, guests exchanged early wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Year 2026.







維省香港會慶祝第 60 屆年度晚宴舞會 《難忘之夜》

Paula Lau

備受矚目的維省香港會第 60 屆年度晚宴舞會盛事，已於 2025 年 11 月 22 日（星期六）在 Manningham Hotel & Club 舉行。當每位賓客踏入宴會廳前的長廊時，都被兩旁懸掛的照片深深吸引，大家一邊品評、一邊交談這些珍貴的影像，想起昔日活動中洋溢的友誼氛圍，誠是美好時光，並帶來興奮之情。

今年的活動不僅是香港會的年度慶典，還特別呈現了維省香港會專用攝影師 Lawrence Hui 的攝影展，主要是 2024 和 2025 年度的活動照片回顧，其中包括 2025 年 3 月 2 日舉行的鑽石禧年晚宴舞會的精彩片段。展覽贏得了賓客們的讚賞，大家輕鬆地談論著 Lawrence 潛藏的攝影天賦。

賓客入座後，慶祝活動正式開始。晚宴期間，會長謝國良、中華人民共和國駐墨爾本總領事館副總領事陳小冬以及前 Menzies 選區國會議員 Keith Wolahan 分別發表了熱情洋溢的講話。隨後，Lawrence Hui 在太太 Marianne 和家人的陪同下，發表了感人的致辭，正式宣佈攝影展開幕，並說明義賣照片所得是為設立聯邦大學第二個獎學金籌款。

賓客們舉杯暢飲，歡快交談，為當晚的活動充滿了溫馨且包容的氛圍。在享用主菜期間，創會會長梁錦華 JP 與會長謝國良，代表香港會向 Mr. Keith Wolahan 及 Dr. Robert Chong AM 頒發感謝牌匾，表彰他們對香港會的長期支持。

接著頒發感謝狀，表彰多位對香港會有莫大貢獻的會員，以及長期支持的好友和機構。香港會成立於 60 年前，由一群熱心的香港留學生組成。其宗旨之一是傳承香港文化，並推廣粵語方言。來自香港的徐啟成 JP 於 28 年前創立的澳洲訊報，致力於保存傳統中文書寫，推廣香港文化，與香港會的價值觀「不謀而合」。Teresa Tse 和 John Ho 的 Forever Fan Club 已經協辦澳洲訊報才藝金曲近 20 年，推廣和保育中國，特別是香港的文化，包括流行音樂及粵曲的傳承。

Raphael Hau 醫生、Mona Leung 女士及其團隊，於數月前特別為香港會舉辦了一場關於膝關節置換手術之最新醫學進展的講座，並安排實地參觀 Adeney 醫院的設施。

香港會三位榮譽會員：Kam Leung、Sam Hui 和 Sam Choi。當晚宣佈和頒發此榮譽予 Maria Hui、Emily Tang 和 Thomas Lui，即，增加至六位

榮譽會員。此外，還頒發感謝狀予多位傑出貢獻者，包括 Robert Ying、Edward Chan、Georgiana Chan、Samuel Kwok、Ken Yan、Charles Chan、Mark Cheuk、維省華人婦女會、郭乙隆醫師、李康校醫師和江榮基先生，以表彰他們的貢獻和慷慨支持。

當晚的另一亮點是香港會向代表聯邦大學的 Mr. Sohrab Motiwalla 送出兩張支票，共值 2000 澳元，作為 2026 年度的獎學金。隨後，Dr. Robert Chong AM 與 2025 年度獎學金得主 Ms. Angela Yuen Yee Poon 發表了鼓舞人心的講話，強調香港會對教育及社區的支持之堅定承諾。

在完成簡單而莊嚴的會務後，由 Andrew Portelli 演繹貓王 Elvis Presley 的娛樂節目。接著還有排舞和舞蹈時段，最後是抽獎環節。

舞池上擠滿了載歌載舞的嘉賓，由 Maria Hui 和 Ken Yan 帶領大家跳著充滿活力的排舞，在《YMCA》和《Jenny Cha》等膾炙人口的歌曲襯托下，晚會進入另一個高潮。

同時，司庫 Paula Lau 和 Andy Ng 負責照片義賣，扣除成本後的收益將用於 2026 年度在聯邦大學設立的第二個香港會獎學金。

晚宴結束前，副會長 Peter Hui 道出誠摯的謝意。抽獎環節是當晚的壓軸節目，超過 20 份獎品均由香港會會員及支持者慷慨捐贈。獎品種類繁多，從禮券、葡萄酒到家居用品及奢侈品等應有盡有；郭乙隆醫師特別捐贈了總值 500 澳元利是的餐桌獎。

多歡樂的時光，也難免有「曲終人散」的時刻。當最後一首抒情歌曲將所有人凝聚在一起時，現場洋溢著濃濃的情誼、喜悅與依依不捨的情感。這場活動不僅是一個派對，更是對香港會前線及幕後傑出成員的致敬。它加強了彼此間的聯繫，締造了難忘的回憶，並重燃了團結合作的精神。此次年度晚宴舞會的成功，不僅歸功於全體委員與會員對菜單與節目安排的精心策劃，更深刻展現和鞏固了香港會對肩負社會責任，持續推動「教育」、「環保」及「服務社會」等創會理念與貢獻的堅實承諾。

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