## Landscapes of Leisure?

## Sydney's Chinatown

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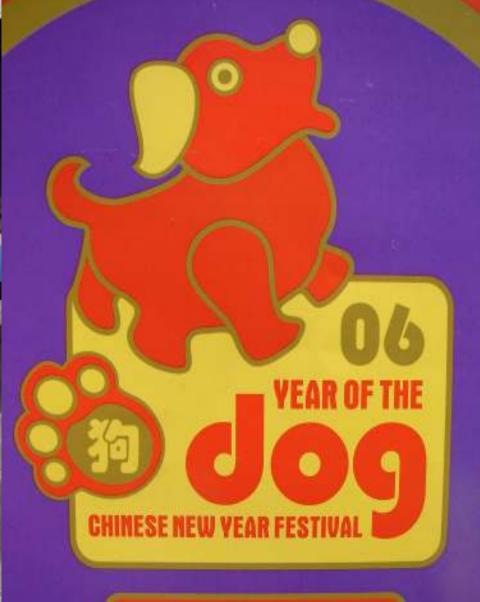
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## Golden Water Mouth

The gum tree survived flood, fire and drought
Witnessing dreams and destinies
Cockatoo calling from the shade across the river
It was a hot, still day
Lin, 9.9.99



Golden Water Mouth celebrates contemporary life and the historic character of Chinatown. Australian and Chinese cultures are signified in the combination of materials creating a Yin-Yang harmony using traditional Chinese principles of Feng Shui.

The five Natural Elements of gold, wood, water, fire and earth have been incorporated in the design in order to encourage positive energy and good fortune.

The artist found this two centuries old *Eucalyptus Melliodora* (Yellow Box) in Condobolin near the Lachlan River in NSW. Many Chinese went to Condobolin during the Gold Rush and later settled alongside the river and grew vegetables for trade.



