

## **OBJECTIVES AND PHILOSOPHIES**

### **Essence of Foreword to Minute Book April 1909**

Unity is strength and an Association is vitally necessary. If there is no Association, there is conflict and a feeling of not belonging anywhere. The overseas Chinese living in Western Australia are far away from the several thousand strong community in the other states. So it is time we found a willing and capable leader. We are like scattered sand, it is no wonder that the Westerners are bullying us, passing stringent legislation aimed to displace us. Our countrymen should consider this situation and not ignore their responsibility to the community. We should cast away our selfishness. Solidarity is the best plan.

With this in mind it was felt that we must achieve our plan. Meetings were held to discuss the possibility of formation of an Association. The community was willing and earnest, all agreeing to form the Association and call it Chung Wah Association.

It is gratifying to see our members, all of one mind, looking upon each as brothers to form a strong Association. From now on, we can venture to overcome all adversity. With our united strength we can even move mountains.

It is hoped that members will work for the good of the community as a whole.

### **Rules and Regulations as per Minute Book April 1909**

1. The aim of the Association is to promote contact for the community so as to foster goodwill, peace and care for each other.
2. All persons of Chinese descent are welcome to join.
3. Joining fee is 7s 6d which will be donated to the Association and will be duly receipted.
4. The Association will do its utmost to investigate and examine cases where members are bullied or ill treated. The Association will not condone any wrong doings.
5. Executive committee members are to be elected by the general body of its members and their service will be voluntary.
6. Executive committee members are to be elected annually. Expenses relating to the Association business will be reimbursed. Any surplus fund is to be banked to earn interest. The Treasurer is to present annual financial reports for the perusal and information of all members.