March is Women’s History Month, so each day I’m going to tweet a piece of work by a woman about Chinese Australian women’s history… let’s see how we go! (I’m a day late, so I’ll post two today to catch up.) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth


As a bonus today, here’s a photo of Wong Sing Quan (Mrs T.F. Loie, b. 1886), among others, in Auckland in 1911 (Credit: May Sai Louie, reproduced in James Ng, ‘Windows on a Chinese Past’, vol. 2, p. 261) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth


Sunday bonus! In 2016, Rose Quong was featured in the ABC’s ‘Having it Her Way’ series – Rose’s story was presented by Miranda Tapsell


Grace Gassin, ‘All Eyes on You: Debutantes’ Explorations of Chinese Australian Womanhood at the Dragon Festival Ball’, ‘Australian Historical Studies’, 2021,

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You can also listen to Grace Gassin’s ABC Radio Hindsight documentary, 'Dancing with Dragons: Chinese Debutante Balls'
Dancing with Dragons: Chinese debutante balls
The Dragon Festival Ball, held annually for forty years, was the crowning glory of the Sydney Chinese community’s social calendar.

https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/archived/hindsight/dancing-with-dragon...


Jenny Kee, ‘A Big Life’ (Camberwell, Victoria: Lantern, 2006) (you can read a brief bio of Jenny here:

http://www.jennykee.com/about-jenny

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Kate Bagnall, “‘To his Home at Jembaicumbene’: Women’s Cross-Cultural Encounters on a Colonial Goldfield”, in ‘Migrant Cross-Cultural Encounters in Asia and the Pacific’, ed. J. Leckie, A. McCarthy and A. Wanalla (Routledge, 2017), pp. 56–75 #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth

Jan Ryan, ‘Chinese Women and the Global Village: An Australian Site’ (St Lucia: University of Queensland Press, 2003) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth

Julia Bradshaw, ‘Golden Prospects: Chinese on the West Coast of New Zealand’ (Greymouth: Shantytown (West Coast Historical & Mechanical Society Inc.), 2009) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth

Helene Wong, ‘Being Chinese: A New Zealander’s Story’ (Bridget Williams Books, 2016)

Nikki Loong (ed.), ‘From Great Grandmothers to Great Granddaughters: The Stories of Six Chinese Australian Women’ (Katoomba, New South Wales: Echo Point Press, 2006) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth


Elizabeth Kwan, ‘Matriarch of Darwin’s Chinese Community’, ‘Inside Story’, 7 March 2019,


On the topic of Chinese Australian woman in regional NSW – here’s one of my favourite photos, of Emma Tear Tack and family! You can read about Emma’s story in this blog post by Gill Oxley

http://chineseaustralia.org/emma-tear-tack/

Sybil Jack et al. (eds), ‘Chinese Australian Women’s Stories’ (Sydney: Jessie Street National Women’s Library and the Chinese Heritage Association of Australia Inc., 2012) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth


In that last reading, @sophiecouchman looks into the story of Kin Foo, who toured Australia as the wife of Chang Woo Gow, as well as Chang’s Australian wife, Catherine Santley. See pic here:

Mavis Moo, 'I Just Bore it Quietly', in 'Plantings in a New Land: Stories of Survival, Endurance and Emancipation’, ed. Chek Ling (Brisbane: Society of Chinese Australian Academics in Queensland, 2001), pp. 28–44 #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth

Diana Giese, 'Astronauts, Lost Souls & Dragon : Voices of Today's Chinese Australians' (St Lucia: University of Queensland Press, 1997) #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth


To finish off my #WomensHistoryMonth tweets about women in #chinozhist, I want to mention our new edited collection 'Locating Chinese Women: Historical Mobility between China and Australia (HKU Press, 2021) – now available to purchase online!

'Locating Chinese Women' includes 10 chapters on questions of mobility and
modernity in Chinese Australian women’s lives over the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including: business women, weddings, education, White Australa, biography, + more. #chinozhist #WomensHistoryMonth

It has been quite a journey from our initial symposium in 2014 to the finished book in 2021 – but big thanks to my co-editor @JuliaTMartinez1, and contributors @sophiecouchman @SophieLoyWilson @KuehBihun @MissPom @paulmacgregorCH @alanna_kamp and Antonia Finnane #chinozhist

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